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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report

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on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
establishing the Rights and Values programme

Proposal for a regulation

(COM(2018)0383 – C8-0234/2018 – 2018/0207(COD))

Amendment 66
Harald Vilimsky

Draft legislative resolution
Paragraph 1

Draft legislative resolution

1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out.

Amendment

1. The European Parliament rejects the Commission proposal.

Or. en

Amendment 67
Malin Björk
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Proposal for a regulation
Title 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Proposal for a
REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
establishing the Rights and *Values*
programme

Amendment

Proposal for a
REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
establishing the *Equality*, Rights and *Rule
of Law* programme

Or. en

Amendment 68
Marijana Petir, Branislav Škripek, Miroslav Mikolášik, Alojz Peterle, Marek Jurek

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) In accordance with Article 2 of the Treaty of the European Union, ‘the Union is founded on the values of respect for human dignity, freedom democracy, equality, the rule of law and the respect for

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(1) In accordance with Article 2 of the Treaty of the European Union, ‘the Union is founded on the values of respect for human dignity, freedom democracy, equality, the rule of law and the respect for

human rights, including the rights of the persons belonging to minorities. These values are common to the Member States in a society where pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between women and men prevail'. Article 3 further specifies that the 'Union's aim is to promote peace, its values and the well-being of its people' and, among others, 'it shall respect its rich cultural and linguistic diversity, and shall ensure that Europe's cultural heritage is safeguarded and enhanced'. Those values are further reaffirmed and articulated in the rights, freedoms and principles enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

human rights, including the rights of the persons belonging to minorities. ***In particular and in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, human dignity is the primary foundation of all fundamental human rights.*** These values are common to the Member States in a society where pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between women and men prevail'. Article 3 further specifies that the 'Union's aim is to promote peace, its values and the well-being of its people' and, among others, 'it shall respect its rich cultural and linguistic diversity, and shall ensure that Europe's cultural heritage is safeguarded and enhanced'. Those values are further reaffirmed and articulated in the rights, freedoms and principles enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

Or. en

Justification

It is important to highlight the particular importance of human dignity, taking into account its inclusion in the opening article of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU.

Amendment 69 **Soraya Post**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 2**

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Those rights and values must continue to be promoted and enforced and shared among the citizens and peoples and be at the heart of the EU project. Therefore, a new Justice, Rights and Values Fund, comprising the Rights and Values and the Justice programmes shall be created in the EU budget. At a time where European societies are confronted

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(2) Those rights and values as set out in Articles 2 and 3 of the Treaty on European Union must continue to be promoted and enforced and shared among the citizens and peoples and be at the heart of the EU project. Therefore, a new Justice, Rights and Values Fund, comprising the Rights and Values and the Justice programmes shall be created in the EU budget. At a

with extremism, radicalism and divisions, it is more important than ever to promote, strengthen and defend justice, rights and EU values: human rights, respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law. This will have profound and direct implications for political, social, cultural and economic life in the **EU**. As part of the new Fund, the Justice Programme will continue to support the further development of Union area of justice and cross-border cooperation. The Rights and Values Programme will bring together the 2014-2020 Programme Rights, Equality and Citizenship established by Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁸ and the Europe for Citizens programme established by Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014⁹, (hereafter ‘the predecessor Programmes’).

time where European societies are confronted with extremism, radicalism and divisions, ***with threats to human rights, to equality, to democracy, the rule of law and with a shrinking space for independent civil society***, it is more important than ever to promote, strengthen and defend justice, rights and EU values, ***being*** human rights, respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, ***non-discrimination, and*** the rule of law, ***and to protect and support those who defend these values***. This will have profound and direct implications for political, social, cultural and economic life in the ***Union and contribute to re-building the trust of the citizens and the peoples in the Union and its workings***. As part of the new Fund, the Justice Programme will continue to support the further development of Union area of justice and cross-border cooperation. The Rights and Values Programme will bring together the 2014-2020 Programme Rights, Equality and Citizenship established by Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁸ and the Europe for Citizens programme established by Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014⁹, (hereafter ‘the predecessor Programmes’).

⁸ Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 62)

⁹ Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 of 14 April 2014 establishing the ‘Europe for Citizens’ programme for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 115, 17.4.2014, p.3)

⁸ Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 62)

⁹ Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 of 14 April 2014 establishing the ‘Europe for Citizens’ programme for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 115, 17.4.2014, p.3)

Or. en

Amendment 70

Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Josef Weidenholzer, Sylvie Guillaume, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Miltiadis Kyrkos

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Those rights and values must continue to be promoted **and** enforced and shared among the citizens and peoples and be at the heart of the EU project. Therefore, a new Justice, Rights and Values Fund, comprising the Rights and Values and the Justice programmes shall be created in the EU budget. At a time where European societies are confronted with extremism, radicalism **and** divisions, it is more important than ever to promote, strengthen and defend justice, rights and EU values: human rights, respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law. This will have profound and direct implications for political, social, cultural and economic life in the EU. As part of the new Fund, the Justice Programme will continue to support the further development of Union area of justice and cross-border cooperation. The Rights and Values Programme will bring together the 2014-2020 Programme Rights, Equality and Citizenship established by Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁸ and the Europe for Citizens programme established by Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014⁹, (hereafter ‘the predecessor Programmes’).

⁸ Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights,

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(2) Those rights and values must continue to be **actively cultivated and** promoted **by the Union and each Member State in all their policies, both internally and externally, in a consistent way as well as** enforced and shared among the citizens and peoples and be at the heart of the EU project. Therefore, a new Justice, Rights and Values Fund, comprising the Rights and Values and the Justice programmes shall be created in the EU budget. At a time where European societies are confronted with **a growing menace of right-wing violent** extremism, radicalism, divisions **and a rise in neo-fascist violence**, it is more important than ever to promote, strengthen and defend justice, rights and EU values: human rights, respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law. This will have profound and direct implications for political, social, cultural and economic life in the EU. As part of the new Fund, the Justice Programme will continue to support the further development of Union area of justice and cross-border cooperation. The Rights and Values Programme will bring together the 2014-2020 Programme Rights, Equality and Citizenship established by Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁸ and the Europe for Citizens programme established by Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014⁹, (hereafter ‘the predecessor Programmes’).

⁸ Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights,

Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 62)

⁹ Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 of 14 April 2014 establishing the ‘Europe for Citizens’ programme for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 115, 17.4.2014, p.3)

Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 62)

⁹ Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 of 14 April 2014 establishing the ‘Europe for Citizens’ programme for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 115, 17.4.2014, p.3)

Or. en

Amendment 71

Michał Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Alain Lamassoure, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Those rights and values must continue to be promoted ***and enforced and shared*** among the citizens and peoples and be at the heart of the EU project. Therefore, a new Justice, Rights and Values Fund, comprising the Rights and Values and the Justice programmes shall be created in the EU budget. At a time where European societies are confronted with extremism, radicalism and divisions, it is more important than ever to promote, strengthen and defend justice, rights and EU values: human rights, respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law. This will have profound and direct implications for political, social, cultural and economic life in the EU. As part of the new Fund, the Justice Programme will continue to support the further development of Union area of justice and cross-border cooperation. The Rights and Values Programme will bring together the 2014-2020 Programme Rights, Equality and Citizenship established by Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁸ and the Europe for Citizens programme

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(2) Those rights and values must continue to be ***cultivated, protected and*** promoted among the citizens and peoples and be at the heart of the EU project. Therefore, a new Justice, Rights and Values Fund, comprising the Rights and Values and the Justice programmes shall be created in the EU budget. At a time where European societies are confronted with extremism, radicalism and divisions, it is more important than ever to promote, strengthen and defend justice, rights and EU values: human rights, respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law. ***It is also crucial to create an enabling environment for peaceful democratic dialogue between representatives of different views.*** This will have profound and direct implications for political, social, cultural and economic life in the EU. As part of the new Fund, the Justice Programme will continue to support the further development of Union area of justice and cross-border cooperation. The Rights and Values Programme will bring together the 2014-2020 Programme Rights, Equality and Citizenship established by

established by Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014⁹, (hereafter ‘the predecessor Programmes’).

Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁸ and the Europe for Citizens programme established by Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014⁹, (hereafter ‘the predecessor Programmes’) **and it will be adjusted to address new challenges to European values.**

⁸ Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 62)

⁸ Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 62)

⁹ Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 of 14 April 2014 establishing the ‘Europe for Citizens’ programme for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 115, 17.4.2014, p.3)

⁹ Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 of 14 April 2014 establishing the ‘Europe for Citizens’ programme for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 115, 17.4.2014, p.3)

Or. en

Amendment 72

Marijana Petir, Branislav Škripek, Miroslav Mikolášik, Alojz Peterle, Marek Jurek

Proposal for a regulation

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Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Those rights and values must continue to be promoted and enforced and shared among the citizens and peoples and be at the heart of the EU project. Therefore, a new Justice, Rights and Values Fund, comprising the Rights and Values and the Justice programmes shall be created in the EU budget. At a time where European societies are confronted with extremism, radicalism and divisions, it is more important than ever to promote, strengthen and defend justice, rights and EU values: human rights, respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law. This will have profound and direct implications for

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(2) Those **fundamental human** rights and values must continue to be promoted and enforced and shared among the citizens and peoples and be at the heart of the EU project, **on the basis of the idea that fundamental human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated.** Therefore, a new Justice, Rights and Values Fund, comprising the Rights and Values and the Justice programmes shall be created in the EU budget. At a time where European societies are confronted with extremism, radicalism and divisions, it is more important than ever to promote, strengthen and defend justice, **fundamental human** rights and EU

political, social, cultural and economic life in the EU. As part of the new Fund, the Justice Programme will continue to support the further development of Union area of justice and cross-border cooperation. The Rights and Values Programme will bring together the 2014-2020 Programme Rights, Equality and Citizenship established by Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁸ and the Europe for Citizens programme established by Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014⁹, (hereafter ‘the predecessor Programmes’).

values: human rights, respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law. This will have profound and direct implications for political, social, cultural and economic life in the EU. As part of the new Fund, the Justice Programme will continue to support the further development of Union area of justice and cross-border cooperation. The Rights and Values Programme will bring together the 2014-2020 Programme Rights, Equality and Citizenship established by Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁸ and the Europe for Citizens programme established by Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014⁹, (hereafter ‘the predecessor Programmes’).

⁸ Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 62)

⁹ Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 of 14 April 2014 establishing the ‘Europe for Citizens’ programme for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 115, 17.4.2014, p.3)

⁸ Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 62)

⁹ Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 of 14 April 2014 establishing the ‘Europe for Citizens’ programme for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 115, 17.4.2014, p.3)

Or. en

Justification

The amendment has particular relevance especially in the context of the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. As for the title of the proposal, reference can be made to the justification of the relevant amendment.

Amendment 73 **Csaba Sógor**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 2**

(2) Those rights and values must continue to be promoted and enforced and shared among the citizens and peoples and be at the heart of the EU project. Therefore, a new Justice, Rights and Values Fund, comprising the Rights and Values and the Justice programmes shall be created in the EU budget. At a time where European societies *are* confronted with extremism, radicalism and divisions, it is more important than ever to promote, strengthen and defend justice, rights and EU values: human rights, respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law. This will have profound and direct implications for political, social, cultural and economic life in the EU. As part of the new Fund, the Justice Programme will continue to support the further development of Union area of justice and cross-border cooperation. The Rights and Values Programme will bring together the 2014-2020 Programme Rights, Equality and Citizenship established by Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁸ and the Europe for Citizens programme established by Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014⁹, (hereafter ‘the predecessor Programmes’).

(2) Those rights and values must continue to be promoted and enforced and shared among the citizens and peoples and be at the heart of the EU project. Therefore, a new Justice, Rights and Values Fund, comprising the Rights and Values and the Justice programmes shall be created in the EU budget. At a time where European societies *face challenges of intolerance and discrimination and are* confronted with extremism, radicalism and divisions, it is more important than ever to promote, strengthen and defend justice, rights and EU values: human rights, *the rights of minorities*, respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law. This will have profound and direct implications for political, social, cultural and economic life in the EU. As part of the new Fund, the Justice Programme will continue to support the further development of Union area of justice and cross-border cooperation. The Rights and Values Programme will bring together the 2014-2020 Programme Rights, Equality and Citizenship established by Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁸ and the Europe for Citizens programme established by Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014⁹, (hereafter ‘the predecessor Programmes’).

⁸ Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 62)

⁹ Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 of 14 April 2014 establishing the ‘Europe for Citizens’ programme for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 115, 17.4.2014, p.3)

⁸ Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 62)

⁹ Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 of 14 April 2014 establishing the ‘Europe for Citizens’ programme for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 115, 17.4.2014, p.3)

Amendment 74**Malin Björk**

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Proposal for a regulation**Recital 2***Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) Those rights and values must continue to be promoted and enforced and shared among the citizens and peoples and be at the heart of the EU project. Therefore, a new Justice, Rights and Values Fund, comprising the Rights and Values and the Justice programmes shall be created in the EU budget. At a time where European societies are confronted with extremism, radicalism and divisions, it is more important than ever to promote, strengthen and defend justice, rights *and EU values*: human rights, respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law. This will have profound and direct implications for political, social, cultural and economic life in the EU. As part of the new Fund, the Justice Programme will continue to support the further development of Union area of justice and cross-border cooperation. The Rights and *Values* Programme will bring together the 2014-2020 Programme Rights, Equality and Citizenship established by Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁸ and the Europe for Citizens programme established by Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014⁹, (hereafter ‘the predecessor Programmes’).

⁸ Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for

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(2) Those rights and values must continue to be promoted and enforced and shared among the citizens and peoples and be at the heart of the EU project. Therefore, a new Justice, Rights and Values Fund, comprising the Rights and Values and the Justice programmes shall be created in the EU budget. At a time where European societies are confronted with extremism, radicalism and divisions, it is more important than ever to promote, strengthen and defend justice, rights, human rights, respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law. This will have profound and direct implications for political, social, cultural and economic life in the EU. As part of the new Fund, the Justice Programme will continue to support the further development of Union area of justice and cross-border cooperation. The *Equality*, Rights and *Rule of Law* programme will bring together the 2014-2020 Programme Rights, Equality and Citizenship established by Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁸ and the Europe for Citizens programme established by Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014⁹, (hereafter ‘the predecessor Programmes’).

⁸ Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for

the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 62)

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⁹ Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 of 14 April 2014 establishing the ‘Europe for Citizens’ programme for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 115, 17.4.2014, p.3)

Or. en

Amendment 75

Malin Björk

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) The Justice, Rights and Values Fund and its two underlying funding programmes will focus primarily on people and entities, which contribute to make *our common values*, rights and rich diversity alive and vibrant. The ultimate objective is to nurture and sustain rights-based, equal, inclusive and democratic society. *That includes* a vibrant civil society, *encouraging* people’s democratic, civic and social participation and *fostering* the rich diversity of European society, *based on our common history and memory*. Article 11 of the Treaty of the European Union *further specifies* that the institutions shall, by appropriate means, give citizens and representative associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their views in all areas of Union action.

Amendment

(3) The Justice, Rights and Values Fund and its two underlying funding programmes will focus primarily on people and entities, which contribute to make *equality, solidarity*, rights and rich diversity alive and vibrant. The ultimate objective is to nurture and sustain rights-based, equal, *open*, inclusive and democratic society *by funding activities that promote* a vibrant, *well-developed, self-reliant and empowered* civil society, *including advocacy for the promotion of equality, solidarity*, people’s democratic, civic and social participation, and *foster peace and* the rich diversity of European society. Article 11 of the Treaty of the European Union *requires* that the institutions *shall maintain an open, transparent and regular dialogue with civil society and* shall, by appropriate means, give citizens and representative associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their views in all areas of Union action. *The Commission should maintain a regular dialogue with the beneficiaries of the Programme as well as other relevant stakeholders by setting up a Civil Society*

Amendment 76

Marijana Petir, Branislav Škripek, Miroslav Mikolášik, Alojz Peterle, Marek Jurek

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) The Justice, Rights and Values Fund and its two underlying funding programmes will focus primarily on people and entities, which contribute to make our common values, rights and rich diversity alive and vibrant. The ultimate objective is to nurture and sustain rights-based, equal, inclusive and democratic society. That includes a vibrant civil society, encouraging people's democratic, civic and social participation and fostering the rich diversity of European society, based on our common history and memory. Article 11 of the Treaty of the European Union further specifies that the institutions shall, by appropriate means, give citizens and representative associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their views in all areas of Union action.

Amendment

(3) The Justice, Rights and Values Fund and its two underlying funding programmes will focus primarily on people and entities, which contribute to make our common values, ***fundamental human*** rights and rich diversity alive and vibrant. The ultimate objective is to nurture and sustain rights-based, equal, inclusive and democratic society. That includes a vibrant civil society, encouraging people's democratic, civic and social participation and fostering the rich diversity of European society, based on our common history and memory. Article 11 of the Treaty of the European Union further specifies that the institutions shall, by appropriate means, give citizens and representative associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their views in all areas of Union action. ***Article 17 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union sets out that the Union shall maintain a dialogue with the churches and organisations mentioned in that Article. Churches and religious communities or associations are long-standing primary stakeholders in fostering protection and promotion of fundamental human rights and should be granted the same access as civil society organisations to the relevant funding opportunities.***

Justification

The provision must take into account the distinction between Article 11 TEU and Article 17 TFEU and access to funds by the respective actors.

Amendment 77

Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Josef Weidenholzer, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Sylvie Guillaume, Miltiadis Kyrkos

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) The Justice, Rights and Values Fund and its two underlying funding programmes will focus primarily on people and entities, which contribute to make our common values, rights and rich diversity alive and vibrant. The ultimate objective is to nurture and sustain rights-based, equal, inclusive and democratic society. That includes a vibrant civil society, encouraging people's democratic, civic and social participation and fostering the rich diversity of European society, based on our common history *and* memory. Article 11 of the Treaty of the European Union further specifies that the institutions shall, by appropriate means, give citizens and representative associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their views in all areas of Union action.

Amendment

(3) The Justice, Rights and Values Fund and its two underlying funding programmes will focus primarily on people and entities, which contribute to make our common values, rights and rich diversity alive and vibrant. The ultimate objective is to nurture and sustain rights-based, equal, inclusive and democratic society. That includes a vibrant civil society, encouraging people's democratic, civic and social participation and fostering the rich diversity of European society, based on our common history, memory *and heritage*. Article 11 of the Treaty of the European Union further specifies that the institutions shall, by appropriate means, *maintain an open, transparent and regular dialogue with representative associations and civil society and* give citizens and representative associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their views in all areas of Union action.

Or. en

Amendment 78

Michał Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Alain Lamassoure, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) The Justice, Rights and Values Fund and its two underlying funding programmes will focus *primarily* on people and entities, which contribute to make our common values, rights and rich diversity alive and vibrant. The ultimate objective is to nurture and sustain rights-based, equal, inclusive and democratic society. That includes a vibrant civil society, *encouraging* people's democratic, civic and social participation and *fostering* the rich diversity of European society, based on our common history and memory. Article 11 of the Treaty of the European Union further specifies that the institutions shall, by appropriate means, give citizens and representative associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their views in all areas of Union action.

Amendment

(3) The Justice, Rights and Values Fund and its two underlying funding programmes will focus on people and entities, which contribute to make our common values, rights and rich diversity alive and vibrant. The ultimate objective is to nurture and sustain rights-based, equal, inclusive and democratic society. That includes a vibrant, *resilient and empowered* civil society, *which fosters* people's democratic, civic and social participation and *cultivates* the rich diversity of European society, based on our common *values*, history and memory. Article 11 of the Treaty of the European Union further specifies that the institutions *shall maintain an open, transparent and regular dialogue with civil society and* shall, by appropriate means, give citizens and representative associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their views in all areas of Union action.

Or. en

Amendment 79

Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) The Justice, Rights and Values Fund and its two underlying funding programmes will focus primarily on people and entities, which contribute to make our common values, rights and rich diversity alive and vibrant. The ultimate objective is to nurture and sustain rights-based, equal, inclusive and democratic society. That includes a vibrant civil society, encouraging people's democratic, civic and

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(3) The Justice, Rights and Values Fund and its two underlying funding programmes will focus primarily on people and entities, which contribute to make our common values, rights and rich diversity alive and vibrant. The ultimate objective is to nurture and sustain rights-based, equal, inclusive and democratic society. That includes a vibrant civil society, encouraging people's democratic, civic and

social participation and fostering the rich diversity of European society, based on our common history and memory. Article 11 of the Treaty of the European Union further specifies that the institutions shall, by appropriate means, give citizens and representative associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their views in all areas of Union action.

social participation and fostering the rich diversity of European society **both within and among Member States**, based on our common history and memory. Article 11 of the Treaty of the European Union further specifies that the institutions shall, by appropriate means, give citizens and representative associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their views in all areas of Union action.

Or. en

Amendment 80 **Soraya Post**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 3**

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) The Justice, Rights and Values Fund and its two underlying funding programmes will focus primarily on people and entities, which contribute to make our common values, rights and rich diversity alive and vibrant. The ultimate objective is to nurture and sustain rights-based, equal, inclusive and democratic society. That includes a vibrant civil society, encouraging people's democratic, civic and **social** participation and fostering the rich diversity of European society, based on our common history and memory. Article 11 of the Treaty of the European Union further specifies that the institutions shall, by appropriate means, give citizens and representative associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their views in all areas of Union action.

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(3) The Justice, Rights and Values Fund and its two underlying funding programmes will focus primarily on people and entities, which contribute to make our common values, rights and rich diversity alive and vibrant. The ultimate objective is to nurture and sustain rights-based, equal, inclusive and democratic society. That includes a vibrant **and independent** civil society, encouraging people's democratic, civic and **socio-economic** participation and fostering the rich diversity of European society, based on our common history and memory. Article 11 of the Treaty of the European Union further specifies that the institutions shall, by appropriate means, give citizens and representative associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their views in all areas of Union action.

Or. en

Amendment 81

Malin Björk

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) The Rights and Values programme (the ‘Programme’) should allow developing synergies to tackle the challenges that are common to the promotion and **protection of values** and to reach a critical dimension to have concrete results in the field. That should be achieved by building on the positive experience of the predecessor Programmes. This will enable to fully exploit the potential of synergies, to more effectively support the policy areas covered and to increase their potential to reach people. To be effective, the Programme should take into account the specific nature of the different policies, their different target groups and their particular needs through tailor-made approaches.

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(4) The Rights and Values programme (the ‘Programme’) should allow developing synergies to tackle the challenges that are common to the **protection**, promotion and **advocacy of the goals set out in the Treaties** and to reach a critical dimension to have concrete results in the field. That should be achieved by building on **and further developing** the positive experience of the predecessor Programmes. This will enable to fully exploit the potential of synergies, to more effectively support the policy areas covered and to increase their potential to reach people. To be effective, the Programme should take into account the specific nature of the different policies, their different target groups and their particular needs through tailor-made approaches.

Or. en

Amendment 82

Michał Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Alain Lamassoure, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) The Rights and Values programme (the ‘Programme’) should **allow developing synergies to tackle the challenges that are common** to the promotion and protection of values **and to reach a critical dimension to have concrete results in the field. That should**

Amendment

(4) The Rights and Values programme (the ‘Programme’) should **address the most important** challenges to the promotion and protection of values, **taking into account that the challenges may vary across the Union. To ensure concrete impact, the Programme should build** on the **lessons of**

be achieved by building on the positive experience of the predecessor Programmes. This will enable to fully exploit the potential of synergies, to more effectively support the policy areas covered and to increase their potential to reach people. To be effective, the Programme should take into account the specific nature of the different policies, their different target groups and their particular needs through tailor-made approaches.

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Or. en

Amendment 83
Sophia in 't Veld

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) Full respect and promotion of the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights constitutes the core of European identity and is fundamental to building citizens' trust in the Union. Respect for the rule of law within the Union is a prerequisite for the protection of fundamental rights, as well as for upholding all rights and obligations enshrined in the Treaties. The way in which the rule of law is implemented in the Member States plays a vital role in ensuring mutual trust among Member States and their legal systems. The Programme should therefore promote and safeguard fundamental rights, democracy and the rule of law at local, regional, national and European levels.

Or. en

Amendment 84

Michal Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Alain Lamassoure, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) Full respect and promotion of rule of law and democracy is a fundamental Union value. It is also the basic condition for building citizens' trust in the Union as well as between Member States. Respect for the rule of law within the Union is a prerequisite for the protection of fundamental rights, as well as for upholding all rights and obligations deriving from the Treaties. This programme should therefore promote and safeguard fundamental rights, democracy and the rule of law at local, regional, national and transnational levels.

Or. en

Amendment 85

Marijana Petir, Branislav Škripek, Miroslav Mikolášik, Alojz Peterle

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5) In order to bring the European Union closer to its citizens, a variety of actions and coordinated efforts are necessary. Bringing together citizens in town-twinning projects or networks of towns and supporting civil society organisations in the areas covered by the programme will contribute to increase citizens' engagement in society and ultimately their involvement in the democratic life of the Union. At the same time supporting activities promoting mutual understanding, diversity, dialogue

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including intercultural and interreligious dialogue, and respect for others fosters a sense of belonging and a European identity, based on a shared understanding of European values, culture, history and heritage. ***Increasing plurality and global migration movements raise the importance of intercultural and inter-religious dialogue in our societies. Full support should be given to inter-religious dialogue as a part of social harmony in Europe and a key element in solving social tensions. Interreligious dialogue could also help to highlight the positive contribution of religion to social cohesion. As religious illiteracy sets the stage for the misuse of religious feelings among the population, support for projects and initiatives developing religious literacy is also important.*** The promotion of a greater sense of belonging to the Union and of Union values is particularly important amongst citizens of the EU outermost regions due to their remoteness and distance from continental Europe.

Or. en

Justification

The potential of the funding instrument should be fully exploited to foster interreligious dialogue and to showcase and support the role of religions in promoting social cohesion and peace.

Amendment 86 **Csaba Sógor**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 5**

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 87

Malin Björk

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

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towns and supporting civil society organisations in the areas covered by the programme will contribute to increase citizens' engagement in society and ultimately their involvement in the democratic life of the Union. At the same time supporting activities promoting mutual understanding, diversity, dialogue, *social inclusion* and respect for others fosters a sense of belonging, *solidarity and equality.*

Or. en

Amendment 88 **Soraya Post**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 5**

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) In order to bring the European Union closer to its citizens, a variety of actions and coordinated efforts are necessary. Bringing together citizens in town-twinning projects or networks of towns and supporting civil society organisations in the areas covered by the programme will contribute to increase citizens' engagement in society and ultimately their involvement in the democratic life of the Union. At the same time supporting activities promoting mutual understanding, diversity, dialogue and respect for others fosters a sense of belonging and a European identity, based on a shared understanding of European values, culture, history and heritage. The promotion of a greater sense of belonging

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Or. en

Amendment 89

Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Josef Weidenholzer, Sylvie Guillaume, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Miltiadis Kyrkos

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

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(5) In order to bring the European Union closer to its citizens, a variety of actions and coordinated efforts are necessary. Bringing together citizens in town-twinning projects or networks of towns and supporting civil society organisations ***at the local, regional, national and transnational level*** in the areas covered by the programme will contribute to increase citizens' ***awareness and active*** engagement in society and ultimately their involvement in the democratic life of the Union. At the same time supporting activities promoting mutual understanding, diversity, dialogue, ***including inter-cultural dialogue***, and respect for others fosters a sense of belonging and a European identity, based on a shared understanding of European values, culture, history and heritage. The promotion of a greater sense of belonging to the Union and of Union values is particularly important amongst citizens of the EU outermost regions due to their remoteness and distance from continental Europe.

Amendment 90**Maria Grapini****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 5***Text proposed by the Commission*

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Amendment

(5) In order to bring the European Union closer to its citizens, ***better information and*** a variety of actions and coordinated efforts are necessary. Bringing together citizens in town-twinning projects or networks of towns and supporting civil society organisations in the areas covered by the programme will contribute to increase citizens' engagement in society and ultimately their involvement in the democratic life of the Union. At the same time supporting activities promoting mutual understanding, diversity, dialogue and respect for others fosters a sense of belonging and a European identity, based on a shared understanding of European values, culture, history and heritage. The promotion of a greater sense of belonging to the Union and of Union values is particularly important amongst citizens of the EU outermost regions due to their remoteness and distance from continental Europe ***and inadequate public information.***

Or. ro

Amendment 91**Maurice Ponga, Rachida Dati, Brice Hortefeux****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 5**

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) In order to bring the European Union closer to its citizens, a variety of actions and coordinated efforts are necessary. Bringing together citizens in town-twinning projects or networks of towns and supporting civil society organisations in the areas covered by the programme will contribute to increase citizens' engagement in society and ultimately their involvement in the democratic life of the Union. At the same time supporting activities promoting mutual understanding, diversity, dialogue and respect for others fosters a sense of belonging and a European identity, based on a shared understanding of European values, culture, history and heritage. The promotion of a greater sense of belonging to the Union and of Union values is particularly important amongst citizens *of* the EU outermost regions due to their remoteness and distance from continental Europe.

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Or. fr

Amendment 92

Malin Björk

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) Remembrance activities and critical reflection on Europe's historical memory are necessary to make citizens aware of the ***common history***, as the foundation for a common future, moral purpose and shared values. The relevance of historical, cultural and intercultural aspects should also be taken into account, as well as the links

Amendment

(6) Remembrance activities and critical reflection on Europe's historical memory are necessary to make citizens aware of the ***need to respect human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities***, as the foundation for a common future, moral

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purpose and shared values. The relevance of historical, cultural and intercultural aspects should also be taken into account, as well as the links between remembrance and the creation of a European identity **based on diversity, solidarity** and sense of belonging together.

Or. en

Amendment 93

Marijana Petir, Branislav Škripek, Miroslav Mikolášik, Alojz Peterle

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) Remembrance activities and critical reflection on Europe's historical memory are necessary to make citizens aware of the common history, as the foundation for a common future, moral **purpose and** shared values. The relevance of historical, cultural **and** intercultural aspects should also be taken into account, as well as the links between remembrance and the creation of a European identity and sense of belonging together.

Amendment

(6) Remembrance activities and critical reflection on Europe's historical memory are necessary to make citizens, **in particular young citizens**, aware of the common history, as the foundation for a common future, **rooted in Europe's spiritual and** moral **heritage and based on** shared values. The relevance of historical, **spiritual**, cultural, intercultural **and interreligious** aspects should also be taken into account, as well as the links between remembrance and the creation of a European identity and sense of belonging together.

Or. en

Justification

The integration of the provision are required by the Preamble of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU.

Amendment 94

Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) Remembrance activities and critical reflection on Europe's historical memory are necessary to ***make citizens aware of the*** common history, as the foundation for a common future, moral purpose and shared values. The relevance of historical, cultural and intercultural aspects should also be taken into account, as well as the links between remembrance and the creation of a European identity and sense of belonging together.

Amendment

(6) Remembrance activities and critical reflection on ***Member States' and*** Europe's historical memory are necessary to ***promote mutual respect and a shared understanding of our*** common history, as the foundation for a common future, moral purpose and shared values. The relevance of historical, cultural and intercultural aspects should also be taken into account, as well as the links between remembrance and the creation of a European identity and sense of belonging together.

Or. en

Amendment 95

Michał Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Alain Lamassoure, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(6) Remembrance activities and critical reflection on Europe's historical memory are ***important*** to make citizens aware of the common history ***and values***, as the foundation for a common future, moral purpose and shared values. The relevance of historical, cultural and intercultural aspects should also be taken into account, as well as the links between remembrance and the creation of a European identity and sense of belonging together.

Or. en

Amendment 96
Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Citizens should also be more aware of their rights deriving from citizenship of the Union, and should feel at ease about living, travelling, studying, working and volunteering in another Member State, and should feel able to enjoy and exercise all their citizenship rights, place their trust in equal access, full enforceability and protection of their rights without any discrimination, no matter where in the Union they happen to be. Civil society needs to be supported for the promotion, safeguarding and raising awareness of EU common values under Article 2 TEU and in contributing to the effective enjoyment of rights under Union law.

Amendment

(7) Citizens, ***especially those who have been victims of systemic deprivation of their rights, institutional racism and segregation, such as the Roma, the Sami, persons with disabilities, and children without parents***, should also ***be enabled to*** be more aware of their rights deriving from citizenship of the Union, and should feel at ease about living, travelling, studying, working and volunteering in another Member State, and should feel able to enjoy and exercise all their citizenship rights, place their trust in equal access, full enforceability and protection of their rights without any discrimination, no matter where in the Union they happen to be. Civil society needs to be supported for the promotion, safeguarding and raising awareness of EU common values under Article 2 TEU and in contributing to the effective enjoyment of rights under Union law.

Or. en

Amendment 97
Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation
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Amendment

(7) ***Union*** citizens ***are not sufficiently*** aware of their rights deriving from citizenship of the Union, ***including the right to vote in European and local elections or to receive consular protection from other Member States' embassies. Citizens should be more aware of these rights*** and should feel at ease about living,

protection of their rights without any discrimination, no matter where in the Union they happen to be. Civil society needs to be supported for the promotion, safeguarding and raising awareness of EU common values under Article 2 TEU and in contributing to the effective enjoyment of rights under Union law.

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Or. en

Amendment 98

Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Josef Weidenholzer, Sylvie Guillaume, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Miltiadis Kyrkos

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) Equality between women and men is a fundamental value and an objective of the European Union. Discrimination against and unequal treatment of women violates their fundamental rights and prevents their full political, social and economic participation in society. In addition, the existence of structural and cultural barriers hinders the achievement of real gender equality. Promoting gender equality in all activities of the Union is therefore a core activity for the Union and a driver for economic growth and should be supported by the programme.

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Or. en

Amendment 99

Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation

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Or. en

Amendment 100

Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Gender-based violence and violence against children and young people constitute a serious violation of fundamental rights. Violence persists throughout the Union, in all social and economic contexts, and has serious repercussions on victims' physical and psychological health and on society as a whole. Children, young people and women are particularly vulnerable to violence, in particular in close relationships. Action should be taken to promote the rights of the child and to contribute to the protection of

Amendment

(9) ***Interpersonal violence, including*** gender-based violence and violence against children and young people, ***persons with disabilities, and against members of different minority groups, such as members of ethnic minority groups and LGBTQI people***, constitute a serious violation of fundamental rights. Violence persists throughout the Union, in all social and economic contexts, and has serious repercussions on victims' physical and psychological health and on society as a whole. Children, young people and women

children from harm and violence, which pose a danger to their physical and mental health and constitute a breach of their rights to development, protection and dignity. Combating all forms of violence, promoting prevention and protecting and supporting victims are priorities of the Union which help fulfil individuals' fundamental rights and contribute to equality between women and men. Those priorities should be supported by the Programme.

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Or. en

Amendment 101

Marijana Petir, Branislav Škripek, Miroslav Mikolášik, Alojz Peterle, Marek Jurek

Proposal for a regulation

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Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Justification

On the basis of the standards confirmed in the new Audiovisual Media Services Directive, it is opportune to enlarge the scope of the provision in question.

Amendment 102

Malin Björk

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 103

Malin Björk

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) Strong political will and coordinated action based on the methods and results of the previous Daphne Programmes, the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme and the Justice Programme are necessary in order to prevent and combat all forms of violence and to protect victims. In particular, since its launch in 1997, the Daphne funding to support victims of violence and combat the violence against women, children and young people has been a genuine success, both in terms of its popularity with stakeholders (public authorities, academic institutions and non-governmental organisations) and in terms of the effectiveness of the funded projects. It has funded projects to raise awareness, to provide support services to victims, to support the activities of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working on the ground. It has addressed all forms of violence, such as for instance domestic violence, sexual violence, trafficking in human beings, as well as new emerging forms of violence such as cyber-bullying. It is therefore important to continue all these

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Or. en

Amendment 104
Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

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States.

Or. ro

Amendment 105

Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10a) Misunderstanding, intolerance or suspicion towards national, ethnic, linguistic or religious minorities within Member States are not only barriers towards well-functioning and cohesive societies but can also entrench persisting or fuel new institutionalized discrimination from state authorities towards such minorities. The Programme should be used with the aim of dissolving such tensions and promoting mutual understanding, respect and social cohesion.

Or. en

Amendment 106

Marijana Petir, Branislav Škripek, Miroslav Mikolášik, Alojz Peterle, Marek Jurek

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11) Non-discrimination is a fundamental principle of the Union. Article 19 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union provides for action to combat discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation. Non-discrimination is also enshrined in Article 21 of the Charter. The specific features of

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the diverse forms of discrimination should be taken into account and appropriate action should be developed in parallel to prevent and combat discrimination on one or more grounds. The Programme should support actions to prevent and combat discrimination, racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, anti-muslim hatred and other forms of intolerance. In that context, particular attention should also be devoted to preventing and combating all forms of violence, hatred, segregation and stigmatisation, as well as combating bullying, harassment and intolerant treatment. The Programme should be implemented in a mutually reinforcing manner with other Union activities that have the same objectives, in particular with those referred to in the Commission Communication of 5 April 2011 entitled ‘An EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020¹⁰’ and in the Council Recommendation of 09 December 2013 on effective Roma integration measures in the Member States¹¹.

discrimination entails not only that similar situations should not be treated differently, but also that different situations should not be treated in the same way. The specific features of the diverse forms of discrimination should be taken into account and appropriate action should be developed in parallel to prevent and combat discrimination on one or more grounds. The Programme should support actions to prevent and combat discrimination, racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, anti-muslim hatred and other forms of intolerance. In that context, particular attention should also be devoted to preventing and combating all forms of violence, hatred, segregation and stigmatisation, *including anti-religious stigmatisation*, as well as combating bullying, harassment and intolerant treatment. The Programme should be implemented in a mutually reinforcing manner with other Union activities that have the same objectives, in particular with those referred to in the Commission Communication of 5 April 2011 entitled ‘An EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020¹⁰’ and in the Council Recommendation of 09 December 2013 on effective Roma integration measures in the Member States¹¹. *Authorities at Union and national level have an obligation to prevent discrimination on grounds of belonging to a religious group or carrying out religious acts, whether affiliated to majority or minority religious denominations. Furthermore, focus should not be placed on discrimination of religions, but on people being discriminated because of their religious affiliation or practices. An effective protection by the Member States of the right to conscientious objection, both at the individual and institutional level, especially in the healthcare, pharmaceutical, educational and economical fields, as a fundamental right placed at the basis of democracy and the*

rule of law should also be supported.

¹⁰ COM(2011)173.

¹¹ OJ C 378, 24.12.2013, p. 1.

¹⁰ COM(2011)173.

¹¹ OJ C 378, 24.12.2013, p. 1.

Or. en

Justification

This provision, devoted to more general considerations on non-discrimination deserve some integrations on principles. The rising phenomenon of discrimination on grounds of religion should be highlighted.

Amendment 107

Malin Björk

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Proposal for a regulation

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Text proposed by the Commission

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forms of intolerance *against persons belonging to minorities*. In that context, particular attention should also be devoted to preventing and combating all forms of violence, hatred, segregation and stigmatisation, as well as combating bullying, harassment and intolerant treatment. The Programme should be implemented in a mutually reinforcing manner with other Union activities that have the same objectives, in particular with those referred to in the Commission Communication of 5 April 2011 entitled ‘An EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020¹⁰’ and in the Council Recommendation of 09 December 2013 on effective Roma integration measures in the Member States¹¹.

¹⁰ COM(2011)173.

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Or. en

Amendment 108

Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation

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Text proposed by the Commission

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¹⁰ COM(2011)173.

¹¹ OJ C 378, 24.12.2013, p. 1.

Or. en

Amendment 109

Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Josef Weidenholzer, Sylvie Guillaume, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Proposal for a regulation

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¹⁰ COM(2011)173.

¹¹ OJ C 378, 24.12.2013, p. 1.

Or. en

Amendment 110

Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) Attitudinal and environmental barriers as well as lack of accessibility

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Or. en

Amendment 111

Marijana Petir, Branislav Škripek, Miroslav Mikolášik, Alojz Peterle, Marek Jurek

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) Attitudinal and environmental barriers as well as lack of accessibility hinder the full and effective participation of people with disabilities in society, on an equal basis with others. People with disabilities are faced with barriers to, among other things, access the labour market, benefit from an inclusive and quality education, avoid poverty and social exclusion, enjoy access to cultural initiatives and media, or use their political rights. As a party to the United Nations

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Or. en

Justification

The suggested reference naturally completes the mention of UNCRPD.

Amendment 112

Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Josef Weidenholzer, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Sylvie Guillaume, Miltiadis Kyrkos

Proposal for a regulation

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Amendment

(12) Attitudinal and environmental barriers as well as lack of accessibility hinder the full and effective participation of people with disabilities in society, on an equal basis with others. People with disabilities, ***including those with long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments***, are faced with barriers to, among other things, access the labour market, benefit from an inclusive and quality education, avoid poverty and social exclusion, enjoy access to cultural initiatives and media, or use their political rights. As a party to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the UNCRPD), the Union and all its Member States have committed to promote, protect and ensure the full and

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Or. en

Amendment 113 **Maria Grapini**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 12**

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. ro

Amendment 114 **Marijana Petir, Branislav Škripek, Miroslav Mikolášik, Alojz Peterle, Marek Jurek**

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) Article 3(3) TEU requires the Union to promote the protection of the rights of the child, in line with Article 24 of the Charter and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Amendment

(16) Article 3(3) TEU requires the Union to promote the protection of the rights of the child, in line with Article 24 of the Charter and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. ***The primary responsibility shared between the mother and the father to promote and protect their child's best interest should be paramount, avoiding the interpretation according to which children and their rights can be seen as separate from their family and parents. Public authorities should strengthen the rights of the child to live in a family environment that ensures harmonious upbringing and growth, the protection of his or her psychological integrity and the development of his or her personality.***

Or. en

Justification

Recital 16 is rather concise and does not express in full the importance and the different aspects of the rights of the child.

Amendment 115

Michal Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Alain Lamassoure, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) Independent human rights bodies and civil society organisations play an essential role in promoting, safeguarding and raising awareness of the Union's common values under Article 2 TEU, and in contributing to the effective enjoyment

Amendment

(18) Independent human rights bodies and civil society organisations play an essential role in promoting, safeguarding and raising awareness of the Union's common values under Article 2 TEU, and in contributing to the effective enjoyment

of rights under Union law, including the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU. As reflected in the European Parliament Resolution of **18** April 2018, adequate financial support is key to the development of a conducive and sustainable environment for civil society organisations to strengthen their role and perform their functions independently and effectively. Complementing efforts at national level, EU funding should therefore contribute to support, empower and build the capacity of independent civil society organisations active in the promotion of *human* rights whose activities help the strategic enforcement of rights under EU law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, including through advocacy and watchdog activities, as well as to promote, safeguard and raise awareness of the Union's common values at national level.

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Or. en

Amendment 116

Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Josef Weidenholzer, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Sylvie Guillaume, Miltiadis Kyrkos

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) Independent human rights bodies and civil society organisations play an essential role in promoting, safeguarding and raising awareness of the Union's common values under Article 2 TEU, and in contributing to the effective enjoyment of rights under Union law, including the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU. As reflected in the European Parliament Resolution of 18 April 2018, adequate financial support is key to the development of a conducive and sustainable

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Or. en

Amendment 117 **Soraya Post**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 18**

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) Independent human rights bodies *and* civil society organisations play an essential role in promoting, safeguarding and raising awareness of the Union's common values under Article 2 TEU, and in contributing to the effective enjoyment of rights under Union law, including the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU. As reflected in the European Parliament Resolution of 18 April 2018, adequate financial support is key to the development of a conducive and sustainable environment for civil society organisations to strengthen their role and perform their functions independently and effectively. Complementing efforts at national level, EU funding should therefore contribute to support, empower and build the capacity of independent civil society organisations active in the promotion of human rights

Amendment

(18) Independent human rights bodies, civil society organisations *and human rights defenders* play an essential role in promoting, safeguarding and raising awareness of the Union's common values under Article 2 TEU, and in contributing to the effective enjoyment of rights under Union law, including the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU. As reflected in the European Parliament Resolution of 18 April 2018, adequate financial support is key to the development of a conducive and sustainable environment for civil society organisations to strengthen their role and perform their functions independently and effectively. Complementing efforts at national level, EU funding should therefore contribute to support, empower and build the capacity of independent civil society organisations

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Or. en

Amendment 118
Sophia in 't Veld

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(19a) Mechanisms to ensure a link between Union funding policies and Union values should be further refined, allowing the Commission to make a proposal to the Council to transfer resources allocated to a Member State under shared management to the Programme where that Member State is subject to procedures relating to Union values. A comprehensive Union mechanism on democracy, rule of law and fundamental rights should guarantee the regular and equal review of all Member States, providing the necessary information for the activation of measures related to general deficiencies of Union values in Member States. In order to ensure uniform implementation and in view of the importance of the financial effects of measures being imposed, implementing powers should be conferred on the Council which should act on the basis of a Commission proposal. To facilitate the adoption of decisions which are required to ensure effective action, reversed qualified majority voting should be used.

Amendment 119

Michał Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Alain Lamassoure, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation**Recital 20***Text proposed by the Commission*

(20) The Programme should be open, subject to certain conditions, to the participation of European Free Trade Association (EFTA) members which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA) and EFTA members which are not members of the EEA and other European countries. Acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidate countries benefiting from a pre-accession strategy should also be able to participate in the Programme.

Amendment

(20) ***In relation to the implementation of the specific objectives of promoting equality and rights, citizens' engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union, and combating violence against groups at risk***, the Programme should be open, subject to certain conditions, to the participation of European Free Trade Association (EFTA) members which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA) and EFTA members which are not members of the EEA and other European countries. Acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidate countries benefiting from a pre-accession strategy should also be able to participate in the Programme.

Or. en

Amendment 120

Michał Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Alain Lamassoure, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation**Recital 21***Text proposed by the Commission*

(21) In order to ensure efficient allocation of funds from the general budget of the Union, it is necessary to ensure the European added value of all actions carried out, ***their*** complementarity ***to*** Member

Amendment

(21) In order to ensure efficient allocation of funds from the general budget of the Union, it is necessary to ensure the European added value of all actions carried out, ***including on local, national and***

States' actions, *while consistency, complementarity and synergies shall be sought* with funding programmes supporting policy areas with close links to *each other, in particular within the Justice, Rights and Values Fund — and thus with the Justice Programme — as well as* with Creative Europe programme, and Erasmus+ *to realise the potential of cultural crossovers in the fields of culture, media, arts, education and creativity. It is necessary to create synergies with other European funding programmes, in particular in the fields of employment, internal market, enterprise, youth, health, citizenship, justice, migration, security, research, innovation, technology, industry, cohesion, tourism, external relations, trade and development.*

international levels, directed at promoting and safeguarding the values enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty of the European Union. The Commission should seek consistency, synergies and complementarity with Member States' actions and with other funding programmes supporting policy areas with close links to Justice, Rights and Values Fund, including with Creative Europe programme, and Erasmus+, as well as with relevant policies of the Union.

Or. en

Amendment 121

Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

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European programmes *and funds*, in particular in the fields of employment, internal market, enterprise, youth, health, citizenship, justice, migration, security, research, innovation, technology, industry, cohesion, tourism, external relations, trade and development, *in particular with the ESF+ Programme, the ERDF-CF, and with the post-2020 EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies.*

Or. en

Amendment 122

Michał Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Alain Lamassoure, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) Regulation (EU, Euratom) No [the new FR] (the ‘Financial Regulation’) applies to this Programme. It lays down rules on the implementation of the Union budget, including the rules on grants, prizes, procurement, indirect implementation, financial assistance, financial instruments and budgetary guarantees.

Amendment

(23) Regulation (EU, Euratom) No [the new FR] (the ‘Financial Regulation’) applies to this Programme. It lays down rules on the implementation of the Union budget, including the rules on grants, prizes, procurement, indirect implementation, financial assistance, financial instruments and budgetary guarantees. *It is necessary to ensure that the Programme’s grant-making procedures and requirements are user-friendly for potential beneficiaries, including for local grassroot civil society organisations, and that they ensure full transparency on the use of resources, sound financial management and prudent use of resources.*

Or. en

Amendment 123

Michał Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Alain Lamassoure, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) The types of financing and the methods of implementation under this Regulation should be chosen on the basis of their ability to achieve the specific objectives of the actions and to deliver results, taking into account, in particular, the costs of controls, the administrative burden, and the expected risk of non-compliance. This should include consideration of the use of lump sums, flat rates **and** unit costs, as well as financing not linked to costs as referred to in Article 125(1) of the Financial Regulation. In accordance with the Financial Regulation, Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁰ Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2988/95²¹ Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96²² and Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939²³ the financial interests of the Union are to be protected through proportionate measures, including the prevention, detection, correction and investigation of irregularities and fraud, the recovery of funds lost, wrongly paid or incorrectly used and, where appropriate, the imposition of administrative sanctions. In particular, in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 and Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) may carry out administrative investigations, including on-the-spot checks and inspections, with a view to establishing whether there has been fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity affecting the financial interests of the Union. In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1939, the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) may investigate and prosecute fraud and other criminal offences affecting the financial interests of the Union as provided for in

Amendment

(24) The types of financing and the methods of implementation under this Regulation should be chosen on the basis of their ability to achieve the specific objectives of the actions and to deliver results, taking into account, in particular, the costs of controls, the administrative burden **for the Commission and the beneficiaries**, the **capacity of potential beneficiaries** and the expected risk of non-compliance. This should include consideration of the use of lump sums, flat rates, unit costs, **financial support for third parties**, as well as financing not linked to costs as referred to in Article 125(1) of the Financial Regulation. **Co-funding should be accepted in kind, including in form of voluntary work, and may be waived in cases of limited complementary funding.** In accordance with the Financial Regulation, Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁰ Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2988/95²¹ Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96²² and Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939²³ the financial interests of the Union are to be protected through proportionate measures, including the prevention, detection, correction and investigation of irregularities and fraud, the recovery of funds lost, wrongly paid or incorrectly used and, where appropriate, the imposition of administrative sanctions. In particular, in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 and Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) may carry out administrative investigations, including on-the-spot checks and inspections, with a view to establishing whether there has been fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity

Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁴. In accordance with the Financial Regulation, any person or entity receiving Union funds is to fully cooperate in the protection of the Union's financial interests, to grant the necessary rights and access to the Commission, OLAF, the EPPO and the European Court of Auditors (ECA) and to ensure that any third parties involved in the implementation of Union funds grant equivalent rights.

affecting the financial interests of the Union. In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1939, the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) may investigate and prosecute fraud and other criminal offences affecting the financial interests of the Union as provided for in Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁴. In accordance with the Financial Regulation, any person or entity receiving Union funds is to fully cooperate in the protection of the Union's financial interests, to grant the necessary rights and access to the Commission, OLAF, the EPPO and the European Court of Auditors (ECA) and to ensure that any third parties involved in the implementation of Union funds grant equivalent rights.

²⁰ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1074/1999, (OJ L248, 18.9.2013, p. 1.

²¹ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95 of 18 December 1995 on the protection of the European Communities financial interests (OJ L 312, 23.12.95, p.1).

²² Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L292.15.11.96, p.2).

²³ Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office ('the EPPO') (OJ L283, 31.10.2017, p.1).

²⁰ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1074/1999, (OJ L248, 18.9.2013, p. 1.

²¹ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95 of 18 December 1995 on the protection of the European Communities financial interests (OJ L 312, 23.12.95, p.1).

²² Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L292.15.11.96, p.2).

²³ Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office ('the EPPO') (OJ L283, 31.10.2017, p.1).

²⁴ Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2017 on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law (OJ L 198, 28.7.2017, p. 29).

²⁴ Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2017 on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law (OJ L 198, 28.7.2017, p. 29).

Or. en

Amendment 124

Michał Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Alain Lamassoure, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 24 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(24a) In order to increase accessibility and provide guidance and practical information in relation to the Programme, contact points should be set up in Member States to provide assistance to both beneficiaries and applicants.

Or. en

Amendment 125

Michał Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Alain Lamassoure, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(25) Third countries which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA) may participate in Union programmes in the framework of the cooperation established under the EEA agreement, which provides for the implementation of the programmes by a decision under that agreement. Third countries may also participate on the basis of other legal instruments. A specific provision should be

(25) In relation to the implementation of the specific objectives of promoting equality and rights, citizens' engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union, and combating violence against groups at risk, third countries which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA) may participate in Union programmes in the framework of the cooperation established under the EEA

introduced in this Regulation to grant the necessary rights for and access to the authorizing officer responsible, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) as well as the European Court of Auditors to comprehensively exert their respective competences.

agreement, which provides for the implementation of the programmes by a decision under that agreement. Third countries may also participate on the basis of other legal instruments. A specific provision should be introduced in this Regulation to grant the necessary rights for and access to the authorizing officer responsible, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) as well as the European Court of Auditors to comprehensively exert their respective competences.

Or. en

Amendment 126

Maurice Ponga, Brice Hortefeux, Rachida Dati

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 27

Text proposed by the Commission

(27) Pursuant to [reference to be updated as appropriate according to a new decision on OCTs: Article 94 of Council Decision 2013/755/EU²⁵], persons and entities established in overseas countries and territories (OCTs) are eligible for funding subject to the rules and objectives of the Programme and possible arrangements applicable to the Member State to which the relevant overseas country or territory is linked.

²⁵ Council Decision 2013/755/EU of 25 November 2013 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Union (Overseas Association Decision) (OJ L 344, 19.12.2013, p. 1).

Amendment

(27) Pursuant to [reference to be updated as appropriate according to a new decision on OCTs: Article 94 of Council Decision 2013/755/EU²⁵], persons and entities established in overseas countries and territories (OCTs) are eligible for funding subject to the rules and objectives of the Programme and possible arrangements applicable to the Member State to which the relevant overseas country or territory is linked. ***The constraints arising from the remoteness of OCTs must be taken into account when implementing the Programme, and their effective participation therein must be monitored and regularly evaluated.***

²⁵ Council Decision 2013/755/EU of 25 November 2013 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Union (Overseas Association Decision) (OJ L 344, 19.12.2013, p. 1).

Amendment 127

Malin Björk

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

This Regulation establishes the Rights and **Values** programme ('Programme').

Amendment

This Regulation establishes the **Equality**, Rights and **Rule of Law** programme ('Programme').

Or. en

Amendment 128

Malin Björk

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The general objective of the Programme is to protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the EU Treaties, including by supporting civil society **organisations**, in order to sustain **open**, democratic and inclusive societies.

Amendment

1. The general objective of the Programme is to protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the EU Treaties, including **democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights as enshrined in Article 2 TEU, in particular** by supporting **and building the capacity of** civil society **organisations at local, regional, national and transnational level**, in order to sustain **and further develop open, rights-based**, democratic, **equal** and inclusive societies.

Or. en

Amendment 129

Marijana Petir, Branislav Škripek, Miroslav Mikolášik, Marek Jurek

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The general objective of the Programme is to protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the EU Treaties, including by supporting civil society organisations, in order to sustain open, democratic and inclusive societies.

Amendment

1. The general objective of the Programme is to protect and promote ***fundamental human*** rights and values as enshrined in the EU Treaties, including by supporting civil society organisations, in order to sustain open, democratic and inclusive societies, ***as well as other key stakeholders such as churches and religious associations or communities, think tanks, and research and academic institutions.***

Or. en

Justification

The provision must take into account the distinction between Article 11 TEU and Article 17 TFEU and access to funds by the respective actors.

Amendment 130

Michal Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Alain Lamassoure, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The general objective of the Programme is to protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the EU Treaties, ***including*** by supporting civil society organisations, in order to sustain open, democratic and inclusive societies.

Amendment

1. The general objective of the Programme is to protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the EU Treaties, ***in particular*** by supporting civil society organisations ***at local, national and transnational levels***, in order to sustain open, ***rights-based***, democratic, ***equal*** and inclusive societies.

Or. en

Amendment 131

Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Josef Weidenholzer, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Sylvie Guillaume

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The general objective of the Programme is to protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the EU Treaties, including by supporting civil society organisations, in order to sustain open, democratic and inclusive societies.

Amendment

1. The general objective of the Programme is to protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the EU Treaties, including by supporting civil society organisations, ***especially at grassroot level***, in order to sustain open, democratic and inclusive societies.

Or. en

Amendment 132

Marijana Petir, Branislav Škripek, Miroslav Mikolášik, Alojz Peterle, Marek Jurek

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to promote equality and rights (Equality and rights strand),

Amendment

(a) to promote equality and ***fundamental human*** rights (Equality and rights strand),

Or. en

Justification

The correction is related to the wording of the EU Charter.

Amendment 133

Michal Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Alain Lamassoure, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) to promote and protect democracy, rule of law and fundamental rights on local, national and transnational levels (Union values strand).

Or. en

Amendment 134

Emil Radev

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) to promote citizens' awareness of the rights and obligations, derived from the European citizenship (Citizens' rights strand).

Or. en

Amendment 135

Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) to fight violence (Daphne strand).

(c) to fight *interpersonal* violence (Daphne strand).

Or. en

Amendment 136

Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) to protect and promote the rule of law, as well as to protect and promote democracy and the other common values of the Union (Values and rule of law strand).

Or. en

Amendment 137

Malin Björk

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. to promote and safeguard fundamental rights, democracy and the rule of law at local, regional, national and transnational level (Rule of law and democratic freedoms strand);

Or. en

Amendment 138

Malin Björk

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 2a

Rule of law and democratic freedoms strand

Within the general objective set out in Article 2(1) and within the specific objective set out in point (-a) of Article 2(2), the Programme shall focus on:

(a) protecting and promoting democracy and the rule of law, including ensuring the independence of the judiciary; effective judicial protection by independent courts, including of fundamental rights; transparency and non-arbitrariness by public authorities and law enforcement; providing support for independent human rights defenders and civil society organisations undertaking monitoring compliance with the rule of law, for whistleblower defence and for initiatives that promote transparency, accountability, integrity and absence of corruption;

(b) protecting, strengthening and promoting fundamental rights, including freedom of expression, peaceful assembly or association, media freedom and pluralism of the media, academic freedom, freedom of religion or belief and the right to privacy and family life;

(c) supporting, empowering and building the capacity of independent civil society organisations active in the promotion of the values referred to in Article 2(1).

Or. en

Amendment 139 **Soraya Post**

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) preventing and combating inequalities and discrimination on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age **or** sexual orientation, and supporting comprehensive policies to promote gender equality and anti-discrimination and their mainstreaming as well policies to combat racism and all forms of intolerance;

Amendment

(a) **identifying**, preventing and combating inequalities and discrimination on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, **nationality**, religion or belief, disability, age, sexual orientation, **sex characteristics or gender identity** and supporting comprehensive policies to promote gender equality and anti-discrimination and their mainstreaming as well policies to combat

racism and all forms of intolerance;

Or. en

Amendment 140

Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Josef Weidenholzer, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Sylvie Guillaume, Miltiadis Kyrkos

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) preventing and combating inequalities and discrimination on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and supporting comprehensive policies to promote gender equality and anti-discrimination and their mainstreaming as well policies to combat racism and all forms of intolerance;

Amendment

(a) preventing and combating inequalities and discrimination on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation ***or any other grounds*** and supporting comprehensive policies to promote gender equality and anti-discrimination and their mainstreaming as well policies to combat racism and all forms of intolerance ***both online and offline***;

Or. en

Amendment 141

Malin Björk

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) preventing and combating inequalities and discrimination on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and supporting comprehensive policies to promote gender equality and anti-discrimination and their mainstreaming as well policies to combat racism and all forms of intolerance;

Amendment

(a) preventing and combating inequalities and discrimination on grounds of sex, racial, ***social*** or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age, ***language, migration status***, or sexual orientation, and supporting comprehensive policies to promote gender equality and anti-discrimination and their mainstreaming as well policies to combat racism and all forms of intolerance;

Amendment 142

Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) preventing and combating inequalities and discrimination on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and supporting comprehensive policies to promote gender equality and anti-discrimination and their mainstreaming as well policies to combat racism and all forms of intolerance;

Amendment

(a) preventing and combating inequalities and discrimination on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, **membership of a national minority**, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and supporting comprehensive policies to promote gender equality and anti-discrimination and their mainstreaming as well policies to combat racism and all forms of intolerance;

Or. en

Amendment 143

Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) the promotion of mutual understanding, dialogue and respect for diversity within Member States and within the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 144

Michał Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Alain Lamassoure, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) promoting equality as a universal fundamental right and a core value of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) securing that the citizens and peoples of the Union can fully enjoy and exercise their rights;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Maria Grapini

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) protecting and promoting the rights of the child, the rights of people with disabilities, Union citizenship rights and the right to the protection of personal data.

(b) protecting and promoting the rights of the child, ***the rights of women***, the rights of people with disabilities, Union citizenship rights and the right to the protection of personal data.

Or. ro

Amendment 147
Csaba Sógor

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) protecting and promoting the rights of the child, the rights of people with disabilities, ***Union citizenship rights*** and the right to the protection of personal data.

Amendment

(b) protecting and promoting the rights of the child, the rights of people with disabilities and the right to the protection of personal data;

Or. en

Amendment 148
Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) raising awareness to the rights deriving from citizenship of the Union, and promoting participation of citizens exercising their rights to freedom of movement in local and Union elections.

Or. en

Amendment 149
Maurice Ponga, Rachida Dati, Brice Hortefeux

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) increasing ***citizens'*** understanding of the Union, its history, cultural heritage and diversity;

Amendment

(a) increasing understanding of the Union, its history, cultural heritage and diversity ***among citizens, including those resident in the outermost regions and OCTs;***

Or. fr

Amendment 150

Marijana Petir, Branislav Škripek, Miroslav Mikolášik, Marek Jurek

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) increasing citizens' understanding of the Union, its history, cultural heritage and diversity;

Amendment

(a) increasing citizens' understanding of the Union, its history, cultural heritage and diversity, ***as well as of the diversity of historical memories in Europe;***

Or. en

Justification

The aspect of historical memories deserves to be highlighted explicitly, so as to foster the continuation of the impact of the former “Europe for Citizens” Programme.

Amendment 151

Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) increasing citizens' understanding of the Union, its history, cultural heritage and diversity;

Amendment

(a) increasing citizens' understanding of the Union, its ***values, its*** history, cultural heritage and diversity;

Or. en

Amendment 152

Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) a better understanding of unity in diversity, the citizens of a nation being at the same time European citizens cumulating both national and European rights and obligations.

Or. ro

Amendment 153

Emil Radev

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 4a

Citizens' rights strand

Within the specific objective set out in point ba) of Article 2(2), the Programme shall focus on:

(a) increasing citizens' awareness of their rights and obligations, derived from Union citizenship;

(b) increasing public authorities' knowledge of the rights and obligations of Union citizens residing in another Member State;

Or. en

Amendment 154

Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) preventing and combating all forms of violence against children, young people

(a) *identifying*, preventing and combating all forms of *interpersonal*

and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk;

violence, such as violence against children, young people and women, *persons with disabilities, members of minority groups, such as members of ethnic minority groups and LGBTQI people*, as well as violence against other groups at risk;

Or. en

Amendment 155

Malin Björk

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) preventing and combating all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk;

Amendment

(a) preventing and combating all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk *such as LGBTQI persons, women with disabilities and refugee and migrant women*;

Or. en

Amendment 156

Malin Björk

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) supporting and protecting victims of such violence.

Amendment

(b) supporting and protecting victims of such violence, *including by facilitating and ensuring access to justice, access to victim support services and access to safe police reporting for all victims of violence*.

Or. en

Amendment 157

Michal Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Alain Lamassoure, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 5a

Union values strand

The programme shall focus on protecting and promoting democracy, rule of law and fundamental rights by providing financial support for independent civil society organisations which cultivate these values at local, national and transnational levels, creating enabling environment for democratic dialogue between representatives of different views, and protecting and promoting fundamental rights, including strengthening freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association, media freedom, and pluralism of the media, academic freedom, freedom of religion or belief and the right to privacy and family life, all by supporting, empowering and building the capacity of independent civil society organisations active in the promotion of values referred to in Article 2 of the Treaty of the European Union.

Or. en

Amendment 158

Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 5a

Values and rule of law strand

Within the specific objective set out in point (ca new) of Article 2(2), the Programme shall focus on:

(a) monitoring, protecting and reviving democracy and the other common values of the Union;

(b) monitoring, protecting and promoting the rule of law.

Or. en

Amendment 159

Malin Björk

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 5a

Prevention and victims' rights support shall be designed with the participation of the target group and ensure that the specific needs of those with multiple vulnerabilities are met.

Or. en

Amendment 160

Michał Boni

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021 – 2027 shall be EUR [641 705 000] in current prices.

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021 – 2027 shall be EUR [1 500 000 000] in current prices.

Or. en

Amendment 161

Michal Boni

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) EUR [408.705.000] for the specific objectives referred to in article 2(2)(a) and 2(2)(c);

Amendment

(a) EUR [500.000.000] for the specific objectives referred to in article 2(2)(a) and 2(2)(c);

Or. en

Amendment 162

Michal Boni

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) EUR [735.000.000] for the specific objective referred to in point (aa) of Article 2(2);

Or. en

Amendment 163

Michal Boni

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) EUR [233.000.000] for the specific objective referred to in Article 2(2)(b);

(b) EUR [265.000.000] for the specific objective referred to in Article 2(2)(b);

Or. en

Amendment 164

Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Josef Weidenholzer, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. At least 50% of the resources referred to in point (a) of paragraph 2 of this Article for the specific objectives referred to in point (a) and (c) of Article 2(2) shall be allocated to activities aimed at supporting the work of civil society organisations.

Or. en

Amendment 165

Sophia in 't Veld

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. The Commission shall allocate at least 40% of the resources referred to in paragraph 2 to the support of civil society organisations of which at least 60% should be allocated to local and regional organisations.

Or. en

Amendment 166

Michał Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. No less than 65% of funds referred

to in points (a) and (b) of paragraph 2 of this Article shall be allocated to action grants, operating grants and core funding for civil society organisations.

Or. en

Amendment 167
Sophia in 't Veld

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 2 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2b. The Commission shall allocate at least 5% of the resources referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article to emergency assistance in accordance with Article 9 b. At the end of every budgetary year, the Commission shall transfer any possibly non-committed emergency assistance to non-emergency actions.

Or. en

Justification

A limited amount of resources under this Programme should be reserved for emergency assistance, to be able to address situations in Member States where adherence to Union values is seriously and rapidly deteriorating. Such emergency envelopes are common practice in EU funds, such in the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund. This allows for more targeted actions, where most needed, based on monitoring and evaluation.

Amendment 168

Michał Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Alain Lamassoure, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The Programme may provide

2. The Programme may provide

funding in any of the forms laid down in the Financial Regulation.

funding in any of the forms laid down in the Financial Regulation, *which shall ensure sound financial management, prudent use of public funds, low administrative burden for the Programme operator and for beneficiaries as well as accessibility of the Programme funds to potential beneficiaries. The Programme shall provide funding primarily through action grants, annual and multiannual operating grants and core funding. It may use lump sums, unit costs, flat rates and financial assistance for third parties. Co-funding shall be accepted in kind and may be waived in cases of limited complementary funding.*

Or. en

Amendment 169

Malin Björk

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 9a

Activities eligible for funding

The general and specific objectives of the Programme set out in Article 2 shall be carried out in particular by supporting the following activities as carried out by one or more eligible entities:

(a) awareness raising, public education, promotion and dissemination of information to improve the knowledge of the policies, principles and rights within the areas covered by the Programme;

(b) mutual learning through the exchange of good practices among stakeholders to improve knowledge and mutual understanding and civic and democratic engagement;

(c) analytical monitoring, reporting and advocacy activities to improve the understanding of the situation in Member States and at Union level in the areas covered by the Programme as well as to improve the transposition and implementation of Union law, policies and common Union values within Member States, such activities to include for instance the collection of data and statistics; the development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; studies, researches, analyses and surveys; evaluations; impact assessment; and the elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material;

(d) training relevant stakeholders to improve their knowledge of the policies and rights in the fields covered by the Programme and strengthening relevant stakeholders' capability to advocate for the policies and rights in the fields covered by the Programme;

(e) promoting public awareness and understanding of the risks, rules, safeguards and rights in relation to the protection of personal data, privacy, and digital security, as well as addressing fake news and targeted misinformation through awareness raising, trainings, studies and monitoring activities;

(f) strengthening citizens' awareness of European culture, history and remembrance as well as their sense of solidarity and commitment to justice, equality, rule of law and democracy;

(g) bringing together Europeans of different nationalities and cultures by giving them the opportunity to participate in town-twinning activities and projects;

(h) encouraging and facilitating active and inclusive participation in the construction of a more democratic Union as well as raising awareness and promoting and defending rights and values through support to civil society

organisations;

(i) financing the technical and organisational support to implement Regulation [(EU)No 211/2011], thereby underpinning the exercise by citizens of the right to launch and support European citizens' initiatives;

(j) supporting civil society organisations active in the areas covered by the Programme at all levels, as well as developing the capacity of European networks and civil society organisations to contribute to the development, awareness raising and monitoring of the implementation of Union law, policy goals, values and strategies;

(k) enhancing knowledge of the Programme and dissemination and transferability of its results and fostering citizen and civil society outreach, including by setting up and supporting independent programme desks;

(l) strengthening the capacity and independence of human rights defenders and civil society organisations monitoring the situation of the rule of law and supporting actions at local, regional, national and transnational levels;

(m) supporting whistleblower defence, including initiatives and measures to establish safe channels for reporting within organisations and to public authorities or other relevant bodies, as well as measures to protect whistleblowers against dismissal, demotion or other forms of retaliation, including through information and training for relevant public authorities and stakeholders;

(n) supporting initiatives and measures to promote and protect freedom and pluralism of the media and to build capacity for the new challenges such as new media and countering hate speech;

(o) support and build capacity of civil society organisations active in promoting and monitoring integrity, transparency

and accountability of public authorities and fighting corruption;

(p) supporting civil society organisations active in the area of protection and promotion of fundamental rights, including support for actions to raise awareness of fundamental rights and contribute to human rights education;

(q) supporting organisations helping, housing and protecting victims of violence and people under threat, including to women's shelters;

(r) supporting and strengthening the capacity and independence of human rights defenders and civil society organisations active in strategic litigation.

Or. en

Amendment 170

Michał Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Alain Lamassoure, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 9a

Activities eligible for funding

The general and specific objectives of the Programme referred to in Article 2 shall be pursued in particular through support to the following activities carried out by one or several eligible entities:

(a) awareness raising, public education, promotion and dissemination of information to improve the knowledge of the policies, principles and rights in the areas covered by the Programme and its objectives;

(b) analytical monitoring, reporting and advocacy activities to improve the understanding of the situation in the

Member States and at Union level in the areas covered by the Programme as well as to improve the proper transposition and implementation of Union law, policies and common Union values within Member States, such activities to include for instance the collection of data and statistics; the development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; studies, researches, analyses and surveys; evaluations; impact assessment; and the elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material;

(c) training relevant stakeholders to improve their knowledge of the policies and rights in the fields covered by the Programme and strengthening relevant stakeholders' capability to advocate for the policies and rights in the fields covered by the Programme;

(d) promoting public awareness and understanding of the risks, rules, safeguards and rights in relation to the protection of personal data, privacy, and digital security, as well as addressing targeted misinformation through awareness raising, trainings, studies and monitoring activities;

(e) strengthening citizens' awareness of European culture, history, core values and remembrance as well as their sense of solidarity and belonging to the Union;

(f) bringing together Europeans of different nationalities and cultures by giving them the opportunity to participate in town-twinning activities and projects;

(g) encouraging and facilitating active and inclusive participation in the construction of a more democratic Union as well as raising awareness, promoting and defending rights and values through support to civil society organisations;

(h) financing the technical and organisational support to implement Regulation [(EU)No 211/2011], thereby

underpinning the exercise by citizens of the right to launch and support European citizens' initiatives;

(i) supporting civil society organisations active in the areas covered by the Programme at all levels, as well as developing the capacity of European networks and civil society organisations to contribute to the development, awareness raising and monitoring of the implementation of Union law, policy goals, values and strategies;

(j) strengthening the capacity and independence of human rights defenders and civil society organisations monitoring the situation of the rule of law and supporting actions on the local, regional and national levels;

(k) supporting initiatives and measures to promote and protect freedom and pluralism of the media and to build capacity for new challenges such as new media and countering hate speech;

(l) support and build capacity for civil society organisations active in promoting and monitoring transparency and integrity of public administration and fighting corruption;

(m) supporting civil society organisations active in the area of protection and promotion of fundamental rights, including support for actions to raise awareness of fundamental rights and contribute to human rights education;

(o) supporting activities aimed at promoting peaceful democratic dialogue between people of different political views.

Or. en

Amendment 171
Sophia in 't Veld

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 9a

Emergency assistance

The programme shall provide financial assistance to address urgent and specific needs in the event of an emergency situation where a serious and rapid deterioration of the situation in a Member State as regards adherence to Union values occurs. Such allocations shall be based on comprehensive, regular and evidence-based monitoring and evaluation of the situation in all Member States as regards democracy, rule of law and fundamental rights.

Or. en

Justification

A limited amount of resources under this Programme (5%) should be reserved for emergency assistance, to be able to address situations in Member States where adherence to Union values is seriously and rapidly deteriorating. Such emergency envelopes are common practice in EU funds, such in the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund. This allows for more targeted actions, where most needed, based on monitoring and evaluation.

Amendment 172
Sophia in 't Veld

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 9b

Activities eligible for funding

The general and specific objectives of the Programme set out in Article 2 will be carried out in particular by supporting the following activities as carried out by one

or more eligible entities:

(a) awareness raising, public education, promotion and dissemination of information to improve the knowledge of the policies, principles and rights within the areas covered by the Programme;

(b) mutual learning through the exchange of good practices among stakeholders to improve knowledge and mutual understanding and civic and democratic engagement;

(c) analytical monitoring, reporting and advocacy activities to improve the understanding of the situation in Member States and at Union level in the areas covered by the Programme as well as to improve the transposition and implementation of Union law, policies and common Union values within Member States, such activities to include for instance the collection of data and statistics; the development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; studies, researches, analyses and surveys; evaluations; impact assessment; and the elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material;

(d) training relevant stakeholders to improve their knowledge of the policies and rights in the fields covered by the Programme and strengthening relevant stakeholders' capability to advocate for the policies and rights in the fields covered by the Programme, including through litigation;

(e) promoting public awareness and understanding of the risks, rules, safeguards and rights in relation to the protection of personal data, privacy, and digital security, as well as addressing targeted misinformation through awareness raising, trainings, studies and monitoring activities;

(f) strengthening citizens' awareness of European culture, history, identity, core

values and remembrance as well as their sense of solidarity and belonging to the Union;

(g) bringing together Europeans of different nationalities and cultures by giving them the opportunity to participate in town-twinning activities and projects;

(h) encouraging and facilitating active and inclusive participation in the construction of a more democratic Union as well as raising awareness and promoting and defending rights and values through support to civil society organisations;

(i) financing the technical and organisational support to implement Regulation [(EU)No 211/2011], thereby underpinning the exercise by citizens of the right to launch and support European citizens' initiatives;

(j) supporting civil society organisations active in the areas covered by the Programme at all levels, as well as developing the capacity of European networks and civil society organisations to contribute to the development, awareness raising and monitoring of the implementation of Union law, policy goals, values and strategies;

(k) enhancing knowledge of the Programme and dissemination and transferability of its results and fostering citizen and civil society outreach, including by setting up and supporting independent programme desks;

(l) strengthening the capacity and independence of human rights defenders and civil society organisations monitoring the situation of the rule of law and supporting actions at local, regional, national and transnational levels;

(m) supporting whistleblower defence, including initiatives and measures to establish safe channels for reporting within organisations and to public authorities or other relevant bodies, as

well as measures to protect whistleblowers against dismissal, demotion or other forms of retaliation, including through information and training for relevant public authorities and stakeholders;

(n) supporting initiatives and measures to promote and protect freedom and pluralism of the media and to build capacity for the new challenges such as new media and countering hate speech;

(o) support and build capacity for civil society organisations active in promoting and monitoring integrity and corruption, transparency and accountability of public authorities;

(p) supporting civil society organisations active in the area of protection and promotion of fundamental rights, including support for actions to raise awareness of fundamental rights and contribute to human rights education.

Or. en

Amendment 173

Michał Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Alain Lamassoure, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation

Article 18 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 18a

Programme Contact Points

The Commission shall set up contact points in all Member States in cooperation with local partners or the Member State in question. The contact points shall provide stakeholders and beneficiaries of the Programme with impartial guidance and practical information and assistance in relation to all aspects of the Programme, including in relation to the application procedure,

project implementation procedures, reporting and other formalities. The contact points may be managed by Member States or civil society organisations or consortia thereof.

Or. en

Amendment 174
Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall be assisted by a committee. This committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.

Amendment

1. The Commission shall be assisted by a committee. This committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011. ***Gender balance and appropriate representation of minorities and other excluded groups in the monitoring committee shall be safeguarded.***

Or. en

Amendment 175
Michał Boni, Siegfried Mureşan, Tadeusz Zwiefka, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Alain Lamassoure, Jaromír Štětina, Carlos Coelho

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I

Text proposed by the Commission

Activities of the Programme

The specific objectives of the Programme referred to in Article 2(2) will be pursued in particular through support to the following activities:

(a) awareness raising, dissemination of information to improve the knowledge of the policies and rights in the areas

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deleted

covered by the Programme;

(b) mutual learning through exchange of good practices among stakeholders to improve knowledge and mutual understanding and civic and democratic engagement;

(c) analytical and monitoring activities³¹ to improve the understanding of the situation in the Member States and at EU level in the areas covered by the Programme as well as to improve the implementation of EU law and policies ;

(d) training relevant stakeholders to improve their knowledge of the policies and rights in the fields covered;

(e) information and Communication Technology (ICT) tools development and maintenance;

(f) strengthening citizens' awareness of European culture, history and remembrance as well as their sense of belonging to the Union;

(g) bringing together Europeans of different nationalities and cultures by giving them the opportunity to participate in town-twinning activities;

(h) encouraging and facilitating active participation in the construction of a more democratic Union as well as awareness of rights and values through support to civil society organisations

(i) financing the technical and organisational support to implement Regulation [(EU)No 211/2011], thereby underpinning the exercise by citizens of the right to launch and support European citizens' initiatives;

(j) developing the capacity of European networks to promote and further develop Union law, policy goals and strategies as well as supporting civil society organisations active in the areas covered by the Programme.

(k) enhancing knowledge of the

programme and dissemination and transferability of its results and fostering citizen outreach, including by setting up and supporting programme desks/national contact network.

³¹ *These activities include for instance the collection of data and statistics; the development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; studies, researches, analyses and surveys; evaluations; impact assessment; the elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material.*

Or. en

Amendment 176

Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Josef Weidenholzer, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Sylvie Guillaume, Miltiadis Kyrkos

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) awareness **raising**, dissemination of information to improve the knowledge of the policies and rights in the areas covered by the Programme;

Amendment

(a) **raising** awareness **of Union values among citizens, notably young people**, dissemination of information to improve the knowledge of the policies and rights in the areas covered by the Programme;

Or. en

Amendment 177

Marijana Petir, Branislav Škripek, Miroslav Mikolášik, Alojz Peterle

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) mutual learning through exchange

Amendment

(b) mutual learning through exchange

of good practices among stakeholders to improve knowledge and mutual understanding and civic and democratic engagement;

of good practices among stakeholders to improve knowledge and mutual understanding, *including through intercultural and interreligious dialogue*, and civic and democratic engagement;

Or. en

Justification

The potential of the funding instrument should be fully exploited to foster interreligious dialogue and to showcase and support the role of religions in promoting social cohesion and peace.

Amendment 178

Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Josef Weidenholzer, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Sylvie Guillaume, Miltiadis Kyrkos

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) mutual learning through exchange of good practices among stakeholders to improve knowledge *and* mutual understanding and civic and democratic engagement;

Amendment

(b) mutual learning through exchange of good practices among stakeholders to improve knowledge, mutual understanding *and intercultural dialogue* and civic and democratic engagement;

Or. en

Amendment 179

Maurice Ponga, Rachida Dati, Brice Hortefeux

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) analytical and monitoring activities³¹ to improve the understanding of the situation in the Member States and at EU level in the areas covered by the Programme as well as to improve the

Amendment

(c) analytical and monitoring activities³¹ to improve the understanding of the situation in the Member States *and OCTs* and at EU level in the areas covered by the Programme as well as to improve

implementation of EU law and policies;

the implementation of EU law and policies;

³¹ These activities include for instance the collection of data and statistics; the development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; studies, researches, analyses and surveys; evaluations; impact assessment; the elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material.

³¹ These activities include for instance the collection of data and statistics; the development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; studies, researches, analyses and surveys; evaluations; impact assessment; the elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material.

Or. fr

Amendment 180

Maurice Ponga, Rachida Dati, Brice Hortefeux

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

(f) strengthening *citizens'* awareness of European culture, history and remembrance as well as *their* sense of belonging to the Union;

Amendment

(f) strengthening awareness of European culture, history and remembrance as well as a sense of belonging to the Union *among citizens, including those resident in the outermost regions and OCTs;*

Or. fr

Amendment 181

Emil Radev

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 1 – point h a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(ha) strengthening citizens' awareness of their rights and obligations derived from Union citizenship, such as the right to travel, work, study, live in another Member State, through information campaigns;

Amendment 182

Emil Radev

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 1 – point h b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(hb) specialised training for people working in the public sector of a Member State regarding the rights and obligations of the citizens of other Member States, who live, work, study or travel in the first mentioned Member State, as well as training regarding the measures to guarantee the respect for those rights;

Or. en

Amendment 183

Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Josef Weidenholzer, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Sylvie Guillaume, Miltiadis Kyrkos

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 1 – point k

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(k) enhancing knowledge of the programme and dissemination and transferability of its results and fostering citizen outreach, including by setting up and supporting programme desks/national contact network.

(k) enhancing knowledge of the programme and dissemination and transferability of its results and fostering citizen outreach, including by setting up and supporting ***new or existing*** programme desks/national contact network.

Or. en