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Draft report
György Schöpflin
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Revision of Regulation (EU) 211/2011 on the citizens’ initiative
(2017/2024(INL))
Amendment 1
Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution
Citation –1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment
-1 having regard to Article 11(4) of the Treaty on European Union,

Or. en

Amendment 2
Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment
Aa. whereas Article 48(2)TEU provides for the Commission to come forward with proposals for the amendment of the Treaties; and whereas such a proposal should be regarded as a legal act implementing the Treaties;

Or. en

Amendment 3
György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment
Ia. Calls on the Commission to explore, through the already established European citizens' initiative budget line, all financial possibilities to cover campaigns and the cost of legal or additional experts during the process of
an European citizens’ initiative;

Amendment 4
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Jo Leinen, Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part A – point 1

1. The European Parliament considers that it is necessary to revise Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 on the citizens’ initiative, since this instrument of participatory democracy needs to be simpler, clearer, more user-friendly and more widely publicised. In any event, the European Parliament looks forward to receiving the legislative proposal for the revision of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 that the Commission has announced that it will be ready to submit to the European Parliament and to the Council by the end of 2017.

Amendment 5
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Mercedes Bresso, Claudia Ţapardel, Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part A – point 2

2. The objective of the revision is, in compliance with the Treaties, to enable Union citizens both to register and to submit a citizens’ initiative successfully and in a cost-effective manner, and to provide for their concerns to receive appropriate

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follow-up from the Commission.

appropriate follow-up from the Commission, \textit{in order to encourage as many Union citizens as possible to become involved in taking the European integration process forward.}

\textbf{Or. de}

\textbf{Amendment 6}
\textbf{Josep-Maria Terricabras}
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

\textbf{Motion for a resolution}
\textbf{Annex I – part A – point 2}

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\textbf{Amendment 7}
\textbf{Barbara Spinelli}

\textbf{Motion for a resolution}
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\textbf{Or. it}
Amendment 8
Josép-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

(-1) Recital 1 is replaced by the following:

"The Treaty on European Union (TEU) reinforces citizenship of the Union and enhances further the democratic functioning of the Union by providing, inter alia, that every citizen is to have the right to participate in the democratic life of the Union by way of a European citizens’ initiative. That procedure affords citizens the possibility of directly approaching the Commission with a request inviting it to submit a proposal for a new legal act or the abrogation or revision of any existing legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing or revising the Treaties similar to the right conferred on the European Parliament under Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and on the Council under Article 241 TFEU."

Or. en

Amendment 9
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Mercedes Bresso, Jo Leinen, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Claudia Țapardel, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

(-1) Recital 3 is amended as follows:
Amendment 10  
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution  
Amendment

(9a)  The following recital is inserted after recital 4:

“The Commission should set up an online platform not only to handle statements of support collected online, but also to provide forums in which to debate and exchange ideas, enabling citizens to discuss proposed citizens’ initiatives and formulate new initiatives. To that end, the concept of European e-citizenship should be developed, and the possibility of establishing a European electronic identification system explored further.”

Or. de

Amendment 11  
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Jo Leinen, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point –1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution  
Amendment

(-1a)  In recital 7, the following sentence is deleted:
“That should be set as the age at which citizens are entitled to vote in elections to the European Parliament.”

And amended as follows:

“That should be set as the minimum age of 16 years.”

Amendment 12
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point -1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

(-1a) Recital 7 is replaced by the following:

"It is appropriate to fix a minimum age for organising and supporting a citizens’ initiative. That should be set at 16."

Amendment 13
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

(9b) Recital 7 is amended as follows:

“It is appropriate to fix a minimum age for supporting a citizens’ initiative.”
Amendment 14
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point –1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(-1b) Recital 8 is replaced by the following:

"A minimum organised structure is needed in order to successfully carry through a citizens’ initiative. That should take the form of a citizens’ committee, composed of natural persons (organisers) coming, in order to encourage the emergence of European-wide issues and to foster reflection on those issues, from at least seven different Member States. In order to limit the personal liability of the organisers, it should be possible to register the citizens’ committee as an organisation with legal personality in one of the Member States in accordance with national law. For the sake of transparency and smooth and efficient communication, the citizens’ committee should designate representatives to liaise between the citizens’ committee and the institutions of the Union throughout the procedure."

Or. en

Amendment 15
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point –1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(-1c) Recital 10 is replaced by the
following:

"In order to ensure coherence and transparency in relation to proposed citizens’ initiatives and to avoid a situation where signatures are being collected for a proposed citizens’ initiative which does not comply with the conditions laid down in this Regulation, it should be mandatory to register such initiatives on a website made available by the Commission prior to collecting the necessary statements of support from citizens. All proposed citizens’ initiatives that comply with the conditions laid down in this Regulation should be registered by the Commission. The Commission should deal with registration in accordance with the general principles of good administration and in accordance to Article 296(2) of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union."

Or. en

Amendment 16
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Jo Leinen, Claudia Ţapardel

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point –1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

(-1b) In recital 13, the following phrase is deleted:

“including, where applicable, a personal identification number or a personal identification document number”

Or. de

Amendment 17
Alain Lamassoure, Jérôme Lavrilleux
Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

(1) To ensure that citizens can participate on equal terms, the signing arrangements should be the same in all Union Member States, and the requirement imposed by some countries to provide a personal identification number should be abolished.

Amendment 18
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 d (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

(-1d) The following recital is inserted:
"(14a) The Commission should operate a free and open-source online collection system incorporating the relevant technical and security features necessary in order to comply with the provisions of this Regulation as regards online collection systems. The organisers should have the possibility to use the servers operated by the Commission free of charge when using other certified online collections systems;"

Amendment 19
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 e (new)
Amendment 20
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 f (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

(-1f) Recital 16 is deleted;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Jo Leinen, Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

(-1c) Recital 17 is amended as follows:
[...] from the date of collection [...] instead of [...] from the date of registration [...].

Or. de
Amendment 22
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 g (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

(-1g) The following recital is inserted:
"(19a) When the Commission receives a citizens’ initiative supported by the requisite number of signatories which fulfils all requirements set out by this Regulation, the organisers should be entitled to present that initiative at a public hearing in the European Parliament. Within one month from the public hearing, the European Parliament should hold a debate concluded by the adoption of a motion for resolution with its recommendation to the Commission."

Or. en

Amendment 23
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

(-1) Recital (20) is amended as follows:
"(20) The Commission should examine a citizens’ initiative and set out its legal conclusions separately. It should also set out the action it intends to take in response to it, within a period of three months of the moment the Commission received that initiative. In order to demonstrate that a citizens’ initiative supported by at least one million Union citizens and its possible follow-up are carefully examined, the Commission
should explain in a clear, comprehensible and detailed manner the reasons for its intended action, and should likewise give its reasons if it does not intend to take any action. The Commission shall not implement thematic restrictions other than those provided for in this Regulation, in Article 11 TEU and in Article 24 TFEU. The Commission should not refuse to register citizens’ initiatives arbitrarily by judging them as being Euro-sceptical or reflecting the interests of a minority. The general right of citizens to participate in the democratic life of the European Union should include the power to take action with a view to amending secondary legislation in force, reforming it or repealing it in whole or in part. Whenever the Commission receives a citizens’ initiative supported by the requisite number of signatories which fulfils the all requirements set out by this Regulation, the organisers should be entitled to present that initiative at a public hearing to be held at Union level."

Or. en

Amendment 24
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point –1 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

(-1h) Recital 20 is replaced as follows:

"The Commission should examine a citizens’ initiative and set out its legal and political conclusions separately. It should also set out the action it intends to take in response to it, within a month of the adoption of the motion for resolution adopted by the European Parliament. In order to demonstrate that a citizens’
Amendment 25
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point –1 i (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

(-1i) The following recital is inserted:
"(20a) In the normal run of events there is a presumption that the Commission should react to a citizens' initiative by submitting a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council."

Amendment 26
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point –1 j (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

(-1j) The following recital is inserted:
"(20b) Where the conclusions of the Commission and the recommendation of the European Parliament differ, the European Parliament may exercise the right conferred on it by Article 225 of the
Amendment 27
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point –1 k (new)

Motion for a resolution

(-1k) Recital 21 is replaced by the following:

"Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data is fully applicable to the processing of personal data carried out in application of this Regulation. In this respect, for the sake of legal certainty, it is appropriate to clarify that the organisers of a citizens’ initiative or, if applicable, the legal entity created by them, and the competent authorities of the Member States are the data controllers within the meaning of Directive 95/46/EC, and to specify the maximum period within which the personal data collected for the purposes of a citizens’ initiative may be retained. In their capacity as data controllers, the organisers or, if applicable, the legal entity created by them, need to take all the appropriate measures to comply with the obligations imposed by Directive 95/46/EC, in particular those relating to the lawfulness of the processing, the security of the processing activities, the provision of information and the rights of data subjects to have access to their personal data, as well as to provide for the
correction and deletion of their personal data."

Amendment 28
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point -1 l (new)

Motion for a resolution

(-II) Recital 22 is replaced by the following:
"Chapter III of Directive 95/46/EC on judicial remedies, liability and sanctions is fully applicable as regards the data processing carried out in application of this Regulation. The organisers of a citizens’ initiative or, if applicable, the legal entity created by them, should be liable in accordance with applicable national law for any damage that they cause. In addition, Member States should ensure that organisers are subject to appropriate penalties for any infringement of this Regulation."

Amendment 29
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point -1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

(-Ia) Article 2 is amended as follows:
(-Ia) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

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"‘citizens’ initiative’ means an initiative submitted to the Commission in accordance with this Regulation, inviting the Commission, within the framework of its powers, to submit any appropriate proposal on matters where citizens consider that a legal act of the Union is required for the purpose of implementing the Treaties, which has received the support of at least one million eligible signatories coming from at least one quarter of all Member States and potentially covering all legal acts, without being restricted to measures producing definitive effects, including the abrogation of any existing legal act and the modification of a current legislative proposal."; Or. en

Amendment 30
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 – paragraph 1

In Article 3, the following paragraphs are added:

Article 3 is amended as follows:

Amendment

Amendment 31
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Jo Leinen, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 – paragraph 1

Article 3 is amended as follows:

Amendment
In Article 3, the following paragraphs are added:

Article 3 is amended as follows:

In paragraph 4, the following phrase is deleted:

[...] “at which citizens are entitled to vote in elections to the European Parliament.”

The same paragraph is amended as follows:

[...] of the minimum age of 16 years [...] instead of [...] of the age to be entitled to [...] And the following paragraphs are added:

Amendment 32
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 – paragraph 1 – point a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

(a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

“1. The organisers shall be citizens of the Union and shall be aged 16 or over.”

Or. de

Amendment 33
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 – paragraph 1 – point b (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

Or. en
(b) the first subparagraph of paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

“2. The organisers shall form a citizens’ committee of at least seven persons who are residents of at least seven different Member States. The citizens’ committee may be registered as an organisation with legal personality in one of the Member States in accordance with national law.”

Or. en

Amendment 34
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1

In Article 3, the following paragraphs are added:

Article 3 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:

“In order to be eligible to support a proposed citizens’ initiative, signatories shall be citizens of the Union and shall be aged 16 or over.”

Or. it

Amendment 35
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – paragraph 1 – paragraph 1 – point c (new)

(c) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:
"4. In order to be eligible to support a proposed citizens’ initiative, signatories shall be citizens of the Union and shall be aged 16 or over."

Or. en

Amendment 36
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

(c) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:

"4. In order to be eligible to support a proposed citizens’ initiative, signatories shall be citizens of the Union and shall be aged 16 years or over."

Or. en

Amendment 37
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution Amendment

“5. Throughout the organisational phase preceding the registration of a proposed citizens’ initiative, the organisers may ask Europe Direct and the Commission European Citizens’ Initiative (“ECI”) services, which shall provide full assistance and guidance free of charge.

deleted

Or. en
Amendment 38
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 – paragraph 2

“5. Throughout the organisational phase preceding the registration of a proposed citizens’ initiative, the organisers may ask Europe Direct and the Commission European Citizens’ Initiative (“ECI”) services, which shall provide full assistance and guidance free of charge.

(b) the following paragraph is added:

“5. Throughout the organisational phase preceding the registration of a proposed citizens’ initiative, the organisers may ask Europe Direct and the Commission European Citizens’ Initiative (“ECI”) services, which shall provide full assistance and guidance free of charge.

Amendment 39
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 – paragraph 3

6. Member States may establish one-stop-shops on their territories to help organisers setting up a citizens’ initiative by providing exhaustive information as well as specific technical and legal advice.”.

(b) the following is added:

“6. Member States may establish one-stop-shops on their territories to help organisers setting up a citizens’ initiative by providing exhaustive information as well as specific technical and legal advice.”.

Amendment 40

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Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

"5. Following the example set by similar legal systems, the Citizen’s Initiative shall respect the principle of material unity to safeguard the wishes of citizens participating;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 – paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Member States may establish one-stop-shops on their territories to help organisers setting up a citizens’ initiative by providing exhaustive information as well as specific technical and legal advice.”.

Or. en

Amendment 42
Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Initiatives cannot be presented on recently adopted legislation and during a period of two years;";
Amendment 43
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

(1a) the following Article is inserted:
"Article 3a

Requirements for the Commission and Member States

1. Throughout the organisational phase preceding the registration of a proposed citizens’ initiative, the organisers may ask Europe Direct and the Commission European Citizens’ Initiative (“ECI”) services, which shall provide full legal and practical assistance and guidance free of charge.

2. The Commission, together with the relevant stakeholders, shall create an open-source online platform to support the exchange of information and best practices between stakeholders, including independent experts, NGOs, and other institutions and bodies of the Union. Use of this system shall be made available free of charge to all organisers.

3. Member States may establish one-stop-shops on their territories to help organisers setting up a citizens’ initiative by providing exhaustive information as well as specific technical and legal advice."

Amendment 44
Josep-Maria Terricabras, Pascal Durand  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution  
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 2 – point –a (new)

Motion for a resolution  
Amendment

(-a) the fourth subparagraph of paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

"After the registration is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 2, for the purpose of including it in the register, the organisers may provide the proposed citizens' initiative in other languages authorised by the Member States in accordance with applicable national law. The Commission shall provide free translation services into all the official languages of the Union."

Or. en

Amendment 45  
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution  
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution  
Amendment

(2a) the fourth subparagraph of paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

"After the registration is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 2, for the purpose of including it in the register, the Commission shall provide translation services for the proposed citizens’ initiative into the other official languages of the Union.";

Or. en
Amendment 46
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 2 – point a

(a) the following paragraph is inserted:

“A1a. A citizens’ initiative may concern the amendment of a current legislative proposal.;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 47
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Jo Leinen, Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 2 – point a

(a) the following paragraph is inserted:

“A1a. A citizens’ initiative may concern the amendment of a current legislative proposal.;

Amendment

Or. de

Amendment 48
Josep-Maria Terricabras, Pascal Durand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 2 – point a a (new)

(aa) paragraph 2 is replaced by the
following:

"2. Within two months of the receipt of the information listed in Annex II, and following a legal check from an independent body, the Commission shall assign the proposed citizens’ initiative a unique registration number and send a confirmation to the organisers thereof, provided that the following conditions are fulfilled:

(a) the citizens’ committee has been created and the contact persons have been designated in accordance with Article 3(2);

(b) according to the above mentioned independent body, the proposed citizens’ initiative does not manifestly fall outside the framework of the Commission’s powers to submit a proposal for a new legal act, as well as for the repeal or modification of any existing legal act of the Union implementing or revising the Treaties;

(c) the proposed citizens’ initiative is not manifestly abusive, frivolous or vexatious; and

(d) the proposed citizens’ initiative is not manifestly contrary to the values of the Union as set out in Article 2 TEU."

Amendment 49
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 2 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

(2d) paragraph 2b is amended as follows:

"The proposed citizens’ initiative does not
manifestly fall outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union implementing the Treaties, as well as for the repeal of an existing legal act or for the modification of a current legislative proposal."

Amendment 50
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution
(2b) paragraph 2c is amended as follows:
"The proposed citizens’ initiative is not manifestly abusive or vexatious; and";

Amendment 51
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 2 c (new)

Motion for a resolution
(2c) paragraph 2d is amended as follows:
"The proposed citizens’ initiative is not incompatible with the values of the Union as set out in Article 2 TEU, with the principles set out in Article 6 TEU and with the rights enshrined in the European Charter of Fundamental Rights.";
Amendment 52
Josep-Maria Terricabras, Pascal Durand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 2 – point b – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

“3. The Commission **may register an initiative partially and** shall refuse the registration in whole or in part if the conditions laid down in paragraph 2 are not met.

Amendment

“3. The Commission shall refuse the registration in whole or in part if the conditions laid down in paragraph 2 are not met.

Or. en

Amendment 53
Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 2 – point b – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

“3. The Commission may register an initiative partially and shall refuse the registration in whole or in part if the conditions laid down in paragraph 2 are not met. Furthermore, it shall confer initiatives or parts thereof that do fall outside the scope of Commission’s competences to the competent authority, be it at national or regional level;

Amendment

“3. The Commission may register an initiative partially and shall refuse the registration in whole or in part if the conditions laid down in paragraph 2 are not met. Furthermore, it shall confer initiatives or parts thereof that do fall outside the scope of Commission’s competences to the competent authority, be it at national or regional level;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Josep-Maria Terricabras, Pascal Durand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 2 – point b – paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Where it refuses to register a proposed citizens’ initiative or part thereof, the Commission shall inform the organisers exhaustively and in full detail of the reasons for such refusal and of all possible judicial and extrajudicial remedies available to them.

Amendment

Where it refuses to register a proposed citizens’ initiative or part thereof, the Commission shall inform the organisers exhaustively and in full detail of the reasons for such refusal and of all possible judicial and extrajudicial remedies available to them. **If a part of a proposed citizens’ initiative does not meet the conditions laid down in paragraph 2, the Commission shall give to the organisers a period of 10 days to amend their request for registration.**

Or. en

Amendment 55
Josep-Maria Terricabras, Pascal Durand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 2 – point b – paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

For the purposes of this Article, special attention *should* be paid to Article 296(2) of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union.

Amendment

For the purposes of this Article, special attention *shall* be paid to Article 296(2) of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union.

Or. en

Amendment 56
György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

(2a) the following paragraph is added:
"In accordance with Article 9 TEU, the translation of the proposed citizens' initiative into other official languages of the Union shall be the responsibility of the Union's institutions;";

Or. en

Amendment 57
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 3 – point a – paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

in paragraph 1, the following subparagraph is added:

Amendment
in paragraph 1, the following subparagraphs are added:

Or. en

Amendment 58
Josep-Maria Terricabras, Pascal Durand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 3 – point a (new)

Motion for a resolution

(-a) The first subparagraph of paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

"The organisers or, if applicable, the organisation created by them in accordance with Article 3(2) of this Regulation shall be responsible for the collection of the statements of support from signatories for a proposed citizens' initiative which has been registered in accordance with Article 4.";
Amendment 59
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 3 – point a a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(aa) in paragraph 1, the following subparagraph is added:

“In order to facilitate and simplify the procedure for collecting statements of support and the processing thereof, the Commission shall, by means of an implementing act, lay down a common list of personal data required for identification purposes.”;

Or. it

Amendment 60
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 3 – point a – paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

On a voluntary basis, signatories shall be able to provide their e-mail addresses in the statement of support form.

Or. en

Amendment 61
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 3 – point b – paragraph 2
Motion for a resolution

“Signatories may only support a given proposed citizens’ initiative once and should be able to sign it from their countries of residence.”;

Amendment

Signatories may only support a given proposed citizens’ initiative once and they shall be able to sign it from their country of residence or by providing their document of identity.

Or. en

Amendment 62
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 3 – point a – point 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

In Article 5, the following subparagraph is added:

4a. Calls the European Commission to recommend Member States to unify their respective procedure, so as to simplify the collection of signatures

Or. en

Amendment 63
Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 3 – point c – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

“The collection of statements of support shall begin after the date of registration of the proposed initiative, on a date established by the organisers, and within a period not exceeding 12 months.”.

Amendment

“The collection of statements of support shall begin after the date of registration of the proposed initiative, on a date established by the organisers, but no later than six months following the date of registration, and within a period not exceeding 12 months.”.
Amendment 64
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 3 – point c – paragraph 2

“Motion for a resolution”
“The collection of statements of support shall begin after the date of registration of the proposed initiative, on a date established by the organisers, and within a period not exceeding 12 months.”.

“Amendment”
“The collection of statements of support shall begin after the date of registration of the proposed initiative, on a date established by the organisers, and within a period not exceeding 18 months.”.

Or. it

Amendment 65
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 3 – point c – paragraph 2

“Motion for a resolution”
“The collection of statements of support shall begin after the date of registration of the proposed initiative, on a date established by the organisers, and within a period not exceeding 12 months.”.

“Amendment”
“The collection of statements of support shall begin after the date of registration of the proposed initiative, on a date established by the organisers, and within a period not exceeding 18 months.”.

Or. en

Amendment 66
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 4 – paragraph 1

“Motion for a resolution”

“Amendment”

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in Article 6, the first subparagraph of paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

Article 6 is amended as follows:

Or. en

Amendment 67
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 4 – paragraph 1 – point a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

(a) the first subparagraph of paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

Or. en

Amendment 68
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 4 – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution Amendment

“Statements of support may be collected online. The Commission shall on a permanent basis operate a free Commission-run centralised online collection system in order to simplify the collection of statements of support as well as to facilitate the checking of those statements by the national authorities.

“The Commission shall on a permanent basis operate an open-source online collection system in order to simplify the collection of statements of support as well as to facilitate the checking of those statements by the national authorities. The use of this system shall be made available free of charge to all organisers.

Or. en

Amendment 69
György Schöpflin
Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 4 – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution
“Statements of support may be collected online. The Commission shall on a permanent basis operate a free Commission-run centralised online collection system in order to simplify the collection of statements of support as well as to facilitate the checking of those statements by the national authorities.

Amendment
“Statements of support may be collected online and on printed paper. The Commission shall on a permanent basis operate a free Commission-run centralised online collection system in order to simplify the collection of statements of support as well as to facilitate the checking of those statements by the national authorities.

Or. en

Amendment 70
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 4 – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution
“Statements of support may be collected online. The Commission shall on a permanent basis operate a free Commission-run centralised online collection system in order to simplify the collection of statements of support as well as to facilitate the checking of those statements by the national authorities.

Amendment
“Statements of support may be collected on paper and online. The Commission shall on a permanent basis operate a free Commission-run centralised online collection system in order to simplify the collection of statements of support as well as to facilitate the checking of those statements by the national authorities.

Or. en

Amendment 71
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 4 – paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution
“Statements of support may be collected online. The Commission shall on a permanent basis operate a free Commission-run centralised online collection system in order to simplify the collection of statements of support as well as to facilitate the checking of those statements by the national authorities.

Amendment
“Statements of support may be collected on paper and online. The Commission shall on a permanent basis operate a free Commission-run centralised online collection system in order to simplify the collection of statements of support as well as to facilitate the checking of those statements by the national authorities.

Or. en
The organisers may use other certified online collection systems. The data that they produce shall be stored in the territory of a Member State.”.

The organisers may use other certified online collection systems and shall have the possibility to use the servers operated by the Commission free of charge when using other certified online collections systems. Where statements of support are collected online, the data obtained through the online collection system shall be stored in the territory of the European Union”.

Amendment 72
György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 4 – paragraph 3

“Independent online collection platforms shall be allowed to store the data they produce on the Commission's servers free of charge. The data that they produce shall be stored in the territory of a Member State.”.

Amendment 73
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 1 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 (new)

“Independent experts, NGOs, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Commission shall cooperate to create an online platform to collect data for the purposes of this
Amendment 74
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 4 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

The second subparagraph of paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

"Whenever the system provided by the Commission will not be used, any online system used to collect data for the purposes of this Regulation shall be certified in accordance with paragraph 3 in the Member State or States in which the data collected through the online collection system will be stored."

Amendment 75
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 4 – paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

The second subparagraph of paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

"Prior to initiating the collection of statements of support, the organisers shall request the competent authority of the Member State in which that collection will take place to certify that the online collection system used for that purpose
complies with paragraph 4.”

Or. en

Amendment 76
György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 4 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

In Article 6 the following paragraph is added:

(5a) The ECI budget line should cover expenditures, campaigns, legal experts or additional costs relating to the proposed citizens’ initiative.

Or. en

Amendment 77
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

(4a) The following Article is added:

Article 6a

“The Commission shall set up an online platform comprising both the centralised online collection system for statements of support and forums enabling citizens to discuss, and assess the relative merits of, proposed European citizens’ initiatives and formulate new initiatives.”

Or. it
Amendment 78  
Pascal Durand, Josep-Maria Terricabras  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group  

Motion for a resolution  
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 4 a (new)  

Motion for a resolution  

Amendment  
(4a) in Article 7, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:  
"2. In at least one quarter of the Member States, signatories shall comprise, at the time of registration of the proposed citizens’ initiative, at least the minimum number of citizens set out in Annex I. Those minimum numbers shall correspond to the number of the Members of the European Parliament elected in each Member State, multiplied by the total number of Members of the European Parliament at the moment of registration."

Or. en

Amendment 79  
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Jo Leinen, Mercedes Bresso, Claudia Ţapardel  

Motion for a resolution  
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 4 a (new)  

Motion for a resolution  

Amendment  
(4a) In Article 8(1), second subparagraph, the following text is deleted:  
(b) to the Member State that issued the personal identification number or the personal identification document indicated in the statement of support, as specified in point 2 of Part C of Annex III.  

Or. de
Amendment 80  
Josep-Maria Terricabras  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group  

Motion for a resolution  
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution  

Amendment

(4a) in Article 9, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

"After obtaining the certificates provided for in Article 8(2), and provided that all relevant procedures and conditions set out in this Regulation have been complied with, the organisers may submit the citizens’ initiative to the Commission no later than 18 months after the date of registration of the proposed citizens’ initiative, accompanied by information regarding any support and funding received for that initiative. That information shall be published in the register."

Or. en

Amendment 81
Josep-Maria Terricabras, Pascal Durand  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group  

Motion for a resolution  
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 5 – point a – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution  

Amendment

“within three months, set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the citizens’ initiative, the action it intends to take, if any, and its reasons for taking that action.”

“within one month of the adoption of the motion for resolution referred to in Article 11a, set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the citizens’ initiative, the action it intends to take and, in full detail, the reasons for taking or not taking that action.”
Amendment 82
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 5 – point a – paragraph 2

*Motion for a resolution*  
“within three months, set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the citizens’ initiative, the action it intends to take, if any, and *its* reasons for *taking that action*.”

*Amendment*  
“within three months, after consulting the Court of Justice on the legal aspects, set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the citizens’ initiative, the action it intends to take, if any, and *the* reasons for *its* decision. Where the Commission decides to take no action, it shall state its reasons in exact detail and in full.”

Amendment 83
Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 5 – point a – paragraph 2

*Motion for a resolution*  
“within three months, set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the citizens’ initiative, the action it intends to take, if any, and its reasons for taking that action.”

*Amendment*  
“within three months, set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the citizens’ initiative, the action it intends to take, if any, and its *duly justified* reasons for *taking or not* taking that action.”

Amendment 84
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 5 – point a – paragraph 2
Motion for a resolution

“within three months, set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the citizens’ initiative, the action it intends to take, if any, and its reasons for taking that action.”

Amendment

Within three months, set out in a communication its legal conclusions on the citizens’ initiative, the action it intends to take explaining exhaustively and in full details the reasons for its decision.

Or. en

Amendment 85
Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 5 – point b – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

“In the case of a successful citizens’ initiative, in the normal run of events there is a presumption that the Commission will submit a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council within twelve months of the end of the three month period referred to in point (c). If the Commission is of the opinion that there are good reasons not to submit such a proposal, then it shall duly justify its decision. For the purposes of this Article, special attention should be paid to Article 296(2) of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union..”

Or. en

Amendment 86
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 5 – point b – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

“In the case of a successful citizens’ initiatives shall be successful citizens’ initiatives shall be
In the case of a successful citizens’ initiative, in the normal run of events there is a presumption that the Commission will submit a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council within twelve months of the end of the three-month period referred to in point (c). If the Commission is of the opinion that there are good reasons not to submit such a proposal, then it shall duly justify its decision. For the purposes of this Article, special attention should be paid to Article 296(2) of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union.

Amendment 87
György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 5 – point b – paragraph 2

“...there is a presumption that the Commission will submit a legislative proposal...”

Amendment

“In the case of a successful citizens’ initiative, in the normal run of events there is a presumption that the Commission will submit a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council within twelve months of the end of the three-month period referred to in point (c). If the Commission is of the opinion that there are good reasons not to submit such a proposal, then it shall explain in full detail its reasons for taking or not taking action. For the purposes of this Article, special attention should be paid to Article 296(2) of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union.

Amendment 88
Josep-Maria Terricabras, Pascal Durand
Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 5 – point b – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

"In the case of a successful citizens’ initiative, in the normal run of events there is a presumption that the Commission will submit a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council within twelve months of the end of the three month period referred to in point (c). If the Commission is of the opinion that there are good reasons not to submit such a proposal, then it shall duly justify its decision. For the purposes of this Article, special attention should be paid to Article 296(2) of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union.

Amendment

"In the case of a successful citizens’ initiative, in the normal run of events there is a presumption that the Commission will submit a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council within twelve months of the end of the period referred to in point (c). If the Commission is of the opinion that there are good reasons not to submit such a proposal, then it shall duly justify its decision. For the purposes of this Article, special attention should be paid to Article 296(2) of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union.

Or. en

Amendment 89
Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 5 – point b – paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

In article 10, the following paragraph is added:

"3. Once the initiative has been successfully registered, the Commission will keep updated the organisers about its plans and the evolution of the legislative procedure."

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 90
György Schöpflin
Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 6 – paragraph 2

"Where the conditions of Article 10(1)(a) and (b) are fulfilled, and within two months from the publication of the citizens’ initiative in accordance with Article 10(1)(a), the organisers may present the citizens’ initiative at a public hearing. The Commission and the European Parliament shall ensure that this hearing is organised at the European Parliament, if appropriate together with such other institutions and bodies of the Union as may wish to participate, and that the Commission is represented at an appropriate level."

Amendment

"Where the conditions of Article 10(1)(a) and (b) are fulfilled, and within two months from the publication of the citizens’ initiative in accordance with Article 10(1)(a), the organisers may present the citizens’ initiative at a public hearing. The Commission and the European Parliament shall ensure that this hearing and a plenary vote are organised at the European Parliament, according to its own Rules of Procedure, if appropriate together with such other institutions and bodies of the Union as may wish to participate, and that the Commission is represented at an appropriate level."

Or. en

Amendment 91
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 6 – paragraph 2

"Where the conditions of Article 10(1)(a) and (b) are fulfilled, and within two months from the publication of the citizens’ initiative in accordance with Article 10(1)(a), the organisers may present the citizens’ initiative at a public hearing. The Commission and the European Parliament shall ensure that this hearing is organised at the European Parliament, if appropriate together with such other institutions and bodies of the Union as may wish to participate, and that the Commission is represented at an appropriate level."

Amendment

Where the conditions of Article 10(1)(a) and (b) are fulfilled, and within two months from the publication of the citizens’ initiative in accordance with Article 10(1)(a), the organisers shall present the citizens’ initiative at a public hearing. The Commission and the European Parliament shall ensure that this hearing is organised at the European Parliament, if appropriate together with such other institutions and bodies of the Union which may wish to participate, and that the Commission is represented at an appropriate level.
Amendment 92
Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 6 – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

“Where the conditions of Article 10(1)(a) and (b) are fulfilled, and within two months from the publication of the citizens’ initiative in accordance with Article 10(1)(a), the organisers may present the citizens’ initiative at a public hearing. The Commission and the European Parliament shall ensure that this hearing is organised at the European Parliament, if appropriate together with such other institutions and bodies of the Union as may wish to participate, and that the Commission is represented at an appropriate level.”;

Amendment

“Where the conditions of Article 10(1)(a) and (b) are fulfilled, and within six months from the publication of the citizens’ initiative in accordance with Article 10(1)(a), the organisers may present the citizens’ initiative at a public hearing. The Commission and the European Parliament shall ensure that this hearing is organised at the European Parliament, if appropriate together with such other institutions and bodies of the Union as may wish to participate, and that the Commission is represented at an appropriate level.”;

Amendment 93
Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 6 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

In article 11, the following paragraph is added:

"An additional administrative channel will be available for those initiatives that have been rejected because they fall outside the Commission’s remit but which could be dealt by using other policy instruments, given their public interest, such as recommendations to the Member States or opinions, with the aim of
avoiding the failure of worthwhile citizen’s initiatives and thereby strengthening citizen’s democratic involvement.

Amendment 94
Josep-Maria Terricabras, Pascal Durand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 7 – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

“The European Parliament shall hold a debate on those citizens’ initiatives that successfully meet all of the criteria laid down in this Regulation. Those debates may be concluded by the adoption of a motion for resolution.”;

Amendment

“1. The European Parliament shall hold a debate on those citizens’ initiatives that successfully meet all of the criteria laid down in this Regulation during the plenary session following the public hearing referred to in Article 11. The debate shall be concluded by the adoption of a motion for resolution containing the European Parliament’s recommendation to the Commission on the actions needed as a follow up to the citizens’ initiative.”;

Amendment 95
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 7 – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

“The European Parliament shall hold a debate on those citizens’ initiatives that successfully meet all of the criteria laid down in this Regulation. Those debates may be concluded by the adoption of a

Amendment

The European Parliament shall hold a debate on those citizens’ initiatives that successfully meet all of the criteria laid down in this Regulation. Those debates may be concluded by the adoption of a
motion for resolution .”;

motion for resolution. The debates in the committees should involve outside stakeholders and experts as of the early stage of the discussion.

Or. en

Amendment 96
György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 7 – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

“The European Parliament shall hold a debate on those citizens’ initiatives that successfully meet all of the criteria laid down in this Regulation. Those debates may be concluded by the adoption of a motion for resolution .”;

Amendment

“The European Parliament shall hold a plenary debate, according to its own Rules of Procedures, on those citizens’ initiatives that successfully meet all of the criteria laid down in this Regulation. Those debates shall be concluded by the adoption of a motion for resolution .”;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Josep-Maria Terricabras, Pascal Durand on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 7 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

2a. Where the conclusions in the communication of the Commission referred to in Article 10(1)(c) and the recommendation of the European Parliament referred to in paragraph 1 differ, the European Parliament may exercise the right conferred on it under Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU)."

Or. en
Amendment 98
Marlene Mizzi

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 7 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

The European Parliament shall also develop appropriate forms of response to those citizens’ initiatives which do not meet all the formal criteria set out in this regulation or do not meet the one million signatures’ threshold, but nevertheless receive significant citizens’ support.

Or. en

Amendment 99
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

(7a) Article 12 is replaced by the following:

"1. In processing personal data pursuant to this Regulation, the organisers of a citizens’ initiative or, if applicable, the legal entity created by them, and the competent authorities of the Member State shall comply with Directive 95/46/EC and the national provisions adopted pursuant thereto.

2. For the purposes of their respective processing of personal data, the organisers of a citizens’ initiative or, if applicable, the legal entity created by them, and the competent authorities
designated in accordance with Article 15(2) shall be considered as data controllers in accordance with Article 2(d) of Directive 95/46/EC.

3. The organisers or, if applicable, the legal entity created by them, shall ensure that personal data collected for a given citizen’s initiative are not used for any purpose other than their indicated support for that initiative, and shall destroy all statements of support received for that initiative and any copies thereof at the latest one month after submitting that initiative to the Commission in accordance with Article 9 or 18 months after the date of registration of the proposed citizens’ initiative, whichever is the earlier.

4. The competent authority shall use the personal data it receives for a given citizens’ initiative only for the purpose of verifying the statements of support in accordance with Article 8(2), and shall destroy all statements of support and copies thereof at the latest one month after issuing the certificate referred to in that Article.

5. Statements of support for a given citizens’ initiative and copies thereof may be retained beyond the time limits laid down in paragraphs 3 and 4 if necessary for the purpose of legal or administrative proceedings relating to a proposed citizen’s initiative. The organisers or, if applicable, the legal entity created by them, and the competent authority shall destroy all statements of support and copies thereof at the latest one week after the date of conclusion of the said proceedings by a final decision.

6. The organisers or, if applicable, the legal entity created by them, shall implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect personal data against accidental or unlawful destruction or accidental loss,
alteration, unauthorised disclosure or access, in particular where the processing involves the transmission of data over a network, and against all other unlawful forms of processing.”

Or. en

Amendment 100
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 8 – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

“Organisers shall be liable for any damage they cause in the organisation of a citizens’ initiative through acts that are unlawful and committed intentionally or with culpable or serious negligence, in accordance with applicable national law.”;

Amendment

“Organisers shall be liable for any damage they cause in the organisation of a citizens’ initiative through acts that are unlawful and committed intentionally or with culpable or serious negligence, in accordance with applicable national law. Citizens’ committees shall be able to acquire legal personality.”;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 8 – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

“Organisers shall be liable for any damage they cause in the organisation of a citizens’ initiative through acts that are unlawful and committed intentionally or with culpable or serious negligence, in accordance with applicable national law.”;

Amendment

“Organisers or, if applicable, the legal entity created by them, shall be liable for any damage they cause in the organisation of a citizens’ initiative through acts that are unlawful and committed intentionally or with culpable or serious negligence, in accordance with applicable national law.”;
Amendment 102
Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 9 – paragraph 2

Amendment

Member States and Union Institutions, and in particular the European Commission, shall carry out information campaigns in order to raise public awareness of the existence of the ECI, thereby maximising its added-value and promoting the active participation of citizens in the political life of the Union.”.

Or. en

Amendment 103
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Jo Leinen, Mercedes Bresso, Claudia Ţapardel, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 9 – paragraph 2

Amendment

Member States and Union Institutions, and in particular the European Commission, shall carry out information campaigns in order to raise public awareness of the existence of the ECI, thereby maximising its added-value and promoting the active participation of citizens in the political life of the Union. Registered ECIs may, on reasoned request, receive financial support from the Commission out of EU funds for technical and organisational purposes.

Or. de
Amendment 104
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 9 – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Member States and Union Institutions, and in particular the European Commission, shall carry out information campaigns in order to raise public awareness of the existence of the ECI, thereby maximising its added-value and promoting the active participation of citizens in the political life of the Union.”.

Amendment

Member States and Union Institutions, and in particular the European Commission, shall proactively carry out information campaigns and use all public channels available in order to raise public awareness of the existence of the European citizens' initiative, thereby maximising its added-value and promoting the active participation of citizens in the political life of the Union.”.

Or. en

Amendment 105
György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 9 – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Member States and Union Institutions, and in particular the European Commission, shall carry out information campaigns in order to raise public awareness of the existence of the ECI, thereby maximising its added-value and promoting the active participation of citizens in the political life of the Union.”.

Amendment

Member States and Union Institutions, and in particular the European Commission, shall carry out information campaigns and use all public channels available in order to raise public awareness of the existence of the European citizens' initiative, thereby maximising its added-value and promoting the active participation of citizens in the political life of the Union.”.

Or. en
Amendment 106
Marlene Mizzi

Motion for a resolution
Annex I – part B – point 1 – point 9 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

The Union Institutions and Members States and in particular regional and local authorities shall take actions to make citizens, and particularly young people, aware of their right to propose and support an European citizens' initiative including by explaining its existence and the difference with petitions submitted to the European Parliament. The Commission and Member States shall support ad hoc campaigns, grass-root initiatives and information campaigns at national and regional level explaining how citizens can influence and change Union policies through an European citizens' initiative;

Amendment

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Motion for a resolution

(9a) In Annex III, the statement of support form — Part B (for Member States which require the provision of a personal identification number/personal identification document number) is deleted.

Amendment

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