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Media pluralism and media freedom in the European Union
(2017/2209(INI))

Amendment 1
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2

Motion for a resolution

— having regard to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,

Amendment

— having regard to **Article 11 of** the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,

Or. en

Amendment 2
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3

Motion for a resolution

— having regard to the European Convention on Human Rights, the case law of the European Court of Human Rights and the European Social Charter,

Amendment

— having regard to **Article 10 of** the European Convention on Human Rights, the case law of the European Court of Human Rights and the European Social Charter,

Or. en

Amendment 3
Soraya Post

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- **having regard to the International convention on the Elimination of All forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD), adopted and opened for signature and ratification by General Assembly resolution 2106 of 21/12/1965,**

Or. en

Amendment 4
Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents,*

Or. en

Amendment 5
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to Protocol No 29 of the TUE on the System of Public Broadcasting in the Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 6
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence,*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 7

Marek Jurek

Motion for a resolution

Citation 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence,*

deleted

Or. pl

Amendment 8

Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution

Citation 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the outcomes of the Media Pluralism Monitor project implemented in 2016 assessing the risks for media pluralism in the EU Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 9

Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution

Citation 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the outcomes of the Media Pluralism Monitor of the European University Institute's Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom,*

Or. en

Amendment 10

Auke Zijlstra, Gilles Lebreton, Nicolas Bay, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Citation 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the fact that the EU is making frightening steps towards deciding what opinions are allowed according to the EU and thereby threatening freedom of speech for EU citizens by enabling censorship and EU propaganda;*

Or. en

Amendment 11

Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution

Citation 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— having regard to the outcomes of the World Press Freedom Index, published by Reporters Without Borders, *and to those of the Media Pluralism Monitor of the European University Institute's Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom,*

— having regard to the outcomes of the World Press Freedom Index, published by Reporters Without Borders,

Or. en

Amendment 12

Marek Jurek

Motion for a resolution

Citation 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the Policy Brief* *deleted*

entitled ‘Defining Defamation: Principles on Freedom of Expression and Protection of Reputation’ published by ARTICLE 19,

Or. pl

Amendment 13

Auke Zijlstra, Gilles Lebreton, Nicolas Bay, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Citation 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its resolution of 21 May 2013 on the EU Charter: standard settings for media freedom across the EU¹*
,

deleted

¹ *Texts adopted, P7_TA(2013)0203.*

Or. en

Amendment 14

Marek Jurek

Motion for a resolution

Citation 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its resolution of 25 October 2016 with recommendations to the Commission on the establishment of an EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights⁴,*

deleted

⁴ *Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0409.*

Or. pl

Amendment 15

Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution
Citation 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to its resolution of 16 March 2017 on e-democracy in the European Union: potential and challenges,***

Or. en

Amendment 16
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Citation 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the Report on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2010/13/EU on the coordination of certain provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in Member States concerning the provision of audio-visual media services in view of changing market realities;***

Or. en

Amendment 17
Péter Niedermüller

Motion for a resolution
Citation 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to its resolutions on the situation in Hungary and Poland,***

Or. en

Amendment 18
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Citation 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Council conclusions and of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on media freedom and pluralism in the digital environment on 25 - 26 November 2013;*

Or. en

Amendment 19
Auke Zijlstra, Nicolas Bay, Gilles Lebreton, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Citation 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the fact that propaganda is spread to eliminate political incorrectness from Brussels;*

Or. en

Amendment 20
Auke Zijlstra, Nicolas Bay, Gilles Lebreton, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Citation 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the fact that the EU stated their plans to combat 'euroscepticism' in the Union in the EU for Citizens report and the current developments of the suggestion of an EU media quality mark where chair De Cock Buning proactively researches 'fake news' with her taskforce, is demonstrating that*

freedom in the EU is under serious threat;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Michal Boni

Motion for a resolution

Citation 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the High Level Expert Group on fake news and online disinformation appointed by the European Commission to advise on scoping the phenomenon of fake news as well as defining the roles and responsibilities of relevant stakeholders,*

Or. en

Amendment 22

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution

Citation 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *Having regards to Directive (EU) 2017/541 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on combating terrorism and replacing Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA and amending Council Decision 2005/671/JHA;*

Or. en

Amendment 23

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Miltiadis Kyrkos

Motion for a resolution

Citation 26 b (new)

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- ***Having regards to the European Council Conclusion on security and defence on 22 June 2017;***

Or. en

Amendment 24

Auke Zijlstra, Nicolas Bay, Gilles Lebreton, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the rights to freedom of expression and freedom of opinion are fundamental human rights and indispensable conditions for the full development of the person, for the realisation of the principles of transparency ***and*** accountability and ***for the fulfilment of other human rights and fundamental freedoms;***

Amendment

A. whereas the rights to freedom of expression and freedom of opinion are fundamental human rights and indispensable conditions for the full development of the person, for the realisation of the principles of transparency, accountability and ***discovery of truth; therefore should we safeguard these precious rights of freedom of expression and freedom of opinion at all cost and not allow the EU to judge what is the truth;***

Or. en

Amendment 25

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Péter Niedermüller, Miltiadis Kyrkos

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the rights to freedom of expression and freedom of opinion are fundamental human rights and indispensable conditions for the full development of the person, for the realisation of the principles of transparency and accountability and for the fulfilment of

Amendment

A. whereas the rights to freedom of expression and freedom of opinion are fundamental human rights and indispensable conditions for the full development of the person ***and their active participation in a democratic society,*** for the realisation of the principles of

other human rights and fundamental freedoms;

transparency and accountability and for the fulfilment of other human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A a. Whereas pluralism is inseparable from freedom, democracy and the rule of law

Or. en

Amendment 27
Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A b. Whereas the right to inform and the right to be informed are part of the core basic democratic values on which European Union is founded.

Or. en

Amendment 28
Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution
Recital A c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A c. Whereas the importance of a pluralistic, independent and trustworthy

media as a guardian and monitor of democracy and the rule of law cannot be underestimated.

Or. en

Amendment 29
Maria Grapini

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas media freedom, pluralism and independence are crucial components of the right to freedom of expression; whereas the media play an essential role in democratic society, by acting as public watchdogs, while contributing to citizens' empowerment and their participation in democratic life; whereas the scope of such a role should be enlarged to encompass online and citizen journalism, as well as the work of bloggers, social media activists and human rights defenders, in order to reflect today's profoundly changed media reality;

Amendment

B. whereas media freedom, pluralism and independence are crucial components of the right to freedom of expression; whereas the media play an essential role in democratic society, by acting as public watchdogs, while contributing to citizens' empowerment and their participation in democratic life; whereas the scope of such a role should be enlarged to encompass online and citizen journalism, as well as the work of bloggers, social media activists and human rights defenders, in order to reflect today's profoundly changed media reality, *while respecting the right to privacy and professional ethics in order to ensure veracity*;

Or. ro

Amendment 30
Michał Boni

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas media freedom, pluralism and independence are crucial components of the right to freedom of expression; whereas the media play an essential role in democratic society, by acting as public watchdogs, while contributing to citizens'

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empowerment, *through widening* their *understanding of current political and social landscape, and leading to their conscious* participation in democratic life; whereas the scope of such a role should be enlarged to encompass online and citizen journalism, as well as the work of bloggers, social media activists and human rights defenders, in order to reflect today's profoundly changed media reality;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas media freedom, pluralism and independence are crucial components of the right to freedom of expression; whereas the media play an essential role in democratic society, by acting as public watchdogs, while contributing to citizens' empowerment and their participation in democratic life; whereas the scope of such a role should be enlarged to encompass online and citizen journalism, as well as the work of bloggers, social media activists and human rights defenders, in order to reflect today's profoundly changed media reality;

Amendment

B. whereas media freedom, pluralism and independence are crucial components of the right to freedom of expression; whereas the media play an essential role in democratic society, by acting as public watchdogs, while contributing to citizens' empowerment and their participation in democratic life; whereas the scope of such a role should be enlarged to encompass online and citizen journalism, as well as the work of bloggers, social media activists and human rights defenders, in order to reflect today's profoundly changed media reality; *whereas net neutrality is an essential principle for the open internet;*

Or. en

Amendment 32

Nadine Morano

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas media freedom, pluralism and independence are crucial components of the right to freedom of expression; whereas the media play an essential role in democratic society, by acting as public watchdogs, while *contributing to citizens' empowerment and* their participation in democratic life; whereas the scope of such a role should be enlarged to encompass online and citizen journalism, as well as the work of bloggers, social media activists and human rights defenders, in order to reflect today's profoundly changed media reality;

B. whereas media freedom, pluralism and independence are crucial components of the right to freedom of expression; whereas the media play an essential role in democratic society by acting as public watchdogs, while *helping to inform and empower citizens and foster* their participation in democratic life; whereas the scope of such a role should be enlarged to encompass online and citizen journalism, as well as the work of bloggers, social media activists and human rights defenders, in order to reflect today's profoundly changed media reality;

Or. fr

Amendment 33

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas media freedom, pluralism and independence are crucial components of the right to freedom of expression; whereas the media play an essential role in democratic society, by acting as public watchdogs, while contributing to citizens' empowerment and their participation in democratic life; whereas the scope of such a role should be enlarged to encompass online and citizen journalism, as well as the work of bloggers, social media activists and human rights defenders, in order to reflect today's profoundly changed media reality;

Amendment

B. whereas media freedom, pluralism and independence are crucial components of the right to freedom of expression; whereas the media play an essential role in democratic society, by acting as public watchdogs, while contributing to citizens' empowerment and their participation in democratic life; whereas the scope of such a role should be enlarged to encompass online and citizen journalism, as well as the work of bloggers, *internet users*, social media activists and human rights defenders, in order to reflect today's profoundly changed media reality;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Gerard Batten

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas the Republic of Turkey, a candidate country for EU membership, jailed more journalists than any other nation in the world in 2016; considers that these actions are a clear attack on democracy and freedom of expression; calls, therefore, for pre-accession funding to Turkey to be suspended immediately;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas civic participation, informed citizenship and the fundamental right to freedom of expression and information can only be guaranteed in any democracy through freedom of the press and pluralism;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Auke Zijlstra, Nicolas Bay, Gilles Lebreton, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas freedom of speech and freedom of expression are the cornerstones of our societies and should remain protected at all cost;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Péter Niedermüller, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas fakenews, cyberbullying or revenge porn represent growing concerns for our societies especially among young people;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Péter Niedermüller

Motion for a resolution

Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B b. whereas the spread of false news and disinformation on social media or search websites has strongly impaired the credibility of traditional medias which consequently harms their capacity to act as watchdogs;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution

Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B b. whereas the empowerment of citizens and their participation in democratic life is born from the establishment of free, independent and pluralistic social media;

Amendment 40

Maria Grapini

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas public authorities have the duty not only to refrain from implementing restrictions on freedom of expression, but also the positive obligation to adopt a legal and regulatory framework which fosters the development of free, independent and pluralistic media;

Amendment

C. whereas public authorities have the duty not only to refrain from implementing restrictions on freedom of expression, but also the positive obligation to adopt a legal and regulatory framework which fosters the development of free, independent and pluralistic media ***while leveraging accountability for accurate news reporting;***

Or. ro

Amendment 41

Soraya Post

Motion for a resolution

Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

C a. whereas the freedom of expression shall never, due to Article 2 and 4 of ICERD and Article 30 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, be used to defend expressions that violate the Convention and the Declaration, such as hate speech or propaganda which are based on ideas or theories of superiority of one race or group of persons of one colour or ethnic group or which attempt to justify or promote racial hatred and discrimination in any form;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 42
Michal Boni

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas public authorities have the duty to protect the independence and the impartiality of public media in particular as actors serving democratic societies as opposed to fulfilling the interest of governments in power;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Nadine Morano

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the authorities must also ensure that the media comply with the laws and regulations in force;

Or. fr

Amendment 44
Michal Boni

Motion for a resolution
Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C b. whereas the spread of populist and nationalist sentiments in certain Member States demonstrates the need for the European Union to defend the freedom of expression and the independence of media;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D a. whereas the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression recalled in September 2016 that Governments have a responsibility not only to respect journalism but also to ensure that journalists and their sources have protection through strong laws, prosecutions of perpetrators and ample security where necessary;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Péter Niedermüller, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D a. whereas journalists and other medias actors are still facing violence, threats, harassment or public shaming in the European Union mainly because of their investigative activities to protect public interest from the misuse of power, corruption, human rights violations or criminal activities;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Péter Niedermüller, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution
Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D b. whereas guaranteeing the safety and security of journalists and other media actors is a precondition to ensure fully their role and capacity to properly inform citizens and to participate effectively in public debate;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Péter Niedermüller, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution
Recital D c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D c. whereas, according to the Council of Europe Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists, more than half cases of abuses against media professionals are committed by state actors;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Péter Niedermüller, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution
Recital D d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D d. whereas investigative journalism should be promoted as civic engagement and as an act of virtuous citizenship supported by communication, learning, education and training;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas citizens are confronted with a radical evolution of the media system, the emergence of new online media and new powerful actors, such as search engines and social media platforms; whereas this development represents both a challenge and opportunity for the promotion of freedom of expression by involving citizens in the public debate, and for converting a growing number of information users into information producers; whereas, however, the concentration of power of media conglomerates, platform operators and internet intermediaries *risks* negative consequences for the pluralism of public debate *and* access to information;

Amendment

E. whereas citizens are confronted with a radical evolution of the media system, the emergence of new online media and new powerful actors, such as search engines and social media platforms; whereas this development represents both a challenge and opportunity for the promotion of freedom of expression by involving citizens in the public debate, and for converting a growing number of information users into information producers; ***but it also generated the emergence of platforms spreading fake news or distorted information, purposely aiming to manipulate public opinion, namely as a propaganda tool in “hybrid war” contexts;*** whereas, however, the concentration of power of media conglomerates, platform operators and internet intermediaries ***has impacted the freedom and integrity of the professionals of journalism and broadcast media, thus hindering and threatening quality and editorial independence; whereas privatisations and media control by economic corporations and business and political tycons is determining*** negative consequences for the pluralism of public debate, access to information ***and is fostering the spreading of bigotry and extremist ideologies;***

Or. en

Amendment 51
Michał Boni

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

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Motion for a resolution

E. whereas citizens are confronted with a radical evolution of the media system, the emergence of new online media and new powerful actors, such as search engines and social media platforms; whereas this development represents both a challenge and opportunity for the promotion of freedom of expression by involving citizens in the public debate, and for converting a growing number of information users into information producers; whereas, however, the concentration of power of media conglomerates, platform operators and internet intermediaries risks negative consequences for the pluralism of public debate and access to information;

Amendment

E. whereas citizens are confronted with a radical evolution of the media system, the emergence of new online media and new powerful actors, such as search engines and social media platforms; whereas this development represents both a challenge and opportunity for the promotion of freedom of expression by involving citizens in the public debate, and for converting a growing number of information users into information producers; whereas, however, ***the rise of social media as sources of news coupled with lack of awareness among its users contributes to the spread of not credible news; whereas however, the*** concentration of power of media conglomerates, platform operators and internet intermediaries risks negative consequences for the pluralism of public debate and access to information;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas ***citizens are confronted with a radical evolution of the media system, the emergence of new online media and new powerful actors, such as search engines and social media platforms; whereas this development*** represents both a challenge and opportunity for the promotion of freedom of expression by involving citizens in the public debate, and for converting a growing number of information users into information producers; whereas, however, the concentration of power of media conglomerates, platform operators and internet intermediaries risks negative

Amendment

E. whereas ***the rapid growth*** of the online ***dimension of media pluralism*** represents both a challenge and ***an*** opportunity for the promotion of freedom of expression by involving citizens in the public debate, and for converting a growing number of information users into information producers; whereas, however, the concentration of power of media conglomerates, platform operators and internet intermediaries risks negative consequences for the pluralism of public debate and access to information;

consequences for the pluralism of public debate and access to information;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas citizens are confronted with a radical evolution of the media system, the emergence of new online media and new powerful actors, such as search engines and social media platforms; whereas this development represents both a challenge and opportunity for the promotion of freedom of expression by involving citizens in the public debate, and for converting a growing number of information users into information producers; whereas, however, the concentration of power of media conglomerates, platform operators and internet intermediaries risks negative consequences for the pluralism of public debate and access to information;

Amendment

E. whereas citizens are confronted with a radical evolution of the media system, the emergence of new online media and new powerful actors, such as search engines and social media platforms; whereas this development represents both a challenge and opportunity for the promotion of freedom of expression **and for democratizing the production of news** by involving citizens in the public debate, and for converting a growing number of information users into information producers; whereas, however, the concentration of power of media conglomerates, platform operators and internet intermediaries risks negative consequences for the pluralism of public debate and access to information;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution

Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E a. whereas the phenomenon of fake news and online misinformation is increasingly worrying given the facility of publication and the possibility of these contents to be shared by anyone on social

networks with global impact. Prevent fake news and online misinformation from destabilizing the normal functioning of institutions, claiming for responsibility of the authors, protecting free speech, means to protect precisely the democratic regimes;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E a. whereas journalists require direct, immediate and unencumbered access to information by public administration to properly hold authorities to account;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution
Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E b. whereas information obtained both by right of inquiry as well as through whistle-blowers are complementary to each other and both essential for journalists' ability to fulfil their public interest mission;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution
Recital E c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E c. whereas journalists require fullest legal protection to use and disseminate such information of public interest in their line of work;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution
Recital E d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E d. whereas the right to demand and receive information from public administrations remains scattered and incomplete across the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas the effect of the economic crisis, coupled with the simultaneous growth of social media platforms and other high-tech giants and highly selective advertising revenues, have dramatically increased precariousness in the working conditions and social insecurity of media actors, leading to a dramatic drop in professional and social standards in journalism;

F. whereas the effect of the economic crisis, coupled with the simultaneous growth of social media platforms and other high-tech giants and highly selective advertising revenues, have dramatically increased precariousness in the working conditions and social insecurity of media actors, ***including independent journalists who are the target of psychological harassment, violence, threats, intimidation, defamation and libel cases*** leading to a dramatic drop in professional

and social standards in journalism;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas the effect of the economic crisis, coupled with the simultaneous growth of social media platforms and other high-tech giants and highly selective advertising revenues, have dramatically increased precariousness in the working conditions and social insecurity of media actors, leading to a dramatic drop in professional and social standards in journalism;

Amendment

F. whereas the effect of the economic crisis, coupled with the simultaneous growth of social media platforms and other high-tech giants and highly selective advertising revenues, have dramatically increased precariousness in the working conditions and social insecurity of media actors, leading to a dramatic drop in professional and social standards in journalism *that may negatively affect their editorial independence*;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas the *effect of the economic crisis, coupled with the simultaneous growth of social media platforms and other high-tech giants and highly selective advertising revenues, have dramatically increased precariousness in the working conditions and social insecurity of media actors, leading to a dramatic drop in professional and social standards in journalism*;

Amendment

F. whereas the *media sector plays a key economic, social and cultural role in any democratic society. Europe has a strong media industry, which creates growth and job and has an important role concerning the respect, protection and promotion of pluralism and freedom of media*;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Nadine Morano

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas the effect of the economic crisis, coupled with the simultaneous growth of social media platforms and other high-tech giants and highly selective advertising revenues, have dramatically increased precariousness in the working conditions and social insecurity of media actors, leading to a dramatic drop in professional *and social* standards in journalism;

Amendment

F. whereas the effect of the economic crisis, coupled with the simultaneous growth of social media platforms and other high-tech giants and highly selective advertising revenues, have dramatically increased precariousness in the working conditions and social insecurity of media actors, leading to a dramatic drop in professional, *social and quality* standards in journalism;

Or. fr

Amendment 63
Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

F a. whereas the European Audiovisual Observatory of the Council of Europe has denounced the emergence of a digital duopoly with Google and Facebook representing up to 85% of all digital advertising market growth in 2016, imperilling the future of traditional advertising-financed media companies, such as commercial TV channels, newspapers and magazines which have a far more limited audience reach;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 64
Auke Zijlstra, Gilles Lebreton, Nicolas Bay, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas, in the context of the enlargement policy, the Commission has the duty to demand full compliance with the Copenhagen criteria, including freedom of expression and the media; whereas, once Members of the EU, States are continuously bound by human rights obligations by virtue of the EU Treaties and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 65
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas, in the context of the enlargement policy, the Commission has the duty to demand full compliance with the Copenhagen criteria, including freedom of expression and the media; whereas, once Members of the EU, States are continuously bound by human rights obligations by virtue of the EU Treaties and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights;

Amendment

G. whereas, in the context of the enlargement policy, the Commission has the duty to demand full compliance with the Copenhagen criteria, including freedom of expression and the media, ***and the EU should therefore show the example of highest standards in this field***; whereas, once Members of the EU, States are continuously bound by human rights obligations by virtue of the EU Treaties and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights ***and the respect for freedom of expression and the media in the EU Member States should be subject to a regular scrutiny***;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas, in the context of the enlargement policy, the Commission has the duty to demand full compliance with the Copenhagen criteria, including freedom of expression and the media; whereas, once Members of the EU, States are ***continuously*** bound by human rights obligations by virtue of the EU Treaties and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights;

Amendment

G. whereas, in the context of the enlargement policy, the Commission has the duty to demand full compliance with the Copenhagen criteria, including freedom of expression and the media; whereas, once Members of the EU, States are ***unequivocally*** bound by human rights obligations by virtue of the EU Treaties and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 67

Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution

Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G a. whereas research consistently finds evidence that women are in the minority across media sectors, particularly in creative roles, and are severely underrepresented at senior, decision-making levels; whereas studies of women's participation in journalism suggest that, while there is a relatively good gender balance among entrants into the journalism profession, the distribution of decision-making responsibility is characterised by significant gender disparity;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution

Recital G a (new)

G a. whereas the provisions of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and of the Treaty on the European Union which ensure respect for these principles are pursued through positive actions to promote freedom and pluralism of the media, to promote the quality, access and availability of information (positive freedom), but also requires the omission by public authorities in order to avoid harmful aggressions (negative freedom);

Or. en

Amendment 69

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas unlawful and arbitrary surveillance, particularly when carried out on a mass scale, is incompatible with human rights and fundamental freedoms, inter alia freedom of expression – including freedom of the press and protection of confidentiality of journalistic sources –, the right to privacy and data protection; whereas security and counterterrorism laws and activities, as well as measures aimed at countering and preventing violent extremism, should always be the subject of fundamental rights obligations;

Amendment

H. whereas unlawful and arbitrary surveillance, particularly when carried out on a mass scale, is incompatible with human rights and fundamental freedoms, inter alia freedom of expression – including freedom of the press and protection of confidentiality of journalistic sources –, the right to privacy and data protection; whereas security and counterterrorism laws and activities, as well as measures aimed at countering and preventing violent extremism ***and hate spreading*** should always be the subject of fundamental rights obligations;

Or. en

Amendment 70

Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution

Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H a. whereas recent political developments in different Member States, where nationalism and populism are growing, the increased pressures and threats against journalists shows that the European Union must ensure, promote and defend media freedom and pluralism;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Auke Zijlstra, Nicolas Bay, Gilles Lebreton, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H a. whereas Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights provides the right to freedom of expression and information, which includes the right of freedom to hold opinions, and to receive and impart information and ideas;

Or. en

Amendment 72

Emil Radev

Motion for a resolution

Recital II

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I. whereas, recalling the Council of Europe, whistleblowing is a fundamental aspect of freedom of expression and plays a central role in deterring and preventing wrongdoing, and in strengthening democratic accountability and transparency; whereas the adequate protection of whistleblowers ***at EU***,

I. whereas, recalling the Council of Europe, whistleblowing is a fundamental aspect of freedom of expression and plays a central role in deterring and preventing wrongdoing, and in strengthening democratic accountability and transparency; whereas the adequate protection of whistleblowers is a

national and international level is a precondition for ensuring the effectiveness of such a role;

precondition for ensuring the effectiveness of such a role;

Or. bg

Amendment 73

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas, recalling the Council of Europe, whistleblowing is a fundamental aspect of freedom of expression and plays *a central* role in *detering and preventing wrongdoing, and in strengthening democratic accountability and transparency*; whereas the adequate protection of whistleblowers at EU, national and international level is a precondition for ensuring the effectiveness of such a role;

Amendment

I. whereas, recalling the Council of Europe, whistleblowing is a fundamental aspect of freedom of expression and plays *an essential* role in *detecting and reporting irregularities as well as in identifying and publicising cases of corruption*; whereas the adequate protection of whistleblowers at EU, national and international level is a precondition for ensuring the effectiveness of such a role;

Or. en

Amendment 74

Auke Zijlstra, Gilles Lebreton, Nicolas Bay, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas, recalling the Council of Europe, whistleblowing is a fundamental aspect of freedom of expression and plays a central role in deterring and preventing wrongdoing, and in strengthening democratic accountability and transparency; whereas the adequate protection of whistleblowers at *EU*, national *and international* level is a precondition for ensuring the effectiveness of such a role;

Amendment

I. whereas, recalling the Council of Europe, whistleblowing is a fundamental aspect of freedom of expression and plays a central role in deterring and preventing wrongdoing, and in strengthening democratic accountability and transparency; whereas the adequate protection of whistleblowers at national level is a precondition for ensuring the effectiveness of such a role;

Amendment 75

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Péter Niedermüller, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution

Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I a. whereas whistleblowing represents a key source of information in the fight against organised crime, in the investigation of cases of corruption within the public sector as well as in the detection of tax avoidance schemes set up by private companies;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I a. whereas a level playing field at European level is necessary for ensuring that search engines, social media platforms and other high-tech giants respect the rules of the EU Digital Single Market, such as e-privacy and competition;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution

Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I a. whereas persons who knowingly report wrong or misleading information with the intention to harm third parties should not be considered as whistleblowers and thus should not enjoy the protection mechanisms;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I a. whereas, in the context of fighting corruption and maladministration in the EU, the investigative journalism should receive particular regard and financial support as a tool serving to the public good;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Péter Niedermüller

Motion for a resolution
Recital I b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I b. whereas protection of whistleblowers cannot be achieved only through legislative measures but also through the fostering of a cultural change in European societies so as to avoid any form of stigmatisation towards investigative journalism;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution

Recital I b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I b. whereas according to the findings of the Media Pluralism Monitor, media ownership remains highly concentrated and this constitutes a significant risk to diversity of information and viewpoints represented in media content;

Or. en

Amendment 81

Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Recital I b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I b. whereas the EU can only be credible on the global stage if press and media freedoms are safeguarded and respected within the Union itself;

Or. en

Amendment 82

Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution

Recital I c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I c. whereas the coverage of the EU affairs and the work of the EU institutions and agencies should equally fall under the criteria of media pluralism and media freedom, as the coverage of the national news, and should have a multilingual support to reach maximum of the EU citizens;

Amendment 83

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution

Recital I c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I c. Whereas the internet and namely social media play a key role as a driver of radicalisation leading to violent extremism as well as a tool to disseminate hate speech and illicit contents especially among young people;

Or. en

Amendment 84

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution

Recital I d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I d. Whereas effective online counterterrorism measures and the protection of freedom of expression are not conflicting goals, but complementary and mutually reinforcing;

Or. en

Amendment 85

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution

Recital I e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I e. Whereas combating radicalisation and violent extremism requires close and coordinated collaboration between all

concerned actors, at all levels of governance (local, regional and national) as well as with the civil society and the private sector;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Miltiadis Kyrkos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Member States to take adequate measures to safeguard and promote a pluralist, independent and free media landscape in the service of democratic society, including the independence and sustainability of public service media and community media, which are crucial elements of a favourable environment for freedom of expression;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Member States to take adequate measures to safeguard and promote *the fundamental right to freedom of expression and information and to safeguard and promote* a pluralist, independent and free media landscape in the service of democratic society, including the independence and sustainability of public service media and community media, which are crucial elements of a favourable environment for freedom of expression;

Or. el

Amendment 87
Maria Grapini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Member States to take adequate measures to safeguard and promote a pluralist, independent and free media landscape in the service of democratic society, including the independence and sustainability of public service media and community media, which are crucial elements of a favourable environment for freedom of expression;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Member States to take adequate measures to safeguard and promote a pluralist, independent and free media landscape in the service of democratic society, including the independence and sustainability of public service media and community media, which are crucial elements of a favourable environment for freedom of expression *and*

suitable media landscape able to avert 'fake news';

Or. ro

Amendment 88

Michal Boni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Member States to take adequate measures to safeguard and promote a pluralist, independent and free media landscape in the service of democratic society, including the independence and sustainability of public service media and community media, which are crucial elements of a favourable environment for freedom of expression;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Member States to take adequate measures to safeguard and promote a pluralist, independent and free media landscape in the service of democratic society, including the independence and sustainability of public service media and community media, which are crucial elements of a favourable environment for freedom of expression, ***ensuring access to non-partisan information;***

Or. en

Amendment 89

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Member States to take adequate measures to safeguard and promote a pluralist, independent and free media landscape in the service of democratic society, including the independence and sustainability of public service media and community media, which are crucial elements of a favourable environment for freedom of expression;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Member States to take adequate measures, ***including adequate public funding,*** to safeguard and promote a pluralist, independent and free media landscape in the service of democratic society, including the independence and sustainability of public service media and community media which are crucial elements of a favourable environment for freedom of expression;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Member States to take adequate measures to safeguard and promote a pluralist, independent and free media landscape in the service of democratic society, including the independence and sustainability of public service media and community media, which are crucial elements of a favourable environment for freedom of expression;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Member States to take adequate measures to safeguard and promote a pluralist, independent and free media landscape in the service of democratic society, including the independence and sustainability of public service media and community media, ***including grassroots media***, which are crucial elements of a favourable environment for freedom of expression;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Auke Zijlstra, Nicolas Bay, Gilles Lebreton, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. ***Calls on*** the Member States to take adequate measures to safeguard and promote a pluralist, independent and free media landscape in the service of democratic society, including the independence and sustainability of ***public service media and community*** media, which are crucial elements of a favourable environment for freedom of expression;

Amendment

1. ***Welcomes*** the Member States to take adequate measures to safeguard and promote a pluralist, independent and free media landscape in the service of democratic society, including the independence and sustainability of ***the*** media, which are crucial elements of a favourable environment for freedom of expression;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Marek Jurek

Motion for a resolution

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Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. *Emphasises that countries in which people have endured years of totalitarian governments have a particular duty to play an active role in building a pluralist and representative media landscape; calls on the authorities of those countries to actively prevent the media exclusion of social groups that have previously been discriminated against, and to prevent the dominance of groups that held privileged positions under non-democratic governments, and of financially advantaged social groups, including those with foreign capital;*

Or. pl

Amendment 93

Roberta Metsola, Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. *Welcomes the decision to name the European Parliament press room to slain journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia; Reiterates to this end its call for a European Parliament annual prize for investigative journalism to be named after Daphne Caruana Galizia;*

Or. en

Amendment 94

Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Stresses the importance of guaranteeing the right to quality information by enhancing citizens' access to reliable information but preventing the propagation of online misinformation.

Or. en

Amendment 95
Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 b. Underlines that the proliferation of untruthful news throughout social media can negatively affect the quality of political debate on issues crucial for democratic societies and the political engagement of well-informed citizens.

Or. en

Amendment 96
Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 c. Emphasizes the shared responsibility of lawmakers, journalists, publishers and internet intermediaries, but also of citizens as consumers of information.

Or. en

Amendment 97
Nuno Melo

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Paragraph 1 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 d. *Considers essential to have independent authorities to ensure a strong independent supervision of the audiovisual media. Citizens should be able to rely on the independence of the media so that democracy works properly.*

Or. en

Amendment 98

Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 e. *Emphasizes that freedom of the press requires that independence from political and economic power, which implies equal treatment regardless their editorial orientation.*

Or. en

Amendment 99

Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 f. *Reiterates the importance of ensuring a journalism that benefits from mechanisms that prevent the concentration on single groups, monopolistic or quasi-monopolistic groups, ensuring free competition and editorial diversity.*

Or. en

Amendment 100

Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 g. Stresses that transparency with regard to the disclosure of ownership and means of funding must be ensured.

Or. en

Amendment 101

Auke Zijlstra, Gilles Lebreton, Nicolas Bay, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Calls on the EU institutions to *guarantee full implementation of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights* in all their decisions, actions and policies, as a means to thoroughly uphold media pluralism and media freedom; *asks the Commission, in this regard, to introduce human rights impact assessments for the evaluation of its legislative proposals and to present a proposal for the establishment of an EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights in line with the relevant Parliament resolution;*

2. *Reminds the EU institutions that all citizens have a guaranteed right to freedom of speech;* calls on the EU institutions to *respect this right of EU citizens to freedom of speech* in all their decisions, actions and policies, as a means to thoroughly uphold media pluralism and media freedom;

Or. en

Amendment 102

Marek Jurek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the EU institutions to guarantee full implementation of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in all their decisions, actions and policies, as a means to thoroughly uphold media pluralism and media freedom; asks the Commission, in this regard, to introduce human rights impact assessments for the evaluation of its legislative proposals ***and to present a proposal for the establishment of an EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights in line with the relevant Parliament resolution;***

Amendment

2. Calls on the EU institutions to guarantee full implementation of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in all their decisions, actions and policies, as a means to thoroughly uphold media pluralism and media freedom; asks the Commission, in this regard, to introduce human rights impact assessments for the evaluation of its legislative proposals;

Or. pl

Amendment 103

Emil Radev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the EU institutions to guarantee full implementation of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in all their decisions, actions and policies, as a means to thoroughly uphold media pluralism and media freedom; ***asks*** the Commission, in this regard, ***to introduce human rights impact assessments for the evaluation of its legislative proposals and*** to present a proposal for the establishment of an EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights in line with the relevant Parliament resolution;

Amendment

2. Calls on the EU institutions to guarantee full implementation of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in all their decisions, actions and policies, as a means to thoroughly uphold media pluralism and media freedom; ***urges*** the Commission, in this regard, to present a proposal for the establishment of an EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights in line with the relevant Parliament resolution;

Or. bg

Amendment 104

Michal Boni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the EU institutions to guarantee full implementation of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in all their decisions, actions and policies, as a means to thoroughly uphold media pluralism and media freedom; asks the Commission, in this regard, to introduce human rights impact assessments for the evaluation of its legislative proposals and to present a proposal for the establishment of an EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights in line with the relevant Parliament resolution;

Amendment

2. Calls on the EU institutions to guarantee full implementation of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in all their decisions, actions and policies, as a means to thoroughly uphold media pluralism and media freedom ***from undue influence from national public authorities***; asks the Commission, in this regard, to introduce human rights impact assessments for the evaluation of its legislative proposals and to present a proposal for the establishment of an EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights in line with the relevant Parliament resolution;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

2 a. Stresses the need to have in place independent monitoring mechanisms to assess the situation of media freedom and media pluralism in the EU, as a mean to promote and protect the rights and freedoms enshrined in Article 11 of the EU Charter of fundamental rights and Article 10 of the ECHR and to promptly react to their possible threats and violations; calls on the Commission and the Member States to fully support and strengthen the tools already developed in this regard, such as the Media Pluralism Monitor and the COE Platform for the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Péter Niedermüller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. *Calls on the Commission, as guardian of the treaties, to treat attempts by Member States' governments to harm media freedom and pluralism as the serious and systemic abuse of power and move against fundamental values of the European Union enshrined in Article 2 TEU that they are, considering the rights to freedom of expression and freedom of opinion are fundamental human rights, and media freedom, pluralism and independence play an essential role in democratic society, including by acting as a check on government and state power;*

Or. en

Amendment 107
Soraya Post

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. *Urges the Member States to set up an independent body, in cooperation with journalist organisations, to safeguard the protection of journalists and the safety of journalists at national level;*

Or. en

Amendment 108
Auke Zijlstra, Nicolas Bay, Gilles Lebreton, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Expresses its deep concern at the abuses, crimes and deadly attacks still being committed against journalists and media workers in the Member States; urges the Member States to do their utmost to prevent such violence, to ensure accountability and avoid impunity **and to guarantee that victims and their families have access to the appropriate legal remedies; calls on the** Member States, moreover, to fully implement Council of Europe Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)4 on the protection of journalism and safety of journalists and other media actors;

Amendment

3. Expresses its deep concern at the abuses, crimes and deadly attacks still being committed against journalists and media workers in the Member States; urges the Member States to do their utmost to prevent such violence, to ensure accountability and avoid impunity; **welcomes** Member States, moreover, to fully implement Council of Europe Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)4 on the protection of journalism and safety of journalists and other media actors;

Or. en

Amendment 109

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Expresses its deep concern at the abuses, crimes and deadly attacks still being committed against journalists and media workers in the Member States; urges the Member States to do their utmost to prevent such violence, to ensure accountability and avoid impunity and to guarantee that victims and their families have access to the appropriate legal remedies; calls on the Member States, moreover, to fully implement Council of Europe Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)4 on the protection of journalism and safety of journalists and other media actors;

Amendment

3. Expresses its deep concern at the abuses, crimes and deadly attacks still being committed against journalists and media workers in the Member States **because of their activities**; urges the Member States to do their utmost to prevent such violence, to ensure accountability and avoid impunity and to guarantee that victims and their families have access to the appropriate legal remedies; calls on the Member States, moreover, to fully implement Council of Europe Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)4 on the protection of journalism and safety of journalists and other media actors;

Or. en

Amendment 110

Soraya Post

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. *Expresses its concern over the worsening working conditions for journalists and the amount of psychological violence that journalists witness; therefore, calls on the Member States to set up national action plans, in close cooperation with journalist organisations, to improve the working conditions of journalists and to safeguard that journalists will not be victims of psychological violence;*

Or. en

Amendment 111
Roberta Metsola, Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. *Is concerned with the state of media freedom in Malta following the assassination of anti-corruption journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia in October 2017, who was also subject to harassment, including precautionary warrants that froze her bank accounts, and threats made by multi-national companies;*

Or. en

Amendment 112
Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. Calls on the Member States to fully support the initiative launched by Reporters Without Borders for the creation of a Special Representative to the United Nations Secretary General for the safety of journalists;

Or. en

Amendment 113

Marek Jurek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Is gravely concerned by new legislation – such as penalising the exertion by journalists of ‘moral and psychological pressure’ – that may directly restrict public debate and freedom of expression;

Or. pl

Amendment 114

Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Calls on the Member States to create and maintain, in law and in practice, a safe and secure environment for journalists and other media actors, enabling them to perform their work in full independence and without undue interference – such as the threat of violence, harassment, financial, economic and political pressure, pressure to disclose confidential sources and materials, and targeted surveillance; highlights the importance of taking a gender-sensitive approach when considering measures to

4. Calls on the Member States to create and maintain, in law and in practice, a safe and secure environment for journalists and other media actors, **including foreign journalists legally pursuing their journalistic activities in the EU Member States**, enabling them to perform their work in full independence and without undue interference – such as the threat of violence, harassment, financial, economic and political pressure, pressure to disclose confidential sources and materials, and targeted surveillance;

address the safety of journalists;

highlights the importance of taking a gender-sensitive approach when considering measures to address the safety of journalists; ***stresses the necessity for the Member States to guarantee efficient legal recourse procedures for the journalists whose freedom of work has been unjustifiably threatened;***

Or. en

Amendment 115
Miltiadis Kyrkos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the Member States to create and maintain, in law and in practice, a safe and secure environment for journalists and other media actors, enabling them to perform their work in full independence and without undue interference – such as the threat of violence, harassment, financial, economic and political pressure, pressure to disclose confidential sources and materials, and targeted surveillance; highlights the importance of taking a gender-sensitive approach when considering measures to address the safety of journalists;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Member States to create and maintain, in law and in practice, a safe and secure environment for journalists and other media actors, enabling them to perform their work in full independence and without undue interference – such as the threat of violence, harassment, financial, economic and political pressure, pressure to disclose confidential sources and materials, and targeted surveillance; ***stresses the need to ensure the dispensation of justice in respect of the above acts, so as to avoid media self-censorship;*** highlights the importance of taking a gender-sensitive approach when considering measures to address the safety of journalists;

Or. el

Amendment 116
Gerard Batten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Calls on the Member States to create and maintain, in law and in practice, a safe and secure environment for journalists and other media actors, enabling them to perform their work in full independence and without undue interference – such as the threat of violence, harassment, financial, economic and political pressure, pressure to disclose confidential sources and materials, and targeted surveillance; ***highlights the importance of taking a gender-sensitive approach when considering measures to address the safety of journalists;***

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Or. en

Amendment 117

Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the Member States to create and maintain, in law and in practice, a safe and secure environment for journalists and other media actors, enabling them to perform their work in full independence and without undue interference – such as the threat of violence, harassment, financial, economic and political pressure, pressure to disclose confidential sources and materials, and targeted surveillance; ***highlights the importance of taking a gender-sensitive approach when considering measures to address the safety of journalists;***

Amendment

4. Calls on the Member States to create and maintain, in law and in practice, a safe and secure environment for journalists and other media actors, enabling them to perform their work in full independence and without undue interference – such as the threat of violence, harassment, financial, economic and political pressure, pressure to disclose confidential sources and materials, and targeted surveillance;

Or. en

Amendment 118

Auke Zijlstra, Nicolas Bay, Gilles Lebreton, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

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4. ***Calls on the*** Member States to create and maintain, in law and in practice, a safe and secure environment for journalists and other media actors, enabling them to perform their work in full independence and without undue interference – such as the threat of violence, harassment, financial, economic and political pressure, pressure to disclose confidential sources and materials, ***and*** targeted surveillance; ***highlights the importance of taking a gender-sensitive approach when considering measures to address the safety of journalists;***

Amendment

4. ***Welcomes initiatives of*** Member States to create and maintain, in law and in practice, a safe and secure environment for journalists and other media actors, enabling them to perform their work in full independence and without undue interference – such as the threat of violence, harassment, financial, economic and political pressure, pressure to disclose confidential sources and materials, targeted surveillance, ***and the opinion of the 'EU versus disinformation'***;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Péter Niedermüller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment 120
Péter Niedermüller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Calls on Member states to carry out an independent review of their relevant laws and practices in order to protect freedom of expression and freedom and pluralism of media;

Or. en

Amendment

4 b. Calls on Member States to set up an independent body, in cooperation with journalist organisations to deal with the

Amendment 121

Auke Zijlstra, Nicolas Bay, Gilles Lebreton, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Underlines the importance of ensuring adequate working conditions for journalists and media workers, ***in full compliance with the requirements of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the European Social Charter***, as a means to avoid undue internal and external pressure, dependency, vulnerability and instability, and hence the risk of self-censorship; ***highlights that independent journalism cannot be guaranteed and fostered by the market alone; asks the Commission and the Member States, therefore, to promote and elaborate new socially sustainable economic models aimed at financing and supporting quality and independent journalism;***

Amendment

5. Underlines the importance of ensuring adequate working conditions for journalists and media workers as a means to avoid undue internal and external pressure, dependency, vulnerability and instability, and hence the risk of self-censorship;

Amendment 122

Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

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avoid undue internal and external pressure, dependency, vulnerability and instability, and hence the risk of self-censorship; highlights that independent journalism cannot be guaranteed and fostered by the market alone; asks the Commission and the Member States, therefore, to promote and elaborate new socially sustainable economic models aimed at financing and supporting quality and independent journalism; ***asks the Member States to strengthen financial support to public service providers and investigative journalism while refraining from involvement in editorial decisions;***

Or. en

Amendment 123
Maria Grapini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

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Or. ro

Amendment 124
Péter Niedermüller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Condemns attempts by governments to silence critical media and demolish media freedom and pluralism, including by more sophisticated ways that do not typically create an alert in the Council of Europe Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists, such as by government members and cronies buying up commercial media outlets and high-jacking public service media to serve partisan interests;

Or. en

Amendment 125
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Highlights the necessity to support and broaden the scope of activities of the European Center for Press and Media Freedom, particularly of its legal support to journalists under threat;

Or. en

Amendment 126
Nadine Morano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. *Expresses its concern, once again, at the negative and chilling effects of criminal defamation laws vis-à-vis the right to freedom of expression, freedom of the press and public debate – tools which put pressure on journalists and are essentially designed to protect public figures from criticism; reiterates its call to abolish, without delay, any criminal defamation laws and replace them with appropriate civil provisions, while avoiding excessively punitive measures and penalties;* *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 127

Marek Jurek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. *Expresses its concern, once again, at the negative and chilling effects of criminal defamation laws vis-à-vis the right to freedom of expression, freedom of the press and public debate – tools which put pressure on journalists and are essentially designed to protect public figures from criticism; reiterates its call to abolish, without delay, any criminal defamation laws and replace them with appropriate civil provisions, while avoiding excessively punitive measures and penalties;* *deleted*

Or. pl

Amendment 128

Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Expresses its concern, once again, at the negative and chilling effects of criminal defamation laws vis-à-vis the right to freedom of expression, freedom of the press and public debate – tools which put pressure on journalists and are essentially designed to protect public figures from criticism; reiterates its call to abolish, without delay, any criminal defamation laws and replace them with appropriate civil provisions, while avoiding excessively punitive measures and penalties;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 129

Emil Radev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Expresses its concern, once again, at the negative and chilling effects of criminal defamation laws vis-à-vis the right to freedom of expression, freedom of the press and public debate – tools which put pressure on journalists and are essentially designed to protect public figures from criticism; ***reiterates its call to abolish, without delay, any criminal defamation laws and replace them with appropriate civil provisions, while avoiding excessively punitive measures and penalties;***

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Or. bg

Amendment 130

Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

6. Expresses its concern, once again, at the negative and chilling effects of criminal defamation laws, **as well as blasphemy or religious insult laws**, vis-à-vis the right to freedom of expression, freedom of the press and public debate – tools which put pressure on journalists and are essentially designed to protect public figures from criticism; reiterates its call to abolish, without delay, any criminal defamation laws and replace them with appropriate civil provisions, while avoiding excessively punitive measures and penalties;

Or. en

Amendment 131

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Expresses its concern, once again, at the negative and chilling effects of criminal defamation laws vis-à-vis the right to freedom of expression, freedom of the press and public debate – tools which put pressure on journalists and are essentially designed to protect public figures from criticism; reiterates its call to abolish, without delay, any criminal defamation laws and replace them with appropriate civil provisions, while avoiding excessively punitive measures and penalties;

Amendment

6. Expresses its concern, once again, at the negative and chilling effects of criminal defamation, **anti-terrorism and public order** laws vis-à-vis the right to freedom of expression, freedom of the press and public debate – tools which put pressure on journalists and are essentially designed to protect public figures from criticism; reiterates its call to abolish, without delay, any criminal defamation laws and replace them with appropriate civil provisions, while avoiding excessively punitive measures and penalties;

Or. en

Amendment 132

Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. *Notes the attempts by public officials to restrict the dissemination of information by journalists by the abuse of secrecy or intellectual property legislation; Calls on the Commission to propose broader safeguards for journalists to freely access, use and re-use information obtained in their course of work;*

Or. en

Amendment 133
Roberta Metsola, Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. *Calls on the European Commission to propose an Anti-SLAPP (Strategic lawsuit against public participation) Directive that will protect independent media from vexatious lawsuits intended to silence or intimidate them in the EU.*

Or. en

Amendment 134
Marek Jurek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Considers that the participation in democratic processes is founded, first and foremost, on effective and non-discriminatory access to information and

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knowledge; calls for the EU and its Member States to develop adequate policies to attain universal access to the internet **and to recognise internet access – including net neutrality – as a fundamental right;**

knowledge; calls for the EU and its Member States to develop adequate policies to attain universal access to the internet;

Or. pl

Amendment 135

Auke Zijlstra, Nicolas Bay, Gilles Lebreton, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Considers that the participation in democratic processes is founded, first and foremost, on effective and non-discriminatory access to information and knowledge; **calls for** the EU **and its** Member States to **develop adequate policies to attain universal** access to the internet and to recognise **internet access – including net neutrality – as a fundamental right;**

Amendment

7. Considers that the participation in democratic processes is founded, first and foremost, on effective and non-discriminatory access to information and knowledge; **welcomes initiatives of** the EU Member States to **guarantee freedom of** access to the internet and to recognise **the neutrality of the internet;**

Or. en

Amendment 136

Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

7 a. Deplores the decision adopted by the U.S. Federal Communications Commission to repeal the 2015 rules on net-neutrality and highlights the negative consequences that decision might have, in a globally interconnected digital world, on the right of access to information without discrimination; calls on the EU and the Member States to pursue the path of

Amendment

*strengthening the net-neutrality principle
by building on and furthering the BEREC
Guidelines on the Implementation by
National Regulators of European Net
Neutrality Rules;*

Or. en

Amendment 137

Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Calls on Member States to invest and support the provision of online literacy skills to citizens; underlines that online education is essential to safeguard the free access to media for EU citizens; reminds that the EU can act in assisting with the necessary coordination, research, development and finances to assist national efforts in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 138

Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to ensure that journalists are given the proper tools to inquire and receive information from EU and Member State administrations;

Or. en

Amendment 139

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Josep-Maria Terricabras

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 b. Calls on the Commission to urgently review Regulation 1049/2001 and to propose improvements to the public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents; calls on the Commission to abstain from any more efforts to prevent or deter journalists and members of the public from seeking and obtaining information held by the Commission through arbitrary hurdles; Notes with indignation any attempts to deny access to information by the use of delay tactics, bogus reasons for dismissal or unjustified narrowing of the scope of information that was requested;

Or. en

**Amendment 140
Barbara Spinelli**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 b. Calls on the Commission to promote common policies intended to bridge the digital divide within and among the Member States along all its lines (wealth, gender, age, geographical and social conditions);

Or. en

**Amendment 141
Josep-Maria Terricabras**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8**

Motion for a resolution

8. Highlights the important role exerted by independent and pluralistic media in political debate and on the right to pluralistic information both during electoral terms and in the intervening periods; stresses the need to guarantee full expression for all political actors, **regardless of** their degree of institutional representativeness;

Amendment

8. Highlights the important role exerted by independent and pluralistic media in political debate and on the right to pluralistic information both during electoral terms and in the intervening periods; stresses the need to guarantee full expression for all political actors **and base their presence in public broadcasters on journalistic and professional criteria and not on** their degree of institutional representativeness;

Or. en

Amendment 142
Soraya Post

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Highlights the important role exerted by independent and pluralistic media in political debate and on the right to pluralistic information both during electoral terms and in the intervening periods; stresses the need to guarantee full expression for all political actors, regardless of their degree of institutional representativeness;

Amendment

8. Highlights the important role exerted by independent and pluralistic media in political debate and on the right to pluralistic information both during electoral terms and in the intervening periods; stresses the need to guarantee full expression for all political actors, **as long as the expressions of political actors do not violate the ICERD**, regardless of their degree of institutional representativeness;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Gerard Batten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

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exerted by independent and pluralistic media in political debate and on the right to pluralistic information both during electoral terms and in the intervening periods; stresses the need to guarantee full expression for all political actors, regardless of their degree of institutional representativeness *or political views*;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Considers as essential for the good health of democracy to have a fair and impartial journalism. Journalism done with objectivity and truth, free of political motivations and economic interests.

Or. en

Amendment 145
Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 – point 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(1) Stresses that journalism must be responsible. Journalism is the opposite of defamation and insults. The use of press powers to unjustifiably attack people, companies or other entities, based on fact that are known to be false or probably false, cannot be exempt from liability. The right to judicial recourse for civil and criminal defence of their good name and honour must be assured.

Or. en

Amendment 146

Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 – point 2 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(2) Emphasizes that media freedom and pluralism always requires consideration of other rights such as the dignity of the human person, the rights of persons to moral integrity, the good name and reputation, word and image or privacy.

Or. en

Amendment 147

Miltiadis Kyrkos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Calls on the Commission to check whether Member States are allocating broadcasting licences on the basis of objective, transparent, impartial and proportionate criteria;

Or. el

Amendment 148

Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to refrain from adopting unnecessary measures aimed at arbitrarily

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restricting access to the internet *and the exercise of basic human rights* or at controlling public communications, such as the adoption of repressive rules on the establishment and operation of media outlets and/or websites, the arbitrary imposition of states of emergency, technical control over digital technologies – i.e. blocking, filtering, jamming and closing down digital spaces – *or the de facto privatisation of control measures by pressuring intermediaries to take action to restrict or delete internet content*; calls for the EU and the Member States, furthermore, to prevent such measures from being adopted by private operators;

restricting access to the internet or at controlling public communications, such as the adoption of repressive rules on the establishment and operation of media outlets and/or websites, the arbitrary imposition of states of emergency, technical control over digital technologies – i.e. blocking, filtering, jamming and closing down digital spaces –; calls for the EU and the Member States, furthermore, to prevent such measures from being adopted by private operators;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Calls on the European Commission and the Member States to ensure full transparency by private companies and governments in the use of algorithms, artificial intelligence and automated decision-making, which should not be implemented and developed in a way and with the intent of arbitrary blocking, filtering and removing internet contents, and to guarantee that any EU digital policy and strategy must be drafted with human rights based approach, providing for appropriate remedies and safeguards and in full compliance with the relevant provisions of the EU Charter of fundamental rights and of the ECHR;

Or. en

Amendment 150

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Auke Zijlstra, Gilles Lebreton, Nicolas Bay, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. *Stresses that any measures restricting internet content should only be adopted in well-defined circumstances and under strict judicial oversight, in line with international standards, the case law of the European Court of Human Rights, and Article 52 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 151
Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Stresses that any measures restricting internet content should only be adopted in *well-defined* circumstances and under strict judicial oversight, in line with international standards, the case law of the European Court of Human Rights, and Article 52 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights;

10. Stresses that any measures restricting internet content should only be adopted in *specified, explicit and legitimate* circumstances and under strict judicial oversight, in line with international standards, the case law of the European Court of Human Rights, and Article 52 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 152
Miltiadis Kyrkos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. *Recalls that Protocol 29 to the Treaties recognises that the system of*

public broadcasting in the Member States is directly related to the democratic needs of each society and that it is therefore necessary to preserve media pluralism and objectivity;

Or. el

Amendment 153

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Kati Piri, Péter Niedermüller

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Deplores the broad scope of the Code of Conduct on Countering Illegal Hate Speech Online, promoted by the Commission, and the large margin of manoeuvre left to private companies to determine what constitutes ‘illegality’, which could potentially lead to censorship and arbitrary restrictions on freedom of expression;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 154

Auke Zijlstra, Nicolas Bay, Gilles Lebreton, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Deplores the broad scope of the Code of Conduct on Countering Illegal Hate Speech Online, promoted by the Commission, and the large margin of manoeuvre left to private companies to determine what constitutes ‘illegality’, which *could potentially lead* to censorship and arbitrary restrictions on freedom of expression;

11. Deplores the broad *and extremely imprecise* scope of the Code of Conduct on Countering Illegal Hate Speech Online, promoted by the Commission, and the large margin of manoeuvre left to private companies to determine what constitutes ‘illegality’, which *leads* to censorship and arbitrary restrictions on freedom of expression; *stresses that such censorship and attempts to limit freedom of expression are already happening in*

Germany and may occur in France soon too;

Or. en

Amendment 155

Emil Radev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. *Deplores the broad scope* of the Code of Conduct on Countering Illegal Hate Speech Online, *promoted* by the Commission, *and the large margin of manoeuvre left to private companies to determine what constitutes ‘illegality’, which could potentially lead to censorship and arbitrary restrictions on freedom of expression;*

Amendment

11. *Takes note* of the Code of Conduct on Countering Illegal Hate Speech Online, *as strengthened* by the Commission, *but points out that the code should not* lead to censorship and arbitrary restrictions on freedom of expression;

Or. bg

Amendment 156

Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. *Deplores the broad scope of* the Code of Conduct on Countering Illegal Hate Speech Online, *promoted* by the Commission, *and the large margin of manoeuvre left to private companies to determine what constitutes ‘illegality’, which could potentially lead to censorship and arbitrary restrictions on freedom of expression;*

Amendment

11. *Calls to revise* the Code of Conduct on Countering Illegal Hate Speech Online, *promoted* by the Commission, *and to correct* the large margin of manoeuvre left to private companies to determine what constitutes ‘illegality’;

Or. en

Amendment 157

Maria Grapini

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. *Deplores* the broad scope of the Code of Conduct on Countering Illegal Hate Speech Online, promoted by the Commission, and the large margin of manoeuvre left to private companies to determine what constitutes ‘illegality’, **which could potentially** lead to censorship and arbitrary restrictions on freedom of expression;

Amendment

11. *Notes that* the broad scope of the Code of Conduct on Countering Illegal Hate Speech Online, promoted by the Commission, and the large margin of manoeuvre left to private companies to determine what constitutes ‘illegality’, **should not** lead to censorship and arbitrary restrictions on freedom of expression;

Or. ro

Amendment 158

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Kati Piri, Miltiadis Kyrkos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Encourages the European Commission and Member States authorities to strengthen their efforts to build effective counter-narratives and other strategic communications tools to disrupt the process of radicalization towards extremist ideals;

Or. en

Amendment 159

Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Highlights that the interests and

*rights of minors should be fully respected
in the context of mass media;*

Or. en

Amendment 160

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Kati Piri, Miltiadis Kyrkos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 b. Observes that an effective means of combating terrorism on the internet is to remove online contents constituting a public provocation to commit a terrorist offence. Encourages the Commission and Member States to cooperate with internet sector to prevent the misuse of social media for terrorist purposes by establishing tools to detect and flag illicit contents. Member States should provide clear guidelines to ensure an adequate level of legal certainty and predictability for users and service providers and the possibility of judicial redress in accordance with national law;

Or. en

Amendment 161

Maria Grapini

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Reaffirms that anonymity and encryption are essential tools for the exercise of democratic rights and freedoms, for promoting trust in the digital infrastructure and communications, and for protecting the confidentiality of sources in journalism; calls on the Commission and the Member States to refrain from adopting

12. Reaffirms that anonymity and encryption are essential tools for the exercise of democratic rights and freedoms, for promoting trust in the digital infrastructure and communications, and for protecting the confidentiality of sources in journalism; calls on the Commission and the Member States to refrain from adopting

unnecessary and disproportionate measures to undermine encryption and from allowing or facilitating backdoors;

unjustified and disproportionate measures to undermine encryption and from allowing or facilitating backdoors;

Or. ro

Amendment 162

Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Reaffirms that anonymity and encryption are essential tools for the exercise of democratic rights and freedoms, for promoting trust in the digital infrastructure and communications, and for protecting the confidentiality of sources in journalism; *calls on the Commission and the Member States to refrain from adopting unnecessary and disproportionate measures to undermine encryption and from allowing or facilitating backdoors;*

Amendment

12. Reaffirms that anonymity and encryption are essential tools for the exercise of democratic rights and freedoms, for promoting trust in the digital infrastructure and communications, and for protecting the confidentiality of sources in journalism; *reminds that free access to information necessarily implies safeguarding the personal information citizens leave behind when operating online;*

Or. en

Amendment 163

Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. *Reaffirms that* anonymity and encryption are essential tools for the exercise of democratic rights and freedoms, for promoting trust in the digital infrastructure and communications, and for protecting the confidentiality of sources in journalism; *calls on the Commission and the Member States to refrain from adopting unnecessary and disproportionate measures to undermine*

Amendment

12. *The* anonymity and encryption are essential tools for the exercise of democratic rights and freedoms, for promoting trust in the digital infrastructure and communications, and for protecting the confidentiality of sources in journalism; *However, the frontier between responsible journalism and anonymous actors has been blurred. The role of editorial responsibility and liability of both*

encryption and from allowing or facilitating backdoors;

traditional and new media must be underlined.

Or. en

Amendment 164
Nadine Morano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Reaffirms that anonymity and encryption are essential tools for the exercise of democratic rights and freedoms, for promoting trust in the digital infrastructure and communications, and for protecting the confidentiality of sources in journalism; calls on the Commission and the Member States to refrain from adopting unnecessary and disproportionate measures to undermine encryption *and from allowing or facilitating backdoors;*

Amendment

12. Reaffirms that anonymity and encryption are essential tools for the exercise of democratic rights and freedoms, for promoting trust in the digital infrastructure and communications, and for protecting the confidentiality of sources in journalism, *but points out that they can also give rise to abuses;* calls on the Commission and the Member States to refrain from adopting unnecessary and disproportionate measures to undermine encryption;

Or. fr

Amendment 165
Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Underlines the fact that "dark" side of encryption and anonymity is a reflection of the fact that wrongdoing offline takes place online as well. Law enforcement and counter-terrorism officials express concern that terrorists and criminals use encryption and anonymity to hide their activities, making it difficult to prevent and conduct investigations.

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 166
Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Recalls that restrictions on encryption and anonymity must be strictly limited according to the principles of legality, necessity and proportionality; in this regard, calls on the EU institutions and the Member States to fully endorse and implement the recommendations set out in the Report of the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression of 22 May 2015 addressing the use of encryption and anonymity in digital communications;

Or. en

Amendment 167
Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Recognizes that encryption and anonymity provides the privacy and security necessary for the exercise of the right to freedom of opinion and expression in the digital age. Restrictions on encryption and anonymity must be limited according to principles of legality, legitimacy, proportionality and necessity.

Or. en

Amendment 168
Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Encourages the development of ethical codes for journalists as well as for those involved in the management of media outlets, in order to ensure the full independence of journalists and media bodies;

Or. en

Amendment 169
Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Underlines that law enforcement and judicial authorities face many obstacles while investigating and prosecuting online offences also due to discrepancies among EU member states legislations;

Or. en

Amendment 170
Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Recognises that the new digital environment has exacerbated the problem of the spread of disinformation, or the so-called ‘fake’ or ‘false’ news; recalls, however, that this is not a new phenomenon, nor is it restricted to the online sphere; stresses the importance of

13. Recognises that the new digital environment has exacerbated the problem of the spread of disinformation, or the so-called ‘fake’ or ‘false’ news; recalls, however, that this is not a new phenomenon, nor is it restricted to the online sphere; ***expresses its concern at the***

effective systems of self-regulation which are based on the principles of accuracy and transparency and which provide for proper obligations and instruments regarding source verification and fact checking;

potential threat it can pose to the freedom of expression if states increase censorship under the pretext of preventing the circulation of fake news; deplores the fact that the term is increasingly being used by certain states and politicians to undermine public trust in the media and enable attacks on activists and journalist; stresses the importance of effective systems of self-regulation which are based on the principles of accuracy and transparency and which provide for proper obligations and instruments regarding source verification and fact checking;

Or. en

Amendment 171
Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Recognises that the new digital environment has exacerbated the problem of the spread of disinformation, or the so-called ‘fake’ or ‘false’ news; *recalls, however, that this is not a new phenomenon, nor is it restricted to the online sphere; stresses the importance of effective systems of self-regulation which are based on the principles of accuracy and transparency and which* provide for proper obligations and instruments regarding source verification and fact checking;

Amendment

13. Recognises that the new digital environment has exacerbated the problem of the spread of disinformation, or the so-called ‘fake’ or ‘false’ news; **and** provide for proper obligations and instruments regarding source verification and fact checking;

Or. en

Amendment 172
Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Recognises that the new digital environment has exacerbated the problem of the spread of disinformation, or the so-called 'fake' or 'false' news; recalls, however, that this is not a new phenomenon, nor is it restricted to the online sphere; stresses the importance of effective systems of self-regulation which are based on the principles of accuracy and transparency and which provide for proper obligations and instruments regarding source verification and fact checking;

Amendment

13. Recognises that the new digital environment has exacerbated the problem of the spread of disinformation, or the so-called 'fake' or 'false' news; recalls, however, that this is not a new phenomenon, nor is it restricted to the online sphere; stresses the importance of effective systems of self-regulation which are based on the principles of accuracy and transparency and which provide for proper obligations and instruments regarding source verification, ***cutting off 'fake' news providers from advertising networks*** and fact checking ***by independent third parties to foster the objectivity of information and its protection***;

Or. en

Amendment 173

Auke Zijlstra, Nicolas Bay, Gilles Lebreton, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Recognises that the new digital environment has ***exacerbated the problem of the spread of disinformation, or the so-called 'fake' or 'false' news; recalls, however, that this is not a new phenomenon, nor is it restricted to the online sphere***; stresses the importance of ***effective systems of self-regulation which are based on the principles of accuracy and transparency and which provide for proper obligations and instruments regarding source verification and fact checking***;

Amendment

13. Recognises that the new digital environment has ***enabled citizens to discover the truth about various issues that before were only to be found in newspapers and books***; stresses the importance of ***maintaining a citizens' fundamental right of freedom of speech and free access to pluralistic and diverse media, including self-published opinions such as blogs***;

Or. en

Amendment 174

Maria Grapini

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Recognises that the new digital environment has exacerbated the problem of the spread of disinformation, or the so-called ‘fake’ or ‘false’ news; recalls, however, that this is not a new phenomenon, nor is it restricted to the online sphere; stresses the importance of effective systems of self-regulation which are based on the principles of accuracy and transparency and which provide for proper obligations and instruments regarding source verification and fact checking;

Amendment

13. Recognises that the new digital environment has exacerbated the problem of the spread of disinformation, or the so-called ‘fake’ or ‘false’ news; recalls, however, that this is not a new phenomenon, nor is it restricted to the online sphere; stresses the importance of effective systems of self-regulation which are based on the principles of accuracy and transparency and which provide for proper obligations and instruments regarding source verification and fact checking, *so as to avoid fake news*;

Or. ro

Amendment 175
Nadine Morano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Recognises that the new digital environment has exacerbated the problem of the spread of disinformation, or the so-called ‘fake’ or ‘false’ news; recalls, however, that this is not a new phenomenon, nor is it restricted to the online sphere; stresses the importance of effective *systems of self-regulation* which are based on the principles of accuracy and transparency and which provide for proper obligations and instruments regarding source verification and fact checking;

Amendment

13. Recognises that the new digital environment has exacerbated the problem of the spread of disinformation, or the so-called ‘fake’ or ‘false’ news; recalls, however, that this is not a new phenomenon, nor is it restricted to the online sphere; stresses the importance of effective *regulation systems* which are based on the principles of accuracy and transparency and which provide for proper obligations and instruments regarding source verification and fact checking;

Or. fr

Amendment 176
Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Emphasises that a critical use of media content is essential to people's understanding of current issues and to their contribution to public life; media literacy empowers citizens and is a crucial democratic competence, calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to promote and support media literacy projects and develop further activities under EU funding programmes, such as ESI-Funds and Horizon 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 177
Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Recognises that the role and investment of press publishers in investigative, professional and independent journalism and in media literacy and education, is essential for fighting against the proliferation of 'fake' news; calls on the need to ensure the sustainability of a pluralistic editorial press content, in particular regarding copyright, e-privacy and competition at EU level;

Or. en

Amendment 178
Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Kati Piri, Péter Niedermüller, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution

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Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Welcomes the European Commission decision to establish a High Level Expert Group on fake news and online disinformation composed by representatives of the civil society, social media platforms, news media organisations, journalists and academia in order to analyse these emerging threats and propose operative measures to be taken both at European and national level;

Or. en

Amendment 179

Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to promote programs and policies aimed at fostering media and news literacy for journalists, media actors and the general public, and at developing a critical and conscious appreciation of the use of ICT such as, for instance, awareness raising campaigns concerning the rights and possible risks in the digital sphere;

Or. en

Amendment 180

Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Urges the European Commission and the Member States to promote media literacy courses at school designed to develop critical thinking and the ability to select media that focus on accuracy, transparency and honesty with regard to information content;

Or. it

Amendment 181

Auke Zijlstra, Nicolas Bay, Gilles Lebreton, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Stresses the importance of media pluralism and media freedom and that by allowing the EU to judge what is the truth and what is not the truth is threatening the freedom civilians have in the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 182

Michał Boni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Underlines the responsibility of online actors in avoiding the spread of unverified or untrue information with sole purpose of increasing the online traffic through the use of e.g. so-called clickbait;

Or. en

Amendment 183

Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 b. *Emphasizes the need to invest more in developing strategic communication capabilities to spot and disclose deliberately false content and propaganda by third parties, raise awareness about disinformation and ensure better coordination of strategic communication efforts within the Member States, International organisations and civil society organisations;*

Or. en

Amendment 184
Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. *Urges online platforms to provide users with online tools for reporting fake 'news', thereby facilitating prompt rectification and nipping in the bud any potential manipulation of public opinion;*

Or. it

Amendment 185
Michał Boni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 b. *Stresses the need for better digital literacy and raising the awareness of online users as to empower them with the ability to recognise dubious sources of information as well as their own*

responsibility in sharing untrustworthy content;

Or. en

Amendment 186

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Kati Piri, Péter Niedermüller

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 b. Recalls Member States that the notion of fake news should never be used to criminalise critical media;

Or. en

Amendment 187

Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13c. Calls on online platforms, to continue to display and to label as 'fake news' information revealed as such, accompanied by a textual or audiovisual rebuttal, with a view to stimulating public debate and preventing any re-emergence of the same 'fake news' in a different form;

Or. it

Amendment 188

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Kati Piri, Péter Niedermüller, Miltiadis Kyrkos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 c. Calls on the European Commission to provide social media platforms with precise definitions of fake news and disinformation in order to reduce the margin of discretion left to the private sector actors;

Or. en

Amendment 189

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Kati Piri, Péter Niedermüller, Miltiadis Kyrkos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 d. Encourages social media companies to develop tools to enable users to flag potential fake news for review by certified third party fact checking organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 190

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Kati Piri, Péter Niedermüller, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 e. Reiterates that cyberbullying and revenge porn are a growing concern in our societies and can have extremely serious impacts especially among young people and children. Encourages all Member States to set up forward looking legislation to address this phenomenon including provisions for removal from social media of contents harmful for human dignity within well-defined deadlines;

Amendment 191

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Kati Piri, Péter Niedermüller

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 f. Encourages both the European Commission and Member States to invest in media literacy in order to provide citizens with tools to be aware and critical about contents they read and consequently identify fake news and disinformation;

Or. en

Amendment 192

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Kati Piri, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 g. Calls on Member States to invest adequate financial resources for fact-checking as well as to integrate media and information literacy into national education systems and more generally in order to empower citizens with the tools to use the internet responsibly and avoid possible risks;

Or. en

Amendment 193

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Kati Piri, Péter Niedermüller, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 h. Reiterates the right of each individual to decide on the fate of his or her personal data, in particular the exclusive right to control the use, disclosure of personal information and the right to be forgotten defined as the possibility to obtain a prompt removal of contents that might be prejudicial for his or her own dignity from social media and search websites;

Or. en

Amendment 194

Auke Zijlstra, Gilles Lebreton, Nicolas Bay, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Reiterates its call on the Commission and the Member States to adopt and implement adequate, advanced and comprehensive whistleblower protection systems by fully endorsing the Council of Europe's recommendations and by providing appropriate follow-up to the recent Parliament Resolutions of 14 February 2017 and 24 October 2017;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 195

Emil Radev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Reiterates its call *on the Commission and* the Member States to adopt and implement adequate, advanced and comprehensive whistleblower

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protection systems by fully endorsing the Council of Europe's recommendations and by providing appropriate follow-up to the recent Parliament **Resolutions** of 14 February 2017 and 24 October 2017;

endorsing the Council of Europe's recommendations and by providing appropriate follow-up to the recent Parliament **resolutions** of 14 February 2017 and 24 October 2017;

Or. bg

Amendment 196
Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Underlines that whistle-blowing is an essential element for investigative journalism and freedom of press; recalls that journalists can be subject to legal prosecution rather than legal protection when, acting in the public interest, they disclose information or report suspected misconduct, wrongdoing, fraud or illegal activity; therefore calls on the Commission to set up a framework for a common European legislation to protect whistle-blowers and journalists;

Or. en

Amendment 197
Auke Zijlstra, Nicolas Bay, Gilles Lebreton, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Reminds the EU institutions that Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights gives EU citizens the right of freedom to hold opinions, and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers;

Amendment 198

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Péter Niedermüller, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Encourages Member States to develop policies to ensure that reporting mechanisms are accessible, safe and secure, and that the claims of whistleblowers and investigative journalists are professionally investigated;

Or. en

Amendment 199

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Péter Niedermüller

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 b. Emphasises the key role of whistleblowers in safeguarding the public interest and in promoting a culture of public accountability and integrity in both public and private institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 200

Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 b. Encourages the media sector to safeguard gender equality in media policy and practice, through co-regulatory

*mechanisms, internal codes of conduct
and other voluntary actions;*

Or. en

Amendment 201
Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 c. Urges the European Commission and the Member states to engage on social campaigns, education programmes, and more targeted training and awareness-raising (including for industry decision-makers) to promote egalitarian values and practices through funding and promotion at the national and European level in order to address gender inequality in the media sector effectively;

Or. en

Amendment 202
Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Péter Niedermüller, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 c. Encourages Member States and the European Commission to set up a comprehensive legislative framework to protect whistleblowers as well as to build a narrative, which underlines the fundamental role that whistleblowers play in our societies;

Or. en

Amendment 203

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Josep-Maria Terricabras

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 d. Underlines that media professionals often work in precarious conditions with regard to their contracts, salaries and social guarantees, which compromises their ability to work appropriately and thus hampers media freedom;

Or. en

Amendment 204

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Péter Niedermüller, Miltiadis Kyrkos

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 d. Encourages both the European Commission and Member States to adopt measures to protect the confidentiality of the information sources in order to prevent any discriminatory actions or threats;

Or. en

Amendment 205

Josep-Maria Terricabras

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 e. Underlines that all citizens have the right to access to independent information in their mother tongue, be it state or minority language; asks the Commission and the Member States to

push forwards policies that would guarantee that access;

Or. en

Amendment 206

Michal Boni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Member States to adopt and implement legislative frameworks ***in order to avoid horizontal concentration of ownership in the media sector***, to guarantee transparency of media ownership and management, and to ***ensure independent oversight and effective compliance mechanisms in order to prevent conflicts of interest and*** ensure editorial and journalistic independence and safeguard the media's role as public watchdog;

Amendment

15. Calls on the Member States to adopt and implement legislative frameworks to guarantee transparency of media ownership and management, and to ensure editorial and journalistic independence and safeguard the media's role as public watchdog;

Or. en

Amendment 207

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Péter Niedermüller

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Member States to adopt and implement legislative ***frameworks*** in order to avoid horizontal concentration of ownership in the media sector, to guarantee transparency of media ownership and management, and to ensure independent oversight and effective compliance mechanisms in order to prevent conflicts of interest and ensure editorial and journalistic independence and safeguard the media's role as public

Amendment

15. Calls on the Member States to adopt and implement legislative ***media ownership regulation*** in order to avoid horizontal concentration of ownership in the media sector, ***indirect and cross-media ownership*** to guarantee transparency of media ownership and management, ***as well as to apply appropriate restrictions on media ownership by persons holding public office*** and to ensure independent oversight and effective compliance

watchdog;

mechanisms in order to prevent conflicts of interest and ensure editorial and journalistic independence and safeguard the media's role as public watchdog;

Or. en

Amendment 208
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Member States to adopt and implement legislative frameworks in order to avoid horizontal concentration of ownership in the media sector, to guarantee transparency *of* media ownership and management, and to ensure independent oversight and effective compliance mechanisms in order to prevent conflicts of interest and ensure editorial and journalistic independence and safeguard the media's role as public watchdog;

Amendment

15. Calls on the Member States to adopt and implement legislative frameworks in order to avoid horizontal concentration of ownership in the media sector, to guarantee transparency *and easy accessibility for citizens of the information on* media ownership, *funding sources* and management, and to ensure independent oversight and effective compliance mechanisms in order to prevent conflicts of interest and ensure editorial and journalistic independence and safeguard the media's role as public watchdog;

Or. en

Amendment 209
Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Member States to adopt and implement legislative frameworks in order to avoid horizontal concentration of ownership in the media sector, to guarantee transparency of media ownership and management, and to ensure independent oversight and effective

Amendment

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compliance mechanisms in order to prevent conflicts of interest and ensure editorial and journalistic independence and safeguard the media's role as public watchdog;

compliance mechanisms in order to prevent conflicts of interest, *revolving doors* and ensure editorial and journalistic independence and safeguard the media's role as public watchdog;

Or. en

Amendment 210
Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Emphasizes that self-regulatory mechanisms must be ensured for journalists to appreciate their good and even bad practices with sanctions.

Or. en

Amendment 211
Nuno Melo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 – point 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(1) Calls the Commission to consider the best practices from national level to ensure the quality of journalism and reliability of the information published.

Or. en

Amendment 212
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

15 a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that any acquisition of co-ownership by outside investors, any partnership agreements or contracts established between broadcasting services funded by the European Union or any media outlets that offer public service using the credibility of a European label, such as Euronews, do not compromise editorial independence, objectivity and integrity of analysis; in this context, expresses its deep concern over contracts entered by Euronews with entities such as Grecima, the now closed propaganda department of the Angolan government, and on the contract maintained by Euronews with the government of Azerbaijan since 2006, sustaining a pro-regime propaganda cover which is incompatible with European values and interests in promoting truthful and pluralistic public information.

Or. en

**Amendment 213
Josep-Maria Terricabras**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)**

15 a. Underlines the importance of supporting and promoting new models of sustainable financing to support innovation in digital news and high-level independent journalism in order to reduce the high economic dependence on private advertising, thus creating the proper environment for a free press and independent media;

Or. en

Amendment 214

Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Urges Member States to develop their own strategic capabilities and engage with local communities in the EU and EU neighbourhood to foster a pluralistic media environment and to communicate EU policies coherently and effectively;

Or. en

Amendment 215

Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Invites the Member States to fully support and endorse the COE Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member states on media pluralism and transparency of media ownership, currently under discussion within the Council of Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 216

Auke Zijlstra, Nicolas Bay, Gilles Lebreton, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Deplores the fact that the monopoly position of certain social media enterprises is being enforced by some

Member States who are assigning them with a special duty to provide so-called 'uncensored' and 'unbiased' information;

Or. en

Amendment 217
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Urges the Member States to dedicate major efforts for the raising of media literacy, digital skills and adequate access to media among the EU citizens, especially by means of national educational systems;

Or. en

Amendment 218
Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Péter Niedermüller, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Encourages Member States to establish a regulatory body for monitoring, documenting, and reporting on violence and threats against journalists as well as on media concentration and pluralism;

Or. en

Amendment 219
Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 b. Recalls the important role exerted by public broadcasters in preserving media pluralism, as highlighted in the Protocol No. 29 to the Treaties; calls on the Member States to provide them with the adequate financial and technical means necessary to perform their social function and serve the public interest; to this regard, calls on the Member States to guarantee their editorial independence by preserving them, through clearly defined regulatory frameworks, from any form of governmental, political and commercial interference and influence, while assuring, at the same time, full management autonomy and independence to all public bodies and entities which exercise powers in the areas of broadcast and telecommunications;

Or. en

Amendment 220
Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 b. Calls on the Commission to allocate permanent and adequate funding in the EU budget to support the Media Pluralism Monitor at the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom and create a yearly mechanism of assessment of the risks for media pluralism in the EU member states; stresses that the same mechanism should be applied to measure Media Pluralism in candidate countries and the results of the Media Pluralism Monitor should have actual bearing on the progress of the negotiation process;

Or. en

Amendment 221

Caterina Chinnici, Tanja Fajon, Péter Niedermüller, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 b. Calls on the Commission to monitor and collect information and statistics about media freedom and pluralism within all Member States and to closely analyse cases of infringement of the fundamental rights of journalists while respecting the principle of subsidiarity;

Or. en

Amendment 222

Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 b. Stresses the need for the intensified sharing of best practices among audio-visual regulatory authorities of the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 223

Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 c. Recognises that internet and, more generally, the development of the digital

environment has expanded the scope of several human rights, as shown, for instance, by the judgment of the European Court of Justice in the case C-131/12 Google Spain SL and Google Inc v. Agencia Española de Protección de Datos (AEPD) and Mario Costeja González; calls, in this regard, on the EU institutions to launch a participatory process in order to elaborate a European Charter of Internet Rights, taking into account the best practices developed in the Member States - in particular the Italian Declaration of Internet Rights - to be used as reference point, together with the relevant European and International human rights instruments, for the regulation of the digital sphere;

Or. en

Amendment 224
Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 c. Calls on the Commission to take into account the recommendations contained in the European Parliament's resolution of 25 October 2016 on the establishment of an EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights; in this sense, calls on the Commission to include the results and the recommendations of the Media Pluralism Monitor on the risks for media pluralism and media freedom in the EU when drawing up the annual Report on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights (European DRF Report);

Or. en

Amendment 225
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 c. Urges Member States to guarantee that their minorities enjoy adequate access to the media content and equal right of creation of such content, by setting the rules that respect linguistic diversity, rights of the people with disabilities, people resident in local and regional communities; stresses the need for the EU countries to develop policies that provide support for covering the fixed costs of regional, local, community, minority media companies;

Or. en

Amendment 226
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 d. Stresses the necessity to abolish geoblocking for information media content allowing the EU citizens to access online, on-demand and replay streaming of the television channels of other EU Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 227
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 e. Urges the Member States to align their policy of issuing licenses for national broadcasting companies with the principle of respect for media pluralism; the prices and the strictness of obligations related to the licenses issuing should be subject to scrutiny and should not jeopardize the media freedom;

Or. en