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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Tatjana Ždanoka
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Amendment 1

Stanimir Ilchev, Sarah Ludford, Renate Weber, Sonia Alfano

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

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1. Notes that EU citizenship is the fundamental status of Member States' nationals; underlines the *close link between the rights inherent to EU citizenship* and *those* enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights applicable to all persons on EU territory; *calls on the EU institutions and Member States to align the rights of* third-country nationals permanently residing in EU with the rights of EU citizens;

Amendment

1. Notes that EU citizenship is the fundamental status of Member States' nationals; underlines *that the fundamental rights and personal freedoms* enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights *and the Treaties as regard to EU citizenship are directly applicable and inherent* to all persons on EU territory *including* third-country nationals permanently residing in EU with the rights of EU citizens; *urges the EU institutions and Member States to have a more proactive approach as respecting fundamental rights and personal freedoms is of the utmost importance;*

Or. en

Amendment 2

Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Notes that EU citizenship *and the rights that go with it are one of the key pillars of the EU and the* fundamental status of Member States' nationals; underlines the close link between the rights inherent to EU citizenship and those enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights, *which is legally binding*, applicable to all persons on EU territory; calls on the EU institutions and Member States to *work closely in order to facilitate* EU citizens exercising

their right to move and reside freely within the EU by ensuring they can easily access information about their rights;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Cornelia Ernst

Draft opinion
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Or. fr

Amendment 4
Auke Zijlstra

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Fundamental Rights applicable to all *persons on EU territory; calls on the EU institutions and Member States to align the rights of third-country nationals permanently residing in EU with the rights of* EU citizens;

those enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights applicable to all EU citizens;

Or. nl

Amendment 5
Michèle Striffler

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Amendment 6
Sandra Kalniete

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Or. Iv

Amendment 7
Inese Vaidere

Draft opinion
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Amendment

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Or. Iv

Amendment 8
Timothy Kirkhope
on behalf of the ECR Group

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Or. en

Amendment 9
Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Notes that citizens can enjoy their rights fully only if the fundamental values and principles of the European Union, such as the rule of law, democratic checks and balances, the independence of judiciary, freedom of the media and the lack of discrimination are respected;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Cornelia Ernst

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Reiterates that citizenship implies the right of each person to take part in the government of the country in which they reside in accordance with Article 21 of the UDHR; regrets that European citizenship is linked to the nationality of a Member States and therefore leads to a discrimination between residents, which

particularly affects third-country nationals; stresses that a concept of European citizenship broadened to include everyone living on a permanent basis on EU territory would have considerable benefits, particularly in terms of integration policy;

Or. fr

Amendment 11
Monika Flašíková Beňová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the EU institutions and Member States to address the issue of unequal paths to EU citizenship. As the only way to access EU citizenship is by having one of the Member States' nationalities; and as EU Member States have different rules regarding access to nationality, an EU unified standard is needed in this area;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Tatjana Ždanoka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Reminds that the concept of Union citizenship includes the principle of non-discrimination of all Union citizens; urges the Commission to further its analysis of the situation of intra-EU migrants and to take appropriate action in order to ensure

that they genuinely enjoy rights as Union citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Deplores the fact that the majority of EU citizens know very little about Europe and their rights available to them in a cross-border context by virtue of their EU citizenship status including rights as consumers to access goods and services in other Member States, to access education, to obtain recognition of their professional qualifications, to access healthcare, to acquire or preserve social security rights or the right to vote and to stand as candidates in elections to the European Parliament and in municipal elections in the Member State of residence ;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Monika Flašíková Beňová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Notes that Directive 2004/38/EC on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States respects the fundamental rights and freedoms and observes the principles

recognised in particular by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. In accordance with the prohibition of discrimination contained in the Charter, Member States should implement this Directive without discrimination between the beneficiaries of this Directive on grounds such as sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic characteristics, language, religion or beliefs, political or other opinion, membership of an ethnic minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Tatjana Ždanoka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Considers that the EU and Member States have a shared responsibility to promote the rights of the Roma as Union citizens, especially in the field of free movement, education, employment, social rights and civic participation;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Cornelia Ernst

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Reiterates that European citizenship is not limited to the right to vote and the

right to stand as a candidate at municipal and European Parliament elections and the freedoms of movement and residence, which are essential rights and freedoms, it also implies that everyone residing within the territory of the European Union and the Member States is able to exercise all the fundamental political, civil, economic, cultural and social rights and freedoms recognised in Europe and internationally, both in the constitutional and fundamental acts of States and in the international texts which guarantee them and enable effective and active direct or indirect participation in the decision-making process; stresses that the exercise of rights and freedoms also depends on the various policies implemented both by the Union and by the Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 17
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Cornelia Ernst

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Stresses, in this context, that citizenship consists of acknowledging and effectively enabling the right of every citizen to participate effectively and actively, directly or indirectly, in the economic and social decision-making processes, which implies, inter alia, participation in politics, associations and trade unions; emphasises, therefore, the role of associations, trade unions and political parties in the exercise of citizenship and the need to acknowledge this role, including in the context of political decision-making processes;

Or. fr

Amendment 18
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Cornelia Ernst

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1d. Expresses its deep concern at the increase in the number of people in fragile situations in the Union, particularly of those in serious poverty; stresses that such situations of fragility lead to a gradual accumulation of violations of fundamental freedoms and rights and cause people living in situations of fragility to suffer multiple discrimination and prevent them from exercising their fundamental freedoms and rights, which constitutes an affront to the dignity and equal rights enjoyed by every person in accordance with the UDHR, in particular Article 1 thereof;

Or. fr

Amendment 19
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Cornelia Ernst

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1e. Is deeply concerned by the increasingly numerous attacks on individual freedoms in the context of judicial and police cooperation, attacks and violations which are not limited to those occurring in the context of the fight against terrorism; is extremely concerned that the right of free movement of persons is increasingly subject to the provision of personal data to third-party organisations

and bodies or to the surveillance of public places; draws attention, moreover, to the discrepancy between the Community proposals relating to the judicial process and the major deficiencies regarding minimum guarantees of the rights of defence, and points out, in this context, the failings in the operation of in the European Arrest warrant;

Or. fr

Amendment 20
Auke Zijlstra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Is concerned about the situation of stateless persons permanently resident in Member States; calls in this regard on the Member States to systematically bring about just solutions based on the recommendations of international organisations; believes that such persons should have the right to vote in local elections;

deleted

Or. nl

Amendment 21
Inese Vaidere

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Is concerned about the situation of stateless persons permanently resident in Member States; calls in this regard on the Member States to *systematically bring*

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about just solutions based on the recommendations of international organisations; believes that such persons should have the right to vote in local elections;

policy corresponding to the Charter of Fundamental Rights, taking into account the Member States' individual domestic situations and their histories and strategic security interests;

Or. lv

Amendment 22
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Is concerned about the *situation* of *stateless persons* permanently resident in Member States; calls in this regard on the Member States to systematically *bring about just* solutions based on *the* recommendations *of international organisations*; believes that *such persons* should have the right to *vote in local elections*;

Amendment

2. Is concerned about the *lack* of *awareness of EU citizens* permanently resident in Member States; calls in this regard on the Member States to systematically *carry out enlightenment campaigns and provide* solutions *to overcome obstacles* based on *EU* recommendations; believes that *all EU citizens residing in Member States* should have the right to *benefit from the Union citizenship*;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Stanimir Ilchev

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Is concerned about the situation of stateless persons permanently resident in Member States; *calls* in this regard on the Member States to systematically bring about just solutions *based on* the recommendations of international

Amendment

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organisations; ***believes that such persons should have the right to vote in local elections;***

of international organisations

Or. en

Amendment 24
Timothy Kirkhope
on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 25
Michèle Striffler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Amendment 26
Sandra Kalniete

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. lv

Amendment 27
Auke Zijlstra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Draft opinion

2. Is concerned about the ***situation of stateless persons permanently resident*** in Member States; ***calls in this regard on the Member States to systematically bring about just solutions based on the recommendations of international organisations; believes that such persons should have the right to vote in local elections;***

Amendment

2. Is concerned about the ***illegal status of some persons*** in Member States; ***stresses that, on account of that illegal status, the persons concerned should no longer be able to derive any rights from the legal construction of EU citizenship; observes that Member States must have the sovereign power of decision on residence rights;***

Or. nl

Amendment 28
Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Recalls that citizens' rights shall be applied without discrimination of any kind, irrespective of racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, age, disability, sexual orientation or gender;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Tatjana Ždanoka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Welcomes the fact that the Treaty of Lisbon made it possible for one million Union citizens from different Member States collectively to invite the Commission to submit legislative proposals, and believes that such a legal right will significantly raise awareness of Union citizenship among Europeans; recalls that transparency and democratic participation must be achieved by a variety of forms of partnership among the EU and Member States, regional and local institutions, social partners and civil society;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Inese Vaidere

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3**

Draft opinion

3. Is concerned about the poor implementation of current directives, especially the Free Movement Directive, which causes many problems related to free movement and other rights of EU citizens, and calls on all parties to correctly and fully transpose and implement the acquis;

Amendment

3. Calls on Member States to continue to comply with the European Union's Free Movement Directive, which 'confers on every EU citizen the primary and individual right to move and reside freely on the territory of the Member States' and vests in the host Member State the power to decide on authorisation for people to enter it and stay there who do not automatically have the right to do so;

Or. Iv

**Amendment 31
Antigoni Papadopoulou**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3**

Draft opinion

3. Is concerned about the poor implementation of current directives, especially the Free Movement Directive, which causes many problems related to free movement and other rights of EU citizens, and calls on all parties to correctly and fully transpose and implement the acquis;

Amendment

3. Notes that despite the fact that EU citizens consider that freedom to travel, study and work is at the top of priorities and benefits associated with the EU citizenship, the right to free movement is still hindered by various obstacles, including divergent implementation of EU law and complex administrative procedures and also denied for some EU citizens because of political restrictions as a result of foreign aggression ;Is concerned about the poor implementation of current directives, especially the Free Movement Directive, which causes many problems related to free movement and other rights of EU citizens, and calls on all parties to correctly and fully transpose and implement the acquis *in all 27 EU Member States*;

Amendment 32
Auke Zijlstra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Is concerned about the *poor implementation of* current directives, especially the *Free Movement Directive*, which *causes many problems related to free movement and other rights of EU citizens, and calls on all parties to correctly and fully transpose and implement the acquis;*

Amendment

3. Is concerned about the current directives, especially the Directive *on the free movement of persons*, which *has made it possible for tens of thousands of illegal North African, in many cases criminal, fortune-seekers to enter the EU and disperse among the EU Member States;*

Or. nl

Amendment 33
Stanimir Ilchev, Sarah Ludford, Sonia Alfano, Renate Weber, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Is concerned about the poor implementation *of current* directives, especially the Free Movement Directive, *which* causes many problems related to free movement and other rights of EU citizens, and calls on all parties to correctly and fully transpose and implement the acquis;

Amendment

3. Is concerned about the poor implementation *and adherence to* directives *in force by Member States*, especially the Free Movement Directive, *since such situation* causes many problems related to free movement and other rights of EU citizens, and calls on all parties to correctly and fully transpose and implement the acquis *and most importantly adhere to it;*

Or. en

Amendment 34
Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Recalls that every citizen of the Union has the right to move and reside freely in another member state and this right should be fully granted; calls on the Commission and the Member States to abolish existing discriminatory barriers to the free movement of all citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Monika Flašíková Beňová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission to issue clear guidelines and bring infringement proceedings against Member States violating Directive 2004/38/EC by denying certain ethnic and religious minorities, in particular the Roma, the right to free movement and residence, or the facilitation thereof;

(3 d new)

Or. en

Amendment 36
Stanimir Ilchev, Sarah Ludford, Sonia Alfano, Renate Weber, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Underlines that some categories of persons encounter discriminatory obstacles in the exercise of the right to free movement, notably LGBT persons in same-sex unions, transgender people, third country family members and Roma;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Tatjana Ždanoka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Notes that the right of Union citizens to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States cannot be viewed in isolation from other rights and basic principles of the European Union, such as the freedom of movement of workers, the freedom to provide services, the respect for family life and social rights (including the portability of pensions and other social benefits), as well as the mutual recognition of degrees and professional qualifications; and therefore calls on the Commission and Member States to lift existing legal and practical barriers in order to enable all citizens to exercise all of their rights; stresses that problems of language or communication skills should not be used as grounds to deny access to the rights of Union citizens and other fundamental rights;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Underlines that the current financial and social crisis in the EU, necessitates collaborate efforts, appropriate statistics and intensive action plan to eliminate all obstacles faced by EU citizens, businesses and especially the SMEs, in terms of exercising their Single Market rights;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Ádám Kósa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Considers it alarming that millions of people with disabilities are still exposed to significant discrimination with regard to at least three of the European Union's four fundamental freedoms, particularly – including on line – unhindered access to information, goods and services and transport and as regards unrestricted participation in elections to the European Parliament;

Or. hu

Amendment 40
Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

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Amendment

3b. Notes that xenophobia, racism and hate speech are great threats to the fundamental and citizens' rights of the persons concerned and calls for enforceable measures in all Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Monika Flašíková Beňová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Underlines that some categories of persons encounter discriminatory obstacles in the exercise of their right to free movement, notably persons in same-sex unions, transgender people, third-country family members and Roma;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Sarah Ludford, Sonia Alfano, Renate Weber, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Calls on the Commission to issue clear guidelines and bring infringement proceedings against those Member States that violate articles 2 and 3 of Directive 2004/38/EC on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the

Member States by denying same-sex spouses, same-sex and different-sex registered partners, or same-sex and different-sex partners in a durable and attested relationship and their families the right to free movement and residence, or the facilitation thereof, calls on the Commission to examine the implementation of Directive 2004/38/EC fully in conjunction with Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights, and initiate infringement proceedings against Member States that discriminate against persons in same-sex unions, transgender people, third-country family members and Roma;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Tatjana Ždanoka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Calls on the Commission, Member States and local authorities to take further measures to facilitate the movement of Union citizens between Member States, especially with regard to practical issues such as the issuance and recognition of documents and contracts, transfer of records, reimbursement of expenses, which very often do not function properly despite efforts to harmonise them at the EU level;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Stanimir Ilchev, Sarah Ludford, Sonia Alfano, Renate Weber, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3c. Calls the Commission to come up urgently with an ambitious proposal on the full mutual recognition of the effects of civil status documents across the EU so as to finally overcome the legal and administrative obstacles citizens face when moving in the EU, including same-sex spouses, different-sex and same-sex registered partners, or same-sex and different-sex partners in a durable attested relationship and their families, including their children;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Monika Flašíková Beňová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3c. Calls on the Commission to issue clear guidelines and bring infringement proceedings against Member States violating articles 2 and 3 of Directive 2004/38/EC on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States by denying same-sex spouses, same-sex and different-sex registered partners, or same-sex and different-sex partners in a durable attested relationship and their families the right to free movement and residence, or the facilitation thereof; calls on the Commission to examine the implementation of Directive 2004/38/EC fully in conjunction with Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights, and

initiate infringement proceedings against Member States that discriminate against persons in same-sex unions, transgender people, third-country family members and Roma;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Monika Flašíková Beňová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 47
Stanimir Ilchev, Sarah Ludford, Sonia Alfano, Renate Weber, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3d. Regrets that citizens of Roma origin are often targeted by Member States for expulsion, in violation of the Free Movement Directive and of the Race Directive, and subjected to collective

expulsion procedures, such as in the case of France in 2010; underlines that Roma integration and inclusion is still pending issue in the EU agenda and in this regard calls on the Commission to urge Member States to treat Roma minorities equally and deepen their efforts in the areas of unemployment, housing health, education, free movement, anti-discrimination and fundamental rights; urges the Member States especially to focus on social inclusion of the Roma children;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Auke Zijlstra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Takes the view that, given the low number of EU citizens resident in a Member State other than their own who exercise their right to vote or stand as candidate in European or local elections in their place of residence, the Commission and Member States should promote such participation by various means;

deleted

Or. nl

Amendment 49
Tatjana Ždanoka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Takes the view that, given the low number of EU citizens resident in a Member State other than their own who exercise their right to vote or stand as candidate in European or local elections in their place of residence, the Commission and Member States should promote such participation by various means;

Amendment

4. Takes the view that, given the low number of EU citizens resident in a Member State other than their own who exercise their right to vote or stand as candidate in European or local elections in their place of residence, the Commission and Member States should promote such participation by various means; ***calls on Member States to launch in national and local media, including television, radio and the internet, information campaigns to inform Union citizens about their right to vote and stand in elections, as well as about registration procedures, which should be as easy as possible; calls for the necessary reforms of the European elections procedures in all Member States, with a view to making those procedures more similar and finding ways to promote active Union citizenship, and calls for appropriate information campaigns to be conducted once those reforms are completed; asks to improve the real effectiveness of right to stand for elections by ensuring that all Union citizens are entitled to be members of and found political parties in the Member State where they have their place of residence;***

Or. en

Amendment 50

Stanimir Ilchev, Sarah Ludford, Sonia Alfano, Renate Weber, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

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4. ***Takes the view that, given the*** low number of EU citizens resident in a Member State other than their own who exercise their right to vote or stand as

Amendment

4. ***Given*** the low number of EU citizens resident in a Member State other than their own who exercise their right to vote or stand as candidate in ***either*** European or

candidate in European or local elections in their place of residence, the Commission **and** Member States **should** promote such participation by various means;

local elections in their place of residence, **takes the view that the Commission should call the Member States to** promote such participation by various means **including by ensuring that membership of political parties is allowed to all EU citizens and by launching a special informational campaign targeting those EU citizens resident in a Member State other than their own;**

Or. en

Amendment 51
Michèle Striffler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Takes the view that, given the low number of EU citizens resident in a Member State other than their own who exercise their right to vote or stand as candidate in European or local elections in their place of residence, the Commission and Member States should promote such participation by various means;

Amendment

4. Takes the view that, given the low number of EU citizens resident in a Member State other than their own who exercise their right to vote or stand as candidate in European or local elections in their place of residence, the Commission and Member States should promote such participation by various means, **in particular by setting up an online single point of contact for matters concerning the rights of citizens in the EU; calls on the Commission to ensure that these rights are applied uniformly throughout the Union;**

Or. fr

Amendment 52
Inese Vaidere

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Takes the view that, given the low number of EU citizens resident in a Member State other than their own who exercise their right to vote or stand as candidate in European or local elections in their place of residence, the Commission and Member States should promote such participation *by various means*;

Amendment

4. Takes the view that, given the low number of EU citizens resident in a Member State other than their own who exercise their right to vote or stand as candidate in European or local elections in their place of residence, the Commission and Member States should promote such participation;

Or. lv

Amendment 53

Stanimir Ilchev, Sarah Ludford, Sonia Alfano, Renate Weber, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Regrets that a large number of EU citizens resident in a Member State other than their own are not fully and effectively informed about their rights; calls on the Commission to urge the Member States to focus their efforts in enhancing their information systems especially in areas EU citizens initially encounter problems, denial or restriction of their EU rights such as residence, work, social rights, health, marital status, consumer rights;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Highlights that it is a great momentum to stimulate the participation of EU citizens and their active contribution to the set up of the EU political agenda on the light of the upcoming European elections in 2014;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Cornelia Ernst

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Is concerned at the steady decline over 30 years in turnout at the European elections, despite the powers of the European Parliament increasing considerably; believes that this reflects a growing lack of understanding of European policies on the part of EU nationals;

Or. fr

Amendment 56
Stanimir Ilchev, Sarah Ludford, Sonia Alfano, Renate Weber, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Calls on the Commission, the Council and Member States to make the most of the upcoming European Year of Citizenship 2013 so to ensure that information campaigns on European

citizenship and the rights connected to it are carried out and calls on the Commission to strengthen its activity of monitoring and support to citizens in facing violations of citizens' rights and overcoming them so to ensure that the European Year allows for concrete progress in citizens' lives;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Stanimir Ilchev, Sarah Ludford, Sonia Alfano, Renate Weber, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. Regrets that the administrative procedures in some Member States are too time consuming and thus sometimes are equal to a denial of EU citizen's rights; calls on the Commission to be more proactive on infringement procedures in this area ;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Tatjana Ždanoka

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Recalls that EU citizens in the territory of a third country in which the Member State of which they are nationals is not represented are entitled to protection by the diplomatic or consular authorities of any Member State, on the same conditions as the nationals of that Member State;

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emphasises the importance of such a provision as a point of principle;

emphasises the importance of such a provision as a point of principle; ***calls on the Commission and Member States to distribute information on the measures which support the right to diplomatic and consular protection; calls on Member States to cooperate actively in order to secure the protection of Union citizens outside the European Union, including in times of crisis or disaster;***

Or. en

Amendment 59
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Cornelia Ernst

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recalls that EU citizens in the territory of a third country in which the Member State of which they are nationals is not represented are entitled to protection by the diplomatic or consular authorities of any Member State, on the same conditions as the nationals of that Member State; emphasises the importance of such a provision as a point of principle;

Amendment

5. Recalls that EU citizens in the territory of a third country in which the Member State of which they are nationals is not represented are entitled to protection by the diplomatic or consular authorities of any Member State, on the same conditions as the nationals of that Member State; emphasises the importance of such a provision as a point of principle ***and calls on the Member States to take effective measures in this area;***

Or. fr

Amendment 60
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recalls that EU citizens in the territory

Amendment

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of a third country in which the Member State of which they are nationals is not represented are entitled to protection by the diplomatic or consular authorities of any Member State, on the same conditions as the nationals of that Member State; emphasises the importance of such a provision as a point of principle;

of a third country in which the Member State of which they are nationals is not represented are entitled to protection, ***especially in times of crisis***, by the diplomatic or consular authorities of any Member State, on the same conditions as the nationals of that Member State; emphasises the importance of such a provision as a point of principle;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Highlights that extreme poverty as well as social exclusion limits full access to fundamental and citizens' rights; and therefore due attention is needed in this respect;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Michèle Striffler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Notes with regret that the Commission has not been very active in addressing infringements related to citizens' rights; calls on the Commission to behave more proactively;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 63
Inese Vaidere

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Notes with regret that the Commission has not been very active in addressing infringements related to citizens' rights; calls on the Commission to behave more proactively. *deleted*

Or. lv

Amendment 64
Timothy Kirkhope
on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Notes with regret that the Commission has not been very active in addressing infringements related to citizens' rights; calls on the Commission to behave more proactively; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 65
Auke Zijlstra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Notes with regret that the Commission *6. Stresses that the Member States have*

has not been very active in addressing infringements related to citizens' rights; calls on the Commission to behave more proactively.

committed themselves to Article 2 of the TEU.

Or. nl

Amendment 66

Stanimir Ilchev, Sarah Ludford, Sonia Alfano, Renate Weber, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Notes with regret that the Commission has not been *very* active in addressing infringements related to citizens' rights; calls on the Commission to *behave more proactively*;

Amendment

6. Notes with regret that the Commission has not been *sufficiently* active *and transparent* in addressing infringements related to citizens' rights *and consequently* calls on the Commission to *strengthen monitoring, reporting and supporting citizens when they face citizens' rights violations, as well as finding solutions to overcome them, including by launching infringement proceedings, in its role of guardian of the Treaties*

Or. en

Amendment 67

Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Notes with regret that the Commission has *not* been very active in addressing infringements related to citizens' rights; calls on the Commission to *behave more proactively*;

Amendment

6. Notes with regret that the Commission has *neither* been very active in addressing infringements related to citizens' rights *nor in implementing sanctions on violations of the acquis*; calls *therefore* on the Commission, to *work closely with the other institutions and stakeholders*,

national parliaments and the civil society to act proactively and reactively in assuring full implementation of all rights enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights for all EU citizens in all 27 Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Tatjana Ždanoka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Notes with regret that the Commission has not been very active in addressing infringements related to citizens' rights; calls on the Commission to behave more proactively;

Amendment

6. Notes with regret that the Commission has not been very active in addressing infringements related to citizens' rights; calls on the Commission to behave more proactively; *calls on the Commission to make funding available for the training of Member States' national, regional and local officials who deal with intra-EU migrants in the basics of the EU legislation that applies in their respective fields, and to help administrations in answering questions concerning possible differences and conflicts between national and EU legislation;*

Or. en

Amendment 69
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Cornelia Ernst

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Notes with regret that the Commission has not been very active in addressing

Amendment

6. Notes with regret that the Commission has not been very active in addressing

infringements related to citizens' rights;
calls on the Commission to *behave more proactively*;

infringements related to citizens' rights
and that it only addresses requests concerning Community law in its areas of responsibility; calls on the Commission to *take into account the information and complaints which civil society representatives address to it in the context of the implementation of Community law, and not to confine itself to the responses supplied to it by the Member States, and calls on it to respect the rights of citizens and to take action against States in breach*;

Or. fr

Amendment 70
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Welcomes the designation of 2013 as the European Year of Citizens which aims to facilitate, among others, the right of EU citizens to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States; Recalls that the European Year of Citizens will be marked by an action plan, which among other targets, it will aim to remove the remaining obstacles that impede citizens' enjoyment of their rights as Union citizens.

Or. en

Amendment 71
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Cornelia Ernst

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Stresses that the Union and its Member States must close the gap between the principles underlying fundamental freedoms and rights and their implementation; notes that such gaps reduce the credibility of the Union and the States and undermine effective respect for and promotion of human rights, both within its territory and throughout the world;

Or. fr

**Amendment 72
Jean Lambert**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Welcomes the Commission's recognition of the need to complete the package of rights for those facing criminal charges in another Member State and looks forward to the early presentation of the necessary legal instruments

Or. en

**Amendment 73
Sonia Alfano, Gianni Vattimo, Renate Weber**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission to make a comparative study on European

citizenship, national citizenship, electoral rights to identify differences, divergences and gaps that could impact unfairly or disproportionately certain categories of persons in the EU (stateless persons, EU and non-EU citizens, Roma, etc) and accompany it with appropriate recommendations to overcome discriminations that are contrary to the values of the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Tatjana Ždanoka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Considers it vital to adopt an effective approach to information and communication aimed at making Union citizens aware of their rights and obligations and helping them to assume an active role in EU decision-making, thus enabling participatory democracy to be genuinely exercised; since proposals for multilingualism should not be limited to the main official/Member State languages, calls on the Commission and Member States to disseminate information about Union citizenship also in regional and minority languages; points out the need to launch better and more effective information campaigns that promote Union citizenship rights among young people such as setting up a "citizenship programme" in schools and universities, with a view to preparing the younger generation for active citizenship.

Or. en

Amendment 75
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Cornelia Ernst

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Calls on the Commission to take full and substantial advantage of the European Year of Citizens (2013) to pursue action to close the gap which increasingly separates European citizens from their decision-makers; stresses the importance for the European project of citizens and organised civil society having the possibility to influence the policies and structure of the European Union; insists that the Lisbon Treaty, while enhancing the scope of representative democracy, with an increased role for the European Parliament in the legislative process, also brings very important advances in terms of citizens' participation, introducing, through the provisions of Article 11, the possibility for one million European citizens to put forward a legislative initiative and the obligation on all EU institutions to 'maintain an open, transparent and regular dialogue with representative associations and civil society'; is concerned at the slow pace of implementation of the European Citizens' Initiative and calls on the Commission to examine good practices in the area of participative democracy together with the Committee of the Regions and the EESC;

Or. fr

Amendment 76
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

6b. Welcomes the references to improving the situation for international couples: however, there is also a need to facilitate the situation of couples legally recognised as such in one Member State when they travel and/ or reside in another Member State, whether this relates to status for the purposes of social security or for other aspects of civil rights accorded to couples.

Or. en