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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Lefteris Christoforou
(PE589.350v01-00)

on the implementation of Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 of 14 April 2014 establishing the “Europe for Citizens” programme for the period 2014 - 2020
(2015/2329(INI))

Amendment 1
Jonathan Arnott

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the fact that in the first two years of the new funding cycle the Europe for Citizens programme seems to be running well;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 2
Lefteris Christoforou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the fact that in the first two years of the new funding cycle the Europe for Citizens programme seems to be running well;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the fact that in the first two years of the new funding cycle the Europe for Citizens programme seems to be running well, ***with a rising number of applicants, high project quality and sound project implementation;***

Or. en

Amendment 3
Csaba Molnár

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the fact that in the first two years of the new funding cycle the Europe for Citizens programme seems to be running well;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the fact that in the first two years of the new funding cycle the Europe for Citizens programme, ***which is set to bridge the gap between the EU***

institutions and European citizens seems to be running well;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Udo Voigt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes *the fact* that *in the first two years of the new funding cycle* the Europe for Citizens programme *seems to be running well*;

Amendment

1. Urges that the Europe for Citizens programme be *cancelled*;

Or. de

Amendment 5
Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the fact that in the first two years of the new funding cycle the Europe for Citizens programme seems to be running *well*;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the fact that in the first two years of the new funding cycle the Europe for Citizens programme seems to be running *better than before*;

Or. hr

Amendment 6
Sophie Montel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. **Welcomes the fact** that in the first two years of the new funding cycle the Europe for Citizens programme ***seems to be running well***;

Amendment

1. **Notes** that in the first two years of the new funding cycle the Europe for Citizens programme ***has served no useful purpose***;

Or. fr

Amendment 7
Csaba Molnár

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Highlights the importance of such programmes in times when permanent crises, anti-European forces are calling constantly into question the very existence of the European project;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Sophie Montel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Welcomes the simplification of the programme structure, ***for example through multiannual priority-setting which, overall, has made it simpler for interested citizens and organisations to apply, as well as a number of new financial arrangements, such as a system of lump-sum payments, that have reduced the administrative burden on beneficiaries***;

2. Welcomes the simplification of the programme structure, ***but calls for the programme itself, which was set up for propaganda purposes, serves no useful purpose and costs Member States a very large amount of money, to be scrapped***;

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Udo Voigt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. *Welcomes the simplification of the programme structure, for example through multiannual priority-setting which, overall, has made it simpler for interested citizens and organisations to apply, as well as a number of new financial arrangements, such as a system of lump-sum payments, that have reduced the administrative burden on beneficiaries;*

Amendment

2. *Recommends that the socio-ethical disorientation of European citizens, through tax-funded EU propaganda and apologising for the past, be halted;*

Or. de

Amendment 10
Csaba Molnár

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the simplification of the programme structure, for example through multiannual priority-setting which, overall, has made it simpler for interested citizens and organisations to apply, as well as a number of new financial arrangements, such as a system of lump-sum payments, that have reduced the administrative burden on beneficiaries;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the simplification of the programme structure, for example through multiannual priority-setting which, overall, has made it simpler for interested citizens and organisations to apply, as well as a number of new financial arrangements, such as a system of lump-sum payments, that have reduced the administrative burden on beneficiaries; *regrets, that only a few results have been achieved through the Europe for Citizens program;*

Or. en

Amendment 11
Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the simplification of the programme structure, for example through multiannual priority-setting which, **overall**, has made it simpler for interested citizens and organisations to apply, as well as a number of new financial arrangements, such as a system of lump-sum payments, that have reduced the administrative burden on beneficiaries;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the simplification of the programme structure, for example through multiannual priority-setting which has made it simpler for interested citizens and organisations to apply, as well as a number of new financial arrangements, such as a system of lump-sum payments, that have reduced the **unnecessary** administrative burden on beneficiaries;

Or. hr

Amendment 12
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. **Welcomes** the simplification of the programme structure, for example through multiannual priority-setting which, overall, has made it simpler for interested citizens and organisations to apply, as well as a number of new financial arrangements, such as a system of lump-sum payments, that have reduced the administrative burden on beneficiaries;

Amendment

2. **Notes** the simplification of the programme structure, for example through multiannual priority-setting which, overall, has made it simpler for interested citizens and organisations to apply, as well as a number of new financial arrangements, such as a system of lump-sum payments, that have reduced the administrative burden on beneficiaries;

Or. el

Amendment 13
Sophie Montel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Requests the Commission and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) to assess the impact that a number of budgetary arrangements have had on applicants and potential eligible applicants;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 14

Liadh Ní Riada

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Requests the Commission and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) to assess the impact that a number of budgetary arrangements have had on applicants and potential eligible applicants;

3. Requests the Commission and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) to assess the impact that a number of budgetary arrangements have had on applicants and potential eligible applicants; ***deeply regrets that a lack of financial capacity continues to be one of the main obstacles for potential applicants; deeply regrets the delay on the part of the Commission, to try to address the under-representation of micro operators among funded organizations and certain sectors in the programme;***

Or. en

Amendment 15

Lefteris Christoforou

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Requests the Commission and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) to assess the impact that a number of budgetary arrangements have had on applicants and potential eligible applicants;

Amendment

3. Requests the Commission and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) to assess the impact that a number of budgetary arrangements have had on applicants and potential eligible applicants; ***in particular, requests an assessment of whether the reduced rate of pre-financing (from 50 to 40% for projects and from 80 to 50% for operating grants and National Contact Points (NCPs)) applied in 2015 due to an acute shortage of payment appropriations, the need for co-financing and the application of the same parameters irrespective of the actual cost of living and geographical remoteness, may have put - and continue to put - some types of organisations and specific Member States at a disadvantage;***

Or. en

Amendment 16
Csaba Molnár

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Requests the Commission and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) to assess the impact that a number of budgetary arrangements have had on applicants and potential eligible applicants;

Amendment

3. Requests the Commission and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) to assess the impact that a number of budgetary arrangements have had on applicants and potential eligible applicants, ***to develop further strategies to bring European Institutions closer to European citizens and to better inform citizens on various EU policies;***

Or. en

Amendment 17

Claudia Tapardel, Pavel Poc, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Pina Picierno, Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg, Mercedes Bresso

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Requests the Commission and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) to assess the impact that a number of budgetary arrangements have had on applicants and potential eligible applicants;

Amendment

3. Requests the Commission and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) to assess **regularly** the impact that a number of budgetary arrangements have had on applicants and potential eligible applicants;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Notis Marias

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Requests the Commission and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) to assess the impact that **a number of** budgetary arrangements have had on applicants and potential eligible applicants;

Amendment

3. Requests the Commission and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) to assess the impact that **the** budgetary arrangements have had on applicants and potential eligible applicants;

Or. el

Amendment 19

Udo Voigt

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. **Encourages National Contact Points (NCPs) and the EACEA to seek,**

Amendment

deleted

wherever possible, synergies across EU programmes such as Creative Europe, Erasmus+ and the European Social Fund, so as to generate economies of scale and maximise impact;

Or. de

Amendment 20
Sophie Montel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Encourages National Contact Points (NCPs) and the EACEA to seek, wherever possible, synergies across EU programmes such as Creative Europe, Erasmus+ and the European Social Fund, so as to generate economies of scale and maximise impact;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 21
Lefteris Christoforou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Encourages National Contact Points (NCPs) and the EACEA to seek, wherever possible, synergies across EU programmes such as Creative Europe, Erasmus+ and the European Social Fund, so as to generate economies of scale and maximise impact;

4. Acknowledges that the biggest challenge is to achieve the current ambitious goals with the limited funding available; therefore encourages National Contact Points (NCPs) and the EACEA to seek, wherever possible, synergies across EU programmes such as Creative Europe, Erasmus+ and the European Social Fund, so as to generate economies of scale and maximise impact;

Amendment 22

Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Encourages National Contact Points (NCPs) and the EACEA to seek, wherever possible, synergies across EU programmes such as Creative Europe, Erasmus+ and the European Social Fund, so as to generate economies of scale and maximise impact;

Amendment

4. Encourages National Contact Points (NCPs), ***together with local and regional authorities associated with them***, and the EACEA to seek, wherever possible, synergies across EU programmes such as Creative Europe, Erasmus+ and the European Social Fund, so as to generate economies of scale and maximise impact;

Or. hr

Amendment 23

Raffaele Fitto

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Encourages National Contact Points (NCPs) and the EACEA to ***seek, wherever possible***, synergies across EU programmes such as Creative Europe, Erasmus+ and the European Social Fund, so as to generate economies of scale and maximise impact;

Amendment

4. Encourages National Contact Points (NCPs) and the EACEA to ***facilitate and boost*** synergies across EU programmes such as Creative Europe, Erasmus+ and the European Social Fund, so as to generate economies of scale and maximise impact;

Or. it

Amendment 24

Udo Voigt

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Invites the Commission and the EACEA to come up with a realistic strategy for the medium and long term and to weigh up different options, such as a redefinition of programme goals to make them more specific or an increase in funding to bring it more in line with programme ambitions; *deleted*

Or. de

Amendment 25
Sophie Montel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Invites the Commission and the EACEA to come up with a realistic strategy for the medium and long term and to weigh up different options, such as a redefinition of programme goals to make them more specific or an increase in funding to bring it more in line with programme ambitions; *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 26
Jonathan Arnott

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Invites the Commission and the EACEA to come up with a realistic strategy for the medium and long term and to weigh up different options, such as *deleted*

a redefinition of programme goals to make them more specific or an increase in funding to bring it more in line with programme ambitions;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Claudia Țapardel, Pavel Poc, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Pina Picierno, Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg, Mercedes Bresso

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Invites the Commission and the EACEA to *come up with a realistic strategy for the medium and long term and to weigh up different options, such as a redefinition of programme goals to make them more specific or an increase in funding to bring it more in line with programme ambitions;*

Amendment

5. Invites the Commission and the EACEA to *draft a final assessment concerning the financial and budgetary implementation of the Europe for Citizens programme at the end of the current MFF period. This evaluation should be used to redefine the future goals and budgetary requirements of the programme in view of the upcoming MFF;*

Or. en

Amendment 28

Notis Marias

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Invites the Commission and the EACEA to come up with a realistic strategy for the medium and long term and to *weigh up different options, such as a redefinition of* programme goals to make them more specific or *an increase in* funding to bring it more in line with programme ambitions;

Amendment

5. Invites the Commission and the EACEA to come up with a realistic strategy for the medium and long term and to *redefine* programme goals to make them more specific or increase funding to bring it more in line with programme ambitions;

Amendment 29
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Claudia Tapardel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Underlines the importance of keeping operating grants as a way of maintaining the structural support to organisations and beneficiaries and allowing them long-term planning

Or. en

Amendment 30
Udo Voigt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission, the EACEA, NCPs and programme beneficiaries to make additional efforts to enhance visibility and communication.

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Or. de

Amendment 31
Jonathan Arnott

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission, the EACEA, NCPs and programme beneficiaries to make additional efforts to enhance visibility and communication.

deleted

Amendment 32
Lefteris Christoforou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission, the EACEA, NCPs and programme beneficiaries to make additional efforts to enhance visibility and communication.

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission, the EACEA, NCPs and programme beneficiaries to make additional efforts to enhance visibility and communication, *in order to increase awareness about the programme and reach out even more effectively to citizens in the participating countries, including by improving communication, enhancing the use of social media, and going into topics that today are high on many citizens' minds, such as jobs, growth and migration;*

Or. en

Amendment 33
Sophie Montel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission, the EACEA, NCPs and programme beneficiaries to *make additional efforts to enhance visibility and communication.*

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission, the EACEA, NCPs and programme beneficiaries to *extol national sovereignty and cooperation between Member States rather than constantly talking up the European Union, which is an artificial construct rejected by the peoples of Europe.*

Or. fr

Amendment 34

Claudia Tapardel, Pavel Poc, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Pina Picierno, Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission, the EACEA, NCPs and programme beneficiaries to make additional efforts to enhance visibility and communication.

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission, the EACEA, NCPs and programme beneficiaries to make additional efforts to enhance visibility and communication **by employing the available financial resources in the most efficient way.**

Or. en

Amendment 35

Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission, the EACEA, NCPs and programme beneficiaries to make additional efforts to enhance visibility and communication.

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission, the EACEA, NCPs **and their local and regional partner authorities**, and programme beneficiaries to make additional efforts to enhance visibility and communication.

Or. hr

Amendment 36

Notis Marias

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission, the EACEA, NCPs and programme beneficiaries to make **additional** efforts to enhance **visibility and communication.**

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission, the EACEA, NCPs and programme beneficiaries to make **immediate** efforts to enhance **the effectiveness of the**

programme.

Or. el

Amendment 37
Raffaele Fitto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission, the EACEA, NCPs and programme beneficiaries to *make additional efforts to* enhance visibility and communication.

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission, the EACEA, NCPs and programme beneficiaries to *improve and* enhance visibility and communication.

Or. it