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AMENDMENTS

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the EU Citizenship Report 2013. EU citizens : your rights, your future
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Amendment 1

Morten Løkkegaard, Hannu Takkula

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 2

Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Stresses that cross-border regions are the places where the advantages and inconveniences of European integration are most evident; calls on the Commission and the Member States to turn these areas into laboratories for the daily exercise of European citizenship;

Or. fr

Amendment 3
Katarína Neved'alová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Stresses the need to foster citizens' participation in the democratic life of the European Union and to facilitate and support various expressions and mobilisation of active citizenship;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Recalls that the 2011 Directive on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare entered into application in October 2013; urges the Commission, in this regard, to monitor the proper implementation of this directive and to ensure that patients are comprehensively informed of their new cross-border healthcare rights;

Or. fr

Amendment 5
Andreas M \ddot{u} lzer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Encourages the Commission to address the problems faced by graduates when applying for traineeships or jobs in another Member State, by developing a quality framework to protect trainees' rights; urges the Commission also to explore new means of improving the exchange of information about traineeships and job opportunities in other EU countries, notably through the EURES network;

Amendment

3. Encourages the Commission to address the problems faced by graduates when applying for traineeships or jobs in another Member State, by developing a quality framework to protect trainees' rights ***and guarantee them fair pay***; urges the Commission also to explore new means of improving the exchange of information about traineeships and job opportunities in other EU countries, notably through the EURES network;

Or. de

Amendment 6
Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3 a. Feels that the limitations and shortcomings of Directive 96/71/EC on the posting of workers are leading to numerous abuses that harm employees covered by this Directive, and that the lack of clear information, checks and cooperation between administrations is preventing posted workers from fully asserting their rights; calls on the Council to unblock the ongoing reform of this Directive in order to improve protection for posted workers and to combat abuses and social dumping;

Or. fr

Amendment 7
Katarína Neved'alová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Highlights the need to create a structured framework for European civil dialogue which would give a practical substance to participatory citizenship, enhance cooperation also with local, national and European authorities and other stakeholders;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Andreas Mölzer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. **Takes note of** the Commission's intention of supporting from 2013 on, via its town twinning scheme, exchanges of best practice between municipalities and projects aimed at enhancing knowledge about citizens' rights, but considers it highly regrettable that the financial envelope for the next MFF of the Europe for Citizens programme, from which such projects can be funded, has been drastically cut;

5. **Welcomes** the Commission's intention of supporting from 2013 on, via its town twinning scheme, exchanges of best practice between municipalities and projects aimed at enhancing knowledge about citizens' rights, but considers it highly regrettable that the financial envelope for the next MFF of the Europe for Citizens programme, from which such projects can be funded, has been drastically cut;

Or. de

Amendment 9
Heinz K. Becker

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Underlines the importance of the organised civil society (NGOs and NPOs in the fields of culture and sports, churches, etc.) in strengthening an active European citizenship, e.g. by involving their members in debates on EU issues that they are directly concerned with or by engaging their members in charity and volunteering activities abroad; considers it therefore crucial to further facilitate the trans-border work of these organisations in reducing bureaucratic burdens and providing adequate funding;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Katarína Neved'alová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Raises the most demanding concerns of the citizens on the European level with regard to minimum income, social care, political and economic transparency, involvement in cultural life as well as to combating inequalities in gender mainstreaming; underlines that all citizens should engage in the life of their communities including the most disadvantaged groups of the society;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Heinz K. Becker

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Urges member states to give more space to political education on EU affairs in their school curricula; considers that teachers play a vital role for bringing EU affairs into schools and encourages member states therefore to equip them with the know-how and resources they need to live up to this role;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Santiago Fisas Aixela

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Shares the Commission's view as to the need to enhance EU citizens' awareness of their EU citizenship rights, and in particular their electoral rights, but urges the Commission not to wait until May 2014 to launch its handbook presenting those EU rights 'in clear and simple language'.

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Or. es

Amendment 13
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. Urges the Commission to ensure that the right of every EU citizen to address the EU institutions in any official EU language is fully respected and applied in such a way that the Commission's public consultations are available in all official EU languages in order to ensure that all consultations are treated equally and that no discrimination occurs on the basis of language;

Or. cs

Amendment 14
Morten Løkkegaard, Hannu Takkula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

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Amendment

6 a. Points to the Parliament's activities on social media platforms as an excellent way of creating interaction and dialogue with citizens.

Or. en