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Amendment 1
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to Article 20 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union defining the notion of citizenship;

Or. fr

Amendment 2
Mikael Gustafsson, Zita Gurmai

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to Part Two of the TFEU, entitled Non-discrimination and citizenship of the Union, and Title V of the Charter of Fundamental Rights,

– having regard to Part Two of the TFEU, entitled Non-discrimination and citizenship of the Union, and Title ***III and Title*** V of the Charter of Fundamental Rights,

Or. en

Amendment 3
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to Article 45 of the Treaty, under which guaranteed freedom of movement for European workers entails the abolition of any discrimination based on nationality between workers of the Member States as regards employment, remuneration and other

conditions of work and employment,

Or. fr

Amendment 4

Mikael Gustafsson, Zita Gurmai

Motion for a resolution

Citation 4

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to Articles 10 and 11 of the Treaty on European Union,

Amendment

– having regard to Articles **3**, 10 and 11 of the Treaty on European Union **and Article 8 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union**,

Or. en

Amendment 5

Nikolaos Salavrakos

Motion for a resolution

Citation 8

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to Directive 2004/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States² (hereinafter ‘the FMD’),

Amendment

– having regard to Directive 2004/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside **legally and** freely within the territory of the Member States² (hereinafter ‘the FMD’),

Or. el

Amendment 6

Nikolaos Salavrakos

Motion for a resolution

Citation 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the decisions of the European Court of Justice (ECJ) related to EU citizenship and the free and legal movement of persons,

Or. el

**Amendment 7
Philippe Boulland**

**Motion for a resolution
Citation 11 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the proposal of 11 August 2011 for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Year of Citizens (2013),

Or. fr

**Amendment 8
Philippe Boulland**

**Motion for a resolution
Citation 13 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Stockholm Programme, for which the citizen is the focal point of European on freedom, security and justice, guaranteeing respect for diversity and protection for the most vulnerable,

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Ádám Kósa, Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas Union citizens have, *inter alia*, the right to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States, the right to vote and to stand as candidates in elections to the European Parliament and in municipal elections in their Member State of residence, the right to the provision of consular protection by the diplomatic and consular authorities of another Member State in third countries, and the right to petition the European Parliament, to apply to the European Ombudsman, and to address the EU institutions and advisory bodies in any of the Treaty languages¹;

Amendment

A. whereas Union citizens – ***regardless of their disabilities*** – have, *inter alia*, the right to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States, the right to vote and to stand as candidates in elections to the European Parliament and in municipal elections in their Member State of residence, the right to the provision of consular protection by the diplomatic and consular authorities of another Member State in third countries, and the right to petition the European Parliament, to apply to the European Ombudsman, and to address the EU institutions and advisory bodies in any of the Treaty languages¹;

Or. hu

Amendment 10
Nikolaos Salavrakos

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Aa. whereas freedom of movement is inherent in the concepts of human rights and Union citizenship and represents one of the fundamental rights and freedoms of Union citizens recognised under the Treaties;

Or. el

Amendment 11
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the **Lisbon** Treaty **enhanced** the concept of EU citizenship and the rights **derived therefrom**;

Amendment

B. whereas the **Maastricht** Treaty **in 1992 introduced** the concept of **citizenship within the EU, conferring upon all EU citizens the basic right to move and reside freely within the EU, whereas the 1997 Amsterdam Treaty strengthened the rights associated with** EU citizenship, **and whereas the Lisbon Treaty is an instrument serving citizens by virtue of the new rights which it either creates or strengthens, such as the European Citizens' Initiative and the individual rights contained in the Charter of Fundamental Rights**;

Or. fr

Amendment 12

Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the Lisbon Treaty enhanced the concept of EU citizenship and the rights derived therefrom;

Amendment

B. whereas the Lisbon Treaty enhanced **and detailed** the concept of EU citizenship and the rights derived therefrom;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Mikael Gustafsson, Zita Gurmai

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the Lisbon Treaty enhanced the concept of EU citizenship and **the** rights **derived therefrom**;

Amendment

B. whereas the Lisbon Treaty enhanced the concept of EU citizenship and **its derived** rights **and, inter alia, right of equality between men and women**;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the Lisbon Treaty enhanced the concept of EU citizenship and the rights derived therefrom;

Amendment

B. whereas the Lisbon Treaty enhanced the concept of EU citizenship and the rights derived therefrom **by reinforcing the status and image of the European Union as defender of citizens' rights, by providing legislative means for stimulating active engagement of citizens as well as fostering the new competences of the European Parliament accountable to citizens**;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the Lisbon Treaty enhanced the concept of EU citizenship and the rights derived therefrom;

Amendment

B. whereas the Lisbon Treaty enhanced the concept of EU citizenship and the rights derived therefrom; **whereas the formulation of those rights is also driven by case law**;

Amendment 16
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas European citizenship is a source of rights, but also of duties;

Or. fr

Amendment 17
Rolandas Paksas

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. since EU citizenship affords particular status to a person who is a political participant in the European integration process, and grants the assurance of a unified approach in respect of each and everyone irrespective of their citizenship;

Or. It

Amendment 18
Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. welcoming the case law of the European Court of Justice as regards the

interpretation of Article 51 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, which emphasises in the ERT ruling that the institutions of the Member States are also bound by the overriding fundamental rights of the Union if they wish to use national measures to restrict the fundamental freedoms guaranteed by the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU);

Or. de

Amendment 19
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. Whereas this demonstrates the EU's endeavour to put the citizen at the heart of its action and to work towards an area of freedom, justice and rights for all EU citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B b. Whereas the right to free movement not only brings concrete benefits to EU citizens but also to the EU's overall economy;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas, seven years after the entry into force of the FMD, too many problems still persist in relation to its implementation; whereas most complaints focus on **the** right of entry, **the** right of residence for more than three months, the validity of residence permits, the retention of **the** right of residence and right of permanent residence and the rights of family members;

Amendment

C. whereas, seven years after the entry into force of the FMD, too many problems still persist in relation to its implementation; whereas most complaints focus on **European citizens, their** right of entry, **their** right of residence for more than three months, the validity of residence permits, the retention of **their** right of residence and right of permanent residence and the rights of **their** family members;

Or. fr

Amendment 22
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the 25 proposals contained in the Commission's Citizenship Report with a view to dismantling many obstacles to exercising citizenship are tangible measures for reducing needless expenditure and thus contributing to European citizens' purchasing power, which is particularly important during times of crisis;

Or. fr

Amendment 23
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas many citizens *overestimate the scope of the FMD, in particular when seeking rights for family members who are third-country nationals, and* find it difficult to understand that the directive does not apply when they are resident in their own Member State, an apparent anomaly;

Amendment

D. whereas many citizens find it difficult to understand that the directive does not apply when they are resident in their own Member State, an apparent anomaly;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas many citizens *overestimate the scope of* the FMD, in particular when seeking rights for family members who are third-country nationals, *and find it difficult to understand that the directive does not apply when they are resident in their own Member State, an apparent anomaly;*

Amendment

D. whereas many citizens *do not possess all information concerning their rights championed by* the FMD, in particular when seeking rights for family members who are third-country nationals;

Or. fr

Amendment 25
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. regretting the fact that only sixteen out of 27 Member States have amended their legislation, or announced their

intention to do so, in order to apply the FMD properly;

Or. fr

Amendment 26
Ádám Kósa, Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas Parliament adopted a firm position^{1a} in October 2011 regarding the mobility and integration of people with disabilities in which it unequivocally stated that people with disabilities are restricted both in their freedom of movement and the freedom of access to services, products and information.

^{1a} P7_TA(2011)0453.

Or. hu

Amendment 27
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas the *issue of* the deportation of Roma people by France in 2010 *was controversial* not only from the fundamental rights perspective, but also from the standpoint of the right to free movement and that of discrimination on the grounds of nationality and racial and ethnic origin;

F. whereas the *reprimand by the Commission, as the guardian of the Treaties, in connection with the planned* deportation of Roma people by France in 2010 *proved useful* not only from the fundamental rights perspective, but also from the standpoint of the right to free movement and that of discrimination on the grounds of nationality and racial and ethnic origin;

Amendment 28
Mikael Gustafsson, Zita Gurmai

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas the issue of the deportation of Roma people by France in 2010 was controversial not only from the fundamental rights perspective, but also from the standpoint of the right to free movement and that of discrimination on the grounds of nationality and racial and ethnic origin;

Amendment

F. whereas the issue of the deportation of Roma people by France in 2010 was controversial not only from the fundamental rights perspective, but also from the standpoint of the right to free movement and that of discrimination on the grounds of nationality, *gender* and racial and ethnic origin;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Carlos José Iturgaiz Angulo

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas several Member States have decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements which limit Romanian and Bulgarian nationals' access to their labour market; *whereas such measures can lead to worker exploitation, illegal work and lack of access to social security benefits;*

Amendment

G. whereas several Member States have decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements which limit Romanian and Bulgarian nationals' access to their labour market;

Or. es

Amendment 30
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas several Member States have decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements which limit Romanian and Bulgarian nationals' access to their labour market; *whereas such measures can lead to worker exploitation, illegal work and lack of access to social security benefits;*

Amendment

G. whereas several Member States have decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements which limit Romanian and Bulgarian nationals' access to their labour market;

Or. fr

Amendment 31

Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas several Member States have decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements which limit Romanian and Bulgarian nationals' access to their labour market; whereas such measures can lead to worker exploitation, illegal work and lack of access to social security benefits;

Amendment

G. whereas several Member States have decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements which limit Romanian and Bulgarian nationals' access to their labour market; whereas such *economically unjustified* measures can lead to worker exploitation, illegal work and lack of access to social security benefits;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Mikael Gustafsson, Zita Gurmai

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements which limit Romanian and Bulgarian nationals' access to their labour market; whereas such measures can lead to worker exploitation, illegal work and lack of access to social security benefits;

decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements which limit Romanian and Bulgarian nationals' access to their labour market; whereas such measures can lead to worker exploitation, illegal work and lack of access to social security benefits, ***which affect women more severely than men***;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution

Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G a. whereas the European Parliament has adopted on the 15th of December 2011 a Resolution on the freedom of movement of workers within the European Union¹, with an emphasis on the rights of Romanian and Bulgarian workers in the single market;

¹ (P7_TA(2011)0587)

Or. en

Amendment 34

Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution

Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas exercising a broad range of rights conferred on citizens by Union legislation is dependent on, or fostered by, the free movement or voluntary mobility of workers; whereas, accordingly, making free movement easier can make citizens

more able to make the most of the single market while providing a basic driver of growth;

Or. fr

Amendment 35
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Recital G b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Gb. whereas the right to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States cannot make for a better understanding of the values of European integration unless it is accompanied by specific measures taken by the Union and the Member States in terms of information, training, recognition of qualifications, and worker mobility (seasonal, cross-border and posted workers and workers transferred as a result of head office relocations, etc.);

Or. fr

Amendment 36
Rolandas Paksas

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H. whereas same-sex couples encounter numerous difficulties when moving between EU Member States owing to the lack of mutual recognition of the status of same-sex partnerships across the EU;

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Or. It

Amendment 37
Erminia Mazzoni

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas *same-sex couples* encounter numerous difficulties when moving between EU Member States owing to the lack of mutual recognition *of the status of same-sex partnerships across the EU*;

Amendment

H. whereas *many citizens* encounter numerous difficulties when moving between EU Member States owing to the lack of mutual recognition *of different legal systems' official documents*;

Or. it

Amendment 38
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas a large number of petitions revealed problems in the field of accessing social security benefits, mainly involving a lack of cooperation on the part of national authorities, incorrect application of the principle of aggregation, failure to provide correct information on the applicable rules or cumbersome administration of cases;

Amendment

I. whereas a large number of petitions revealed problems in the field of accessing social security benefits, mainly involving a lack of cooperation on the part of national authorities, incorrect application of the principle of aggregation *of benefits payable in several Member States*, failure to provide correct information on the applicable rules or cumbersome administration of cases;

Or. fr

Amendment 39
Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas a large number of petitions revealed problems in the field of accessing social security benefits, mainly involving a lack of cooperation on the part of national authorities, incorrect application of the principle of aggregation, failure to provide correct information on the applicable rules or cumbersome administration of cases;

Amendment

I. whereas a large number of petitions revealed problems *of fostering common values among others* in the field of accessing social security benefits, mainly involving a lack of cooperation on the part of national authorities, incorrect application of the principle of aggregation, failure to provide correct information on the applicable rules or cumbersome administration of cases;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Mikael Gustafsson, Zita Gurmai

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

I. whereas a large number of petitions revealed problems in the field of accessing social security benefits, mainly involving a lack of cooperation on the part of national authorities, incorrect application of the principle of aggregation, *gender equality*, failure to provide correct information on the applicable rules or cumbersome administration of cases;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Mikael Gustafsson, Zita Gurmai

Motion for a resolution

Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I a. whereas the 21 July 2011 judgement

of the ECJ[1] in addition to confirming the rights of EU citizens to move to another EU Member State and have the right to social security coverage, raises awareness on women's vulnerability in their access to social security rights;[1] See Lucy Stewart v. Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Case C-503/09.

Or. en

Amendment 42
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ia. whereas, under the Bologna Process, generally accepted diplomas for completion of university studies are being awarded as a step towards more straightforward recognition of qualifications;

Or. fr

Amendment 43
Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

J. having regard to the problems linked to the incorrect implementation of Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications (compensatory measures, requests for additional documents, unsubstantiated negative decisions by the host Member State, undue delays in processing applications, systematic imposition of specific language

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tests), which constitute a significant obstacle to the exercise of citizens' rights across the EU;

tests), which constitute a significant obstacle to the exercise of citizens' rights across the EU **and thereby depriving citizens of benefits of social cohesion**;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Philippe Boulland, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas discrimination on the grounds of nationality **was** vigorously denounced by petitioners **in the case of** the German Youth Welfare Office (*Jugendamt*), **which - according to the petitions received - discriminates against the non-German spouse in mixed marriages**;

Amendment

K. whereas discrimination on the grounds of nationality **has been** vigorously denounced by petitioners; **whereas** the German Youth Welfare Office (*Jugendamt*) **contributes in some cases, because of its operational independence, to the difficulties encountered by foreign divorced parents wishing to leave German territory with their children**;

Or. fr

Amendment 45
Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas **discrimination on the grounds of nationality was vigorously denounced** by petitioners **in the case of** the German Youth Welfare Office (*Jugendamt*), **which - according to the petitions received - discriminates against the non-German spouse in mixed marriages**;

Amendment

K. whereas petitioners **accuse** the German Youth Welfare Office (*Jugendamt*) **of discriminating against the non-German spouse in mixed marriages**.

Or. de

Amendment 46
Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa

Motion for a resolution
Recital K a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

K a. whereas a number of petitions are tabled by people with disabilities, who everyday encounter many barriers preventing them from benefiting from EU citizens rights, i.e. normal use of the education system, access to insurance or lack of public transport facilities and draws attention to the need of a coherent system in the EU determining the degree of disability, the lack of which can frequently lead to social exclusion;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Recital K a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ka. whereas all European citizens brought before the courts of a Member State have right of access, for their defence, to documents translated into their mother tongue, in order to prevent any discrimination based on language, and whereas, in particular, all citizens must be kept informed about any court proceedings against them, the entire process taking place within a judicially acceptable time frame;

Or. fr

Amendment 48
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Recital K a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ka. whereas the greatest obstacles to exercising active Union citizenship are a lack of awareness on the part of individuals of their rights as Union citizens and a lack of clearly structured, widely known information services; whereas consequently, in the context of Union citizenship, nothing can have higher priority than informing citizens about their rights on a broad, solid and efficient basis, thereby permanently closing the gap between citizens and institutions; whereas, consequently, any Commission action to strengthen Union citizenship must start by first tackling this problem and must be given adequate budget funding;

Or. de

Amendment 49
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Recital K b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Kb. whereas the governments of the Member States must be held to account to an even greater extent, in many respects, for the removal of all remaining legal and administrative obstacles preventing European citizens from exercising their rights as Union citizens, but in particular for advising them of their rights;

Or. de

Amendment 50
Zoltán Bagó

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the EU Citizenship Report 2010, which sets the objective of dismantling the obstacles to EU citizens' rights, and the proposals contained therein; calls on the Commission to ensure that the legislative and non-legislative measures provided for in the report are put forward as soon as possible and approved, so as to ensure that EU citizens' rights become effective and that Member States **abolish obstacles** to the enjoyment of those rights;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the EU Citizenship Report 2010, which sets the objective of dismantling the obstacles to EU citizens' rights, and the proposals contained therein; calls on the Commission to ensure that the legislative and non-legislative measures provided for in the report are put forward as soon as possible and approved – **taking into account the civil and criminal substantive and procedural laws of the various Member States** – so as to ensure that EU citizens' rights become effective and that Member States **remove the obstacles in domestic law preventing** the enjoyment of those rights;

Or. hu

Amendment 51
Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

1. Welcomes the EU Citizenship Report 2010, which sets the objective of dismantling the obstacles to EU citizens' rights, and the proposals contained therein; **regrets however that many EU citizens are still not well informed about their rights attached to EU citizenship and thus are unable to fully benefit from those rights**; calls on the Commission to ensure that the legislative and non-legislative measures provided for in the report are put forward

as soon as possible and approved, so as to ensure that EU citizens' rights become effective and that Member States abolish obstacles to the enjoyment of those rights;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

1. Welcomes the EU Citizenship Report 2010, which sets the objective of dismantling the obstacles to EU citizens' rights, and the proposals contained therein; calls on the Commission to ensure that the legislative and non-legislative measures provided for in the report are put forward as soon as possible and approved, so as to ensure that EU citizens' rights become effective and that Member States abolish obstacles *and simultaneously introduce administrative measures facilitating* the enjoyment of those rights;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Elena Bănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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provided for in the report are put forward as soon as possible and approved, so as to ensure that EU citizens' rights become effective and that *all* Member States abolish obstacles to the *comprehensive* enjoyment of those rights;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Zoltán Bagó

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Considers it important to stress that the measures taken to dismantle the obstacles impeding the validation of EU citizens' rights must not violate the existing provisions of the given Member State's constitution, civil or criminal code or case law;

Or. hu

Amendment 55

Angelika Werthmann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Notes that, although the right to petition the European Parliament is expressly provided for in the Treaties, it is not sufficiently well known or used, and therefore calls for *citizens to be provided with improved information* about the right to petition, in particular through European Parliament offices in the Member States;

2. Notes that, although the right to petition the European Parliament is expressly provided for in the Treaties, it is not sufficiently well known or used, and therefore calls for *increased, active communication with citizens* about the right to petition, in particular through European Parliament offices in the Member States *and through appropriate use of the Internet*;

Amendment 56
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that, although the right to petition the European Parliament is expressly provided for in the Treaties, it is not sufficiently well known or used, and therefore calls **for citizens to be provided with improved** information about **the** right to petition, in particular through European Parliament offices in the Member States;

Amendment

2. Notes that, although the right to petition the European Parliament is expressly provided for in the Treaties, it is not sufficiently well known or used, and therefore calls for **improved distribution of** information **for citizens** about **their** right to petition, in particular through European Parliament offices in the Member States; **further calls on the Commission to do more to advertise the right of petition through its offices in the Member States, its decentralised information networks (e.g. Europe Direct) and all organisations working with the Commission and the European Parliament (e.g. social partners and other interest groups) in order to reach as many citizens as possible;**

Amendment 57
Zoltán Bagó

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

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Parliament offices in the Member States;;

explanations, about the right to petition, in particular through European Parliament offices in the Member States;

Or. hu

Amendment 58

Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 59

Mariya Nedelcheva

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Or. bg

Amendment 60
Nikolaos Salavrakos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Emphasises that all citizens or, natural and legal persons residing or having their registered office in a Member State may appeal to the EU institutions in one of the languages of the Treaties and must receive an answer in the same language;

Or. el

Amendment 61
Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Considers that the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI), which will apply from 1 April 2012, constitutes the first instrument of transnational participatory democracy and will give citizens the possibility to become more actively involved in the framing of European policies and legislation; calls **for the effective implementation** of the ECI Regulation, and, in **particular, calls on the EU institutions and Member States to take an active role in informing** citizens **about** this **new** instrument;

3. Considers that the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI), which will apply from 1 April 2012, constitutes the first instrument of transnational participatory democracy and will give citizens the possibility to become more actively involved in the framing of European policies and legislation; calls **on the EU Institutions and the Member States to effectively introduce all essential practical and administrative elements** of the ECI Regulation **in time** and in **a way that all EU citizens could fully benefit from** this instrument;

Or. en

Amendment 62

Zoltán Bagó

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Considers that the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI), which will apply from 1 April 2012, constitutes the first instrument of transnational participatory democracy and will give citizens the possibility to become more actively involved in the framing of European policies and legislation; calls for the effective implementation of the ECI Regulation, and, in particular, calls on the EU institutions and Member States to take an active role in informing citizens about this new instrument;

Amendment

3. Considers that the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI), which will apply from 1 April 2012, constitutes the first instrument of transnational participatory democracy and will give citizens the possibility to become more actively involved in the framing of European policies and legislation; calls for the effective implementation of the ECI Regulation, and, in particular, calls on the EU institutions and Member States to take an active role ***and participate effectively*** in informing citizens about this new instrument;

Or. hu

Amendment 63

Angelika Werthmann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Considers that the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI), which will apply from 1 April 2012, constitutes the first instrument of transnational participatory democracy and will ***give*** citizens ***the possibility*** to become ***more*** actively involved in the framing of European policies and legislation; calls for the effective implementation of the ECI Regulation, and, in particular, calls on the EU institutions and Member States to take ***an*** active role in ***informing citizens about*** this new instrument;

Amendment

3. Considers that the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI), which will apply from 1 April 2012, constitutes the first instrument of transnational participatory democracy and will ***enable*** citizens to become actively involved in the framing of European policies and legislation; calls for the effective implementation of the ECI Regulation, and, in particular, calls on the EU institutions and Member States to take ***a significantly more*** active role in ***communicating*** this new instrument ***to citizens***;

Amendment 64
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Considers that the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI), which will apply from 1 April 2012, constitutes the first instrument of transnational participatory democracy and will give citizens the possibility to become more actively involved in the framing of European policies and legislation; calls for the effective implementation of the ECI Regulation, and, in particular, calls on the EU institutions and Member States to take an active role in informing citizens about this new instrument;

Amendment

3. Considers that the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI), which will apply from 1 April 2012, constitutes the first instrument of transnational participatory democracy and will give citizens the possibility to become more actively involved in the framing of European policies and legislation; calls for the effective implementation of the ECI Regulation, and, in particular, calls on the EU institutions and Member States to take an active role in informing citizens about this new instrument; ***considers moreover that the Committee on Petitions, by reason of its experience of direct contacts with citizens, should hold public hearings for organisers of European citizens' initiatives, provided for in Article 11 of the Regulation, whether or not they have obtained the required number of signatures;***

Or. fr

Amendment 65
Ádám Kósa, Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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of transnational participatory democracy and will give citizens the possibility to become more actively involved in the framing of European policies and legislation; calls for the effective implementation of the ECI Regulation, and, in particular, calls on the EU institutions and Member States to take an active role in informing citizens about this new instrument;

of transnational participatory democracy and will give citizens the possibility to become more actively involved in the framing of European policies and legislation; calls for the effective implementation of the ECI Regulation, and, in particular, calls on the EU institutions and Member States to take an active role in informing citizens about this new instrument ***and in ensuring equal and barrier-free access to such instruments;***

Or. hu

Amendment 66
Mariya Nedelcheva

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Considers that the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI), which will apply from 1 April 2012, constitutes the first instrument of transnational participatory democracy and will give citizens the possibility to become more actively involved in the framing of European policies and legislation; calls for the effective implementation of the ECI Regulation, and, in particular, calls on the EU institutions and Member States to take an active role in informing citizens about this new instrument;

Amendment

3. Considers that the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI), which will apply from 1 April 2012, constitutes the first instrument of transnational participatory democracy and will give citizens the possibility to become more actively involved in the framing of European policies and legislation; calls for the effective implementation of the ECI Regulation, and, in particular, calls on the EU institutions and Member States to take an active role in informing citizens about this new instrument; ***proposes that the Commission present a report to the Committee on Petitions on the implementation of the European Citizens' Initiative;***

Or. bg

Amendment 67
Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Considers that the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI), which will apply from 1 April 2012, constitutes the first instrument of transnational participatory democracy and will give citizens the possibility to become more actively involved in the framing of European policies and legislation; calls for the effective implementation of the ECI Regulation, and, in particular, calls on the EU institutions and Member States to take an active role in informing citizens about this new instrument;

Amendment

3. Considers that the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI), which will apply from 1 April 2012, constitutes the first instrument of transnational participatory democracy and will give citizens the possibility to become more actively involved in the framing of European policies and legislation; calls for the effective, ***transparent and accountable*** implementation of the ECI Regulation, and, in particular, calls on the EU institutions and Member States to take an active role in informing citizens about this new instrument ***and especially use the "European Year of Citizens" as momentum for awareness-raising;***

Or. en

Amendment 68
Ágnes Hankiss, György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

3 a. Stresses that the removal of barriers to the acquisition of citizenship as well as restrictions regarding the loss of citizenship, and a more direct participation of citizens through European political parties and the Citizens' Initiative are decisive steps for achieving 'more' Europe and a more essential democracy;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Considers that the right of EU citizens living in a Member State other their Member State of origin to vote in elections and stand for election, in both European Parliament and local authority elections, is the most tangible political Union citizen's right for cross-border workers and travellers and that the exercise of that right must be free of all discriminatory and obstructive formalities; calls on the Commission and Member States to make citizens more aware of this right by means of targeted information campaigns prior to the relevant election;

Or. de

Amendment 70
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission, when preparing its annual report on the application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, to focus not only on the application of the Charter, but also on all EU Treaty articles relating to fundamental rights and on the situation of fundamental rights in the European Union; calls on the Commission to include in that report more detailed information on the issues raised with it by citizens, how it dealt with them and what concrete follow-up measures it took;

4. Calls on the Commission, when preparing its annual report on the application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, to focus not only on the application of the Charter, but also on all EU Treaty articles relating to fundamental rights and on the situation of fundamental rights in the European Union; calls on the Commission to include in that report more detailed information on ***the implementation of the Charter by Member States when applying European law and on*** the issues raised with it by citizens, how

it dealt with them and what concrete follow-up measures it took;

Or. fr

Amendment 71
Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the Commission, when preparing its annual report on the application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, to focus not only on the application of the Charter, but also on all EU Treaty articles relating to fundamental rights and on the situation of fundamental rights in the European Union; calls on the Commission to include in that report more detailed information on the issues raised with it by citizens, how it dealt with them and what concrete follow-up measures it took;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission, when preparing its annual report on the application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, to focus not only on the application of the Charter, but also on all EU Treaty articles relating to fundamental rights and on the situation of fundamental rights in the European Union; calls on the Commission to include in that report more detailed information on the issues raised with it by citizens, how it dealt with them and what concrete follow-up measures it took *to meet the expectations of European citizens for legal certainty*;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

4 a. Calls on the Commission to establish clear and transparent benchmarks for imposing or maintaining obstacles in the way of the free movement of workers, so as abuses may be avoided;

Amendment 73
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on all Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies to ensure that the right of access to documents provided for in Regulation 1049/2001¹, an important right enjoyed by EU citizens, is guaranteed by improving transparency and making access to documents and information easy **and** user-friendly, so as to enable citizens to participate more closely in the decision-making process;

Amendment

5. Calls on all Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies to ensure that the right of access to documents provided for in Regulation 1049/2001¹, an important right enjoyed by EU citizens, is guaranteed by improving transparency and making access to documents and information easy, user-friendly **and comprehensible**, so as to enable citizens to participate more closely in the decision-making process; ***points in this context to the central importance of the work of the European Ombudsman in upholding the right of access to Union institutions' documents;***

Or. de

Amendment 74
Ádám Kósa, Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on all Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies to ensure that the right of access to documents provided for in Regulation 1049/2001¹, an important right enjoyed by EU citizens, is guaranteed by improving transparency and making access to documents and information easy and user-friendly, so as to enable citizens to participate more closely in the decision-making process;

Amendment

5. Calls on all Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies to ensure that the right of access to documents provided for in Regulation 1049/2001¹, an important right enjoyed by EU citizens, is guaranteed by improving transparency and making access to documents and information easy and user-friendly, ***including the provision of barrier-free technologies***, so as to enable citizens to participate more closely in the

decision-making process;

Or. hu

Amendment 75

Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on all Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies to ensure that the right of access to documents provided for in Regulation 1049/2001⁷, an important right enjoyed by EU citizens, is guaranteed by improving transparency and making access to documents and information easy and user-friendly, *so as* to enable citizens to participate more closely in the decision-making process;

Amendment

5. Calls on all Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies to ensure that the right of access to documents provided for in Regulation 1049/2001⁷, an important right enjoyed by EU citizens, is guaranteed by improving transparency and making access to documents and information easy and user-friendly, *in order* to enable citizens to participate more closely in the decision-making process *while safeguarding the proper quality and security of decision-making*;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Rolandas Paksas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Urges the Commission to ensure the validity of any form of citizenship and to remove those cultural, linguistic and technological obstacles, or those connected with information, which inhibit everyone consciously and freely in exercising his/her rights and maintaining his/her responsibilities;

Or. It

Amendment 77
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. While recognising the right to information as one of the cornerstones of democracy, *considers that greater access to information on investigations and infringement files could be provided by the Commission without jeopardising the purpose of the investigations and that an overriding public interest might well justify access to these files, particularly in cases where fundamental rights, human health and the protection of the environment against irreversible damage may be at stake;*

Amendment

6. While recognising the right to information as one of the cornerstones of democracy, *calls for more transparency so as to allow greater access to information on investigations without the decision-taking process being adversely affected by the disclosure of internal documents;*

Or. fr

Amendment 78
Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. While recognising the right to information as one of the cornerstones of democracy, considers that greater access to information on investigations and infringement files could be provided by the Commission without jeopardising the purpose of the investigations and that an overriding public interest might well justify access to these files, particularly in cases where fundamental rights, human health and the protection of the environment against irreversible damage may be at stake;

Amendment

6. While recognising the right *of access* to information as one of the cornerstones of democracy, *stresses that access to information cannot lead to the violation of other fundamental rights such as the right to security, privacy or data protection;* considers that greater access to information on investigations and infringement files could be provided by the Commission without jeopardising the purpose of the investigations and that an overriding public interest might well justify access to these files, particularly in cases

where fundamental rights, human health and the protection of the environment against irreversible damage may be at stake ***as long as protection of trade secrets and sensitive information related to court cases, competition cases and personnel files are safeguarded; highlights that in time of crisis - when confidence in institutions is jeopardized - access to information is the primary interest of citizens aiming for understanding political and economic deliberations behind decision-making; held by the EU institutions***

Or. en

Amendment 79
Zoltán Bagó

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. While recognising the right to information as one of the cornerstones of democracy, considers that greater access to information on investigations and infringement files could be provided by the Commission without jeopardising the purpose of the investigations and that an overriding public interest might well justify access to these files, particularly in cases where fundamental rights, human health and the protection of the environment against irreversible damage may be at stake;

Amendment

6. While recognising the right to information as one of the cornerstones of democracy, considers that greater access to information on investigations and infringement files could be provided by the Commission without jeopardising the purpose of the investigations and that an overriding public interest might well justify access to these files, particularly in cases where fundamental rights, human health and the protection of the environment against irreversible damage may be at stake, ***as well as if proceedings are under way regarding discrimination against a minority or for violations of human dignity;***

Or. hu

Amendment 80
Tiziano Motti

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. While recognising the right to information as one of the cornerstones of democracy, considers that greater access to information on investigations and infringement files could be provided by the Commission without jeopardising the purpose of the investigations and that an overriding public interest might well justify access to these files, particularly in cases where fundamental rights, human health and the protection of the environment against irreversible damage may be at stake;

Amendment

6. While recognising the right to information as one of the cornerstones of democracy, considers that greater access to information on investigations and infringement files could be provided by the Commission without jeopardising the purpose of the investigations and that an overriding public interest might well justify access to these files, particularly in cases where fundamental rights, human *or animal* health and the protection of the environment against irreversible damage may be at stake;

Or. it

Amendment 81
Nikolaos Salavrakos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

6a. Asks the Commission to assess carefully whether Member States' legislation and practices infringe the rights of EU citizens under the EC Treaty and the Directive and whether they do not place an unjustified burden on EU citizens and their families, indirectly restricting their right to free movement;

Or. el

Amendment 82
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. ***Calls on*** the Commission to ensure that Member States transpose and implement the FMD correctly, making full use of its power to launch infringement proceedings; calls on Member States to remove existing legal and practical barriers to the free movement of citizens and not to introduce cumbersome, unjustified administrative procedures restricting the application of that right; calls on the Commission, further, to step up its efforts to raise awareness about citizens' right to free movement ***and to assist them in exercising it, in particular when it is denied or limited;***

Amendment

7. ***Encourages*** the Commission to ***continue its current efforts to*** ensure that Member States transpose and implement the FMD correctly, making full use of its power to launch infringement proceedings; calls on Member States to remove existing legal and practical barriers to the free movement of citizens and not to introduce cumbersome, unjustified administrative procedures restricting the application of that right; calls on the Commission, further, to step up its efforts to raise awareness about citizens' right to free movement; ***in this context, calls on the Commission to submit an assessment of free-movement policies in 2013 and to propose specific ways and means of supporting the application of freedom of movement, particularly at local level;***

Or. fr

Amendment 83
Ádám Kósa, Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the Commission to ensure that Member States transpose and implement the FMD correctly, making full use of its power to launch infringement proceedings; calls on Member States to remove existing legal and practical barriers to the free movement of citizens and not to introduce cumbersome, unjustified administrative procedures restricting the application of that right; calls on the Commission,

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to ensure that Member States transpose and implement the FMD correctly, making full use of its power to launch infringement proceedings; calls on Member States to remove existing legal and practical barriers to the free movement of citizens and not to introduce cumbersome, unjustified administrative procedures ***or to tolerate unacceptable practices*** restricting the application of that

further, to step up its efforts to raise awareness about citizens' right to free movement and to assist them in exercising it, in particular when it is denied or limited;

right; calls on the Commission, further, to step up its efforts to raise awareness about citizens' right to free movement and to assist them in exercising it, in particular when it is denied or limited, ***or if practices are implemented that result in indirect discrimination***;

Or. hu

Amendment 84
Zoltán Bagó

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the Commission to ensure that Member States transpose and implement the FMD correctly, making full use of its power to launch infringement proceedings; calls on Member States to remove existing legal and practical barriers to the free movement of citizens and not to introduce cumbersome, unjustified administrative procedures restricting the application of that right; calls on the Commission, further, to step up its efforts to raise awareness about citizens' right to free movement and to assist them in exercising it, in particular when it is denied or limited;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to ensure that Member States transpose and implement the FMD correctly, making full use of its power to launch infringement proceedings; calls on Member States to remove existing legal and practical barriers to the free movement of citizens and not to introduce cumbersome, unjustified administrative procedures restricting the application of that right, ***as well as to repeal those that are currently in force as soon as possible***; calls on the Commission, further, to step up its efforts to raise awareness about citizens' right to free movement and to assist them in exercising it, in particular when it is denied or limited;

Or. hu

Amendment 85
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the Commission to ensure that Member States transpose and implement the FMD correctly, making full use of its power to launch infringement proceedings; calls on Member States to remove existing legal and practical barriers to the free movement of citizens and not to introduce cumbersome, unjustified administrative procedures restricting the application of that right; calls on the Commission, further, to step up its efforts to raise awareness about citizens' right to free movement and to assist them in exercising it, in particular when it is denied or limited;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to ensure that Member States transpose and implement the FMD correctly, making full use of its power to launch infringement proceedings; calls on **all** Member States to remove existing legal and practical barriers to the free movement of citizens and not to introduce cumbersome, unjustified administrative procedures restricting the application **and exercise** of that right; calls on the Commission, further, to step up its efforts to raise awareness about citizens' right to free movement and to assist them in exercising it, in particular when it is denied or limited;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Zoltán Bagó

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on those Member States which have decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements restricting access by Romanian and Bulgarian nationals to their labour markets¹ to **revise their decisions by the end of 2011**;

Amendment

8. Calls on those Member States which have decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements restricting access by Romanian and Bulgarian nationals to their labour markets¹ to **repeal them immediately on the basis of the principle of equality, the prohibition of discrimination, their unjustified nature and solidarity, and provide the citizens of the Member States concerned with free access to the labour market**;

Or. hu

Amendment 87
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on those Member States which have decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements restricting access by Romanian and Bulgarian nationals to their labour markets¹ to **revise their decisions by the end of 2011**;

Amendment

8. Calls on those Member States which have decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements restricting access by Romanian and Bulgarian nationals to their labour markets¹ to **reach a rapid solution so that the employment rights associated with European citizenship are no longer restricted for Romanian and Bulgarian citizens**;

Or. fr

Amendment 88
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on those Member States which have decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements restricting access by Romanian and Bulgarian nationals to their labour markets⁸ to revise their decisions **by the end of 2011**;

Amendment

8. Calls on those Member States which have decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements restricting access by Romanian and Bulgarian nationals to their labour markets⁸ to revise their decisions **as soon as possible**;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Carlos José Iturgaiz Angulo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on those Member States which have decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements restricting access by Romanian and Bulgarian nationals to their labour markets¹ *to revise their decisions by the end of 2011;*

Amendment

8. Calls on those Member States which have decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements restricting access by Romanian and Bulgarian nationals to their labour markets¹ *to maintain those arrangements for the shortest possible period;*

Or. es

Amendment 90
Mariya Nedelcheva

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on those Member States which have decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements restricting access by Romanian and Bulgarian nationals to their labour markets¹ to revise their decisions by the end of **2011;**

Amendment

8. Calls on those Member States which have decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements restricting access by Romanian and Bulgarian nationals to their labour markets¹ to revise their decisions by the end of **2012;**

Or. bg

Amendment 91
Angelika Werthmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on those Member States which have decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements restricting access by Romanian and Bulgarian nationals to their labour markets¹ to revise their decisions **by the end of**

Amendment

8. Calls on those Member States which have decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements restricting access by Romanian and Bulgarian nationals to their labour markets¹ to revise their decisions;

2011;

Or. de

Amendment 92
Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on those Member States which have decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements restricting access by Romanian and Bulgarian nationals to their labour markets⁸ to revise their decisions *by the end of 2011*;

Amendment

8. Calls on those Member States which have decided to introduce or to continue applying transitional arrangements restricting access by Romanian and Bulgarian nationals to their labour markets⁸ to revise their decisions; ***reminds those countries that such prolongation of restricting measures is acceptable only if the countries experience serious disturbances in their labour market;***

Or. en

Amendment 93
Carlos José Iturgaiz Angulo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Stresses that the EU accession treaties for Romania and Bulgaria included a seven-year moratorium, until 1 January 2014, on their nationals' right to free movement within the EU, as workers, and that the transitional provisions of those treaties included the possibility that a Member State could apply for authorisation to re-impose restrictions on that right if it faced serious problems on its labour market;

Amendment 94
Erminia Mazzoni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Repeats its previous calls to the Member States to ensure freedom of movement for all EU citizens and their families, without discrimination on grounds of their **sexual orientation** or nationality¹; **repeats its call to Member States** to implement fully the rights granted under Articles 2 and 3 of Directive 2004/38/EC **not only to different-sex spouses, but also to the registered partner, member of the household or partner with whom an EU citizen has a duly attested, stable relationship, including members of same-sex couples, on the basis of the principles of mutual recognition, equality, non-discrimination, dignity and respect for private and family life; in that connection,** calls on the Commission to ensure that the directive is strictly applied, drawing on the analysis and conclusions contained in the reports of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, and to monitor these issues;

Amendment

9. Repeats its previous calls to the Member States to ensure freedom of movement for all EU citizens and their families, without discrimination on grounds of their **gender, religion** or nationality¹; and to implement fully the rights granted under Articles 2 and 3 of Directive 2004/38/EC; calls on the Commission to ensure that the directive is strictly applied, drawing on the analysis and conclusions contained in the reports of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, and to monitor these issues;

Or. it

Amendment 95
Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Repeats its previous calls to the Member

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States to ensure freedom of movement for all EU citizens and their families, ***without discrimination on grounds of their sexual orientation or nationality***⁹; repeats its call to Member States to implement fully the rights granted under Articles 2 and 3 of Directive 2004/38/EC not only to different-sex spouses, but also to the registered partner, ***member of the household or partner with whom an EU citizen has a duly attested, stable relationship, including members of same-sex couples, on the basis of the principles of mutual recognition, equality, non-discrimination, dignity and respect for private and family life***; in that connection, calls on the Commission to ensure that the directive is strictly applied, drawing on the analysis and conclusions contained in the reports of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, and to monitor these issues;

States to ensure freedom of movement for all EU citizens and their families; repeats its call to Member States to implement fully the rights granted under Articles 2 and 3 of Directive 2004/38/EC not only to different-sex spouses, but also to the registered partner; in that connection, calls on the Commission to ensure that the directive is strictly applied, drawing on the analysis and conclusions contained in the reports of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, and to monitor these issues;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Rolandas Paksas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Repeats its previous calls to the Member States to ensure freedom of movement for all EU citizens and their families, without discrimination on grounds of their ***sexual orientation or nationality***²; repeats its call to Member States to implement fully the rights granted under Articles 2 and 3 of Directive 2004/38/EC not only to different-sex spouses, but also to the registered partner, member of the household or partner with whom an EU citizen has a duly attested, stable relationship, ***including members of same-sex couples***, on the basis

Amendment

9. Repeats its previous calls to the Member States to ensure freedom of movement for all EU citizens and their families, without discrimination on grounds of their nationality²; repeats its call to Member States to implement fully the rights granted under Articles 2 and 3 of Directive 2004/38/EC not only to different-sex spouses, but also to the registered partner, member of the household or partner with whom an EU citizen has a duly attested, stable relationship, on the basis of the principles of mutual recognition, equality,

of the principles of mutual recognition, equality, non-discrimination, dignity and respect for private and family life; in that connection, calls on the Commission to ensure that the directive is strictly applied, drawing on the analysis and conclusions contained in the reports of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, and to monitor these issues;

non-discrimination, dignity and respect for private and family life; in that connection, calls on the Commission to ensure that the directive is strictly applied, drawing on the analysis and conclusions contained in the reports of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, and to monitor these issues;

Or. It

Amendment 97
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Repeats its previous calls to the Member States to ensure freedom of movement for all EU citizens and their families, without discrimination on grounds of their sexual orientation or nationality²; repeats its call to Member States to implement fully the rights granted under Articles 2 and 3 of Directive 2004/38/EC not only to different-sex spouses, but also to the registered partner, member of the household or partner with whom an EU citizen has a duly attested, stable relationship, including members of same-sex couples, on the basis of the principles of mutual recognition, equality, non-discrimination, dignity and respect for private and family life; in that connection, calls on the Commission to ensure that the directive is strictly applied, drawing on the analysis and conclusions contained in the reports of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, and to monitor these issues;

Amendment

9. Repeats its previous calls to the Member States to ensure freedom of movement for all EU citizens and their families, without discrimination on grounds of their sexual orientation or nationality²; repeats its call to Member States to implement fully the rights granted under Articles 2 and 3 of Directive 2004/38/EC not only to different-sex spouses, but also to the registered partner, member of the household or partner with whom an EU citizen has a duly attested, stable relationship, including members of same-sex couples, on the basis of the principles of mutual recognition, equality, non-discrimination, dignity and respect for private and family life; in that connection, calls on the Commission to ensure that the directive is strictly applied, drawing on the analysis and conclusions contained in the reports of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, and to monitor these issues; ***supports the Commission's action to facilitate the free circulation of official civil status documents by 2013;***

Amendment 98
Zoltán Bagó

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Repeats its previous calls to the Member States to ensure freedom of movement for all EU citizens and their families, without discrimination on grounds of their sexual orientation or nationality²; repeats its call to Member States to implement fully the rights granted under Articles 2 and 3 of Directive 2004/38/EC not only to different-sex spouses, but also to the registered partner, member of the household or partner with whom an EU citizen has a duly attested, stable relationship, including members of same-sex couples, on the basis of the principles of mutual recognition, equality, non-discrimination, dignity and respect for private and family life; in that connection, calls on the Commission to ensure that the directive is strictly applied, drawing on the analysis and conclusions contained in the reports of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, and to monitor these issues;

Amendment

9. Repeats its previous calls to the Member States to ensure freedom of movement for all EU citizens and their families, without discrimination on grounds of their sexual orientation or nationality²; ***stresses at the same time that it takes full account of, and respects, the provisions and stipulations laid down in the constitutions and family laws of the individual Member States regarding families***; repeats its call to Member States to implement fully the rights granted under Articles 2 and 3 of Directive 2004/38/EC not only to different-sex spouses, but also to the registered partner, member of the household or partner with whom an EU citizen has a duly attested, stable relationship, including members of same-sex couples, on the basis of the principles of mutual recognition, equality, non-discrimination, dignity and respect for private and family life; in that connection, calls on the Commission to ensure that the directive is strictly applied, drawing on the analysis and conclusions contained in the reports of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, and to monitor these issues;

Or. hu

Amendment 99
Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Recognises that there are some obstacles preventing EU citizens to fully enjoy their electoral rights when residing in a country different from their own; is aware of the fact that finding a proper balance between exercising individual rights and keeping the common interest is not an easy task; calls on member states to find better solutions for the improvement of the rules governing elections or at least to promote the best procedures wherever they exist in the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Sonia Alfano, Gianni Vattimo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. 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 101
Erminia Mazzoni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission to pay more attention and respond more precisely to the numerous petitions received on the mutual recognition of civil-status documents and of their effects¹ and therefore highlights the importance of making progress as quickly as possible towards ensuring the mutual recognition of the status of same-sex marriages and same-sex and different-sex recognised partnerships across the EU and overcoming discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or type of relationship (civil partnership or marriage); calls on the Commission, further, to put forward appropriate legislative proposals as a matter of urgency;

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 102
Zoltán Bagó

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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attention and respond more precisely to the numerous petitions received on the mutual recognition of civil-status documents and of their effects¹ and **therefore highlights the importance of making progress as quickly as possible towards ensuring the mutual recognition** of the status of same-sex marriages and same-sex and different-sex recognised partnerships **across the EU and overcoming discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or type of relationship (civil partnership or marriage); calls on the Commission, further, to put forward appropriate legislative proposals as a matter of urgency;**

attention and respond more precisely to the numerous petitions received on the mutual recognition of civil-status documents and of their effects¹ and **accordingly calls upon the Commission to put forward legislative proposals that enable all Member States to provide for the legislative background and the procedural-law possibility on the basis of which those Member States that do not regulate** the legal status of same-sex marriages and same-sex and different-sex recognised partnerships **make it possible to access the documents referred to, to procure those and their recognition, based on the prohibition of discrimination;**

Or. hu

Amendment 103
Rolandas Paksas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission to pay more attention and respond more precisely to the numerous petitions received on the mutual recognition of civil-status documents and of their effects³ and therefore highlights the importance of making progress as quickly as possible towards ensuring the mutual recognition of the status of **same-sex marriages and same-sex** and different-sex recognised partnerships across the EU and overcoming discrimination on the grounds of **sexual orientation or** type of relationship (civil partnership or marriage); calls on the Commission, further, to put forward appropriate legislative proposals as a matter of urgency;

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission to pay more attention and respond more precisely to the numerous petitions received on the mutual recognition of civil-status documents and of their effects³ and therefore highlights the importance of making progress as quickly as possible towards ensuring the mutual recognition of the status of **different-sex recognised partnerships** across the EU and overcoming discrimination **on the grounds of type of relationship** (civil partnership or marriage); calls on the Commission, further, to put forward appropriate legislative proposals as a matter of urgency;

Or. It

Amendment 104
Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission to pay more attention and respond more precisely to the numerous petitions received on the mutual recognition of civil-status documents and of their effects¹⁰ and therefore highlights the importance of making progress as quickly as possible towards ensuring the mutual recognition of the status of same-sex marriages **and same-sex and different-sex recognised partnerships across the EU** and overcoming discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or type of relationship (civil partnership or marriage); **calls on the Commission, further, to put forward appropriate legislative proposals as a matter of urgency;**

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission to pay more attention and respond more precisely to the numerous petitions received on the mutual recognition of civil-status documents and of their effects¹⁰ and therefore highlights the importance of making progress as quickly as possible towards ensuring the mutual recognition of the status of same-sex marriages **in the Member States that recognize such unions** and overcoming discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or type of relationship (civil partnership or marriage);

Or. en

Amendment 105
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission to pay more attention and respond more precisely to the numerous petitions received on the mutual recognition of civil-status documents and of their effects¹ and therefore highlights the importance of making progress as quickly as possible towards ensuring the mutual recognition of the status of **same-sex marriages and same-sex and different-sex recognised** partnerships across the EU and overcoming discrimination on the grounds

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission to pay more attention and respond more precisely to the numerous petitions received on the mutual recognition of civil-status documents and of their effects¹ and therefore highlights the importance of making progress as quickly as possible towards ensuring the mutual recognition of **official documents relating to** the status of same-sex and different-sex **marriages and** partnerships across the EU and overcoming discrimination on the

of sexual orientation or type of relationship (civil partnership or marriage); calls on the Commission, further, to put forward **appropriate** legislative proposals as a matter of urgency;

grounds of sexual orientation or type of relationship (civil partnership or marriage); calls on the Commission, further, to put forward legislative proposals as a matter of urgency **regarding the mutual recognition of all types of official documents**;

Or. fr

Amendment 106
Tiziano Motti

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission to pay more attention and respond more precisely to the numerous petitions received on the mutual recognition of civil-status documents and of their effects¹ and therefore highlights the importance of making progress as quickly as possible towards ensuring the mutual recognition of the status of **same-sex marriages and** same-sex and different-sex recognised partnerships across the EU and overcoming discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or type of relationship (civil partnership or marriage); calls on the Commission, further, to put forward appropriate legislative proposals as a matter of urgency;

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Or. it

Amendment 107
Ádám Kósa, Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission to pay more attention and respond more precisely to the numerous petitions received on the mutual recognition of civil-status documents and of their effects¹ and therefore highlights the importance of making progress as quickly as possible towards ensuring the mutual recognition of the status of same-sex marriages and same-sex and different-sex recognised partnerships across the EU and overcoming discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or type of relationship (civil partnership or marriage); calls on the Commission, further, to put forward appropriate legislative proposals as a matter of urgency;

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission to pay more attention and respond more precisely to the numerous petitions received on the mutual recognition of civil-status documents – ***including unhindered access to these documents by people with disabilities*** – and of their effects¹ and therefore highlights the importance of making progress as quickly as possible towards ensuring the mutual recognition of the status of same-sex marriages and same-sex and different-sex recognised partnerships across the EU and overcoming discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or type of relationship (civil partnership or marriage); calls on the Commission, further, to put forward appropriate legislative proposals as a matter of urgency;

Or. hu

Amendment 108
Ádám Kósa, Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

10a. Urges that Member States ensure and calls the attention of the Commission to the fact that hearing impaired suspects and defendants, including aggrieved parties in the case of criminal offences, be provided, if they so require, with suitable sign language interpreters in the interest of protecting their rights and preserving their dignity;

Or. hu

Amendment 109
Sonia Alfano, Gianni Vattimo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. 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 110
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Highlights the fact that mass expulsions represent a breach of the FMD, in addition to contravening the basic values and principles underpinning the European Union; recalls that, under the FMD, restrictions on freedom of movement and residence on grounds of public policy or public security can be imposed exclusively on the basis of personal conduct, without any discrimination on grounds such as ethnic or national origin, and that lack of economic means cannot be used as the justification for the automatic expulsion of EU citizens

11. Recalls that, under the FMD, restrictions on freedom of movement and residence on grounds of public policy or public security can be imposed exclusively on the basis of personal conduct, without any discrimination on grounds such as ethnic or national origin, and that lack of economic means cannot be used as the justification for the automatic expulsion of EU citizens (Recital 16, Article 14);

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Or. fr

Amendment 111

Tiziano Motti

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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Or. it

Amendment 112

Zoltán Bagó

Motion for a resolution

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restrictions on freedom of movement and residence on grounds of public policy or public security can be imposed exclusively on the basis of personal conduct, without any discrimination on grounds such as ethnic or national origin, and that lack of economic means *or any other purpose relating to compensation, punishment or disenfranchisement* cannot be used as the justification for the automatic expulsion of EU citizens (Recital 16, Article 14).

Or. hu

Amendment 113
Ádám Kósa, Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

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Or. hu

Amendment 114
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Urges Member States to abolish policies that discriminate, either directly or indirectly, against **the Roma and** other minority groups on the grounds of race and ethnicity, **and calls on them to stop all instances of persecution, eviction and expulsion**; calls on all Member States and the EU to take joint responsibility for promoting the integration of Roma, in keeping with the European Parliament resolution of 9 March 2011 on the EU strategy on Roma inclusion¹ and ‘An EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020’², and to promote and protect their fundamental rights;

Amendment

12. Urges Member States to abolish policies that discriminate, either directly or indirectly, against minority groups on the grounds of race and ethnicity; calls on all Member States and the EU to take joint responsibility for promoting the integration of Roma, in keeping with the European Parliament resolution of 9 March 2011 on the EU strategy on Roma inclusion¹ and ‘An EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020’², and to promote and protect their fundamental rights;

Or. fr

Amendment 115
Zoltán Bagó

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

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Amendment

12. Urges Member States to abolish policies that discriminate, either directly or indirectly, against the Roma and other minority groups on the grounds of race and ethnicity, and calls on them to stop all instances of persecution, eviction and expulsion, **and to annul and repeal those laws that directly or indirectly refer to or provide for the persecution, eviction, forced return, or confiscation of assets of Roma or local minority groups** and calls on them to stop all instances of persecution, eviction and expulsion; calls on all Member States and the EU to take joint responsibility for promoting the integration of Roma, in keeping with the European Parliament resolution of 9 March

2011 on the EU strategy on Roma inclusion¹ and ‘An EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020’², and to promote and protect their fundamental rights;

Or. hu

Amendment 116
Tiziano Motti

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

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Amendment

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Or. it

Amendment 117
Ágnes Hankiss

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policies that discriminate, either directly or indirectly, against the Roma and other minority groups on the grounds of race and ethnicity, and calls on them to stop all instances of persecution, eviction and expulsion; calls on all Member States and the EU to take joint responsibility for promoting **and facilitating** the integration of Roma, in keeping with the European Parliament resolution of 9 March 2011 on the EU strategy on Roma inclusion¹¹ and ‘An EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020’¹², and to promote and protect their fundamental rights;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Zoltán Bagó

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Insists that the Commission initiate without delay infringement proceedings against all Member States that have provisions in force in their current legal systems concerning the persecution, eviction, or possible forced return of Roma or any other minority group;

Or. hu

Amendment 119
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to link social

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inclusion priorities to a clear set of objectives that include protection of citizens against discrimination in all areas of life ***and the promotion of social dialogue between Roma and non-Roma people in order to combat racism and xenophobia***; calls on the Commission, as guardian of the Treaties, to ensure that the relevant legislation is implemented in full and that appropriate penalties are imposed for racially motivated crimes³;

inclusion priorities to a clear set of objectives that include protection of citizens, ***and minorities in particular***, against discrimination in all areas of life; calls on the Commission, as guardian of the Treaties, to ensure that the relevant legislation is implemented in full and that appropriate penalties are imposed for racially ***or sexually*** motivated crimes³;

Or. fr

Amendment 120
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Is concerned about the situation of stateless persons permanently resident in Member States, in particular, Latvia and Estonia¹; 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 take part in local elections;

¹ *See, inter alia, Petitions 1263/07 and 1746/08*

Or. en

Amendment 121
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Recalls that the almost 80 million people with disabilities in the European Union still face obstacles, insurmountable in many instances, when, in various ways, they exercise their right of free movement as citizens of the Union; calls accordingly on the European institutions and the Member States to make it easier for people with disabilities to have access to all means of transport and associated infrastructure facilities as soon as possible in accordance with the ‘European Disability Strategy 2010-2020’ (COM(2010) 636) and the Parliament own-initiative report based on it (2010/2272); also points in this context to the disproportionately high number of older people with restricted mobility;

Or. de

Amendment 122

Mikael Gustafsson, Zita Gurmai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Calls on the Commission to monitor the correct application by Member States of regulations on the coordination of social security systems, with a focus on the new aspects introduced by Regulations 883/2004 and 987/2009, which came into force on 1 May 2010;

14. Calls on the Commission to monitor the correct application by Member States of regulations on the coordination of social security systems, with a **special** focus on **gender equality and** the new aspects introduced by **the** Regulations 883/2004 and 987/2009, which came into force on 1 May 2010;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Philippe Boulland

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Points out that, although right of free movement and residence is firmly established in Union primary law and well developed in secondary law, the rules continue to be applied unsatisfactorily, negatively impacting on citizens who wish to exercise their rights; points out that Member States should work together to eliminate any remaining administrative and legal obstacles brought to their attention by European institutions and the Committee on Petitions; points out that a special effort should be made to meet the wishes of low-skilled workers and workers with disabilities for professional mobility, exchanges and training; points out that one response could be, for example, to establish an Erasmus programme for people with disabilities;

Or. fr

**Amendment 124
Heinz K. Becker**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Notes that, for full use to be made of cross-border health care, numerous legal uncertainties and organisational obstacles relating to cooperation between Member States (impenetrable refund arrangements, poor exchange of information and data, etc.), as well as a lack of information among patients and medical service providers, still need to be overcome; calls on the Commission and

Member States to make the greatest possible use of the existing potential for eHealth and Telemedicine to simplify cross-border health care, but also to improve the quality and efficiency of national medical services, while also fully complying with European data protection provisions;

Or. de

Amendment 125
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Considers that the convergence of European tax and social security rules and the harmonisation of national social security schemes are viable solutions for dealing with the difficulties in relation to coordination between Member States on the detailed procedures within their own systems; takes the view that, as a result, national, regional and local authorities would encounter fewer difficulties in applying the rules and that procedures would be simplified for European citizens;

Or. fr

Amendment 126
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Notes that the greatest obstacles preventing citizens from benefiting from the larger product range and competitive

prices available in the single market are a lack of knowledge of consumer rights in other European countries, on the one hand, and a lack of confidence in these rights on the other; supports the Commission therefore in its efforts with a view to easier access, including online access, to alternative dispute resolution procedures for cross-border purchases within the Union, which are a lower-cost and faster alternative to court proceedings;

Or. de

Amendment 127
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14c. Takes the view that the patient's right to information is fundamental; notes therefore with concern that many citizens are poorly informed about procedures for reimbursement of medical expenses incurred abroad, too often taking the view that a particular medical treatment which is free in their home country will inevitably be free abroad, in particular on the basis of the European health insurance card;

Or. fr

Amendment 128
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14d. Supports the introduction of an electronic system for information exchange, in connection with social security data, between Member States in order to speed up procedures for registration and payment of benefits, but also to combat social security fraud;

Or. fr

Amendment 129
Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Considers that **a modernised** Qualifications Directive should focus on streamlining the sources of information currently available to professionals and ensure coordination with the ‘Your Europe’ portal;

Amendment

17. Considers that **an updated** Qualifications Directive should focus on **eliminating obstacles from educational mobility with special attention paid to the youth and simultaneously** streamlining the sources of information currently available to professionals and ensure coordination with the ‘Your Europe’ portal ;

Or. en

Amendment 130
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

17. Considers that a modernised **Recognition of** Qualifications Directive should focus on streamlining the sources of information currently available to

ensure coordination with the ‘Your Europe’ portal;

professionals and ensure coordination with the ‘Your Europe’ portal;

Or. fr

Amendment 131
Nikolaos Salavrakos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

17. Considers that a modernised Qualifications Directive should focus on streamlining the sources of information currently available to professionals and ensure coordination with the ‘Your Europe’ portal; ***points out, at the same time, that it must guide and advise mobile workers regarding employment opportunities and living and working conditions in the EU;***

Or. el

Amendment 132
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

18a. Proposes that the Commission make citizens aware of the risks inherent in illegal work, and of the advantages associated with obtaining legal work (tax, social security, right to professional training, right to citizenship, right to housing, right to family reunification, access to education and training for children), through existing tools (EURES, etc.);

Amendment 133
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. Proposes that a specific and very regularly updated internet portal be set up to allow national, regional and local authorities to flag up the sectors of the economy looking for manpower, in order to facilitate voluntary mobility;

Amendment 134
Erminia Mazzoni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Recalls **that one of the oldest outstanding petitions concerns** the discriminatory treatment that foreign-language lecturers (**'lettori'**) have been suffering in several **Italian** universities¹; calls on the Commission to investigate **further the current so-called 'Gelmini reform', which entered into force in December 2010; calls on the Italian authorities and the respective universities to resolve this case as a matter of urgency;**

19. Recalls the discriminatory treatment that foreign-language lecturers have been suffering in several **European** universities¹; calls on the Commission to investigate **a common framework in this area;**

Amendment 135
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Recalls that one of the oldest outstanding petitions concerns the discriminatory treatment that foreign-language lecturers ('lettori') have been suffering in several Italian universities¹; calls on the Commission to investigate further the current so-called 'Gelmini reform', which entered into force in December 2010; calls on the Italian authorities and the respective universities to resolve this case as a matter of urgency;

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Or. fr

Amendment 136
Philippe Boulland, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Recalls that Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003³ lays down the principle that children should be able to maintain their relationships with both parents after the latter have separated, even if they live in different Member States; points out that, although the introduction and application of substantive rules on access rights is currently a Member State matter, the Member States must respect Union law when exercising their powers, in particular the Treaty provisions concerning the freedom of all EU citizens to travel and

Amendment

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reside in another Member State⁴;

reside in another Member State⁴ *as well as maintaining ties between parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren, and brothers and sisters*; adds *that the occasionally lengthy waiting periods and the number of procedures constraining parents who wish to return to their home country with their child/children are a barrier to the free movement of European citizens*;

Or. fr

Amendment 137
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Recalls that Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003¹⁸ lays down the principle that children should be able to maintain their relationships with both parents after the latter have separated, even if they live in different Member States; points out that, although the introduction and application of substantive rules on access rights is currently a Member State matter, the Member States must respect Union law when exercising their powers, in particular the Treaty provisions concerning the freedom of all EU citizens to travel and reside in another Member State¹⁹ ;

Amendment

20. Recalls that Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003¹⁸ lays down the principle that children should be able to maintain their relationships with both parents after the latter have separated, even if they live in different Member States; points out that, although the introduction and application of substantive rules on access rights is currently a Member State matter, the Member States must respect Union law when exercising their powers, in particular the Treaty provisions concerning the freedom of all EU citizens to travel and reside in another Member State¹⁹ ; *calls on the Commission to investigate alleged discrimination against the non-German spouse in mixed marriages in the case of the German Youth Welfare Office (Jugendamt)*;

Or. en

Amendment 138
Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 a. Stresses that the public authorities have a duty to identify, and eliminate, obstacles and barriers restricting access by the disabled to benefit from EU citizens rights i.e. facilities and services available to the public at large, including transport, public institutions and places, public education and information, using means of communication appropriate to the type of disability concerned and without delays or extra costs

Or. en

Amendment 139
Philippe Boulland, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Points out that any state intending to modify a child's civil-status documents recognised in a Member State of the Union must inform the Member State in question of its intention to do so, so that documents such as birth certificates cannot be modified in such a way as to erase the origin of the child's identity;

Or. fr

Amendment 140
Zoltán Bagó

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 a. The relevant provision of EU legislation and the Agreement that states that all EU citizens have the right to travel to and stay in other Member States, cannot, with reference to the right of access, infringe upon or inhibit the prohibitive provisions of the given Member State – which are based on child protection, safety of life, or on other reasonable and justified reasons – or the final judgement issued by an independent court of the given Member State that has a territorial scope;

Or. hu

**Amendment 141
Philippe Boulland**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

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20b. Points out that any Union citizen recognised as the parent of a child born in or out of wedlock must be informed, in the event of separation, about his or her scope for redress, in order to obtain visiting rights, except in cases where, by common agreement between the parents' and child's home countries, it has been established that that would place the child at genuine risk;

Or. fr

**Amendment 142
Philippe Boulland**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 c (new)**

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Motion for a resolution

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20c. Calls for the appointment of an ombudsman or, at the very least, a children's ombudsman in every Member State who would have sufficient powers to access any documents and review court decisions, with the aim of reconciling the claims and legal difficulties of parents who are separating, in order to prevent them from opting for unlawful conduct so as to enforce what they regard as their right and that of their children; adds that any citizen may bring a matter before the ombudsman in their home country or in the country where, in his or her opinion, his or her rights have not been respected;

Or. fr

**Amendment 143
Philippe Boulland**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 d (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20d. Calls - in the interests of equality between European citizens as to choice of divorce law - on the Member States which have not done so to ratify the Council Decision of 12 July 2010 authorising enhanced cooperation in the area of the law applicable to divorce and legal separation; calls moreover on the Commission to promote this new instrument during European Year of Citizenship, given that, as the number of transnational marriages increases, the number of transnational divorces will inevitably increase too;

Or. fr

Amendment 144
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20e. Takes the view that redress must be available at least at local, national or European level to any citizen who considers that his or her rights have been flouted, so as to defend those rights;

Or. fr

Amendment 145
Carlos José Iturgaiz Angulo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Draws attention once again to the problems faced by those EU citizens who decided to exercise their right of establishment under Article 49 TFEU and legally bought properties in Spain, which were subsequently illegalised ***without due process or proper compensation***; urges the Spanish authorities to thoroughly revise the way the Ley de Costas (Coastal Law) is implemented in order to avoid affecting the rights of individual property owners;

21. Draws attention once again to the problems faced by those EU citizens who decided to exercise their right of establishment under Article 49 TFEU, and ***who*** legally bought properties in Spain, which were subsequently illegalised ; urges the Spanish authorities to thoroughly revise the way the Ley de Costas (Coastal Law) is implemented in order to avoid affecting the rights of individual property owners, ***taking into account the fact that property law does not fall within the EU's area of competence and is subject to the subsidiarity principle enshrined in the Treaties***;

Or. es

Amendment 146
Erminia Mazzoni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Recalls ***the key priority in the Committee on Petitions: to find a solution to the longstanding property concerns in countries such as Spain, Cyprus and Bulgaria; points out*** that EU citizens, ***both nationals and non-nationals***, have had a number of serious problems with property transactions and bank guarantees and the violation of property rights, which has contributed to a lack of confidence in the cross-border property market and to Europe's economic problems; on the basis of the conclusions reached by a number of property law experts and members of the Committee on Petitions, calls for the EU's consumer-protection and free movement principles to be extended to cover property, and reiterates its call for the right to legitimately acquired property to be fully respected;

Amendment

22. Recalls that EU citizens ***in some Member States*** have had a number of serious problems with property transactions and bank guarantees and the violation of property rights, which has contributed to a lack of confidence in the cross-border property market and to Europe's economic problems; on the basis of the conclusions reached by a number of property law experts and members of the Committee on Petitions, calls for the EU's consumer-protection and free movement principles to be extended to cover property, and reiterates its call for the right to legitimately acquired property to be fully respected;

Or. it

Amendment 147
Carlos José Iturgaiz Angulo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Reemphasises the key priority of the Committee on Petitions: to find a solution to the old concerns relating to property ***in such countries as Spain, Cyprus and Bulgaria***; points out that EU citizens, both nationals and non-nationals, have had serious problems with property transactions and bank guarantees, and that the violation of property rights has contributed to a lack of confidence in the

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22. Reemphasises the key priority of the Committee on Petitions: to find a solution to the old concerns relating to property; points out that EU citizens, both nationals and non-nationals, have had serious problems with property transactions and bank guarantees, and that the violation of property rights has contributed to a lack of confidence in the cross-border property market and to Europe's economic

cross-border property market and to Europe's economic problems; calls, *on the basis of the conclusions reached by certain experts in legislation on property and members of the Committee on Petitions*, for EU principles regarding consumer protection and freedom of movement to be extended to property, and reiterates its request for the right for legitimately acquired ownership to be fully respected;

problems; calls for EU principles regarding consumer protection and freedom of movement to be extended to property, and reiterates its request for the right for legitimately acquired ownership to be fully respected;

Or. es

Amendment 148
Stanimir Ilchev, Iliana Malinova Iotova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Recalls the key priority in the Committee on Petitions: to find a solution to the longstanding property concerns in *countries such as Spain, Cyprus and Bulgaria*; points out that EU citizens, both nationals and non-nationals, have *had a number* of serious problems with *property transactions and bank guarantees and the violation of property rights*, which has contributed to a lack of confidence in the cross-border property market *and to Europe's economic problems*; on the basis of the conclusions reached by a number of property law experts and members of the Committee on Petitions, calls for the EU's consumer-protection and free movement principles to be extended to cover property, and reiterates its call for the right to legitimately acquired property to be fully respected;

Amendment

22. Recalls the key priority in the Committee on Petitions: to find a solution to the longstanding property concerns in Spain, Cyprus, *Bulgaria* and *other EU Member States*; points out that EU citizens, both nationals and non-nationals, have *been experiencing series* of serious problems with *different kinds of* violation of property rights, which has *indeed* contributed to a lack of confidence in the cross-border property market; on the basis of the conclusions reached by a number of property law experts and members of the Committee on Petitions, calls for the EU's consumer-protection and free movement principles to be extended to cover property, and reiterates its call for the right to legitimately acquired property to be fully respected;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Recalls *the* key priority in the Committee on Petitions: to find a solution to the longstanding property concerns in countries such as Spain, Cyprus and Bulgaria; points out that EU citizens, both nationals and non-nationals, have had a number of serious problems with property transactions and bank guarantees and the violation of property rights, which has contributed to a lack of confidence in the cross-border property market and to Europe's economic problems; *on the basis of the conclusions reached by a number of property law experts and members of the Committee on Petitions, calls for the EU's consumer-protection and free movement principles to be extended to cover property, and reiterates its call* for the right to legitimately acquired property to be fully respected;

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22. Recalls *a* key priority in the Committee on Petitions: to find a solution to the longstanding property concerns, *particularly in the field of real property*, in countries such as Spain, Cyprus and Bulgaria; points out that EU citizens, both nationals and non-nationals, have had a number of serious problems with property transactions and bank guarantees and the violation of property rights, which has contributed to a lack of confidence in the cross-border property market and to Europe's economic problems; *calls accordingly* for the right to *legally* acquired property to be fully respected;

Or. fr

Amendment 150
Mariya Nedelcheva

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Recalls the key priority in the Committee on Petitions: to find a solution to the longstanding property concerns in countries *such as Spain, Cyprus and Bulgaria*; points out that EU citizens, both nationals and non-nationals, have had a number of serious problems with property

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22. Recalls the key priority in the Committee on Petitions: to find a solution to the longstanding property concerns in *EU* countries; points out that EU citizens, both nationals and non-nationals, have had a number of serious problems with property transactions and bank guarantees

transactions and bank guarantees and the violation of property rights, which has contributed to a lack of confidence in the cross-border property market and to Europe's economic problems; on the basis of the conclusions reached by a number of property law experts and members of the Committee on Petitions, calls for the EU's consumer-protection and free movement principles to be extended to cover property, and reiterates its call for the right to legitimately acquired property to be fully respected;

and the violation of property rights, which has contributed to a lack of confidence in the cross-border property market and to Europe's economic problems; on the basis of the conclusions reached by a number of property law experts and members of the Committee on Petitions, calls for the EU's consumer-protection and free movement principles to be extended to cover property, and reiterates its call for the right to legitimately acquired property to be fully respected;

Or. bg

Amendment 151
Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Recalls the key priority in the Committee on Petitions: to find a solution to the longstanding property concerns in countries such as Spain, Cyprus and Bulgaria; points out that EU citizens, both nationals and non-nationals, have had a number of serious problems with property transactions and bank guarantees and the violation of property rights, which has contributed to a lack of confidence in the cross-border property market and to Europe's economic problems; on the basis of the conclusions reached by a number of property law experts and members of the Committee on Petitions, calls for the EU's consumer-protection and free movement principles to be extended to cover property, and reiterates its call for the right to legitimately acquired property to be fully respected;

Amendment

22. Recalls the key priority in the Committee on Petitions: to find a solution to the longstanding property concerns in countries such as Spain, Cyprus and Bulgaria; points out that EU citizens, both nationals and non-nationals, have had a number of serious problems with property transactions and bank guarantees and the violation of property rights, which has contributed to a lack of confidence in the cross-border property market and to Europe's economic problems; on the basis of the conclusions reached by a number of property law experts and members of the Committee on Petitions, calls for the EU's consumer-protection and free movement principles to be extended to cover property, and reiterates its call for the right to legitimately acquired property to be fully respected; ***reiterates the need for addressing other types of property concerns expressed by petitioners, such as***

historical illegitimate confiscation and restitution of property as an issue to be resolved in several Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 152
Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 a. Notes that in some member states there are different restrictions which make it difficult for nationals of other member states to join existing political parties or found their own party; calls on member states to eradicate such restrictions;

Or. en

Amendment 153
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Acknowledges that the continuing reduction in voter turnout at the European elections constitutes a challenge for Europe; calls therefore on the European institutions and Member States to step up their efforts to provide useful and specific information to citizens on their electoral rights, for both European and local elections in the Member State in which they are resident, and to promote the exercise of their rights; welcomes the Commission's willingness to simplify the procedure that

allows European citizens to stand for election in European and local elections in their country of residence and to carry out the technical groundwork to improve mechanisms for preventing double voting and loss of voting rights; proposes accordingly that a European electoral roll be established for European elections;

Or. fr

Amendment 154
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22b. Supports the action taken by the Commission with a view to publishing the results of European Parliament elections at the same time in each Member State;

Or. fr

Amendment 155
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22c. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to initiate a dialogue in order to prevent European citizens from losing their voting rights as a result of exercising their right to free movement; calls accordingly on the Commission to organise a hearing on the issue, together with Parliament, the conclusions of which could be published for the European Year of Citizenship in 2013;

Amendment 156
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

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22d. Proposes that becoming a member of a European political party could be suggested more often, when a national party is joined, as a way of promoting citizens' political involvement in Europe;

Or. fr

Amendment 157
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22e. Proposes that the Commission conduct a survey to determine how European citizens wish to be informed about the Union's activities so as to meet their expectations more directly;

Or. fr

Amendment 158
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

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22f. Proposes that the Commission launch

a Union-level competition in 2012 to design a logo for the European Year of Citizenship;

Or. fr

Amendment 159
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

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22g. Calls on the Commission to make European territory more closely networked with regard to information on Union activities by increasing the number of grassroots information outlets for citizens;

Or. fr

Amendment 160
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Considers that the establishment of the **one-stop shop** for citizens, 'Your Europe', is of great importance for **citizens** seeking advice or redress; acknowledges that the problem-solving networks set up by the Commission are important partners in the settlement of complaints regarding malfunctions in the internal market; calls on the Commission to promote these online and accessible services more actively by involving the existing EU level assistance and problem solving services;

23. Considers that the establishment of a **single information portal** for citizens, 'Your Europe', is of great importance for **individuals** seeking advice or redress; acknowledges **at the same time** that the **information and** problem-solving networks set up by the Commission (**Europe Direct, 'Solvit', European Consumer Centres, etc.**) are important partners in the settlement of complaints regarding malfunctions in the internal market; calls on the Commission to promote these online and accessible services more actively **not only** by

involving the existing EU level assistance and problem solving services, **but also, in particular, by taking a more comprehensive and more active approach in making these known to citizens;**

Or. de

Amendment 161
Ádám Kósa, Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Considers that the establishment of **the** one-stop shop for citizens, ‘Your Europe’, is of great importance for citizens seeking advice or redress; acknowledges that the problem-solving networks set up by the Commission are important partners in the settlement of complaints regarding malfunctions in the internal market; calls on the Commission to promote these online and accessible services more actively by involving the existing EU level assistance and problem solving services;

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23. Considers that the establishment of **a barrier-free** one-stop shop for citizens, ‘Your Europe’, is of great importance for citizens seeking advice or redress; acknowledges that the problem-solving networks set up by the Commission are important partners in the settlement of complaints regarding malfunctions in the internal market; calls on the Commission to promote these online and accessible services more actively by involving the existing EU level assistance and problem solving services;

Or. hu

Amendment 162
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

23a. Points out that, as information is the core component of any action, citizens should be better informed about their rights as passengers, consumers, workers, tourists, etc.; is of the view, moreover, that

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citizens who know for certain that they are protected will help more to marshal the full potential of the European market for goods and services and will benefit more from it; calls therefore for the European institutions to inform citizens about the resources provided to protect and help them in the face of threats or situations where, as individuals, they are powerless, making sure to convey that information to what are termed minority groups or groups living below the poverty line, which are not disposed to seeking out such information;

Or. fr

Amendment 163
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

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23b Suggests that host Member States make support available to Union citizens who are newly resident in their country so that they can exercise their social rights (social security, access to healthcare, access to education) and their electoral rights (local, European and trade union elections);

Or. fr

Amendment 164
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

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23c. Regards cross-border workers as the

first to suffer as a result of Member States' administrative red tape; points out that, in addition to better information about their social and professional rights, cross-border workers must have easier access to trade union membership so that they can be better protected; believes moreover that information on the advantages linked to mobility may be a crucial support for efforts to combat the brain drain facing the EU;

Or. fr

Amendment 165
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

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23d. Calls on Parliament and the European Council to ensure that the Member States have sufficient budget funds to ensure that the European Year of Citizens in 2013 and the resulting activities, particularly media-related, proceed well if the objectives set are to be attained;

Or. fr

Amendment 166
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

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24. Encourages the Commission to cooperate with the Committee on Petitions in drafting a new citizenship report in 2013;

24. Encourages the Commission to make the European Citizens' Initiative a central feature of its agenda in 2013; encourages the Commission to cooperate

with the Committee on Petitions in drafting a new citizenship report in 2013;

Or. fr

Amendment 167
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Encourages the Commission to cooperate with the Committee on Petitions in drafting a new citizenship report in 2013;

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24. Encourages the Commission to cooperate with the Committee on Petitions in drafting a new citizenship report in 2013; ***makes it clear in this context that the Committee on Petitions, in particular on the basis of the petitions it receives, will critically examine the results achieved (before the next report is published) in terms of strengthening Union citizenship and will call for further action by the Commission as necessary;***

Or. de

Amendment 168
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

24a. Believes that the European Union should communicate more regularly via television, which is an important vehicle for information; therefore welcomes the additional budget funds allocated to Euronews;

Or. fr

Amendment 169
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

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24 a. Welcomes the Commission's recent proposal to strengthen the EU citizens' protection by the diplomatic or consular authorities of any Member State, notably by clarifying when a citizen is considered not represented and specifying the type of assistance Member States typically provide in cases of need;

Or. en

Amendment 170
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 b. Encourages the Commission to produce information material, such as a "EU Citizens' Right Decalogue", outlining in clear and simple terms EU citizens' rights; considers that this leaflet should be readily available and serve as a handbook for all citizens moving, working, studying, shopping, travelling and exercising their political rights across borders;

Or. en

Amendment 171
Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to declare 2013 as the 'European Year of Citizens', which would mark 20 years since the introduction of the 'EU citizenship' concept and would enhance awareness of the rights **attaching** to Union citizenship; calls on the Commission to use this opportunity to strengthen its efforts to protect and promote citizens' rights;

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25. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to declare 2013 as the 'European Year of Citizens', which would mark 20 years since the introduction of the 'EU citizenship' concept and would **raise and** enhance awareness of the rights **attached** to Union citizenship; calls on the Commission to use this opportunity to strengthen its efforts to protect and promote citizens' rights **and thereby reinforce the status and the image of the EU as defender and facilitator of citizens' rights; underlines the importance of tapping the strategic potential of year 2013 for the acceleration of socio-political changes essential for resolving the lack of trust deepened by the economic crises; calls for the insertion of Union citizenship as a priority of the incumbent Presidency of the Council of the European Union;**

Or. en

Amendment 172
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to declare 2013 as the 'European Year of Citizens', which would mark 20 years since the introduction of the 'EU citizenship' concept and would enhance awareness of the rights attaching to Union citizenship; calls on the Commission to use this opportunity to strengthen its efforts to protect and promote citizens' rights;

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25. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to declare 2013 as the 'European Year of Citizens', which would mark 20 years since the introduction of the 'EU citizenship' concept and would enhance awareness of the rights attaching to Union citizenship **and of the information and problem-solving services which are crucial for providing information about those rights and for enforcing them in practice;** calls on the Commission **and the Member States** to use this opportunity to

strengthen its efforts to protect and promote citizens' rights *and regards the involvement of civil society (NGOs, NPOs, etc.) and the provision of sufficient budgetary resources for Europe-wide campaigns as key factors for adding value to that year;*

Or. de

Amendment 173
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to declare 2013 as the 'European Year of Citizens', which would mark 20 years since the introduction of the 'EU citizenship' concept and would enhance awareness of the rights attaching to Union citizenship; calls on the Commission to use this opportunity to strengthen its efforts to protect and promote citizens' rights;

Amendment

25. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to declare 2013 as the 'European Year of Citizens', which would mark 20 years since the introduction of the 'EU citizenship' concept and would enhance awareness of the rights attaching to Union citizenship; calls on the Commission to use this opportunity to strengthen its efforts to protect and promote citizens' rights, *particularly in connection with the next Citizenship Report;*

Or. fr

Amendment 174
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

25a. Deplores the lack of coordination between Member States, resulting in double taxation of European citizens because of their experience or residence in a country other than their country of

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origin; calls, in the absence of pension taxation harmonisation, for at least regular cooperation between Member States on these questions, as well as for the establishment of a centralised authority for double-taxation complaints involving Member States; underlines the fact that bilateral agreements between Member States are long-established and no longer reflect workers' movements and the new needs of the citizens concerned;

Or. fr

Amendment 175
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

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25a. Points out that, although the notion of Union citizenship is closely bound up with the right of free movement, all citizens who do not leave their Member State of origin also benefit from their rights as Union citizens; cites, by way of cases in point, on-line purchasing from other EU countries, passenger rights in connection with domestic flights, cross-border successions, and political rights such as the right to petition the European Parliament or to participate in the new European Citizens' Initiative; calls in this context on the Commission to make that fact fully known in connection with the European Year of the Citizen, as well as with other information campaigns relating to Union citizenship, and thus to ensure that all EU citizens, without exception, feel that such information addresses them directly;

Or. de

Amendment 176
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

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25a. Notes the lack of information for consumers in the case of on-line purchases in other Member States, which impedes trade; believes that information intended for consumers is sometimes complex and that simplification, particularly of labels, is required;

Or. fr

Amendment 177
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25b. Believes that every European citizen has the right to free access to information that is unbiased and of high quality; views with the utmost concern the establishment of media oversight authorities too closely linked to government;

Or. fr

Amendment 178
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

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25c. Calls on the Member States to become more heavily involved in

establishing an intensive information flow and targeted coverage of the European institutions' activities; adds that Union-level action complements and supplements national action in pursuit of that objective, as is underscored in the political declaration 'Communicating Europe in Partnership', signed on 22 October 2008 by Parliament, the Council and the Commission;

Or. fr

Amendment 179
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

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25d. Believes that European citizens do not enjoy the same opportunities in terms of access to healthcare, particularly owing to the disparity in the number of doctors per inhabitant; suggests therefore the introduction of a directive on telemedicine, which is an effective, low-cost solution that can easily be implemented throughout Europe in order to overcome the infrastructure-related differences in European health policy;

Or. fr

Amendment 180
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

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25e. Notes that opening a bank account is subject to residence conditions; stresses,

however, that newcomers who do not yet have an address can open a bank account by simply presenting a document committing a proprietor and the prospective tenant to sign a lease;

Or. fr

Amendment 181
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

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25f. Deplores the lack of transparency in the rates offered by banks and insurance companies in Europe; notes with concern the development of on-line banks, which poses an additional difficulty for citizens with no access to a natural person; condemns on-line investment arrangements in connection with which consumer citizens are not clearly informed about the possibility of losing their investments;

Or. fr

Amendment 182
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

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25g. Calls for the volume of documents for which, for court proceedings, a certified translation is required to be reduced to an absolute minimum, in order not to delay the defence for a citizen and to prevent excessive legal costs from being incurred;

Amendment 183
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25h. Calls for the Commission, which supports European town twinning, not to move exclusively towards awarding assistance for twinning schemes involving the new Member States or non-member countries, but, rather, calls for older twinning arrangements to continue to receive European assistance so that their continued existence in the longer term, now under threat, is ensured;

Or. fr

Amendment 184
Mikael Gustafsson, Zita Gurmai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26 a. Considers that methodological and analytical support from the European Institute on Gender Equality (EIGE) is needed in order to examine the relevance of certain citizenship issues separately for women and men.

Or. en

Amendment 185
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Calls for any European citizen claiming to be a victim of overzealous treatment or an abuse of a dominant position by the administrative or police authorities of another Member State to be able to easily approach the national or local authority responsible for complaints against those bodies;

Or. fr

Amendment 186
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

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26b. Congratulates the Commission on setting up the e-Justice portal, providing a compendium of legal procedures and arrangements in the Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 187
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

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26c. Notes the disparities between the Member States with regard to mobile telephony and Internet accounts; emphasises that reductions in roaming charges have come about solely as a result of European legislation; calls accordingly

for the publication of cost prices in each Member State for SMS, MMS, calls by minute and Internet connections in order to promote the establishment of European flat rates, allowing a reduction in mobility costs;

Or. fr

Amendment 188
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 d (new)

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Amendment

26d. Condemns tie-in sales practices; calls for the European Year of Citizens also to be an opportunity to show citizens the measures that have protected them as consumers and have helped to maintain their purchasing power at times of crisis;

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