



2017/0220(COD)

26.3.2018

AMENDMENTS

13 - 128

Draft opinion
Angel Dzhambazki
European citizens' initiative

Proposal for a regulation
(COM(2017)0482 – C8-0308/2017 – 2017/0220(COD))

Amendment 13
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) The Treaty on European Union (TEU) reinforces citizenship of the Union and enhances further the democratic functioning of the Union by providing, inter alia, that every citizen of the Union has the right to participate in the democratic life of the Union. The European citizens' initiative is a Union instrument of participatory democracy which affords citizens of the Union the possibility of directly approaching the Commission with a request inviting it to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties, similar to the right conferred on the European Parliament under Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and on the Council under Article 241 TFEU.

Amendment

(1) The Treaty on European Union (TEU) reinforces citizenship of the Union and enhances further the democratic functioning of the Union by providing, inter alia, that every citizen of the Union has the right to participate in the democratic life of the Union. The European citizens' initiative is a Union instrument of **direct** participatory democracy which affords citizens of the Union the possibility of directly approaching the Commission with a request inviting it to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties, similar to the right conferred on the European Parliament under Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and on the Council under Article 241 TFEU.

Or. en

Amendment 14
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) The legal act of the Union that may be required, by a European citizens' initiative, for the purpose of implementing the Treaties may consist in a new legal act, the abrogation of any existing legal act or the modification of a current legislative proposal. The required legal

act may also consist in the amendments of the Treaties, as provided for by Article 48 TEU.

Or. en

Amendment 15
Liadh Ní Riada, Nikolaos Chountis

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) This Regulation aims to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible, less burdensome and easier to use for organisers and supporters, in order to achieve the full potential of the European citizens' initiative as a tool to foster debate and citizen participation at Union level, and to bring the Union closer to its citizens.

Amendment

(5) This Regulation aims to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible, less burdensome and easier to use for organisers and supporters, in order to achieve the full potential of the European citizens' initiative as a tool to ***submit proposals for a legal act of the Union, to*** foster debate and citizen participation at Union level, and to bring the Union closer to its citizens.

Or. en

Amendment 16
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) This Regulation aims to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible, less burdensome and easier to use for organisers and supporters, in order to achieve the full potential of the European citizens' initiative as a tool to foster debate and citizen participation at Union level, and to bring the Union closer to its citizens.

Amendment

(5) This Regulation aims to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible, less burdensome and easier to use for organisers and supporters, in order to achieve the full potential of the European citizens' initiative as a tool to foster debate and ***meaningful*** citizen participation ***to public life*** at Union level, and to bring the Union closer to its citizens.

Amendment 17
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) To achieve those objectives, the procedures and conditions required for the European citizens' initiative should be clear, simple, user-friendly and proportionate to the nature of this instrument. They should strike a judicious balance between rights and obligations.

Amendment

(6) To achieve those objectives, the procedures and conditions required for the European citizens' initiative should be **effective**, clear, simple, user-friendly and proportionate to the nature of this instrument. They should strike a judicious balance between rights and obligations.

Amendment 18
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) It is appropriate to set a minimum age for supporting an initiative. To achieve the full potential of the European citizens' initiative as an instrument of participatory democracy and to foster citizen participation at Union level especially among young European citizens, **that age** should be set at **16 years**.

Amendment

(7) It is appropriate to set a minimum age for supporting an initiative. To achieve the full potential of the European citizens' initiative as an instrument of participatory democracy and to foster citizen participation at Union level especially among young European citizens, **the age at which registration of an initiative may be requested** should be set at **18**.

Amendment 19
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) It is appropriate to set a minimum age for supporting an initiative. To achieve the full potential of the European citizens' initiative as an instrument of participatory democracy and to foster citizen participation at Union level especially among young European citizens, that age should be set at 16 years.

Amendment

(7) It is appropriate to set a minimum age for supporting an initiative. To achieve the full potential of the European citizens' initiative as an instrument of **direct** participatory democracy and to foster **meaningful** citizen participation at Union level especially among young European citizens, that age should be set at 16 years.

Or. en

Amendment 20
Liadh Ní Riada, Nikolaos Chountis

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) In accordance with Article 11(4) of the TEU an initiative **inviting** the European Commission, within the framework of its powers, to submit any appropriate proposal on matters where citizens consider that a legal act of the Union is required to implement the Treaties, is to be taken by not less than one million citizens of the Union who are nationals of a significant number of Member States.

Amendment

(8) In accordance with Article 11(4) of the TEU an initiative **obliging** the European Commission, within the framework of its powers, to submit any appropriate proposal on matters where citizens consider that a legal act of the Union is required to implement the Treaties, is to be taken by not less than one million citizens of the Union who are nationals of a significant number of Member States.

Or. en

Amendment 21
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) In order to ensure that an initiative is representative of a Union interest while ensuring that the instrument remains easy to use the minimum number of Member States from which citizens must come should be ***set at one quarter of Member States***.

Amendment

(9) In order to ensure that an initiative is representative of a Union interest while ensuring that the instrument remains easy to use the minimum number of Member States from which citizens must come should be ***five***.

Or. fr

Amendment 22
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) Every citizen of the Union should have the right to support an initiative on paper or online, ***under similar conditions regardless of the Member State of nationality or residence***.

Amendment

(11) Every citizen of the Union should have the right to support an initiative on paper or online ***if he or she is a citizen of a Member State***.

Or. fr

Amendment 23
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) While personal data processed in application of this Regulation might include sensitive personal data, given the nature of the European citizens' initiative as a participatory democracy instrument, it is justified to require the provision of personal data to support an initiative and to process such data as far as it is necessary in

Amendment

(12) While personal data processed in application of this Regulation might include sensitive personal data, given the nature of the European citizens' initiative as a participatory democracy instrument, it is justified to require the provision of personal data to support an initiative and to process such data as far as it is necessary in

order to allow statements of support to be verified in accordance with national law and practice.

order to allow statements of support to be verified in accordance with national law and practice, *though personal data should be processed as carefully as possible, in particular as regards the public disclosure and internet posting of personal identifiers, since some citizens' initiatives concern sensitive issues relating to the political or religious views of the organisers of initiatives and/or signatories thereto.*

Or. fr

Amendment 24
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) In order to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible and to provide support to citizens and organisers, the Commission should provide information *and* assistance to organisers and make available an online collaborative platform to provide a dedicated discussion forum and information and advice about the European citizens' initiative. To ensure proximity to citizens, Member States should establish one or more contact points in their respective territories to provide citizens with information *and* assistance regarding the European citizens' initiative.

Amendment

(13) In order to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible and to provide support to citizens and organisers, the Commission should provide *clear, accurate and comprehensive* information *as well legal and practical* assistance to organisers and make *publicly* available an online collaborative platform to provide a dedicated discussion forum and information and advice about the European citizens' initiative. To ensure proximity to citizens, Member States should establish one or more contact points in their respective territories, *accessible to people with disabilities*, to provide citizens with information *as well as legal and practical* assistance regarding the European citizens' initiative.

Or. en

Amendment 25

Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) In order to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible and to provide support to citizens and organisers, the Commission should provide information and assistance to organisers and make available an online collaborative platform to provide a dedicated discussion forum and information and advice about the European citizens' initiative. To ensure proximity to citizens, Member States should establish one or more **contact points** in their respective territories to provide citizens with information and assistance regarding the European citizens' initiative.

Amendment

(13) In order to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible and to provide support to citizens and organisers, the Commission should provide information and assistance to organisers and make available an online collaborative platform to provide a dedicated discussion forum and information and advice about the European citizens' initiative. To ensure proximity to citizens, Member States should establish one or more **platforms** in their respective territories to provide citizens with information and assistance regarding the European citizens' initiative.

Or. fr

Amendment 26

Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) A minimum organised structure is needed in order to launch and manage citizens' initiatives successfully. That structure should take the form of a group of organisers, composed of natural persons resident in at least **seven** different Member States, in order to encourage the emergence of Union-wide issues and to foster reflection on those issues. For the sake of transparency and smooth and efficient communication, the group of organisers should designate a representative to liaise between the group of organisers and the

Amendment

(14) A minimum organised structure is needed in order to launch and manage citizens' initiatives successfully. That structure should take the form of a group of organisers, composed of natural persons **who are citizens of and** resident in at least **five** different Member States, in order to encourage the emergence of Union-wide issues and to foster reflection on those issues. For the sake of transparency and smooth and efficient communication, the group of organisers should designate a representative to liaise between the group

institutions of the Union throughout the procedure. The group of organisers should have the possibility to create, in accordance with national law, a legal entity to manage an initiative. That legal entity should be considered as the group of organisers for the purposes of this Regulation.

of organisers and the institutions of the Union throughout the procedure. The group of organisers should have the possibility to create, in accordance with *the national law of the Member State of residence*, a legal entity, *in particular an association*, to manage an initiative. That legal entity should be considered as the group of organisers for the purposes of this Regulation.

Or. fr

Amendment 27
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) In order to ensure coherence and transparency in relation to initiatives and to avoid a situation where signatures are collected for an initiative which does not comply with the conditions laid down by the Treaties and this Regulation, initiatives that comply with the conditions laid down in this Regulation should be registered by the Commission before collecting statements of support from citizens. The Commission should deal with registration in accordance with the general principles of good administration.

Amendment

(15) In order to ensure coherence and transparency in relation to initiatives and to avoid a situation where signatures are collected for an initiative which does not comply with the conditions laid down by the Treaties and this Regulation, initiatives that comply with the conditions laid down in this Regulation should be registered by the Commission before collecting statements of support from citizens. The Commission should deal with registration in accordance with the general principles of good administration *and notify organisers as soon as possible of its decision to register an initiative or refuse registration thereof.*

Or. fr

Amendment 28
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) In order to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible, and taking into account that the procedures and conditions required for the European citizens' initiative should be clear, simple, user-friendly and proportionate, it is appropriate to partially register an initiative in cases where only part or parts of the initiative meet the requirements for registration under this Regulation. Initiatives should be partially registered where a substantial part of the initiative, including its main objectives, does not manifestly fall outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties and all the other registration requirements are met. Clarity and transparency should be ensured as regards the scope of the partial registration and potential signatories should be informed of the scope of the registration and of the fact that statements of support are collected only in relation to the scope of the registration of the initiative.

Amendment

(16) In order to make the European citizens' initiative *effective and* more accessible, and taking into account that the procedures and conditions required for the European citizens' initiative should be clear, simple, user-friendly and proportionate, it is appropriate to partially register an initiative in cases where only part or parts of the initiative meet the requirements for registration under this Regulation. Initiatives should be partially registered where a substantial part of the initiative, including its main objectives, does not manifestly fall outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties and all the other registration requirements are met. Clarity and transparency should be ensured as regards the scope of the partial registration and potential signatories should be informed of the scope of the registration and of the fact that statements of support are collected only in relation to the scope of the registration of the initiative.

Or. en

Amendment 29

Jill Evans

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) In order to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible, and taking into account that the procedures and conditions required for the European citizens' initiative should be clear, simple,

Amendment

(16) In order to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible, and taking into account that the procedures and conditions required for the European citizens' initiative should be clear, simple,

user-friendly and proportionate, it is appropriate to partially register an initiative in cases where only part or parts of the initiative meet the requirements for registration under this Regulation. Initiatives should be partially registered where a substantial part of the initiative, including its main objectives, does not manifestly fall outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties and all the other registration requirements are met. Clarity and transparency *should* be ensured as regards the scope of the partial registration and potential signatories should be informed of the scope of the registration and of the fact that statements of support are collected only in relation to the scope of the registration of the initiative.

user-friendly and proportionate, it is appropriate to partially register an initiative in cases where only part or parts of the initiative meet the requirements for registration under this Regulation. Initiatives should be partially registered where a substantial part of the initiative, including its main objectives, does not manifestly fall outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties and all the other registration requirements are met. Clarity and transparency *must* be ensured as regards the scope of the partial registration and potential signatories should be informed of the scope of the registration and of the fact that statements of support are collected only in relation to the scope of the registration of the initiative.

Or. en

Amendment 30 **Dominique Bilde**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 17**

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) Statements of support for an initiative should be collected within a specific time limit. In order to ensure that an initiative remains relevant, whilst taking into account the complexity of collecting statements of support across the Union, that time limit should not be longer than 12 months *from the date of the start of the collection period determined by* the group of organisers.

Amendment

(17) Statements of support for an initiative should be collected within a specific time limit. In order to ensure that an initiative remains relevant, whilst taking into account the complexity of collecting statements of support across the Union, that time limit should not be longer than 12 months *after confirmation of registration of the initiative by the Commission, which will be duly forwarded to the representative of* the group of organisers.

Or. fr

Amendment 31
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) Statements of support for an initiative should be collected within a specific time limit. In order to ensure that an initiative remains relevant, whilst taking into account the complexity of collecting statements of support across the Union, that time limit should not be longer than **12** months from the date of the start of the collection period determined by the group of organisers.

Amendment

(17) Statements of support for an initiative should be collected within a specific time limit. In order to ensure that an initiative remains relevant, whilst taking into account the complexity of collecting statements of support across the Union, that time limit should not be longer than **18** months from the date of the start of the collection period determined by the group of organisers.

Or. en

Amendment 32
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) It is appropriate for Member States to verify the conformity of the individual online collection systems set up by the group of organisers with the requirements of this Regulation ***and issue a document certifying such conformity before statements of support are collected.*** The certification of the individual online collection systems should be carried out by the competent national authority of the Member States in which the data collected through the individual online collection system is stored. Without prejudice to the powers of the national supervisory authorities under the General Data

Amendment

(21) It is appropriate for Member States to verify the conformity of the individual online collection systems set up by the group of organisers with the requirements of this Regulation. The certification of the individual online collection systems should be carried out by the competent national authority of the Member States in which the data collected through the individual online collection system is stored. Without prejudice to the powers of the national supervisory authorities under the General Data Protection Regulation, Member States should designate the competent national authority responsible for the certification of

Protection Regulation, Member States should designate the competent national authority responsible for the certification of the systems. Member States should mutually recognise the certificates issued by their competent authorities.

the systems. Member States should mutually recognise the certificates issued by their competent authorities.

Or. fr

Amendment 33 **Dominique Bilde**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 22**

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) Where an initiative has received the necessary statements of support from signatories, each Member State should be responsible for the verification and certification of statements of support signed by its nationals, in order to assess whether the required minimum numbers of signatories having the right to support a European citizens' initiative have been reached. Taking account of the need to limit the administrative burden for Member States, such verifications should be carried out on the basis of appropriate checks, which may be based on random sampling. Member States *should* issue a document certifying the number of valid statements of support received.

Amendment

(22) Where an initiative has received the necessary statements of support from signatories, each Member State should be responsible for the verification and certification of statements of support signed by its nationals, in order to assess whether the required minimum numbers of signatories having the right to support a European citizens' initiative have been reached. Taking account of the need to limit the administrative burden for Member States, such verifications should be carried out on the basis of appropriate checks, which may be based on random sampling. *If necessary*, Member States *may* issue a document certifying the number of valid statements of support received.

Or. fr

Amendment 34 **Dominique Bilde**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 23**

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) In order to promote participation and public debate on the issues raised by the initiatives, where an initiative supported by the required number of signatories and fulfilling the other requirements of this Regulation is submitted to the Commission, the group of organisers should have the right to present that initiative at a public hearing at Union level. The public hearing should be co-organised by the Commission and the European Parliament within three months from the submission of the initiative and ensure a balanced representation of relevant public and private interests well as the representation at an appropriate level of the Commission. **Other** institutions and advisory bodies of the Union as well as interested stakeholders should have the opportunity to participate in the hearing.

Amendment

(23) In order to promote participation and public debate on the issues raised by the initiatives, where an initiative supported by the required number of signatories and fulfilling the other requirements of this Regulation is submitted to the Commission, the group of organisers should have the right to present that initiative at a public hearing at Union level. The public hearing should be co-organised by the Commission and the European Parliament within three months from the submission of the initiative and ensure a balanced representation of relevant public and private interests well as the representation at an appropriate level of the Commission. ***In particular, organisers and their representatives should be given sufficient speaking time that is equal to that for the Commission. Organisers and their representatives must be informed with reasonable notice about how the hearing will proceed, in particular as regards the identity of the Commission representatives, the order in which they will speak and the speaking time allocated to each.*** ***Subject to compliance with the equal arrangements set out above, other*** institutions and advisory bodies of the Union as well as interested stakeholders should have the opportunity to participate in the hearing.

Or. fr

Amendment 35
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(23) In order to promote participation and public debate on the issues raised by the initiatives, where an initiative supported by the required number of signatories and fulfilling the other requirements of this Regulation is submitted to the Commission, the group of organisers should have the right to present that initiative at a public hearing at Union level. The public hearing should be co-organised by the Commission and the European Parliament within three months from the submission of the initiative and ensure a balanced representation of relevant public and private interests well as the representation at an appropriate level of the Commission. Other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union as well as interested stakeholders should have the opportunity to participate in the hearing.

(23) In order to promote participation and public debate on the issues raised by the initiatives, where an initiative supported by the required number of signatories and fulfilling the other requirements of this Regulation is submitted to the Commission, the group of organisers should have the right to present that initiative at a public hearing at Union level. The public hearing should be co-organised by the Commission and the European Parliament within three months from the submission of the initiative and ensure a balanced representation of relevant public and private interests well as the representation at an appropriate level of the Commission. Other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union as well as interested stakeholders should have the opportunity to participate in the hearing. ***The European Parliament should hold a debate on those citizens' initiatives that successfully meet all of the criteria laid down in this Regulation. Such debate may be concluded by the adoption of a motion for resolution in order for the Parliament to make use of the legislative power conferred upon by Article 225 TFEU.***

Or. en

Amendment 36 **Dominique Bilde**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 24**

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) To ensure the effective participation of citizens in the democratic life of the Union, the Commission should examine a valid initiative and respond to it. The Commission should therefore set out its legal ***and political*** conclusions as well as the action it intends to take within a

Amendment

(24) To ensure the effective participation of citizens in the democratic life of the Union, the Commission should examine a valid initiative and respond to it. The Commission should therefore set out its legal conclusions as well as the action it intends to take within a period of five

period of five months from the receipt of the initiative. The Commission should explain in a clear, comprehensible and detailed manner the reasons for its intended action, and should likewise give its reasons if it does not intend to take any action.

months from the receipt of the initiative. The Commission should explain in a clear, comprehensible and detailed manner the reasons for its intended action, and should likewise give its reasons if it does not intend to take any action.

Or. fr

Amendment 37
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) To ensure the effective participation of citizens in the democratic life of the Union, the Commission should examine a valid initiative and respond to it. The Commission should therefore set out its legal and political conclusions as well as the action it intends to take within a period of five months from the receipt of the initiative. The Commission should explain in a clear, comprehensible and detailed manner the reasons for its intended action, and should likewise give its reasons if it does not intend to take any action.

Amendment

(24) To ensure the effective participation of citizens in the democratic life of the Union, the Commission should examine a valid initiative and respond to it. ***In the light of this, the Commission may request the Court of Justice of the European Union an opinion about the legal aspects of the initiative.*** The Commission should therefore set out its legal and political conclusions as well as the action it intends to take within a period of five months from the receipt of the initiative. The Commission should explain in a clear, comprehensible and detailed manner the reasons for its intended action, and should likewise give its reasons if it does not intend to take any action.

Or. en

Amendment 38
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission

(25) The support and funding for initiatives should be transparent. Therefore groups of organisers should provide updated information on the sources of support and funding for their initiatives between the date of registration and the date at which the initiative is submitted to the Commission. Entities, notably organisations which under the Treaties contribute to forming European political awareness and expressing the will of citizens of the Union, should be able to promote and provide support and funding to initiatives, provided that they do so in accordance with the procedures and conditions laid down by this Regulation and with full transparency.

Amendment

(25) The support and funding for initiatives should be transparent. Therefore groups of organisers should provide updated information on the sources of support and funding for their initiatives between the date of registration and the date at which the initiative is submitted to the Commission. Entities, notably organisations which under the Treaties contribute to forming European political awareness and expressing the will of citizens of the Union, should be able to promote and provide support and funding to initiatives, provided that they do so in accordance with the procedures and conditions laid down by this Regulation, and with full transparency, ***that that financial support is not disproportionate in the light of the average financial support for such initiatives and that the organisations concerned are in no way the originators of the initiatives in question.***

Or. fr

Amendment 39
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁸ applies to the processing of personal data carried out under this Regulation. In that respect, for the sake of legal certainty, it is appropriate to clarify that the representative of the group of organisers, or as the case may be the legal entity created for the purpose of managing the initiative, and the competent authorities

Amendment

(26) Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁸ applies to the processing of personal data carried out under this Regulation. In that respect, for the sake of legal certainty, it is appropriate to clarify that the representative of the group of organisers, or as the case may be the legal entity created for the purpose of managing the initiative, and the competent authorities of

of the Member States are to be considered as the data controller(s) within the meaning of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, and to specify the maximum period within which the personal data collected for the purposes of an initiative can be retained. In their capacity as data controllers, the representative of the group of organisers, or as the case may be the legal entity created for the purpose of managing the initiative, and the competent authorities of the Member States should take all appropriate measures to comply with the obligations imposed by Regulation (EU) 2016/679, in particular those relating to the lawfulness of the processing, the security of the processing activities, the provision of information and the rights of data subjects.

²⁸ Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) (OJ L 119, 4.5.2016, p. 1).

the Member States are to be considered as the data controller(s) within the meaning of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, and to specify the maximum period within which the personal data collected for the purposes of an initiative can be retained. In their capacity as data controllers, the representative of the group of organisers, or as the case may be the legal entity created for the purpose of managing the initiative, and the competent authorities of the Member States should take all appropriate measures to comply with the obligations imposed by Regulation (EU) 2016/679, in particular those relating to the lawfulness of the processing, the security of the processing activities, the provision of information and the rights of data subjects *to consent, or not to consent, to the processing of their personal data.*

²⁸ Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) (OJ L 119, 4.5.2016, p. 1).

Or. fr

Amendment 40
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The required legal act of the Union may consist in a proposal for a new legal act, the abrogation of any existing legal act, the modification of a current legislative proposal or the amendment of the Treaties according to Article 48 TEU.

Amendment 41
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) in at least *one quarter of the* Member States, the number of signatories is at least equal to the minimum number set out in Annex I, corresponding to the number of the Members of the European Parliament elected in each Member State, multiplied by 750, at the time of registration of the initiative.

Amendment

(b) in at least *five* Member States, the number of signatories is at least equal to the minimum number set out in Annex I, corresponding to the number of the Members of the European Parliament elected in each Member State, multiplied by 750, at the time of registration of the initiative.

Or. fr

Amendment 42
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4.^o – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall, *upon request*, provide information and assistance about the European citizens' initiative to citizens and groups of organisers.

Amendment

1. The Commission shall provide information and assistance about the European citizens' initiative to citizens and groups of organisers.

Or. pt

Amendment 43
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall, upon request, provide information and assistance about the European citizens' initiative to citizens and groups of organisers.

Amendment

1. The Commission shall, upon request, provide **clear, accurate and comprehensive** information and assistance about the European citizens' initiative to citizens and groups of organisers.

Or. en

Amendment 44
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall make available an online collaborative platform **providing** citizens and groups of organisers with a discussion forum and information and advice about the European citizens' initiative.

Amendment

The Commission shall make available an online collaborative platform **that may provide** citizens and groups of organisers with a discussion forum and **must provide them with** information and advice about the European citizens' initiative, **together with a contact form allowing any user to ask a question on that topic and receive an answer from the relevant Commission department within an appropriate and reasonable period.**

Or. fr

Amendment 45
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall make available an online collaborative platform providing citizens and groups of organisers with a discussion forum **and** information and

Amendment

The Commission shall make **publicly** available an online collaborative platform providing citizens and groups of organisers with a discussion forum **as well as**

advice about the European citizens' initiative.

information and *legal and practical* advice about the European citizens' initiative.

Or. en

Amendment 46

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The online collaborative platform shall be user-friendly and accessible to people with disabilities.

Or. en

Amendment 47

Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The Commission shall make available an online register ('the register') allowing groups of organisers to manage their initiative throughout the procedure. The register shall comprise a public website providing information on the European citizens' initiative in general as well as on specific initiatives and their respective status.

3. The Commission shall make available an online register ('the register') allowing groups of organisers to manage their initiative throughout the procedure ***and ascertain what its status is***. The register shall comprise a public website providing information on the European citizens' initiative in general as well as on specific initiatives and their respective status. ***it may include a personal space for each initiative's organisers, via which the Commission can message them about developments concerning the initiative and its status and make any relevant announcement. The Commission shall ensure that the register is regularly updated.***

Amendment 48
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall make available an online register ('the register') allowing groups of organisers to manage their initiative throughout the procedure. The register shall comprise *a* public website providing information on the European citizens' initiative in general as well as on specific initiatives and their respective status.

Amendment

3. The Commission shall make **publicly** available an online register ('the register') allowing groups of organisers to manage their initiative throughout the procedure. The register shall comprise ***an easily and effectively accessible*** public website providing ***clear, accurate and comprehensive*** information on the European citizens' initiative in general as well as on specific initiatives and their respective status.

Or. en

Amendment 49
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4.^o – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall make available an online register ('the register') allowing groups of organisers to manage their initiative throughout the procedure. The register shall comprise a public website providing information on the European citizens' initiative in general as well as on specific initiatives and their respective status.

Amendment

3. The Commission shall make available an online register ('the register') allowing groups of organisers to manage their initiative throughout the procedure. The register shall comprise a public website providing information on the European citizens' initiative in general, ***but particularly details regarding every stage of the initiative, specifying what steps to take and the state of play of every initiative, with warnings when a deadline is approaching,*** as well as on specific

initiatives and their respective status.

Or. pt

Amendment 50
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4.º – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. Groups of organisers must be informed as soon as the translated version of their initiative is available, and if it contains any inaccuracies, the group of organisers shall rectify them and inform the Commission promptly.

Or. pt

Amendment 51
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. After the Commission has registered an initiative in accordance with Article 6, it shall provide the translation of the content of that initiative into all the official languages of the Union for its publication in the register and its use for the collection of statements of support in accordance with this Regulation. A group of organisers may, in addition, provide translations into all the official languages of the Union of the Annex for its publication in the register and also, as the case may be, of the draft legal act referred to in Annex II and submitted in accordance with Article 6(2).

4. After the Commission has registered an initiative in accordance with Article 6, it shall provide ***as soon as possible*** the translation of the content of that initiative into all the official languages of the Union, ***and in particular - by way of priority - into the European Union's three working languages*** - for its publication in the register and its use for the collection of statements of support in accordance with this Regulation. A group of organisers may, in addition, provide translations into all the official languages of the Union of the Annex for its publication in the register and also, as the case may be, of the draft

legal act referred to in Annex II and submitted in accordance with Article 6(2).

Or. fr

Amendment 52
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4.º – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. After the Commission has registered an initiative in accordance with Article 6, it shall provide the translation of the content of that initiative into all the official languages of the Union for its publication in the register and its use for the collection of statements of support in accordance with this Regulation. A group of organisers may, in addition, provide translations into all the official languages of the Union of the Annex for its publication in the register and also, *as the case may be*, of the draft legal act referred to in Annex II and submitted in accordance with Article 6(2).

Amendment

4. After the Commission has registered an initiative in accordance with Article 6, it shall provide the translation of the content of that initiative into all the official languages of the Union for its publication in the register and its use for the collection of statements of support in accordance with this Regulation. A group of organisers may, in addition, provide translations into all the official languages of the Union of the Annex for its publication in the register and also of the draft legal act referred to in Annex II and submitted in accordance with Article 6(2).

Or. pt

Amendment 53
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. Each Member State shall establish one or more *contact points* to provide information and assistance to groups of organisers in setting up a European citizens' initiative.

Amendment

6. Each Member State shall establish one or more *online platforms* to provide information and assistance to groups of organisers in setting up a European citizens' initiative.

Amendment 54
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. Each Member State shall establish one or more contact points to provide information **and** assistance to groups of organisers in setting up a European citizens' initiative.

Amendment

6. Each Member State shall establish one or more contact points, ***accessible to people with disabilities***, to provide information ***as well legal and practical*** assistance to groups of organisers in setting up a European citizens' initiative.

Or. en

Amendment 55
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4.^o – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. Each Member State shall establish one or more contact points ***to provide*** information and assistance to groups of organisers in setting up a European citizens' initiative.

Amendment

6. Each Member State shall establish one or more contact points ***and make them known, with a view to providing*** information and assistance to groups of organisers in setting up a European citizens' initiative.

Or. pt

Amendment 56
Jill Evans

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. Each Member State shall establish one or more contact points to provide information and assistance to groups of organisers in setting up a European citizens' initiative.

Amendment

6. Each Member State shall establish one or more contact points to provide information and assistance to groups of organisers in setting up a European citizens' initiative **and provide information in the official and co-official languages of the Member State.**

Or. en

Amendment 57
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4.^o – paragraph 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6a. The Member States shall encourage national, regional and local authorities to supply information on the European citizens' initiative to their citizens.

Or. pt

Amendment 58
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. An initiative shall be prepared and managed by a group of at least **seven** natural persons (the 'group of organisers'). Members of the European Parliament shall not be counted for the purpose of that minimum number.

1. An initiative shall be prepared and managed by a group of at least **five** natural persons (the 'group of organisers') **who are citizens of a Member State of the European Union.** Members of the European Parliament shall not be counted for the purpose of that minimum number.

Amendment 59
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The members of the group of organisers shall be citizens of the Union, of the age to be entitled to vote in elections to the European Parliament and residents of at least *seven* different Member States.

Amendment

2. The members of the group of organisers shall be citizens of the Union, of the age to be entitled, ***when the request for registration of the initiative is lodged with the Commission***, to vote in elections to the European Parliament, and residents of at least ***five*** different Member States.

Amendment 60
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The group of organisers shall designate two of its members as, respectively, representative and substitute, who shall liaise between them and the institutions of the Union throughout the process and who shall be mandated to act on behalf of the group of organisers (the ‘contact persons’).

Amendment

The group of organisers shall designate two of its members as, respectively, representative and substitute, who shall liaise between them and the institutions of the Union throughout the process and who shall be mandated to act on behalf of the group of organisers (the ‘contact persons’). ***The contact persons shall register their contact details on the online platform set up for that purpose by the Commission, such details to include their private postal address, a private e-mail address and a private landline or mobile telephone number, in order to facilitate communication between the organisers and the Commission.***

Amendment 61
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The group of organisers may also designate a maximum of two other natural persons, chosen from among its members or otherwise, who are mandated to act on behalf of the contact persons for the purpose of liaising with the institutions of the Union throughout the procedure.

Amendment

The group of organisers may also designate a maximum of two other natural persons, chosen from among its members or otherwise, who are mandated to act on behalf of the contact persons for the purpose of liaising with the institutions of the Union throughout the procedure, ***provided that the relevant contact details, including a postal address, an e-mail address and a landline or mobile telephone number, are submitted when the request for registration is lodged.***

Amendment 62
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The group of organisers shall inform the Commission of any changes regarding its composition throughout the procedure and shall provide appropriate proof that the requirements laid down in paragraphs 1 and 2 are fulfilled. The changes in the composition of the group of organisers shall be reflected in the statement of support forms and the names of the current and former members of the group of organisers shall remain available in the

Amendment

The group of organisers shall inform the Commission of any changes regarding its composition throughout the procedure and shall provide appropriate proof that the requirements laid down in paragraphs 1 and 2 are fulfilled. The changes in the composition of the group of organisers shall be reflected in the statement of support forms and the names of the current and former members of the group of organisers shall remain available in the register throughout the procedure. ***The***

register throughout the procedure.

organisers shall ensure that their contact details are regularly updated, and the Commission's online platform shall make it possible to modify the contact details of contact persons.

Or. fr

Amendment 63
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) where it is made up of more than 7 members, indicate those seven members to be taken into account for the purpose of Article 5(1) and (2);

Amendment

(b) where it is made up of more than 7 members, indicate those seven members to be taken into account for the purpose of Article 5(1) and (2) *and provide their contact details*;

Or. fr

Amendment 64
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) as the case may be, indicate that a legal entity has been created, pursuant to Article 5(7).

Amendment

(c) as the case may be, indicate that a legal entity has been created, pursuant to Article 5(7), *and provide a copy of the internal rules of that entity.*

Or. fr

Amendment 65
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) in the situation referred to Article 5(7), the legal entity has been created specifically for the purpose of managing the initiative and the member of the group of organisers designated as the representative thereof is given a mandate to act on behalf of the *legal entity*;

Amendment

(b) in the situation referred to Article 5(7), the legal entity has been created specifically for the purpose of managing the initiative and the member of the group of organisers designated as the representative thereof is given a mandate to act on behalf of the *organisers*;

Or. fr

Amendment 66

Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6.^o – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) *none of the parts of the initiative manifestly falls outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 67

Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6.^o – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

If one or more of the requirements set out in points (a) to (e) are not met, the Commission shall refuse to register the initiative, without prejudice to paragraphs 4 and 5.

Amendment

If one or more of the requirements set out in points (a) to (d) are not met, the Commission shall refuse to register the initiative, without prejudice to paragraphs 4 and 5.

Amendment 68
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

If one or more of the requirements set out in points (a) to (e) are not met, the Commission shall refuse to register the initiative, without prejudice to paragraphs 4 and 5.

Amendment

If one or more of the requirements set out in points (a) to (e) are not met, the Commission shall refuse to register the initiative, without prejudice to paragraphs 4 and 5, ***and shall notify the organisers, in particular via the contact persons and the online platform created for that purpose, as quickly as possible and in writing.***

Or. fr

Amendment 69
Liadh Ní Riada, Nikolaos Chountis

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

If one or more of the requirements set out in points (a) to (e) are not met, the Commission shall refuse to register the initiative, without prejudice to paragraphs 4 and 5.

Amendment

If one or more of the requirements set out in points (a) to (e) are not met, the Commission, ***after informing the European Parliament on its reasoning,*** shall refuse to register the initiative, without prejudice to paragraphs 4 and 5.

Or. en

Amendment 70
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6.^o – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Where it considers that the requirements laid down in paragraph 3 (a), (b), (d) and (e) are met but that the requirement laid down in paragraph 3(c) is not met, the Commission shall, within one month of the submission of the request, inform the group of organisers of its assessment and of the reasons thereof.

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 71
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Where it considers that the requirements laid down in paragraph 3 (a), (b), (d) and (e) are met but that the requirement laid down in paragraph 3(c) is not met, the Commission shall, within one month of the submission of the request, inform the group of organisers of its assessment and of the reasons thereof.

Where it considers that the requirements laid down in paragraph 3 (a), (b), (d) and (e) are met but that the requirement laid down in paragraph 3(c) is not met, the Commission shall, ***as quickly as possible and at the very latest*** within one month of the submission of the request, inform the group of organisers of its assessment and of the reasons thereof, ***in particular via the online platform created for that purpose, and shall do so in writing, clearly explaining the reasoning behind its decision.***

Or. fr

Amendment 72
Liadh Ní Riada, Nikolaos Chountis

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Where it considers that the requirements laid down in paragraph 3 (a), (b), (d) and (e) are met but that the requirement laid down in paragraph 3(c) is not met, the Commission shall, within one month of the submission of the request, inform the group of organisers of its assessment and of the reasons thereof.

Amendment

Where it considers that the requirements laid down in paragraph 3 (a), (b), (d) and (e) are met but that the requirement laid down in paragraph 3(c) is not met, the Commission shall, within one month of the submission of the request, inform the group of organisers **and the European Parliament** of its assessment and of the reasons thereof.

Or. en

Amendment 73
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6.º – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

If it comes to the conclusion that the initiative or parts of the initiative fall outside its remit, the Commission shall inform the group of organisers of that conclusion and of the reasons why it reached that conclusion.

Or. pt

Amendment 74
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6.º – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

In that case, the group of organisers may either amend the initiative to take into account the Commission's ***assessment to ensure that the initiative is in conformity with the requirement laid down in***

In that case, the group of organisers may either amend the initiative to take into account the Commission's ***information or even*** maintain or withdraw the initial initiative. The group of organisers shall

paragraph 3(c) or maintain or withdraw the initial initiative. The group of organisers shall inform the Commission of its choice within one month of the receipt of the Commission's **assessment** giving the reasons thereof, and shall, as the case may be, transmit amendments to the information referred to in Annex II to replace the initial initiative.

inform the Commission of its choice within one month of the receipt of the Commission's **information** giving the reasons thereof, and shall, as the case may be, transmit amendments to the information referred to in Annex II to replace the initial initiative.

Or. pt

Amendment 75
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6.º – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Where the Commission receives the information from the organisers it shall:

After the Commission receives the information from the organisers it shall:

Or. pt

Amendment 76
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6.º – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) register the initiative, if it meets the requirement laid down in paragraph 3(c);

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 77
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6.º – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) partially register the initiative if a substantial part of the initiative, including its main objectives, does not manifestly fall outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties; *deleted*

Or. pt

Amendment 78
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6.º – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 3 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) otherwise refuse to register the initiative. *deleted*

Or. pt

Amendment 79
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6.º – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) maintain the registration of the initial initiative, if the organisers so decide;

Or. pt

Amendment 80

Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6.^o – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 3 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) register the initiative as amended by the organisers.

Or. pt

Amendment 81

Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6.^o – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission shall decide on the request within one month of receipt of the information and, as the case may be, the amended initiative from the group of organisers referred to in the second subparagraph.

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 82

Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission shall decide on the request within one month of receipt of the information and, as the case may be, the amended initiative from the group of organisers referred to in the second subparagraph.

The Commission shall decide on the request *as quickly as possible, and at the very latest* within one month of receipt of the information, and, as the case may be, the amended initiative from the group of organisers referred to in the second subparagraph. *It shall inform the organisers of its decision in writing, in*

particular via the online platform created for that purpose, clearly explaining the reasoning behind this decision.

Or. fr

Amendment 83
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6.º – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Where the Commission partially registers an initiative: **deleted**

(a) it shall publish information on the scope of the registration of the initiative in the register;

(b) the group of organisers shall ensure that potential signatories are informed of the scope of the registration of the initiative and of the fact that statements of support are collected only in relation to the scope of the registration.

Or. pt

Amendment 84
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6.º – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) it shall publish information on the scope of the registration of the initiative in the register; **deleted**

Or. pt

Amendment 85
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6.º – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) the group of organisers shall ensure that potential signatories are informed of the scope of the registration of the initiative and of the fact that statements of support are collected only in relation to the scope of the registration.

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 86
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6. The Commission shall register an initiative under a single registration number and inform the group of organisers thereof.

6. The Commission shall register an initiative under a single registration number and inform the group of organisers thereof *as soon as possible, in particular via the online platform created for that purpose.*

Or. fr

Amendment 87
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6.º – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

7. Where it refuses to register *or only partially registers* an initiative *in accordance with paragraph 4*, the

7. Where it refuses to register an initiative, the Commission shall inform the group of organisers of the reasons for its

Commission shall inform the group of organisers of the reasons for its decision and of all possible judicial and extrajudicial remedies available to them.

decision and of all possible judicial and extrajudicial remedies available to them.

Or. pt

Amendment 88
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. Where it refuses to register or only partially registers an initiative in accordance with paragraph 4, the Commission shall inform the group of organisers of the reasons for its decision and of all possible judicial and extrajudicial remedies available to them.

Amendment

7. Where it refuses to register or only partially registers an initiative in accordance with paragraph 4, the Commission shall inform the group of organisers of the reasons for its decision ***in a clear and transparent manner*** and of all possible judicial and extrajudicial remedies available to them. ***This information shall be transmitted, in particular, via the online platform created for that purpose.***

Or. fr

Amendment 89
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. Where it refuses to register or only partially registers an initiative in accordance with paragraph 4, the Commission shall inform the group of organisers of the reasons for its decision and of all possible judicial and extrajudicial remedies available to them.

Amendment

7. Where it refuses to register ***in accordance with the last subparagraph of paragraph 3*** or only partially registers an initiative in accordance with paragraph 4, the Commission shall ***duly*** inform the group of organisers of the reasons for its decision and of all possible judicial and extrajudicial remedies available to them.

Amendment 90
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

8. The Commission shall inform the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee **and** the Committee of the Regions of the registration of an initiative.

Amendment

8. The Commission shall inform ***in a clear, thorough and detailed manner*** the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions ***and the national parliaments*** of the registration of an initiative.

Or. en

Amendment 91
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6.º – paragraph 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

8a. The requirements for the submission of final initiatives shall be the same in all Member States.

Or. pt

Amendment 92
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

All statements of support shall be collected

All statements of support shall be collected

within a period not exceeding 12 months from *a date chosen by the group of organisers* (the ‘collection period’), without prejudice to Article 11(6). That date must be not later than three months from the registration of the initiative in accordance with Article 6.

within a period not exceeding 12 months from *the date of the Commission’s communication informing the organisers of the registration of the initiative* (the ‘collection period’), without prejudice to Article 11(6). That date must be not later than three months from the registration of the initiative in accordance with Article 6.

Or. fr

Amendment 93
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

All statements of support shall be collected within a period not exceeding **12** months from a date chosen by the group of organisers (the ‘collection period’), without prejudice to Article 11(6). That date must be not later than **three** months from the registration of the initiative in accordance with Article 6.

Amendment

All statements of support shall be collected within a period not exceeding **18** months from a date chosen by the group of organisers (the ‘collection period’), without prejudice to Article 11(6). That date must be not later than **six** months from the registration of the initiative in accordance with Article 6.

Or. en

Amendment 94
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8.^o – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

All statements of support shall be collected within a period not exceeding **12** months from a date chosen by the group of organisers (the ‘collection period’), without prejudice to Article 11(6). That date must be not later than three months from the

Amendment

All statements of support shall be collected within a period not exceeding **18** months from a date chosen by the group of organisers (the ‘collection period’), without prejudice to Article 11(6). That date must be not later than three months from the

registration of the initiative in accordance with Article 6.

registration of the initiative in accordance with Article 6.

Or. pt

Amendment 95

Liadh Ní Riada, Nikolaos Chountis

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

All statements of support shall be collected within a period not exceeding **12** months from a date chosen by the group of organisers (the ‘collection period’), without prejudice to Article 11(6). That date must be not later than three months from the registration of the initiative in accordance with Article 6.

Amendment

All statements of support shall be collected within a period not exceeding **18** months from a date chosen by the group of organisers (the ‘collection period’), without prejudice to Article 11(6). That date must be not later than three months from the registration of the initiative in accordance with Article 6.

Or. en

Amendment 96

Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The group of organisers shall inform the Commission of the date chosen at the latest 10 working days before that date.

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 97

Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8.º – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Where the group of organisers wishes to terminate the collection of statements of support before the end of **12** months after the beginning of the collection period, it shall inform the Commission of the date at which the collection period is to end.

Amendment

Where the group of organisers wishes to terminate the collection of statements of support before the end of **18** months after the beginning of the collection period, it shall inform the Commission of the date at which the collection period is to end.

Or. pt

Amendment 98 Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Where the group of organisers wishes to terminate the collection of statements of support before the end of 12 months after the beginning of the collection period, it shall inform the Commission *of* the date at which the collection period is to end.

Amendment

Where the group of organisers wishes to terminate the collection of statements of support before the end of 12 months after the beginning of the collection period, it shall inform the Commission *as soon as possible, but in any case before* the date at which the collection period is to end.

Or. fr

Amendment 99 Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall indicate the beginning and end of the collection period in the register.

Amendment

2. The Commission shall indicate the beginning and end of the collection period in the register. *If the organisers collect the signatures by any means other than a particular online collection system, they must clearly inform the visitors and*

potential signatories of the date the collection period comes to an end.

Or. fr

Amendment 100
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8.º – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall indicate the beginning and end of the collection period in the register.

Amendment

2. The Commission shall indicate the beginning and end of the collection period in the register. ***One month before the deadline for the collection of statements of support is due to expire, the Commission shall inform the group of organisers thereof.***

Or. pt

Amendment 101
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission ***or the group of organisers***, as the case may be, shall close the operation of the central online collection system in accordance with Article 10 ***or of an*** individual online collection system in accordance with Article 11 on the date at which the collection period ends.

Amendment

3. The Commission, as the case may be, shall ***automatically*** close the operation of the central online collection system in accordance with Article 10, ***and the organisers must close down any*** individual online collection system in accordance with Article 11 on the date at which the collection period ends.

Or. fr

Amendment 102
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

The forms for the statement of support may be adapted for the purpose of the online collection.

Amendment

The forms for the statement of support may be adapted for the purpose of the online collection, ***provided that the relevant national authority agrees.***

Or. fr

Amendment 103
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

By 1 January 2020, the Commission shall publish the forms set out in Annex III in the register.

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 104
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. A person may sign a statement of support for a given initiative only once.

Amendment

6. ***One signature must correspond with one person, and a*** person may sign a statement of support for a given initiative only once.

Or. fr

Amendment 105
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Where the required number of statements of support has not been reached or in the absence of a response from the group of organisers within three months of the end of the collection period, the Commission shall close the initiative and publish a notice to that effect in the register.

Amendment

Where the required number of statements of support has not been reached or in the absence of a response from the group of organisers within three months of the end of the collection period, the Commission shall close the initiative and publish a notice to that effect in the register. ***The Commission shall inform the organisers of this closure via the online platform created for this purpose.***

Or. fr

Amendment 106
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

The central online collection system shall be accessible for persons with disabilities.

Amendment

The central online collection system shall be ***user-friendly and*** accessible for persons with disabilities.

Or. en

Amendment 107
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

After the registration of the initiative and before the beginning of the collection period, and without prejudice to the powers of the national supervisory authorities under Chapter VI of **Regulation** (EU) 2016/679, the group of organisers shall request the competent authority of the Member State in which the data collected through the individual online collection system will be stored to certify that that system complies with the requirements laid down in paragraph 4.

After the registration of the initiative and before the beginning of the collection period, and without prejudice to the powers of the national supervisory authorities under Chapter VI of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the group of organisers shall request the competent authority of the Member State in which the data collected through the individual online collection system will be stored to certify that that system complies with the requirements laid down in paragraph 4, ***sending the user group a certificate of conformity if necessary.***

Or. fr

Amendment 108
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Where an individual online collection system complies with those requirements, the competent authority shall ***within one month*** issue a certificate to that effect in accordance with the model set out in Annex IV. The group of organisers shall make a copy of that certificate or those certificates publicly available on the website used for the individual online collection system.

Amendment

Where an individual online collection system complies with those requirements, the competent authority shall, ***if required,*** issue a certificate to that effect in accordance with the model set out in Annex IV. The group of organisers shall make a copy of that certificate or those certificates publicly available on the website used for the individual online collection system.

Or. fr

Amendment 109
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Within three months of the end of the collection period and without prejudice to paragraph 3, the group of organisers shall submit the statements of support, collected online or in paper form, to the competent authorities referred to in Article 19(2) of the responsible Member State.

Amendment

Within three months of the end of the collection period and without prejudice to paragraph 3, the group of organisers shall submit the statements of support, collected online or in paper form, to the competent authorities referred to in Article 19(2) of the responsible Member State. ***The group of organisers can also transmit the statements at any time during the collection period.***

Or. fr

Amendment 110

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. When the Commission receives a valid initiative in respect of which the statements of support have been collected and certified in accordance with Articles 8 to 12, it shall publish without delay a notice to that effect in the register and transmit the initiative to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee ***and*** the Committee of the Regions.

Amendment

1. When the Commission receives a valid initiative in respect of which the statements of support have been collected and certified in accordance with Articles 8 to 12, it shall publish without delay a notice to that effect in the register and transmit the initiative to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions ***and the national parliaments.***

Or. en

Amendment 111

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission and the European Parliament shall co-organize *the* public hearing at the European Parliament. Representatives of the other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union, as well as interested stakeholders, shall be given the opportunity to participate in the hearing.

Amendment

The Commission and the European Parliament shall co-organize *such* public hearing at the European Parliament. Representatives of the other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union, as well as interested stakeholders, shall be given the opportunity to participate in the hearing.

Or. en

Amendment 112
Liliana Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14.^o – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The group of organisers may, if it so wishes, be accompanied by not more than three persons specialising in the subject of the initiative.

Or. pt

Amendment 113
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. In addition to the public hearing referred to in paragraph 2, the European Parliament shall hold a debate on those citizens' initiatives that successfully meet all the criteria laid down in this Regulation. Such debate may be concluded by the adoption of a motion for resolution in order to request the

Commission to submit an appropriate proposal according to Article 225 TFEU.

Or. en

Amendment 114
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Within one month of the submission of the initiative, the Commission shall receive the group of organisers at an appropriate level to allow them to explain in detail the matters raised by the initiative.

Amendment

1. Within one month of the submission of the initiative, the Commission shall receive the group of organisers at an appropriate level to allow them to explain in detail the matters raised by the initiative. *The organisers shall be informed via contact persons, and within a reasonable time frame, of the terms and conditions for the public hearing, and in particular of the identity of the Commission representatives, the speaking order and the speaking time.*

Or. fr

Amendment 115
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Within five months after the publication of the initiative in accordance with Article 14(1), and after the public hearing referred to in Article 14(2), the Commission shall set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the initiative, the action it intends to take, if any, and its reasons for taking or not taking action.

Amendment

Within five months after the publication of the initiative in accordance with Article 14(1), and after the public hearing referred to in Article 14(2), the Commission shall set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the initiative, the action it intends to take, if any, and its reasons for taking or not taking action.

Such reasons shall be duly justified and explained in a clear, comprehensible and detailed manner. The Commission may request the Court of Justice of the European Union an opinion on the legal aspects of the initiative, which shall be delivered without undue delay.

Or. en

Amendment 116

Jill Evans

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Within five months after the publication of the initiative in accordance with Article 14(1), and after the public hearing referred to in Article 14(2), the Commission shall set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the initiative, the action it intends to take, *if any, and its reasons for taking or not taking action.*

Amendment

Within five months after the publication of the initiative in accordance with Article 14(1), and after the public hearing referred to in Article 14(2), the Commission shall set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the initiative, the action it intends to take, *and submit a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council.*

Or. en

Amendment 117

Liadh Ní Riada, Nikolaos Chountis

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Within five months after the publication of the initiative in accordance with Article 14(1), and after the public hearing referred to in Article 14(2), the Commission shall set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the initiative, the

Amendment

Within five months after the publication of the initiative in accordance with Article 14(1), and after the public hearing referred to in Article 14(2), the Commission shall set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the initiative, the

action it intends to take, *if any*, and its *reasons for taking or not* taking action.

action it intends to take and its *reason for* taking action.

Or. en

Amendment 118
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Within five months after the publication of the initiative in accordance with Article 14(1), and after the public hearing referred to in Article 14(2), the Commission shall set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the initiative, the action it intends to take, if any, and its reasons for taking or not taking action.

Amendment

Within five months after the publication of the initiative in accordance with Article 14(1), and after the public hearing referred to in Article 14(2), the Commission shall set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the initiative, the action it intends to take, if any, and its reasons for taking or not taking action. *These conclusions must be clearly presented and duly justified.*

Or. fr

Amendment 119
Liliana Rodrigues, Silvia Costa

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15.^o – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Within five months after the publication of the initiative in accordance with Article 14(1), and after the public hearing referred to in Article 14(2), the Commission shall set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the initiative, the action it intends to take, if any, and its reasons for taking or not taking action.

Amendment

Within five months after the publication of the initiative in accordance with Article 14(1), and after the public hearing referred to in Article 14(2), the Commission shall set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the initiative, the action it intends to take, if any, and its reasons for taking or not taking action. *Where the Commission does not intend to take action, it shall notify the group of*

organisers of the possibilities for submitting their initiative to the Committee on Petitions, thus allowing their work to continue.

Or. pt

Amendment 120

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. *The Commission and the group of organisers may inform* the signatories on the response to the initiative in accordance with Article 17 (2) and (3).

Amendment

3. The signatories *shall be informed by the Commission* on the response to the initiative *without undue delay. In view of this objective, the Commission may inform the signatories* in accordance with Article 17 (2) and (3).

Or. en

Amendment 121

Angel Dzhambazki

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 15 a

Follow-up and Action

*1. Where an initiative has been registered fully and successfully, the Commission shall take appropriate legislative action, when:*a) *All procedural requirements for registering the initiative, in accordance with this regulations, have been duly fulfilled.*

b) Within 3 months following the publication of the registered initiative, no

objection has been raised by the Parliament or Council.

c) The assessment conducted by the Commission has clearly identified need to address specific areas of Union law in accordance with the content of the registered initiative.

2. The Commission shall take action within a maximum period of one year, following the publication of the registered initiative and forward any legislative action proposal to the Council and the Parliament.

Or. en

Amendment 122
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The group of organisers *shall* provide, for the publication in the register, and as the case may be on their campaign website, information on the sources of support and funding for the initiative *exceeding 500 euros per sponsor*.

Amendment

The group of organisers *must* provide, for the publication in the register, and as the case may be on their campaign website, information on the sources of support and funding for the initiative, *in particular the identity or corporate name of the donors and the size of each donation*.

Or. fr

Amendment 123
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The group of organisers shall provide, for

Amendment

The group of organisers shall provide, for

the publication in the register, and as the case may be on their campaign website, information on the sources of support and funding for the initiative exceeding 500 euros per sponsor.

the publication in the register, and as the case may be on their campaign website, ***clear, accurate and comprehensive*** information on the sources of support and funding for the initiative exceeding 500 euros per sponsor.

Or. en

Amendment 124

María Teresa Giménez Barbat

Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall raise public awareness about the existence of the European citizens' initiative through communication activities and information campaigns, thereby contributing to promoting the active participation of citizens in the political life of the Union.

Amendment

1. The Commission shall raise public awareness about the existence of the European citizens' initiative through communication activities and information campaigns, thereby contributing to promoting the active participation of citizens in the political life of the Union. ***Targeted communication strategies, including social media, are critical for enhancing the effectiveness of the European Citizens' Initiative and for ensuring transparency.***

Or. en

Amendment 125

Svetoslav Hristov Malinov

Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall raise public awareness about the existence of the European citizens' initiative through communication activities and information

Amendment

1. The Commission shall raise public awareness about the existence of the European citizens' initiative through communication activities and information

campaigns, thereby contributing to promoting the active participation of citizens in the political life of the Union.

campaigns *also using digital platforms and technologies to reach out and engage community*, thereby contributing to promoting the active participation of citizens in the political life of the Union.

Or. en

Amendment 126
Svetoslav Hristov Malinov

Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. *The Commission shall also increase the awareness campaigns on local, national and European level especially among young people.*

Or. en

Amendment 127
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The power to adopt the delegated acts referred to in Article 22 shall be conferred on the Commission for ***an indeterminate*** period of ***time*** from [date of entry into force of the basic legislative act ***or any other date set by the co-legislators***].

2. The power to adopt the delegated acts referred to in Article 22 shall be conferred on the Commission for ***a*** period of ***five years*** from [date of entry into force of the basic legislative act].

Or. fr

Amendment 128
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall periodically review the functioning of the European citizens' initiative and present a report to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of this Regulation no later than five years from the date of application of this Regulation, and every five years thereafter. The reports shall be made public.

Amendment

The Commission shall periodically review the functioning of the European citizens' initiative and present a report to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of this Regulation no later than five years from the date of application of this Regulation, and every five years thereafter. The reports shall be made public ***and shall form the basis of a presentation and an exchange of views with Parliament.***

Or. fr