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

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the Commission **Communication** of 27 October 2010 entitled ‘**Report on** EU Citizenship Report **2013: your rights, your future**’ COM(2013)0269,

Amendment

– having regard to the Commission **Report** of 27 October 2010 entitled ‘EU Citizenship Report **2010: Dismantling the obstacles to EU citizens’ rights**’ COM(2010)603,

Or. en

Amendment 2
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the Commission Communication of **27 October 2010** entitled ‘Report on EU Citizenship Report 2013: your rights, your future’ COM(2013)0269,

Amendment

– having regard to the Commission Communication of **08 May 2013** entitled ‘Report on EU Citizenship Report 2013: your rights, your future’ COM(2013)0269,

Or. en

Amendment 3
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the results of the Commission's public consultation on EU citizenship, held from 09 May to 27 September 2012,

Or. en

Amendment 4
Nikolaos Salavrakos

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the **two hearings** organised by the Committee on Petitions **in 2013, namely** ‘Making the most of EU citizenship’ **of 19 February 2013 and** ‘The impact of the crisis on Europe’s citizens and the reinforcement of democratic involvement in the governance of the Union’ **of 24 September 2013,**

Amendment

– having regard to the **hearing jointly** organised by the Committee on Petitions, **LIBE and the European Commission on 19 February 2013,** ‘Making the most of EU citizenship’ **and the hearing of 24 September 2013** ‘The impact of the crisis on Europe’s citizens and the reinforcement of democratic involvement in the governance of the Union’,

Or. en

Amendment 5
Nikolaos Salavrakos

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the Commission Report of 8 May 2013 entitled ‘EU Citizenship Report 2013 - EU citizens: your rights, your future’, COM(2013)269.

Or. en

Amendment 6
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Citation 7

Motion for a resolution

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

Amendment

– having regard to Articles **9**, 10 and 11 of the Treaty on European Union,

Or. en

Amendment 7
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the Lisbon Treaty enhanced the concept of EU citizenship and its derived rights;

Amendment

A. whereas ***the rights inherent to citizenship of the Union are incorporated in Articles 9, 10 and 11 of the Treaty on European Union*** and whereas the Lisbon Treaty enhanced the concept of EU citizenship and its derived rights;

Or. fr

Amendment 8
Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the right to petition the European Parliament is one of the pillars of European citizenship, creating an interface between citizens and the European institutions and turning the EU into ***a***

Amendment

B. whereas the right to petition the European Parliament is one of the pillars of European citizenship, creating an interface between citizens and the European institutions, ***with an aim of bringing the***

meaningful concept for *citizens*;

EU closer to its citizens, and turning the EU into *an increasingly* meaningful *and credible* concept for *them*;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas all Member States have committed to respect the commonly agreed EU rules on free movement, non-discrimination and the common values of the European Union, notably the respect for fundamental rights, including the rights of people belonging to minorities;

Amendment

C. whereas *the rights inherent to citizenship of the Union are incorporated in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union; whereas according to the Charter's Preamble, the Union places the individual at the heart of its activities, by establishing the citizenship of the Union and by creating an area of freedom, security and justice; whereas Title V of the Charter sets out the rights conferred by citizenship, including, in its Article 45, the right of every citizen of the Union to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States and, in its Article 41, the right to write to the institutions of the Union in one of the languages of the Treaties and to receive an answer in the same language; whereas* all Member States have committed to respect the commonly agreed EU rules on free movement, non-discrimination and the common values of the European Union, notably the respect for fundamental rights, including the rights of people belonging to minorities;

Or. fr

Amendment 10
Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas all Member States have committed to respect the commonly agreed EU rules on free movement, non-discrimination and the common values of the European Union, notably the respect for fundamental rights, including the rights of people belonging to minorities;

Amendment

C. whereas all Member States have committed to respect the commonly agreed EU rules on free movement, non-discrimination and the common values of the European Union, notably the respect for fundamental rights, including the rights of people belonging to minorities; ***whereas national citizenship and the rights deriving from it of minorities should be regarded with special attention; whereas infringements on fundamental rights concerning citizenship issues by any member state must be stamped out in order to avoid double standards/discrimination;***

Or. en

Amendment 11
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas all Member States have committed to respect the commonly agreed EU rules on free movement, non-discrimination and the common values of the European Union, notably the respect for fundamental rights, including the rights of people belonging to minorities;

Amendment

C. whereas all Member States have committed to respect the commonly agreed EU rules on free movement, non-discrimination and the common values of the European Union, notably the respect for fundamental rights, including the rights of people belonging to minorities; ***whereas the Roma minority still faces widespread discrimination and progress in the implementation of the National Strategies for Roma Inclusion is still limited;***

Amendment 12
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas all Member States have committed to respect the commonly agreed EU rules on free movement, non-discrimination and the common values of the European Union, notably the respect for fundamental rights, including the rights of people belonging to minorities;

Amendment

C. whereas ***the Lisbon Treaty safeguards and strengthens political, economic and social freedoms of EU citizens and*** ***whereas*** all Member States have committed to respect the commonly agreed EU rules on free movement, non-discrimination and the common values of the European Union, notably the respect for fundamental rights, including the rights of people belonging to minorities; ***whereas the body of law in some European countries at present does not permit equal access to freedom of movement and*** ***whereas strict adherence to the Schengen criteria does not seem to justify this constraint;***

Amendment 13
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas EU citizens have the right to move and reside freely within the EU;

Amendment 14
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas free movement of people is one of the key elements of EU citizenship and the functioning of the internal market; whereas according to a Flash Eurobarometer from February 2013 more than two thirds of respondents agree that free movement of people within the EU brings overall benefits to the economy of their own country;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cb. whereas discrimination on grounds of nationality is still present in some EU countries;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas the issue of obtaining and forfeiting national citizenship has been

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raised in petitions, especially from the standpoint of its effects on European citizenship; whereas many petitioners have expressed their wish to see more coordinated citizenship laws in Europe;

raised in petitions, especially from the standpoint of its effects on European citizenship; whereas many petitioners, ***among which many belonging to minorities in a member state*** have expressed their wish to see more coordinated citizenship laws in Europe ***ensuring legal certainty and a more accountable legislation on citizenship***;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas labour mobility is an important tool that can contribute to reducing the mismatch between jobs and skills in the EU; whereas intra-EU mobility has proved to have positive effects on Member States' economies;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas various complaints have been received with regard to the exercise of the right to vote in European and municipal elections, and also with regard to disenfranchisement in relation to national elections after a period of time spent abroad;

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EU citizens resident in a Member State other than their own who exercise their right to vote or stand in either European or local elections in their place of residence;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas various complaints have been received with regard to the exercise of the right to vote in European and municipal elections, and also with regard to disenfranchisement in relation to national elections after a period of time spent abroad;

Amendment

E. *(Does not affect English version.)*

Or. fr

Amendment 20
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas ***public confidence in the European Union has fallen to historically low levels***; whereas the 2014 elections will be the first to be held after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, which significantly widens the powers of the European Parliament; whereas the European elections ***need to aim at strengthening*** public trust in the political system and ***creating*** a European public

Amendment

F. whereas ***the European Union and its citizens are living through a difficult period caused by a severe economic and social crisis***; whereas the 2014 elections will be the first to be held after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, which significantly widens the powers of the European Parliament; whereas the European elections ***represent an opportunity to strengthen*** public trust in

sphere;

the political system and *create* a European public sphere;

Or. fr

Amendment 21

Nikolaos Chountis, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas public confidence in the European Union has fallen to historically low levels; whereas the 2014 elections will be the first to be held after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, which significantly widens the powers of the European Parliament; whereas the European elections need to aim at strengthening *public trust in the political system and creating a European public sphere*;

Amendment

F. whereas public confidence in the European Union has *justifiably* fallen to historically low levels *due also to the continuation of the austerity policies and their consequences on the lives of the European citizens, notably on the MS of the European South*; whereas the 2014 elections will be the first to be held after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, which significantly widens the powers of the European Parliament; whereas the European elections need to aim at strengthening *the voice and the role of the citizens which is one of the most important preconditions in order to strengthen democracy in the Member States and the EU*;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

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be the first to be held after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, which significantly widens the powers of the European Parliament; whereas the European elections need to aim at strengthening public trust in the political system and creating a European public sphere; ***whereas a democratic, transparent functioning of the European Parliament is one of the main assets in promoting European values and integration;***

Or. en

Amendment 23
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas the European Union, through its Treaties and the Charter of Fundamental Rights, champions a Europe of rights and democratic values, of freedom, solidarity and security and guarantees EU citizens better protection;

Or. fr

Amendment 24
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas citizens are directly represented at Union level in the European Parliament and have a democratic right to stand and vote in the European elections, even when residing in a Member State other than their

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own;

own; whereas the right of EU citizens resident in a Member State other than their own to vote in European and local elections is not sufficiently facilitated and promoted in all Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 25

Gerald Häfner

Motion for a resolution

Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas the European Union has created a new right for European citizens to organise and support a European Citizens' Initiative by submitting their policy proposals to the European Institutions that has been used, since 1 April 2012, by millions of European citizens, but up to eleven million EU citizens were and partially still are denied this right only because they are residing outside of their Member State of origin and neither their home country nor the country of their residence is willing to validate their signatures;

Or. en

Amendment 26

Iñaki Irazabalbeitia Fernández

Motion for a resolution

Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas the European Parliament approved last September 11th the report on Endangered European Languages and

Linguistic Diversity in the European Union, which proposed policies to protect and revitalize endangered and minority languages and among them asks the Member States to ratify the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages.

Or. en

Amendment 27
Gerald Häfner

Motion for a resolution
Recital G b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Gb. whereas 2013 was designated as the ‘Year of Citizens’, but doubts remain if it really managed to achieve its objective to generate a broad, publicly visible debate on European Citizenship and, even more, on ways to improve existing as well as defining new instruments that allow all citizens to participate in the democratic life of the European Union (pursuant Article 10 (3) TEU) due to underfunding and apparent lack of political will by the relevant institutions to involve citizens and organised civil society at an appropriate level in such a debate;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Nikolaos Salavrakos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission

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Communication (COM(2013)603)
announcing new actions in six areas aimed
at strengthening citizens' rights;

Citizenship Report (COM(2013)269)
announcing *twelve* new actions in six areas
aimed at strengthening *EU* citizens' rights;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the Commission
Communication (COM(2013)603)
announcing new actions in six areas aimed
at strengthening citizens' rights;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission
Communication (COM(2013)0269)
announcing new actions in six areas aimed
at strengthening citizens' rights;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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

Or. en

Amendment 31
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Welcomes the fact that a large majority of the 25 measures, announced in the Commission's EU Citizenship Report 2010, has in the meantime been completed by the Commission and other EU institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Stresses that citizens need to be able to make informed decisions about exercising their Treaty rights and should therefore be provided with all the necessary information, focusing ***not only on abstract rights, but also*** on practical information about economic, administrative, legal and cultural issues; calls on national, regional and local authorities to promote a better understanding of EU citizenship and to explain its practical benefits for individuals;

2. Stresses that citizens need to be able to make informed decisions about exercising their Treaty rights and should therefore be provided with all the necessary information, focusing on practical information about economic, ***social***, administrative, legal and cultural issues; calls on national, regional and local authorities to promote a better understanding of EU citizenship and to explain its practical benefits for individuals;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses that citizens need to be able to make informed decisions about exercising their Treaty rights and should therefore be provided with all the necessary information, focusing not only on abstract rights, but also on practical information about economic, administrative, legal and cultural issues; calls on national, regional and local authorities to promote a better understanding of EU citizenship and to explain its practical benefits for individuals;

Amendment

2. Stresses that citizens need to be able to make informed decisions about exercising their Treaty rights and should therefore be provided with all the necessary information, focusing not only on abstract rights, but also on practical, ***readily accessible*** information about economic, administrative, legal and cultural issues; calls on national, regional and local authorities to promote a better understanding of EU citizenship and to explain its practical benefits for individuals;

Or. de

Amendment 34
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

2. Stresses that citizens need to be able to make informed decisions about exercising their Treaty rights and should therefore be provided with all the necessary information, focusing not only on abstract rights, but also on practical information about economic, administrative, legal and cultural issues; ***stresses that proper access to documents from all institutional levels, including the European, is fundamental to enjoy the citizenship rights and demands the information to be accessible unless properly justified public interest reasons advice not to;*** calls on national, regional and local authorities to promote a better understanding of EU citizenship and to explain its practical benefits for

individuals;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Marie-Christine Vergiat, Nikolaos Chountis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Deplores the fact that 20 % of the budget for the ‘Europe for Citizens’ programme has now been allocated to a strand on ‘Remembrance’ which is no less than a rewriting of history in order to amalgamate ‘Communism’, even if it is described as totalitarianism and ‘Nazism’; states that the role of historians is vital and denounces the exploitation of history for political ends, maintaining that European historical memory is primarily a matter of sharing by European cultures in need of better mutual understanding and complementarity;

Or. fr

Amendment 36

Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Regrets the existing opt-outs from existing parts of the EU treaties by some Member States which undermine and generate de facto differences in the rights of citizens which are intended to be equal under the EU Treaties;

Amendment 37
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Encourages Member States to give more space to political education on EU affairs, inter alia on EU citizens' rights, in their school curricula and to adapt teachers' training accordingly; considers that Member States should promote school visits to EU institutions in their educational systems;

Amendment 38
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. ***Acknowledges*** the vital role played by the Member States in correctly implementing European legislation; believes that enhanced cooperation ***with*** local and national authorities ***can be an efficient*** means of informally resolving problems;

3. ***Stresses*** the vital role played by the Member States in correctly implementing European legislation; believes that ***progress still remains to be made and that enhanced cooperation between the EU institutions and*** local and national authorities ***is needed; considers that increased cooperation would be an effective*** means of informally resolving problems, ***in particular impediments of an administrative nature;***

Amendment 39
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Acknowledges the vital role played by the Member States in correctly implementing European legislation; believes that enhanced cooperation with local and national authorities can be an efficient means of informally resolving problems;

Amendment

3. Acknowledges the vital role played by the Member States in correctly implementing European legislation; believes that enhanced cooperation with local and national authorities can be an efficient means of informally resolving problems; ***considers that EU citizenship rights would be further enhanced if the Member States would abide by the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in all domestic law;***

Or. en

Amendment 40
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Acknowledges the vital role played by the Member States in correctly implementing European legislation; believes that enhanced cooperation with local and national authorities can be an efficient means of informally resolving problems;

Amendment

3. Acknowledges the vital role played by the Member States in correctly implementing European legislation; believes that enhanced cooperation with local and national authorities can be an efficient means of informally resolving problems; ***in this respect, applauds the Commission's intention of supporting from 2013 on, via its town twinning scheme in the Europe for Citizens programme, exchanges of best practice between municipalities and projects aimed at enhancing knowledge about and correct implementation of citizens' rights; believes that a practical toolkit on EU citizens' rights tailored for local and***

*regional administration would further
improve correct implementation;*

Or. en

Amendment 41
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*3a. Notes with regret that the Commission
has not been very active in addressing
infringements related to citizens' rights;
calls on the Commission to behave more
proactively.*

Or. en

Amendment 42
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*3a. Regrets that the options for redress
open to parents and children in the event
of separation or divorce are not the same
in each Member State, with the result that
hundreds of parents in Europe have
contacted the Committee on Petitions to
urge it to be more active in this area
despite its only having very limited
competence;*

Or. fr

Amendment 43
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Nikolaos Chountis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Emphasises that education, provided it is accessible to all, plays a vitally important role in the formation of future citizens by enabling them to acquire a solid basis of general knowledge, including an informed understanding of European integration and of the history and cultures of the European peoples; notes in this respect that civic education is essential as a means of enabling individuals to participate fully in democratic, social and cultural life and regard themselves as citizens of Europe from as early an age as possible; denounces therefore the austerity measures and cuts in education budgets in most of the Member States and is of the view that they constitute one of the main barriers to exercising citizenship;

Or. fr

Amendment 44
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Nikolaos Chountis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Emphasises that formal and informal education play a vitally important role in both the teaching and the exercise of citizenship, as they promote individual empowerment, solidarity and mutual understanding and strengthen social cohesion; believes that it is particularly important to encourage recognition of

volunteers' commitment, to validate the skills and expertise acquired in this way and to remove obstacles relating to free movement, including those involving third countries and their nationals, particularly those living in the European Union; considers likewise recognition of the Statute for a European Association to be important and that this may, moreover, facilitate the construction of projects between citizens of different EU Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 45
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Regrets that the economic crisis has had as consequence relevant cuts in fundamental citizenship rights in a number of Member States; calls on the European Commission to monitor these trends and act proactively where necessarily to prevent this further and to restore them;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Expects that the new petitions web portal, which will be available at the

4. Expects that the new petitions web portal, which will be available at the

beginning of 2014, will turn the petitioning process into an appealing, user-friendly instrument; calls on the Commission and the other institutions to properly acknowledge the petitioning process on their websites;

beginning of 2014, will turn the petitioning process into an appealing, user-friendly instrument, **also for people with disabilities**; calls on the Commission and the other institutions to properly acknowledge the petitioning process on their websites;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Expects that the new petitions web portal, which will be available at the beginning of 2014, will turn the petitioning process into an appealing, user-friendly instrument; calls on the Commission and the other institutions to properly acknowledge the petitioning process on their websites;

Amendment

4. Expects that the new petitions web portal, which will be available at the beginning of 2014, will turn the petitioning process into an appealing, **transparent and** user-friendly instrument; calls on the Commission and the other institutions to properly acknowledge the petitioning process on their websites;

Or. de

Amendment 48
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes the fact that, by November 2013, three very different European citizens' initiatives (ECIs) had met the required threshold; looks forward to organising hearings with the organisers of successful ECIs;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the fact that, by November 2013, three very different European citizens' initiatives (ECIs) had met the required threshold; looks forward to organising hearings with the organisers of successful ECIs **and would like to see them organised before the European**

elections;

Or. fr

Amendment 49
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Is concerned by the poor implementation of current directives, especially the Free Movement Directive, which causes many problems relating to free movement and other rights of EU citizens, and calls on all parties to correctly and fully transpose and implement the acquis;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Calls on all those Member States which do not as yet have a national ombudsman, at present Italy and Germany, to meet the expectations of all EU citizens by appointing one;

Or. fr

Amendment 51
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to regularly monitor the way in which the administrative formalities related to entry and residence are processed in the Member States;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to regularly monitor the way in which the administrative formalities related to entry and residence are processed in the Member States; ***underlines that one of the main pillars of the Single Market is labour mobility; calls in this respect on the Commission to closely monitor the situation and take appropriate measures to remove potential obstacles imposed at the national level in the way of this fundamental freedom;***

Or. en

Amendment 52
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to regularly monitor the way in which the administrative formalities related to entry and residence are processed in the Member States;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to regularly monitor the way in which the administrative formalities related to entry and residence are processed in the Member States; ***calls on the Commission to play an active role in ensuring that procedures implemented by Member States fully comply with the values and human rights recognised in the EU Treaties;***

Or. fr

Amendment 53
Nikolaos Chountis, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to regularly monitor the way in which the administrative formalities related to entry and residence are processed in the Member States;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Member States to fully respect the human rights and the dignity of all the third countries citizens that try to reach and arrive on EU soil, regardless of travelling with or without documents; Recalls that solidarity among the Member States is needed in order to guarantee the above and calls on the Commission to regularly monitor the way in which the administrative formalities related to entry and residence are processed in the Member States in order to guarantee the full application of human rights;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to regularly monitor the way in which the administrative formalities related to entry and residence are processed in the Member States;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to regularly monitor the way in which the administrative formalities related to entry and residence ***of EU citizens and their relatives*** are processed in the Member States ***and calls on the Member States not to encumber these formalities with excessive bureaucracy not required under EU law;***

Or. en

Amendment 55
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Stresses that the right of free movement is a fundamental right of the EU citizens; highlights the very positive benefits of the EU migrant workforce to the economy of the Member States; asks the Commission to take action against the Member States who try to limit or stop the free movement of labour;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Asks the Commission to check that all Member States have the financial and human resources to cope with influxes of refugees, whilst bearing in mind that some border states are more affected than others;

Or. fr

Amendment 57
Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Acknowledges that, according to the settled case law of the European Court of Justice², the conditions for obtaining and

7. Acknowledges that, according to the settled case law of the European Court of Justice², the conditions for obtaining and

forfeiting citizenship of the Member States are regulated exclusively under the national law of the individual Member States; calls, however, for closer coordination and a more structured exchange of best practices between Member States with respect to their citizenship laws;

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forfeiting citizenship of the Member States are regulated exclusively under the national law of the individual Member States; calls, however, for closer coordination and a more structured exchange of best practices between Member States with respect to their citizenship laws ***in order to ensure fundamental rights and particularly legal certainty of citizens; calls for comprehensive common guidelines clarifying the relation between national and European citizenship;***

² Most recently in its judgment of 2 March 2010, C-135/08, Rottmann.

Or. en

Amendment 58

Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

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Or. lv

Amendment 59
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on those Member States that disenfranchise their own nationals who choose to live in another Member State for an extended period of time to put an end to this practice and revise their legislation accordingly to provide full citizenship rights; recommends that the Member States take all steps to effectively assist citizens who wish to vote or stand as candidates in states other than their own;

Amendment

8. Calls on those Member States that disenfranchise their own nationals who choose to live in another Member State for an extended period of time to put an end to this practice and revise their legislation accordingly to provide full citizenship rights; recommends that the Member States take all steps to effectively **help and** assist citizens who wish to vote or stand as candidates in states other than their own;

Or. fr

Amendment 60
Nikolaos Chountis, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 61
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

8. Calls on those Member States that disenfranchise their own nationals who choose to live in another Member State for an extended period of time to put an end to this practice and revise their legislation accordingly to provide full citizenship rights ***during the whole process***; recommends that the Member States take all steps to effectively assist citizens who wish to vote or stand as candidates in states other than their own;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Calls on the Member States to protect and enhance the meaning of EU citizenship by discouraging any forms of discrimination on grounds of nationality; deplores any populist rhetoric that aims to create discriminatory practices based only on grounds of nationality;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Gerald Häfner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Calls on Member States to implement the regulation on the European Citizens' Initiative (EU 211/2011) in an inclusive way, by ensuring that they are ready to validate signatures of both their own citizens residing abroad as well as citizens from other Member States residing on their territory;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Ágnes Hankiss

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Calls on the Member States to organise transparent public campaigns and effectively tackle the problem of falling voter participation rates; calls on all Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies to further improve transparency and make access to documents easy and user-friendly, as this enable citizens to participate more closely in the decision-making process;

9. Calls on the Member States to organise transparent public campaigns and effectively tackle the problem of falling voter participation rates; calls on all Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies to further improve transparency and make access to documents easy and user-friendly, as this enable citizens to participate more closely in the decision-making process; ***calls on all Union institutions and particularly the Parliament to avoid discriminatory practices when it comes to transparency and accountability of debates concerning national citizenship disputes;***

Or. en

Amendment 65

Marie-Christine Vergiat, Nikolaos Chountis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Member States to organise transparent public campaigns and effectively tackle the problem of falling voter participation rates; calls on all Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies to further improve transparency **and** make access to documents easy and user-friendly, as this **enable** citizens to participate more closely in the decision-making process;

Amendment

9. Calls on the Member States to organise transparent public campaigns and effectively tackle the problem of falling voter participation rates **and the widening gap between citizens and the EU institutions**; calls on all Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies to further improve transparency, make access to documents easy and user-friendly, **and involve citizens in EU policymaking**, as this **enables** citizens to participate more closely in the decision-making process; **calls on the Union's institutions and particularly the European Commission to improve the efficiency of their procedures so that legitimate requests by EU citizens are met as quickly as possible, notably as regards replying to petitions**;

Or. fr

Amendment 66

Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

9. Calls on the Member States to organise transparent public campaigns and effectively tackle the problem of falling voter participation rates; **takes the view that the Commission and Member States themselves should promote by different means an active participation of resident EU citizens from other Member States to vote or stand in local or European**

making process;

elections; calls on all Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies to further improve transparency and make access to documents easy and user-friendly, as this enable citizens to participate more closely in the decision-making process;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on *the Member States* to organise transparent *public campaigns* and effectively tackle the problem of falling voter participation rates; *calls on all Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies to further improve transparency and make access to documents easy and user-friendly, as this enable citizens to participate more closely in the decision-making process*;

Amendment

9. Calls on *European political parties and their national affiliates* to organise transparent *electoral campaigns ahead of the European elections 2014* and effectively tackle the problem of falling voter participation rates; *considers the nomination of Europe wide candidates for Commission president by European political parties an important step towards building a genuine European public space, but is convinced that the prospect of a Europeanization of the electoral campaign can only be achieved through pan-European activities and networks of local and national media, especially public ones in the fields of radio, TV and the internet*;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Gerald Häfner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

9. Calls on the Member States to organise transparent public campaigns and effectively tackle the problem of falling voter participation rates ***and to promote the right of organising and supporting European Citizens' Initiatives***; calls on all Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies to further improve transparency and make access to documents easy and user-friendly, ***as well as to make it easier for citizens to support European Citizens' Initiatives***, as this enable citizens to participate more closely in the decision-making process;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls on all Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies to further improve transparency and make access to documents easy and user-friendly, as this enable citizens to participate more closely in the decision-making process;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9b. Welcomes the recent adoption of the two main EU programmes funding activities in the field of EU citizenship from 2014 to 2020, the Rights and Citizenship and the Europe for Citizens programmes; considers it highly regrettable that especially the financial envelope for the latter, which supports projects on active European citizenship, has been drastically cut by Member States' governments as compared to the period 2007-2013;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Expresses its serious concern about petitions revealing the delicate situation of certain residents who, due to their status, cannot entirely benefit from their rights to free movement or from full voting rights in local elections; calls on the European Commission and Member States concerned to facilitate the regularisation of the status of such cases;

deleted

Or. lv

Amendment 72

Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Expresses its serious concern about petitions revealing the delicate situation of certain residents who, due to their status, cannot entirely benefit from their rights to free movement or from full voting rights in local elections; calls on the European Commission and Member States concerned to facilitate the regularisation of the status of such cases;

Amendment

10. Expresses its serious concern about petitions revealing the delicate situation of certain residents, ***in particular stateless people***, who, due to their status, cannot entirely benefit from their rights to free movement or from full voting rights in local elections; calls on the European Commission and Member States concerned to facilitate the regularisation of the status of such cases;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Expresses its serious concern about petitions revealing the ***delicate*** situation of certain residents who, due to their status, cannot entirely benefit from their rights to free movement or from full voting rights in local elections; calls on the European Commission and Member States concerned to facilitate the regularisation of the status of such cases;

Amendment

10. Expresses its serious concern about petitions revealing the ***legal*** situation of certain residents who, due to their status, cannot entirely benefit from their rights to free movement or from full voting rights in local elections; calls on the European Commission and Member States concerned to facilitate the regularisation of the status of such cases;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Calls on the Member States to better inform EU citizens as to their rights and duties and to facilitate entitlement to these rights being respected equally both in their country of origin and in any other Member State;

Or. fr

**Amendment 75
Tatjana Ždanoka**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Considers that the European citizenship is an inherent, inalienable personal right of current Member States' nationals and it is a status which cannot be removed against the will of the concerned person;

Or. en

**Amendment 76
Heinz K. Becker**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Is deeply concerned about the obstacles citizens still face when exercising their individual rights in the Internal Market and believes that the current economic insecurity in Europe also needs to be tackled by removing these obstacles; welcomes therefore the new

initiatives announced by the Commission to strengthen citizens in their role as consumers and workers across Europe; highlights the importance to address above all the difficult situation of young people in the crisis by developing a quality framework to protect trainees' rights as well as by improving the exchange of information about traineeship and apprenticeship opportunities in other EU countries through the EURES network;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10b. Takes the view that EU citizenship should not be affected by the democratic outcome of political or territorial disputes in Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Nikolaos Salavrakos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Acknowledges the problems faced by people with disabilities who exercise their right to free movement and calls for the introduction of an ***identity*** card, valid throughout Europe, for disabled persons;

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Or. en

Amendment 79
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Is alarmed at the unemployment rate and the number of temporary contracts in the various Member States, notably as this affects young people, and notes that this constitutes a fundamental barrier to the exercise of citizenship; urges the Commission to tackle the problems confronting young people, and in particular graduates, applying for a traineeship or job in their own country or in another Member State by developing a quality framework to protect the rights of employees, guarantee stable and well-paid jobs and prevent said jobs being replaced by traineeships for trainees; calls therefore for the latter to be supervised in particular and systematically paid;

Or. fr

Amendment 80
Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Calls on the Member States to put in place coordination and cooperation measures in order to efficiently tackle the issues of double car registration taxes, tax discrimination and double taxation in a cross-border context; considers that double taxation issues are insufficiently addressed through existing bilateral tax conventions

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or unilateral action by a Member State and would need concerted action at the Union level;

taxation issues are insufficiently addressed through existing bilateral tax conventions or unilateral action by a Member State and would need concerted, **timely** action at the Union level;

Or. de

Amendment 81
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 82
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Recalls that EU citizens in the

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

Or. en

Amendment 83
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Calls on Member States to set up as quickly as possible in each Member State a one-stop-shop to coordinate projects with a cross-border impact, with particular reference to projects that have an environmental impact such as wind farms where on occasion no consultation is held with residents on both sides of the border nor is there any impact study;

Or. fr

Amendment 84
Iñaki Irazabalbeitia Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. Calls on the Member States that did not already ratify the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages to follow the recommendation of the

European Parliament to ratify and implement it; underlines the importance of multilingualism for the promotion of the EU citizenship;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Jean-Pierre Audy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Calls on the Commission to bring forward proposals for recognising the contribution voluntary work makes to citizenship;

Or. fr

Amendment 86
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Calls on the European Commission to publish and distribute an explanation of citizens' rights before and after the Lisbon Treaty so as to restore citizens' trust;

Or. fr

Amendment 87
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***14b. Proposes that a European
Citizenship Day be introduced in each
Member State with the aim of
disseminating information on that day
about Europe;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 88
Philippe Boulland**

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***14c. Regrets that the European Year of
Citizenship in 2013 had such a poor
media profile;***

Or. fr