

**Amendment 4**

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on behalf of the EFDD Group

**Report**

**Cecilia Wikström**

Deliberations of the Committee on Petitions 2017  
(2018/2104(INI))

**A8-0404/2018****Motion for a resolution****Recital J***Motion for a resolution*

J. whereas active participation *is* only ***possible provided there is a*** democratic and transparent ***process that*** enables Parliament and the Committee on Petitions to render its work citizen-friendly and meaningful; whereas ***this requires an aim of*** continuous improvement in the interaction with petitioners, keeping track and taking advantage of, among other aspects, the implementation of new technological developments, ***as well as with other concerned citizens and residents, such as supporters of petitions through the Petitions web portal;***

*Amendment*

J. whereas ***more effective*** active ***citizen*** participation ***can only be achieved under fully democratic EU governance that ensures full transparency, effective protection of fundamental rights, direct involvement of citizens in the decision-making processes and due regard for citizens' concerns on the EU political agenda;*** whereas ***fully*** democratic and transparent ***governance also*** enables Parliament and the Committee on Petitions to render its work ***more*** citizen-friendly and meaningful; whereas ***there is a need for*** continuous improvement in the interaction with petitioners ***as well as with other concerned citizens and residents, such as supporters of petitions, through the Petitions web portal,*** keeping track and taking advantage of, among other aspects, the implementation of new technological developments;

Or. en

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**Amendment 5**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital U**

*Motion for a resolution*

U. whereas the Committee on Petitions considers the European Citizens' Initiative an important instrument of direct and participatory democracy ***that, if taken seriously, should*** enable citizens to become actively involved in the shaping of European policies and legislation;

*Amendment*

U. whereas the Committee on Petitions considers the European Citizens' Initiative an important instrument of direct and participatory democracy; ***whereas, to*** enable citizens to become ***more*** actively involved in the shaping of European policies and legislation ***through the European Citizens' Initiative, a review of the current EU Treaties is necessary to ensure legislative follow-up to those European citizens' initiatives that are successful;***

Or. en

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**Amendment 6**

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**A8-0404/2018**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Points out that petitions constitute both an opportunity and a challenge for Parliament and other EU institutions, since they allow a direct dialogue to be established with EU citizens and residents, particularly if they are affected by the application of EU law and seek an effective and efficient redress mechanism;

*Amendment*

2. Points out that petitions constitute both an opportunity and a challenge for Parliament and other EU institutions, since they allow a direct dialogue to be established with EU citizens and residents, particularly if they are affected by the application of EU law and seek an effective and efficient redress mechanism;  
***highlights that the EU institutions and Member States must do their utmost within their respective spheres of competence to arrive at prompt and effective solutions to issues raised by petitioners;***

Or. en

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A8-0404/7

### Amendment 7

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### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 3

#### *Motion for a resolution*

3. Stresses the importance of ***raising awareness through*** a continuous public debate and wider information about the actual competences of the EU, its functioning and its ***need for future improvements***, in order to ***ensure*** that citizens and residents ***are well informed about the levels at which decisions are taken, so that they can be also*** involved in discussions about possible reforms ***and to prevent the 'blame Brussels' phenomenon used by some irresponsible Member States***; considers that a broader public debate about the EU, as well as better information and education and rigorous media reporting would ***reduce the number of inadmissible petitions, as citizens and residents would be better aware of the competences of the EU***; notes that the subject matter of an inadmissible petition can play a role in policy making even if it falls outside the scope of the committee;

#### *Amendment*

3. Stresses the importance of a continuous public debate and wider information about the actual competences of the EU, its functioning and its future in order to ***raise awareness of the urgent need to introduce fully democratic EU governance that ensures full transparency, effective protection of fundamental rights, direct involvement of citizens in the decision-making processes and due regard for citizens' concerns on the EU political agenda***; believes that citizens and residents ***must be directly and actively*** involved in discussions ***and in the decision-making processes*** about possible reforms; considers that a broader public debate about the EU, as well as better information and education and rigorous media reporting would ***raise public awareness of the right to petition the European Parliament, improving understanding about the EU's powers and the problems it faces***; notes that the subject matter of an inadmissible petition can play a role in policy making even if it falls outside the scope of the committee;

Or. en

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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 26***Motion for a resolution*

26. Emphasises that the European Citizens' Initiative should be both transparent and effective *in order to serve as* an important instrument *for* active citizenship and public participation; regrets that this has not been the case in the past and that no tangible legislative outcome of previously successful initiatives has taken place; notes the Commission's proposal for the revision of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 on the European citizens' initiative<sup>16</sup>, published on 13 September 2017; highlights the most recent successful citizens' initiative submitted, entitled 'Ban glyphosate and protect people and the environment from toxic pesticides'; points to the public hearing on this initiative in Parliament on 20 November 2017; *expects a consequent reaction by the Commission in regard to its content*; confirms the commitment of the Committee on Petitions to being proactively involved in organising public hearings for successful initiatives; undertakes to give priority, at institutional level, to the effectiveness of this participative process and to ensuring due legislative follow-up;

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<sup>16</sup> OJ L 65, 11.3.2011, p. 1.

*Amendment*

26. Emphasises that the European Citizens' Initiative should be both transparent and effective; *highlights the need to revise the current EU Treaties to make the European Citizens' Initiative* an important instrument *to effectively promote* active citizenship and public participation, *while ensuring legislative follow-up to those European citizens' initiatives that are successful*; regrets that this has not been the case in the past and that no tangible legislative outcome of previously successful initiatives has taken place; notes the Commission's proposal for the revision of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 on the European citizens' initiative<sup>16</sup>, published on 13 September 2017; highlights the most recent successful citizens' initiative submitted, entitled 'Ban glyphosate and protect people and the environment from toxic pesticides'; points to the public hearing on this initiative in Parliament on 20 November 2017; *deeply regrets the Commission's failure to ensure fully transparent, impartial and accurate collection, examination and publication of the scientific evidence used in the procedure that led to the renewal of the approval of glyphosate*; confirms the commitment of the Committee on Petitions to being proactively involved in organising

public hearings for successful initiatives;  
undertakes to give priority, at institutional  
level, to the effectiveness of this  
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