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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report
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Strengthening transparency and integrity in the EU institutions by setting up an independent EU ethics body
(2020/2133(INI))

Amendment 1

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Citation 5

Motion for a resolution

— having regard to the Treaty on European Union (TEU), in particular Articles 9 and 10, **15(3) and 17(3)** thereof,

Amendment

— having regard to the Treaty on European Union (TEU), in particular Articles 9 and 10, **13, 14, 15,16 and 17** thereof,

Or. en

Amendment 2

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Citation 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the special report 13/2019 of the European Court of Auditors on the ethical frameworks of the audited EU institutions***

Or. en

Amendment 3

Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Citation 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the recommendations of the European Ombudsman in the joint inquiry into complaints 194/2017/EA, 334/2017/EA and 543/2017/EA on the European Commission's handling of the post-***

mandate employment of former Commissioners, a former Commission President and the role of its ‘Ethics Committee’^{1 a},

1 a

<https://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/recommendation/en/90956>

Or. fr

Amendment 4

Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13

Motion for a resolution

— having regard to the recommendations of *Transparency International*, the Council of Europe’s Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD),

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 5

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

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Amendment

— having regard to the recommendations of *the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD)*, the Council of Europe’s Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), and *various NGO’s*,

Amendment 6
Jorge Buxadé Villalba

Motion for a resolution
Citation 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the powers and responsibilities of the Committee on Legal Affairs of the European Parliament, as set out in Annex VI to its Rules of Procedure;***

Or. es

Amendment 7
Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas the TEU stipulates that ‘the Union shall observe the principle of the equality of its citizens, who shall receive equal attention from its institutions, bodies and agencies’; whereas this implies that public decisions are taken in the interest of the common good and ***not*** according to the ***financial power of individual actors***;

A. whereas the TEU stipulates that ‘the Union shall observe the principle of the equality of its citizens, who shall receive equal attention from its institutions, bodies and agencies’; whereas this implies that public decisions are taken in the interest of the common good and ***that conflicts of interests - which occur, according to the definition of the OECD "when an individual or a corporation (either private or governmental) is in a position to exploit his or their own profession or official capacity in some way for personal or corporate benefit" - should be avoided in the legislative process and whereas any definition of conflict of interest has a contextual and evolving nature and full transparency does not necessarily guarantee the absence of any conflict of interest, nor***

does it guarantee that public trust will be won or decreased;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the TEU stipulates that ‘the Union shall observe the principle of the equality of its citizens, who shall receive equal attention from its institutions, bodies and agencies’; whereas this implies that public decisions are taken in the interest of the common good ***and not according to the financial power of individual actors;***

Amendment

A. whereas the TEU stipulates that ‘the Union shall observe the principle of the equality of its citizens, who shall receive equal attention from its institutions, bodies and agencies’; whereas this implies that public decisions are taken in the interest of the common good;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Aa. whereas the independence, transparency and accountability of public institutions and their elected representatives, Commissioners and officials are of the utmost importance for promoting the trust of citizens that is necessary for the legitimate functioning of democratic institutions;

Or. fr

Amendment 10

**Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi,
Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons**

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A a. whereas the Treaties have established a system of division of powers between the institutions of the Union that assigns to each institution its own role within the institutional structure of the Union and in the performance of the tasks entrusted to it;

Or. en

Amendment 11

Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A a. whereas transparent and liable institutions represent the bedrock of political systems that serve citizens; whereas corruption and fraud represent a constant danger to the integrity of public decision making;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas the ethical standards applicable to the European institutions are

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in many respects ahead of those applicable in their national equivalents but have not been enforced in a satisfactory manner, particularly in Parliament where, in spite of there having been at least 27 breaches of the code of conduct, no procedure has ever led to any sanction;

in many respects ahead of those applicable in their national equivalents but have not been enforced in a satisfactory manner, particularly in Parliament where, in spite of there having been at least 27 breaches of the code of conduct, no procedure has ever led to any sanction; ***whereas an independent body with investigative, seizure and sanctioning powers is necessary in order for the EU's ambition of being ethical and transparent to be truly effective;***

Or. fr

Amendment 13
Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the ethical standards applicable to the European institutions are in many respects ahead of those applicable in their national equivalents but have not been enforced in a satisfactory manner, ***particularly in Parliament where, in spite of there having been at least 27 breaches of the code of conduct, no procedure has ever led to any sanction;***

Amendment

B. whereas the ethical standards applicable to the European institutions are in many respects ahead of those applicable in their national equivalents but have not been enforced in a satisfactory manner;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ba. whereas the main challenges in implementing conflict-of-interest policies relate to the management of compulsory

Amendment

disclosure, revolving doors and conflicts of interest arising from collateral activities and membership of specific groups;

Or. it

Amendment 15

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas the European Court of Auditors has stated in its special report 13/2019 ^{1a} on the ethical framework of the EU that Parliament, Council and Commission "have to a large extent adequate ethical frameworks in place for both staff and Members".

1a

https://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/SR19_13/SR_ethical_frameworks_EN.pdf

Or. en

Amendment 16

Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. Whereas citizens' trust in public institutions and decision-making processes is a pillar of any democratic government and requires exemplarity, integrity, transparency, accountability as well as the highest standards of ethical

behaviour;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B b. Whereas the absence of undue influence of interest representatives, including through providing paid activities for Members of Parliament, gifts or travel invitations, creating expectations for future employment following Members' termination of mandate and official's termination of service, undue use of information or contacts is key to ensure democratic processes are not captured and citizens rights are fully respected;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution
Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B b. whereas nevertheless the enforcement of the ethical framework could be improved;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Jorge Buxadé Villalba

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the shortcomings of the current EU ethics framework derive largely from the fact that it relies on a self-regulatory approach and lacks adequate human and financial resources and competences to verify information;

Amendment

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 20
Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the shortcomings of the current EU ethics framework derive largely from the fact that it relies on a self-regulatory approach and lacks adequate human and financial resources and competences to verify information;

Amendment

C. whereas the shortcomings of the current EU ethics framework derive largely from the fact that it relies on a self-regulatory approach and lacks adequate human and financial resources and competences to verify information; ***whereas this independent ethics body is essential for restoring trust in the European institutions and their democratic legitimacy; whereas the adoption of the Lisbon Treaty in 2007, despite the rejection by referendum in France and the Netherlands of the Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe in 2005, has significantly undermined citizens' trust in the European institutions;***

Or. fr

Amendment 21
Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the shortcomings of the current EU ethics framework derive largely from the fact that it relies on a self-regulatory approach and lacks adequate human and financial resources and competences to verify information;

Amendment

C. whereas the shortcomings of the current EU ethics framework derive largely from the fact that it relies on a self-regulatory approach ***which has proven to lack the independence indispensable to a satisfactory implementation of the rules*** and lacks adequate human and financial resources and competences to verify information;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas ***the shortcomings*** of the ***current*** EU ethics framework ***derive largely from the fact that it relies on a self-regulatory approach and lacks adequate human and financial resources and competences to verify information;***

Amendment

C. whereas ***any further evolution*** of the EU ethics framework ***must have a clear legal basis while respecting the separation of powers as laid down in the Treaties;***

Or. en

Amendment 23

Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the shortcomings of the current EU ethics framework derive largely from the fact that it relies on a self-

Amendment

C. whereas the shortcomings of the current EU ethics framework derive largely from the fact that it relies on a self-

regulatory approach *and lacks adequate human and financial* resources and competences to verify information;

regulatory approach, *due to the absence of EU Criminal law, and insufficient* resources and competences to verify information;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. *whereas, as a consequence, multiple cases of unethical conduct and their inadequate handling by the EU institutions have harmed the trust which European citizens place in the EU institutions;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 25

Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. *whereas, as a consequence, multiple cases of unethical conduct and their inadequate handling by the EU institutions have harmed the trust which European citizens place in the EU institutions;*

D. *whereas, as a consequence, multiple cases of unethical conduct and their inadequate handling by the EU institutions have harmed the trust which European citizens place in the EU institutions; **whereas the European Ombudsman recommended in 2018, in the wake of Mr Barroso joining Goldman Sachs, that the Commission grant its Ethics Committee the power to act on its own initiative whenever it considers it appropriate^{1 a}; whereas the Commission has not taken the necessary measures to***

follow up the Ombudsman's recommendations on the obligation to deal properly with the revolving door issue; whereas half of the former European Commissioners have left to join the private sector, often without respecting the cooling-off period and other ethical criteria;

1 a

<https://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/recommendation/en/90956>

Or. fr

Amendment 26
Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas, as a consequence, multiple cases of unethical conduct and their inadequate handling by the EU institutions have harmed the trust which European citizens place in the EU institutions;

Amendment

D. whereas, as a consequence, multiple cases of unethical conduct and their inadequate handling by the EU institutions have harmed the trust which European citizens place in the EU institutions *and severely contributed to damaging the reputation of the European Union;*

Or. en

Amendment 27
Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas, *as a consequence, multiple cases* of unethical *conduct and*

Amendment

D. whereas *every incidence* of unethical *behaviour can endanger* the trust

their inadequate handling by the EU institutions have harmed the trust which European citizens place in *the* EU institutions;

which European citizens place in EU institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas, as a consequence, multiple cases of unethical conduct and their inadequate handling by the EU institutions have harmed the trust which European citizens place in the EU institutions;

Amendment

D. whereas, as a consequence, multiple *alleged* cases of unethical conduct and their inadequate handling by the EU institutions have *potentially* harmed the trust which European citizens place in the EU institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Da. whereas the 'revolving doors' phenomenon in particular is very much on the rise; whereas many Commissioners and a third of those who were MEPs from 2014 to 2019 have been recruited by organisations entered in the European Transparency Register; whereas this entails risks of conflict of interest with the legitimate areas of competence of the Member States and the EU institutions and of confidential information being disclosed or misused, as well as risks that former staff members may use their close personal contacts and

friendships with ex-colleagues for lobbying purposes;

Or. it

Amendment 30
Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D a. Whereas, according to the reports published by Transparency International more than 50% of ex-Commissioners and 30% of ex-Members work for organisations falling under the scope of the EU lobby register, 60% of the Members have declared outside activities, 31% of MEPs declared paid side jobs; Whereas, when not properly regulated, these situations can lead to conflict of interest, undue influence and regulatory capture;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas the current ethics standards framework appears to be highly fragmented, with different rules in different institutions, creating a complex system which is difficult for both EU citizens and for those who have to respect the rules to understand;

E. whereas the current ethics standards framework appears to be highly fragmented, with different rules in different institutions, ***different processes and levels of enforcement even for the same EU staff regulations in different EU institutions, agencies and bodies, thus*** creating a complex system which is difficult for both EU citizens and for those who have to respect the rules to understand;

Amendment 32

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the current ethics *standards framework appears to be highly fragmented, with different rules in different* institutions, *creating a complex system which is difficult for both EU citizens and for those who have to respect the rules to understand;*

Amendment

E. whereas the current ethics *standard frameworks are tailored according to the specificities of each European* institutions;

Amendment 33

Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution

Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

E a. Whereas the example of the “Haute Autorité pour la Transparence de la Vie Publique” in France demonstrates that a single and independent body responsible for the monitoring, enforcement and sanctioning of ethics rules applicable to public bodies is an effective powerful tool able to achieve a long-lasting reduction of unethical behaviour;

Amendment

Amendment 34

Alin Mituța, Ramona Strugariu, Pascal Durand, Gilles Boyer

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E a. whereas the European Court of Auditors recommended, in its Special Report 13/2019, the use of a harmonised approach to handling ethical issues within the EU institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E a. whereas the balance of powers assigned to the institutions is a fundamental guarantee afforded by the Treaty to European citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas the Meroni doctrine developed by the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) allows for the delegation of EU institutions' competences to external bodies;

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and can only relate to clearly defined executive powers, the use of which must be entirely subject to the supervision of the high authority and cannot concern discretionary powers involving any political judgement in order not to jeopardise the balance of powers between the institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas the Meroni doctrine developed by the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) allows for the delegation of EU institutions' competences to external bodies;

Amendment

F. whereas the Meroni doctrine developed by the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) allows for the delegation of EU institutions' competences to external bodies, *including competences that are not yet exercised;*

Or. en

Amendment 38
Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Fa. whereas in their examination of potential conflicts of interest of Commissioner-designates in 2019, the Members of the Committee on Legal Affairs highlighted fundamental shortcomings in the current procedure; whereas these shortcomings include limited access to certain information, a lack of time for examination, a lack of investigative power and a lack of support

from independent experts; whereas Article 17(3) of the Treaty on European Union provides that the Members of the European Commission are to be chosen ‘from persons whose independence is beyond doubt’;

Or. fr

Amendment 39

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F a. whereas, following the preceding considerations, the legal margin for overarching rules applied to individual institutions with a common application is very narrow;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas all lead candidates in the 2019 European elections committed to the creation of an independent ethics body common to all EU institutions; whereas the President of the Commission committed to it in her political guidelines and whereas Parliament has already supported this view;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 41

Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas all lead candidates in the 2019 European elections committed to the creation of an independent ethics body common to all EU institutions; whereas the President of the Commission committed to it in her political guidelines and whereas Parliament has already supported this view;

Amendment

G. whereas all lead candidates in the 2019 European elections committed to the creation of an independent ethics body common to all EU institutions; whereas the President of the Commission committed to it in her political guidelines and whereas Parliament has already supported this view; ***whereas the mission letter of the Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for values and transparency stressed the need for such an ethics body which is ‘common to all EU institutions’; whereas the European Parliament should set an example with regard to rules on ethics and their enforcement;***

Or. fr

Amendment 42

Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas ***all*** lead candidates in the 2019 European elections ***committed to*** the creation of an independent ethics body common to all EU institutions; whereas the President of the Commission ***committed to*** it in her political guidelines and whereas Parliament has already supported this view;

Amendment

G. whereas ***some*** lead candidates in the 2019 European elections ***supported*** the creation of an independent ethics body common to all EU institutions; whereas the President of the Commission ***supports*** it in her political guidelines and whereas Parliament has already supported this view;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G a. Underlines that all EU institutions have to meet the highest standards of independence and impartiality while stressing each institution's right of organisational sovereignty;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Recital G b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G b. Recalls that Members of Parliament's freedom of the mandate is in the interest of the citizens they represent;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Recital G c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G c. Further highlights that the existing strict ethics framework for commissioners needs to be further developed in order to fill in existing legislative gaps such as the non-existence

of a commissioner's statute, underlines that this process is closely linked with parliamentary scrutiny and oversight and is of the opinion that a commissioner's statute needs to be elaborated in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Recital G d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G d. Points out that all staff in the institutions is covered by the EU staff regulations of officials of the European Union (EUSR) and conditions of employment of other servants of the European Union (CEOS);

Or. en

Amendment 47

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Recital G e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G e. Recalls that the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union set out a European governance framework based on the separation of powers, laying down distinct rights and obligations for each institution;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Recital G f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G f. Points out that based on the principle of conferral, institutions cannot delegate by means of an interinstitutional agreement, powers which they themselves do not have, for instance where such powers are conferred by the Treaties on the Court of Auditors or have remained with the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Recital G g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G g. Recalls furthermore that one of Parliament's primary functions as laid down in the Treaty on European Union is to exercise political control;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Believes that a single independent EU ethics body is necessary to ensure the consistent and full implementation of ethics standards across the EU institutions; proposes the conclusion of an interinstitutional agreement (IIA) to set up an EU Ethics Body for Parliament and the Commission open to the participation of all EU institutions, agencies and bodies; recommends that the IIA contain the following provisions:

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 51

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph -1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-1. Welcomes the agreement reached between the three institutions to introduce a European transparency register; urges them to conclude negotiations on this matter as soon as possible;

Or. it

Amendment 52

Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

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Amendment

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1. Considers that the best way to strengthen, or restore, citizens' trust in the European institutions is to apply high standards of transparency and accountability; believes that a single independent EU ethics body is necessary to ensure the consistent and full implementation of ethics standards across

all EU institutions, agencies and bodies;
recommends that the ***IIA contain the following provisions:***

the EU institutions; ***considers that*** the conclusion of an interinstitutional agreement to set up an EU Ethics Body ***would risk limiting its scope to*** Parliament and the Commission; ***is concerned that other less virtuous institutions, agencies and bodies may not, on a voluntary basis, participate in an independent ethics body; considers it appropriate to revise the Treaties in order for participation in such an independent ethics body to be binding on*** all EU institutions, agencies and bodies; ***stresses*** that the ***Convention on the Future of Europe is an opportunity for European citizens to debate a possible treaty change which would include a binding requirement for all EU institutions to establish such an independent ethics body;***

Or. fr

Amendment 53
Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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1. Believes that a single independent EU ethics body is necessary to ensure the consistent and full implementation of ethics standards across the EU institutions; proposes the conclusion of an interinstitutional agreement (IIA) to set up an EU Ethics Body for Parliament and the Commission open to the participation of all EU institutions, agencies and bodies; recommends that the IIA contain the following provisions:

Amendment

1. Believes that a single independent EU ethics body is necessary to ensure the consistent and full implementation of ethics standards across the EU institutions ***to guarantee that public decisions are not captured by private interests but driven solely by democratic processes, taken in light of the common good and to regain and maintain citizens' trust in the European institutions;*** ; proposes the conclusion of an interinstitutional agreement (IIA) ***based on Article 195 (TFEU)*** to set up an EU Ethics Body for Parliament and the Commission open to the participation of all EU institutions, agencies and bodies; recommends that the IIA contain the following provisions:

Amendment 54

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. ***Believes that a single independent EU ethics body is necessary to ensure the consistent and full implementation of ethics standards across the EU institutions;*** proposes the conclusion of an interinstitutional agreement (IIA) to set up an EU Ethics Body for Parliament and the Commission open to the participation of all EU institutions, agencies and bodies; recommends that the IIA contain the following provisions:

Amendment

1. Proposes the conclusion of an interinstitutional agreement (IIA) to set up an EU Ethics Body for Parliament and the Commission open to the participation of all EU institutions, agencies and bodies; recommends that the IIA contain the following provisions:

Or. en

Amendment 55

Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Believes that a single independent EU ethics body is necessary to ensure the consistent and full implementation of ethics standards across the EU institutions; proposes the conclusion of an interinstitutional agreement (IIA) to set up an EU Ethics Body for Parliament and the Commission open to the participation of all EU institutions, agencies and bodies; recommends that the IIA contain the following provisions:

Amendment

1. Believes that a single independent EU ethics body is necessary to ensure the consistent and full implementation of ethics standards across the EU institutions; proposes the conclusion of an interinstitutional agreement (IIA) to set up an EU Ethics Body for Parliament and the Commission open to the participation of all EU institutions, agencies and bodies, ***and also provide them training and active guidance***; recommends that the IIA contain the following provisions:

Or. en

Amendment 56
Jorge Buxadé Villalba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Believes that *a single independent EU ethics body is necessary to ensure the consistent and full implementation of ethics standards across the EU institutions; proposes the conclusion of an interinstitutional agreement (IIA) to set up an EU Ethics Body for Parliament and the Commission open to the participation of all EU institutions, agencies and bodies; recommends that the IIA contain the following provisions:*

Amendment

1. Believes that *the Committee on Legal Affairs of the European Parliament should fully maintain its exclusive competence to decide on possible conflicts of interest; calls on the Commission and the Council to examine, without budgetary implications, whether a single independent EU ethics body is necessary and of added value for the purpose of ensuring the consistent and full implementation of ethics standards across the EU institutions;*

Or. es

Amendment 57
Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Principles

Considers that any option under discussion for improving transparency and integrity in the EU institutions must be respectful of the following principles:

- the principle of sound financial management, ensuring the efficient and effective management of Union resources*
- the principles of conferral and separation of powers*
- the freedom to choose an occupation and the right to engage in work as*

stipulated by article 15 of the Charter of Fundamental rights of the European Union

- rule of law and fundamental European principles such as the presumption of innocence, the right to be heard, the principles of legality and proportionality

- Freedom of the mandate of Members of European Parliament

Or. en

Amendment 58

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 b. Further stresses that any option under discussion requires a solid legal base for the constitution and for any competences to be assigned;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 c. Insists that any option under discussion requires a clear definition of the mandate, composition and competences none of which must duplicate or interfere with the work of OLAF, the European Ombudsman, the European Court of Auditors or the European Court of Justice;

Amendment 60

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Scope and mandate

Reflections on mandate and scope

Amendment 61

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Underlines that the principle of separation of powers is the foundation pillar of modern democracy; considers it imperative for the legislative to control the executive, as any reversal of the roles and powers of the legislative and executive would otherwise endanger the independence of the free mandate of elected Members of Parliament;

Amendment 62

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Stresses that any option under discussion for improving transparency and integrity in the EU institutions can neither, based on primary law, issue any decision on whether a criminal offense has been committed, nor impose any sanctions, nor impose any administrative measures intended to avoid or clean up accidental or negligent non-compliance with the rules;

Or. en

Amendment 63

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Highlights that any option under discussion for improving transparency and integrity in the EU institutions which is to regulate the grey area in between can only have an advisory function for the institutions concerned;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Insists that any decisions on measures to be taken or sanctions to be imposed can only be taken by the competent bodies of the institutions themselves;

Or. en

Amendment 65

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Recalls that distinction must be made between a conflict of interest arising during or after the exercise of a function and the importance to distinguish between the two and recalls furthermore to distinguish between acts that authorised if declared and acts that are not authorised at all.

Or. en

Amendment 66

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Suggests that each institution concludes agreements on exchange of information with the Member States respecting the framework of the separation of powers;

Or. en

Amendment 67

Pedro Silva Pereira, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Gabriele Bischoff

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Considers that the new EU Ethics Body should **be delegated a** list of competences to implement ethics rules for Members and staff; takes the view that this list should include by way of a minimum the competences provided for in:

2. Considers that the new EU Ethics Body should **have an agreed** list of competences to implement ethics rules for Members and staff **which should be foreseen in the necessary changes to the existing legislation**; takes the view that this list should include by way of a minimum the competences provided for in:

Or. en

Amendment 68

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Gabriele Bischoff

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

2. Considers that the new EU Ethics Body should be delegated a list of competences to implement ethics rules for Members and staff; takes the view that this list should include by way of a minimum the competences provided for in:

Amendment

2. Considers that the new EU Ethics Body should be delegated a list of competences to implement ethics rules for **Commissioners**, Members and staff; takes the view that this list should include by way of a minimum the competences provided for in:

Or. en

Amendment 69

Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

2. Considers that the new EU Ethics Body should be delegated a list of competences to **implement** ethics rules for Members and staff; takes the view that this list should include by way of a minimum the competences provided for in:

Amendment

2. Considers that the new EU Ethics Body should be delegated a list of competences to **propose and advise on** ethics rules for Members and staff; takes the view that this list should include by way of a minimum the competences provided for in:

Or. en

Amendment 70

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

2. Considers that the **new EU Ethics Body** should **be delegated a list of** competences **to implement ethics rules** for Members **and staff**; **takes the view that this list should include by way of a minimum the competences provided for in:**

Amendment

2. Considers that **any options under discussion for improving transparency and integrity in the EU institutions** should **only have advisory** competences for **the members of the institutions**;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

2. Considers that the new EU Ethics Body should be delegated a list of competences to implement ethics rules for Members and staff; takes the view that this list should include by way of a minimum the competences provided for in:

Amendment

2. Considers that the new **advisory** EU Ethics Body should be delegated a list of competences to implement ethics rules for Members and staff; takes the view that this list should include by way of a minimum the competences provided for in:

Or. en

Amendment 72

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 – indent 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *the Statute for Members of the European Parliament: Articles 2 and 3,* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 73

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 – indent 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *Parliament's Rules of Procedure: Rules 2, 10 and 11, 176(1), Annex I, Articles 1 to 3, 4(6), 5 and 6 and Annex II,* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 74

Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 – indent 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- Parliament's Rules of Procedure: Rules 2, 10 and 11, 176(1), Annex I, Articles 1 to 3, 4(6), 5 and 6 and Annex II,

- Parliament's Rules of Procedure: Rules 2, 10(**5, 6 and 7**) and 11, 176(1), Annex I, Articles 1 to 3, 4(6), 5 and 6 and Annex II,

Or. en

Amendment 75

Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 – indent 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- Parliament's Rules of Procedure:

- Parliament's Rules of Procedure:

Rules 2, 10 *and 11*, 176(1), Annex I,
Articles 1 to 3, 4(6), 5 and 6 and Annex II,

Rules 2, 10 *(5 and 6)*, 11, 176, Annex I
(Article 1 to 8), Annex II,

Or. en

Amendment 76

**Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi,
Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 – indent 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *the Commission's Rules of
Procedure: Article 9, its Code of Conduct,
Article 2 and Articles 5-11, and Annex II,
and its Decision of 25 November 2014 on
the publication of information on
meetings held between Members of the
Commission and organisations or self-
employed individuals, and the same
decision for Directors-General,*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 77

Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 – indent 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- the Commission's Rules of
Procedure: Article 9, its Code of Conduct,
Article 2 and Articles 5-11, and Annex II,
and its Decision of 25 November 2014 on
the publication of information on meetings
held between Members of the Commission
and organisations or self-employed
individuals, *and the same decision for
Directors-General,*

- the Commission's Rules of
Procedure: Article 9, its Code of Conduct,
Article 2 and Articles 5-11, and Annex II,
and its Decision of 25 November 2014 on
the publication of information on meetings
held between Members of the Commission
and organisations or self-employed
individuals,

Or. en

Amendment 78
Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 – indent 3

Motion for a resolution

- the Commission's Rules of Procedure: Article 9, its Code of Conduct, Article 2 *and* Articles 5-11, and Annex II, and its Decision of 25 November 2014 on the publication of information on meetings held between Members of the Commission and organisations or self-employed individuals, and the same decision for Directors-General,

Amendment

- the Commission's Rules of Procedure: Article 9, its Code of Conduct, Article 2 *to* 13, and Annex II, and its Decision of 25 November 2014 on the publication of information on meetings held between Members of the Commission and organisations or self-employed individuals, and the same decision for Directors-General,

Or. en

Amendment 79
Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 – indent 4

Motion for a resolution

- *the Staff Regulation's Articles 11, 11(a), 12, 12(a), 12(b), 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21(a), 22(a), 22(c), 24, 27 and 40,*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 80
Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 – indent 4

Motion for a resolution

- the Staff Regulation's Articles 11, 11(a), 12, 12(a), 12(b), 13, 15, 16, 17, 19,

Amendment

- the Staff Regulation's Articles 11, 11(a), 12, 12(a), 12(b), 13, 15, 16, 17, 19,

21(a), 22(a), 22(c), 24, 27 and 40,

21(a), 22(a), 22(c), 24, 27 and 40, ***applying mutatis mutandis to all personnel employed by the agencies if signatories of the IIA***

Or. en

Amendment 81
Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 – indent 4

Motion for a resolution

- the Staff Regulation's Articles 11, ***11(a), 12, 12(a), 12(b)***, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, ***21(a), 22(a), 22(c), 24, 27*** and 40,

Amendment

- the Staff Regulation's Articles 11, ***11a, 12, 12a, 12b***, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, ***21a, 22, 22a, 22c, 24, 26, 27*** and 40, ***43, 86, 90-91a and Annex IX***

Or. en

Amendment 82
Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 – indent 5

Motion for a resolution

- ***The IIA on a mandatory Transparency Register;***

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 83
Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. Recalls the difference between Members of Parliament who are elected and receive allowances, and civil servants who are appointed and receive a salary; stresses that for the former, control should take place after the election, and for the latter before the appointment

Or. en

**Amendment 84
Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 b. Recalls that the notion of conflict of interest during the term of office or functions should be distinguished from the situation before and after

Or. en

**Amendment 85
Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 c (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 c. Recalls the necessity to distinguish what must be declared and what must be prohibited;

Or. en

**Amendment 86
Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi, Pascal Durand**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 d (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 d. Points out, however, that the final decision making concerning the adoption of ethics rules as well as decisions on sanctions remain the prerogative of the participating Institutions

Or. en

Amendment 87

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Believes that the Members and staff of the participating institutions should be covered by the agreement before, during and after the term of office or service in line with the applicable rules; considers that this should apply to Members of Parliament, Commissioners and all EU staff falling under the scope of the Staff Regulation;

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 88
Gunnar Beck**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Believes that the Members and staff of the participating institutions should be covered by the agreement before, during and after the term of office or service in line with the applicable rules; considers that this should apply to Members of

3. Believes that the Members and staff of the participating institutions should be covered by the agreement before, during and after the term of office or service in line with the applicable rules; considers that this should apply to Members of

Parliament, Commissioners and all EU staff falling under the scope of the Staff Regulation;

Parliament, Commissioners, **Commissioner-designates**, and all EU staff falling under the scope of the Staff Regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Believes that the Members and staff of the **participating** institutions should be covered by the **agreement** before, during and after the term of office or service in line with the applicable rules; considers that this should apply to Members of Parliament, Commissioners and all EU staff falling under the scope of the Staff Regulation;

Amendment

3. Believes that the Members and staff of **all** the institutions should be covered by the **independent ethics body** before, during and after the term of office or service in line with the applicable rules; considers that this should apply to Members of Parliament, Commissioners and all EU staff falling under the scope of the Staff Regulation;

Or. fr

Amendment 90
Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Believes that the Members and staff of the participating institutions should be covered by the agreement before, during and after the term of office or service in line with the applicable rules; considers that this should apply to Members of Parliament, Commissioners and all EU staff falling under the scope of the Staff Regulation;

Amendment

3. Believes that the Members and staff of the participating institutions should be covered by the agreement before, during and **in some cases** after the term of office or service in line with the applicable rules; considers that this should apply to Members of Parliament, Commissioners and all EU staff falling under the scope of the Staff Regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. Reminds that when it comes to individuals covered by the staff regulation, the competence can be delegated to the Independent EU Ethics Body by making use of the enabling clauses in article 2(2) and or 9(1) and would concern the monitoring and enforcement of the ethical obligations while other professional obligations will continue to be enforced by the appointing authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Insists that the IIA should be open to the participation of all EU institutions and bodies; believes that the IIA should allow the Ethics Body to conclude agreements with national authorities with a view to ensuring the exchange of information necessary for the performance of its tasks;

4. Insists that the IIA should be open to the participation of all EU institutions and bodies **and reminds that co-legislators may decide to bind agencies through their founding regulation**; believes that the IIA should allow the Ethics Body to conclude agreements with national authorities with a view to ensuring the exchange of information necessary for the performance of its tasks, **for example tax information, land registers, data held by national ethics bodies**;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Insists that the IIA should be open to the participation of all EU institutions and bodies; believes that the IIA should allow the Ethics Body to conclude agreements with national authorities with a view to ensuring the exchange of information necessary for the performance of its tasks;

Amendment

4. Insists that the IIA should be open to the participation of all EU institutions and bodies; believes that the IIA should allow the Ethics Body to conclude agreements with national authorities with a view to ensuring the exchange of information necessary for the performance of its tasks *as well as to explore best practices and peer to peer reviews*;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Insists that *the IIA* should be open to *the* participation of *all* EU institutions and bodies; *believes that the IIA should allow the Ethics Body to conclude agreements with national authorities with a view to ensuring the exchange of information necessary for the performance of its tasks*;

Amendment

4. Insists that *any cooperation agreement between the institutions* should be open to participation of *other* EU institutions and bodies *in order to agree on common measures which can be implemented in respect of the division of powers*;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Alin Mituța, Ramona Strugariu, Pascal Durand, Gilles Boyer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Insists that the IIA should be open to the participation of all EU institutions and bodies; believes that the IIA should allow the Ethics Body to conclude agreements with national authorities with a view to ensuring the exchange of information necessary for the performance of its tasks;

Amendment

4. Insists that the IIA should be open to the participation of all EU institutions and bodies; believes that the IIA should allow the Ethics Body to conclude agreements with national authorities with a view to ensuring the exchange of information **and best practices** necessary for the performance of its tasks;

Or. en

Amendment 96

Gabriele Bischoff, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Insists that the IIA should be open to the participation of all EU institutions and bodies; believes that the IIA should allow the Ethics Body to **conclude agreements** with national authorities **with a view to ensuring the exchange of information** necessary for the performance of its tasks;

Amendment

4. Insists that the IIA should be open to the participation of all EU institutions and bodies; believes that the IIA should allow the Ethics Body to **exchange information** with national authorities **that are** necessary for the performance of its tasks;

Or. en

Amendment 97

Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Insists that **the IIA** should be **open to the participation of** all EU institutions and bodies; believes that the **IIA** should **allow the Ethics Body** to conclude agreements with national authorities with a

Amendment

4. Insists that **this independent ethics body** should be **mandatory for** all EU institutions and bodies; believes that the **Ethics Body** should **be able** to conclude agreements with national authorities with a

view to ensuring the exchange of information necessary for the performance of its tasks;

view to ensuring the exchange of information necessary for the performance of its tasks;

Or. fr

Amendment 98

Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Reminds that competences of the Independent EU Ethics Body over Members are without prejudice of sanctions and procedures foreseen in the Treaties, the Members' statute, the Parliament's Rules of Procedure, and the protocol on the privileges and Immunities of the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 99

Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 b. Reminds that the Independent EU Ethics Body competences would not interfere with the competence of the EU Ombudsman, the OLAF or the EU Public Prosecutor or the rights of EU citizens and institutions to address the European General Court or European Court of Justice;

Or. en

Amendment 100

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. *Considers that the participating institutions should entrust the EU Ethics Body with monitoring powers over ethics standards, as well as advisory, investigative and enforcement powers;* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 101

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Considers that *the participating* institutions *should entrust the EU Ethics* Body with *monitoring powers over ethics standards, as well as* advisory, *investigative and enforcement powers;*

5. Considers that *any options under discussion for improving transparency and integrity in the EU* institutions *has to be respectful of the balance between the institutions as established by the treaties, underlines that it must not replace, substitute or interfere with the responsibilities and prerogatives of each institution and points out that given these considerations, the decision-making powers must remain within the respective institutions, hence only a* body with advisory *function able to issue non-binding recommendations is conceivable;*

Or. en

Amendment 102

Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Considers that the participating institutions should entrust the EU Ethics Body with monitoring powers over ethics standards, as well as advisory, investigative and enforcement powers;

Amendment

5. Considers that the participating institutions should entrust the EU Ethics Body with monitoring powers over ethics standards, as well as advisory, investigative and enforcement powers; ***stresses that to monitor integrity a framework should be set up, that clearly defines integrity with a set of well-defined objectives and performance indicators;***

Or. en

Amendment 103
Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Considers that the participating institutions should entrust the EU Ethics Body with monitoring powers over ethics standards, as well as advisory, investigative and enforcement powers;

Amendment

5. Considers that the participating institutions should entrust, ***within the framework of their respective procedural autonomy***, the EU Ethics Body with ***autonomous*** monitoring powers over ethics standards ***applicable to them***, as well as advisory, investigative and enforcement powers;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Considers that the participating institutions should entrust the EU Ethics

Amendment

5. Considers that the participating institutions should entrust the EU Ethics

Body with *monitoring powers over ethics standards, as well as* advisory, *investigative and enforcement* powers;

Body with advisory powers;

Or. en

Amendment 105

Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Considers that the participating institutions should entrust the EU Ethics Body with monitoring powers over ethics standards, as well as advisory, *investigative* and enforcement powers;

Amendment

5. Considers that **all** the participating institutions should entrust the EU Ethics Body with monitoring powers over ethics standards, as well as advisory **powers, the power to investigate on its own initiative** and enforcement powers;

Or. fr

Amendment 106

Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Considers that the participating institutions should entrust the EU Ethics Body with monitoring powers over ethics standards, as well as advisory, investigative and **enforcement powers**;

Amendment

5. Considers that the participating institutions should entrust the EU Ethics Body with monitoring powers over ethics standards, as well as advisory, investigative and **the capacity to propose sanctions, if appropriate**;

Or. en

Amendment 107

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. *Considers that all administrations should require senior officials, MEPs and Commissioners leaving the service to provide sufficiently detailed information and documentation to enable the ethics body to carry out a comprehensive analysis and prevent conflicts of interest;*

Or. it

Amendment 108

Alin Mituța, Ramona Strugariu, Pascal Durand, Gilles Boyer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. *Highlights that public officials are not in a position to conduct self-assessments concerning matters of conflict of interest or the respect of ethical standards; underlines that this task should fall under the competence of the EU Ethics body, as an independent specialised third party;*

Or. en

Amendment 109

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. *Considers that this monitoring capacity should include the verification of the veracity of the declaration of financial interests, the handling of conflicts of*

deleted

interest, checks on transparency obligations and the verification of compliance with revolving doors rules;

Or. en

Amendment 110

Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers that this monitoring capacity should include the verification of the veracity of the declaration of financial interests, the handling of conflicts of interest, checks on transparency obligations and the verification of compliance with revolving doors rules;

Amendment

6. Considers that this *autonomous* monitoring capacity should include, *among others*, the verification of the veracity of the declaration of financial interests, , *through inter alia a centralised collection of data*, the handling of conflicts of interest, checks on transparency obligations and the verification of compliance with revolving doors rules *and generally verification of compliance with all provisions of codes of conduct and applicable transparency, ethics and integrity rules*;

Or. en

Amendment 111

Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers that this monitoring capacity should include the verification of the veracity of the declaration of financial interests, the handling of conflicts of interest, checks on transparency obligations and the verification of compliance with revolving doors rules;

Amendment

6. Considers that this monitoring capacity should include the verification of the veracity of the declaration of financial interests, the handling of conflicts of interest, checks on transparency obligations and the verification of compliance with revolving doors rules, *as well as the possibility for the independent ethics body*

to impose penalties in the event of delay or bad faith in the provision of information and updates of information in declarations;

Or. fr

Amendment 112
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers that this monitoring capacity should include the verification of the veracity of the declaration of financial interests, the handling of conflicts of interest, checks on transparency obligations **and the** verification of compliance with revolving doors rules;

Amendment

6. Considers that this monitoring capacity should include the verification of the veracity of the declaration of financial interests, the handling of conflicts of interest, checks on transparency obligations, verification of compliance with revolving doors rules, **and the verification and improvement of transparency in the EU's Ordinary Legislative Procedure and EU lobbying;**

Or. en

Amendment 113
Gunnar Beck

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers that this monitoring capacity should include the verification of the veracity of the declaration of financial interests, the handling of conflicts of interest, checks on transparency obligations and the verification of compliance with revolving doors rules;

Amendment

6. Considers that this monitoring capacity should include the verification of the veracity of the declaration of financial interests, the **declarations of assets, the** handling of conflicts of interest, checks on transparency obligations, **including gifts and lobby transparency rules,** and the verification of compliance with revolving doors rules;

Amendment 114
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers that this monitoring capacity should include the verification of the veracity of the declaration of financial interests, the handling of conflicts of interest, checks on transparency obligations and the verification of compliance with revolving doors rules;

Amendment

6. Considers that this monitoring capacity should include the verification of the veracity of the declaration of financial interests, the handling of conflicts of interest, checks on transparency obligations and the verification of compliance with revolving doors rules, ***entailing own-initiative inquiries and the assessment of any individual cases arising***;

Or. it

Amendment 115
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. ***Considers that this monitoring capacity should include the verification of the veracity of the declaration of financial interests, the handling of conflicts of interest, checks on transparency obligations and the verification of compliance with revolving doors rules***;

Amendment

6. ***Recommends empowering the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) or the European Ombudsman with the responsibility to carry out oversight on conflicts of interests, revolving doors and lobby transparency for EU institutions and agencies***;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. *Suggests that the independent ethics body should work on establishing a common definition of conflict of interest for the European institutions on the basis of the highest standards; stresses that many Member States have demanding rules; notes the OECD Guidelines for Managing Conflict of Interest in the Public Service, which lay down a set of basic principles and standards for the design and implementation of conflict of interest policies^{1 a};*

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<https://www.oecd.org/governance/ethics/conflict-of-interest/>

Or. fr

Amendment 117

Gunnar Beck

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. *Believes that the examination of conflicts of interest should be carried out prior to, during and after public office or employment of all Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies;*

Or. en

Amendment 118

Alin Mituța, Ramona Strugariu, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. *Believes that the EU ethics body should conduct studies, compile annual statistics on financial interest declarations, revolving door cases and other relevant information;*

Or. en

Amendment 119

Alin Mituța, Ramona Strugariu, Pascal Durand, Gilles Boyer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 b. *Considers that the new EU Ethics Body should have competence to contribute by way of proposals to the development and periodic update of a common ethical framework for the EU institutions, including common rules and a common model for declarations of financial interests in a machine-readable format;*

Or. en

Amendment 120

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. *Takes the view that the EU Ethics Body could also be given authority over the obligations imposed by the Transparency Register;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 121
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. *Takes the view that the EU Ethics Body could also be given authority over the obligations imposed by the Transparency Register;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 122
Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Takes the view that the EU Ethics Body could also be given authority over the obligations imposed by the Transparency Register;

Amendment

7. Takes the view that the EU Ethics Body could also be given authority over the obligations imposed by the Transparency Register; ***considers, therefore, that the independent ethics body should have the power to carry out checks on the basis of records or on the spot in order to monitor compliance with the reporting obligations of lobbyists; considers that the ethics body should have the power to impose penalties on interest representatives involved in a breach of ethical rules; stresses that the transparency bodies or authorities of the Member States have the capacity to impose financial penalties on lobbyists who fail to comply with their transparency obligations, and do so very effectively, without bureaucracy undermining that effectiveness;***

Or. fr

Amendment 123
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Takes the view that the EU Ethics Body could also **be given** authority over the obligations imposed by the Transparency Register;

Amendment

7. Takes the view that the EU Ethics Body could also **be given** authority over the obligations imposed by the Transparency Register, **and should envisage a better protection of whistle-blowers, better management of conflict of interests for corruption and fraud cases;**

Or. en

Amendment 124
Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Takes the view that the EU Ethics Body could also be given authority over the obligations imposed by the Transparency Register;

Amendment

7. Takes the view that the EU Ethics Body could also be given authority over the obligations imposed by the Transparency Register **including additional formal obligation that might be imposed on EU institutions' members and staff;**

Or. en

Amendment 125
Alin Mituța, Ramona Strugariu, Pascal Durand, Gilles Boyer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Considers that the EU Ethics Body should be given the task to develop an EU public portal with relevant information on ethics rules, reports on best practices, studies, statistics, as well as a database containing the declarations of financial interests of all the participating institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 126

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Considers that the EU Ethics Body should have the power to initiate procedures and to conduct investigations based on the information it has collected or that it has received from third parties; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 127

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Considers that the EU Ethics Body should have the power to initiate procedures and to conduct investigations based on the information it has collected or that it has received from third parties; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 128

Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Considers that the EU Ethics Body should have the power to initiate procedures and to conduct investigations based on the information it has collected or that it has received from third parties;

Amendment

8. Considers that the EU Ethics Body should have the power to initiate procedures ***by itself*** and to conduct ***on-the-spot and records-based*** investigations based on the information it has collected or that it has received from third parties, ***such as journalists, NGOs, whistleblowers, stakeholders, civil society or the European Ombudsman; insists that any third party referring a matter to the independent ethics body must be protected and their identity kept anonymous;***

Or. fr

Amendment 129

Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Stresses the need for the body to protect whistleblowers, in particular European public officials, so that they can express their concerns about possible violations of rules without fear of reprisals; suggests, in this connection, that the body should supervise the internal and confidential complaint mechanisms under the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union and Conditions of Employment of Other Servants; stresses that only a safe and protective working environment will enable public officials to express their concerns and thereby help to make the work of the independent ethics body effective;

Amendment 130

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Stresses that requesting tax documents and bank records are interventions in private law, for which there must be serious allegations that enter in competence of OLAF;

Or. en

Amendment 131

Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. Believes that the body should also monitor the independence and ethical behaviour of EU officials before, during and after they hold a post or function within the EU institutions; stresses the importance of combating the phenomenon of revolving doors between public and private organisations; suggests that the body be tasked with issuing recommendations for harmonised and adequate cooling-off periods in all EU institutions, including for Members of the European Parliament;

Or. fr

Amendment 132

Jorge Buxadé Villalba

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Believes that in relation to its enforcement powers, the body could take over from the Appointing Authority in dealing with staff ethics obligations, and that in relation to Members of Parliament or Commissioners, the body could be granted enforcement powers within the limits of the provisions contained in the Treaties, and without prejudice to any additional mechanisms provided for in Parliament's Rules of Procedure, in particular concerning termination of office;

deleted

Or. es

**Amendment 133
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Believes that in relation to its enforcement powers, the body could take over from the Appointing Authority in dealing with staff ethics obligations, and that in relation to Members of Parliament or Commissioners, the body could be granted enforcement powers within the limits of the provisions contained in the Treaties, and without prejudice to any additional mechanisms provided for in Parliament's Rules of Procedure, in particular concerning termination of office;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 134

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Believes ***that in relation to its enforcement powers, the body could take over from the Appointing Authority in dealing with staff ethics obligations, and that in relation to Members of Parliament or Commissioners, the body could be granted enforcement powers within the limits of the provisions contained in the Treaties, and without prejudice to any additional mechanisms provided for in Parliament's Rules of Procedure, in particular concerning termination of office;***

Amendment

9. Believes that in relation to Members of Parliament or Commissioners, the body ***cannot*** be granted enforcement powers ***since this transferral of powers would counter the separation of powers laid down*** in the Treaties;

Or. en

Amendment 135

Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Believes that in relation to its enforcement powers, the body ***could take over from the Appointing Authority in dealing with staff ethics obligations, and that in relation to Members of Parliament or Commissioners, the body could be granted enforcement powers within the limits of the provisions contained in the Treaties, and without prejudice to any additional mechanisms provided for in Parliament's Rules of Procedure, in particular concerning termination of office;***

Amendment

9. Believes that in relation to its enforcement powers, the body ***should issue recommendations to the responsible authorities of the respective participative Institutions*** and without prejudice to any additional mechanisms;

Or. en

Amendment 136
Gabriele Bischoff, Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. **Believes** that in *relation to its enforcement powers, the body could take over from the Appointing Authority in dealing with staff ethics obligations, and that in relation to Members of Parliament or Commissioners, the body could be granted* enforcement powers within the limits of the provisions contained in the Treaties, **and without prejudice to any additional mechanisms provided for in Parliament's Rules of Procedure, in particular concerning termination of office;**

Amendment

9. **Considers** that in *case the EU Ethics Body should be given* enforcement powers within the limits of the provisions contained in the Treaties, **bilateral agreements for good cooperation should be set up with each EU institution on the procedure envisaged to deal with the ethical obligations of Commissioners, MEPs and staff,**

Or. en

Amendment 137
Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Believes that in *relation to its enforcement powers*, the body *could* take over from the Appointing Authority in dealing with staff ethics obligations, and that in relation to Members of Parliament or Commissioners, the body *could be granted* enforcement powers within the limits of the provisions contained in the Treaties, and without prejudice to any additional mechanisms provided for in Parliament's Rules of Procedure, in particular concerning termination of office;

Amendment

9. Believes that in *order to be fully efficient*, the body *should merge the roles of existing organs responsible for ethics;* **Considers that the body should** take over from the Appointing Authority in dealing with staff ethics obligations, and that in relation to Members of Parliament or Commissioners, the body *should be merge monitoring, investigatory and* enforcement powers within the limits of the provisions contained in the Treaties, and without prejudice to any additional mechanisms provided for in Parliament's Rules of Procedure, in particular concerning

termination of office;

Or. en

Amendment 138
Gunnar Beck

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Believes that in relation to its enforcement powers, the body could take over from the Appointing Authority in dealing with staff ethics obligations, and that in relation to Members of Parliament or Commissioners, the body could be granted enforcement powers within the limits of the provisions contained in the Treaties, and without prejudice to any additional mechanisms provided for in Parliament's Rules of Procedure, in particular concerning termination of office;

Amendment

9. Believes that in relation to its enforcement powers, the body could take over from the Appointing Authority in dealing with staff ethics obligations, and that in relation to Members of Parliament or Commissioners **or Commissioner-designates**, the body could be granted enforcement powers within the limits of the provisions contained in the Treaties, and without prejudice to any additional mechanisms provided for in Parliament's Rules of Procedure, in particular concerning termination of office;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Believes that in relation to its enforcement powers, the body could take over from the Appointing Authority in dealing with staff ethics obligations, and that in relation to Members of Parliament or Commissioners, the body could be granted enforcement powers ***within the limits of the provisions contained in the Treaties***, and without prejudice to any additional mechanisms provided for in

Amendment

9. Believes that in relation to its enforcement powers, the body could take over from the Appointing Authority in dealing with staff ethics obligations, and that in relation to Members of Parliament or Commissioners, the body could be granted enforcement powers, and without prejudice to any additional mechanisms provided for in Parliament's Rules of Procedure, in particular concerning

Parliament's Rules of Procedure, in particular concerning termination of office;

termination of office;

Or. fr

Amendment 140
Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Considers that the EU Ethics Body should be entrusted with advisory tasks in order to provide advice to any individual covered by its scope who wishes to request interpretation of an ethical standard in relation to appropriate conduct in a specific case;

Amendment

10. Considers that the EU Ethics Body should be entrusted with advisory tasks in order to provide advice to any individual ***or entity*** covered by its scope who wishes to request interpretation of an ethical standard in relation to appropriate conduct in a specific case; ***calls on the institutions to take advantage of the body's expertise in the implementation of their ethical standards; considers that, in the long term, the body should harmonise the ethical standards of all the institutions, agencies and bodies;***

Or. fr

Amendment 141
Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Considers that the EU Ethics Body should be entrusted with advisory tasks in order to provide advice to any individual covered by its scope who wishes to request interpretation of an ethical standard in relation to appropriate conduct in a specific case;

Amendment

10. Considers that the EU Ethics Body should be entrusted with advisory tasks in order to provide advice to any individual covered by its scope who wishes to request interpretation of an ethical standard in relation to appropriate conduct in a specific case; ***Considers that, in order to ensure consistent application of the ethical standards and predictability, advice***

should be binding for the Independent EU Ethics Body in its judgement on the same matter;

Or. en

Amendment 142

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Considers that **the** EU Ethics Body should be entrusted with advisory tasks in order to provide advice to any individual covered by its scope who wishes to request interpretation of an ethical standard in relation to appropriate conduct in a specific case;

Amendment

10. Considers that **such an** EU Ethics Body should be entrusted with advisory tasks **to improve the enforcement of existing provisions in the EU institutions** in order to provide **reliable and trustworthy** advice to any individual **possibly** covered by its scope who wishes to request interpretation of an ethical standard in relation to appropriate conduct in a specific case;

Or. en

Amendment 143

Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Considers that the EU Ethics Body should be entrusted with advisory tasks in order to provide advice to any individual covered by its scope who wishes to request interpretation of an ethical standard in relation to appropriate conduct in a specific case;

Amendment

10. Considers that the EU Ethics Body **should promote integrity, and** should be entrusted with advisory tasks in order to provide advice to any individual covered by its scope who wishes to request interpretation of an ethical standard in relation to appropriate conduct in a specific case;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Considers that the EU Ethics Body should be entrusted with advisory tasks in order to provide advice to any individual covered by its scope who wishes to request interpretation of an ethical standard in relation to appropriate conduct in a specific case;

Amendment

10. Considers that the EU Ethics Body should be entrusted with advisory tasks in order to provide advice to any individual **and/or institution** covered by its scope who wishes to request interpretation of an ethical standard in relation to appropriate conduct in a specific case;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Brings attention to the point that if this advisory body is established, its functioning should not overlap or conflict with internal ethics committees in the EU institutions, the Transparency Register secretariat, the European Anti-Fraud Office and the European Ombudsman;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Believes that the **decision on** the

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Amendment

11. Believes that the **decision-making**

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absence of conflicts of interest of Commissioners-designate should **remain a competence** of Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs, **while the EU Ethics Body should support the process with the publication of** its analysis of each individual case and make its investigative capacities available;

process regarding the absence of conflicts of interest of **the** Commissioners-designate should **be significantly improved to facilitate a thorough examination by Members responsible of any conflicts of interest of future Commissioners, using objective criteria, while leaving the procedural and decision-making aspects in the hands** of Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs; **considers that the Committee on Legal Affairs should be given more time and the possibility of assistance from the EU ethics body, which should publish** its analysis of each individual case and make its investigative capacities available; **points out that the findings of this committee should be made public;**

Or. it

Amendment 147
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Believes that the decision on the absence of conflicts of interest of Commissioners-designate should remain a competence of Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs, **while the EU Ethics Body should support the process with the publication of its analysis of each individual case and make its investigative capacities available;**

Amendment

11. Believes that the decision on the absence of conflicts of interest of Commissioners-designate should remain a competence of Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs

Or. en

Amendment 148
Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Believes that the decision on the absence of conflicts of interest of Commissioners-designate should remain a competence of Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs, ***while the EU Ethics Body should support the process with the publication of its analysis of each individual case and make its investigative capacities available;***

Amendment

11. Believes that the decision on the absence of conflicts of interest of Commissioners-designate should remain a competence of Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Believes that the decision on the absence of conflicts of interest of Commissioners-designate should remain a competence of Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs, while the EU Ethics Body should support the process with the publication of its analysis of each individual case and make its investigative capacities available;

Amendment

11. Believes that the decision on the absence of conflicts of interest of Commissioners-designate ***prior to hearings*** should remain a competence of Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs, while the EU Ethics Body should support the process with the publication of its analysis of each individual case and make its investigative capacities available ***to the European Parliament;***

Or. en

Amendment 150
Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. ***Believes*** that the decision on ***the***

Amendment

11. ***Underlines*** that the decision on

absence of conflicts of interest of *Commissioners-designate should remain* a competence of *Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs*, while *the* EU Ethics Body *should* support the process with *the publication of* its analysis of each individual case *and make its investigative capacities available*;

conflicts of interest of *designated Commissioners remains a political and institutional* competence of *the European Parliament and its bodies*, while *such an* EU Ethics Body *could* support the process with its *non-binding* analysis of each individual case;

Or. en

Amendment 151
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Considers that a complete definition of integrity related tools such as code of conduct, policies relating to conflict of interests, lobbyist participation and pre and post-employment measures should be envisaged;

Or. en

Amendment 152
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Composition

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 153
Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Composition

Reflections on composition

Or. en

Amendment 154

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Recalls that the competent bodies in the institutions are regulated by law and that the composition of the competent body in the European Parliament could be made up of MEPs and former MEPs, such an EU Ethics Body may be composed of Members or former Members of the institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 155

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Underlines that with the creation of a new advisory ethics body duplication of work and overlapping competences must be avoided, its decisions should take the form of non-binding recommendations to the President, who must remain in charge of the final decision-making power; calls for clear provisions giving the person

concerned a right of appeal against any such decision taken by the President in full respect of the basic principles of rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Jorge Buxadé Villalba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. *Believes that the Ethics Body should be composed of nine Members, three selected by the Commission, three elected by Parliament, and three assigned de jure from among the former Presidents of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), the Court of Auditors and former EU Ombudsmen;* **deleted**

Or. es

Amendment 157
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. *Believes that the Ethics Body should be composed of nine Members, three selected by the Commission, three elected by Parliament, and three assigned de jure from among the former Presidents of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), the Court of Auditors and former EU Ombudsmen;* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 158

Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Believes that the Ethics Body should be composed of nine Members, three selected by the Commission, three elected by Parliament, and three assigned *de jure from among the former Presidents of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), the Court of Auditors and former EU Ombudsmen;*

Amendment

12. Believes that the Ethics Body should be composed of nine members, three selected by the Commission, three elected by Parliament and three assigned *by the Council, as follows:*

- three members selected by the Commission, including one from among former members of the Commission's staff and two from among the former Presidents of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), the Court of Auditors, OLAF and former EU Ombudsmen;

- three members elected by the European Parliament: one member elected from among former members of Parliament's staff and two NGOs; suggests that Parliament's Rules of Procedure be revised to include the election of these three representatives; recommends the creation of a new article based on Article 231 on the method of appointing the European Ombudsman;

- three members appointed by the Council from among the staff of the national ethics committees or the national ombudsman, if the institution is willing to participate in the IIA;

Stresses that each institution must propose gender-balanced nominations;

Or. fr

Amendment 159

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi,

Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Believes that the Ethics Body should be composed of nine Members, three selected by the Commission, three ***elected*** by Parliament, and three ***assigned de jure*** from among the former Presidents of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), the Court of Auditors and former EU Ombudsmen;

Amendment

12. Believes that the Ethics Body should be composed of nine Members, three selected by the Commission, three ***appointed*** by Parliament, and three ***designated*** from among the former Presidents of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), the Court of Auditors and former EU Ombudsmen;

Or. en

Amendment 160
Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Believes that the Ethics Body should be composed of nine Members, three selected by the Commission, three elected by Parliament, and three assigned de jure from among the former ***Presidents*** of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), the Court of Auditors and former EU Ombudsmen;

Amendment

12. Believes that the Ethics Body should be composed of nine Members, three selected by the Commission, three elected by Parliament, and three assigned de jure from among the former ***judges*** of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), the Court of Auditors and former EU Ombudsmen;

Or. en

Amendment 161
Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Calls for an example to be drawn

from Member States' best practices on transparency in public life; suggests, in this connection, the creation of a position of ethics officer able to provide advice to members of the ethics body on compliance with their obligations and recommendations in potential conflict of interest situations, and also to be responsible for their training; stresses the importance of such a position in order to ensure the exemplary behaviour and independence of members whose work requires them to be above any suspicion;

Or. fr

Amendment 162

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers that its members must be independent, chosen on the basis of their competence, experience and professional qualities, as well as their personal integrity, have an impeccable record of ethical behaviour and provide a declaration of the absence of conflicts of interest; is of the opinion that the composition of the body should be gender-balanced;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 163

Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

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independent, chosen on the basis of their competence, experience and professional qualities, as well as their personal integrity, have an impeccable record of ethical behaviour and provide a declaration of the absence of conflicts of interest; *is of the opinion that the composition of the body should be gender-balanced;*

independent, chosen on the basis of their competence, experience and professional qualities, as well as their personal integrity, have an impeccable record of ethical behaviour and provide a declaration of the absence of conflicts of interest, *whose accuracy and compatibility with the post will be verified by the ethics officer; calls on the ethics officer to take charge of the verification of candidates' declarations; considers that the members should work in a spirit of collaboration and consistency in their decisions and recommendations; calls for a guarantee of gender balance in the composition of the body;*

Or. fr

Amendment 164

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers that its members must be independent, chosen on the basis of their competence, experience and professional qualities, as well as their personal integrity, have an impeccable record of ethical behaviour and provide a declaration of the absence of conflicts of interest; *is of the opinion that the composition of the body should be gender-balanced;*

Amendment

13. Considers that its members must be independent, chosen on the basis of their competence, experience and professional qualities, as well as their personal integrity, have an impeccable record of ethical behaviour and provide a declaration of the absence of conflicts of interest; *is of the opinion that the composition of the body should be gender-balanced; **underlines that all member shall be independent in the performance of their duties;***

Or. en

Amendment 165

Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers that its members must be independent, chosen on the basis of their competence, experience and professional qualities, as well as their personal integrity, have an impeccable record of ethical behaviour and provide a declaration of the absence of conflicts of interest; is of the opinion that the composition of the body should be gender-balanced;

Amendment

13. Considers that its members must be independent, chosen on the basis of their competence, experience and professional qualities, as well as their personal integrity, have an impeccable record of ethical behaviour and provide a declaration of the absence of conflicts of interest; is of the opinion that the composition of the body should be gender-balanced; ***Considers that the members should be chosen for a period of six years;***

Or. en

Amendment 166

Jorge Buxadé Villalba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers that its members must be independent, chosen on the basis of their competence, experience and professional qualities, as well as their personal integrity, have an impeccable record of ethical behaviour and provide a declaration of the absence of conflicts of interest; ***is of the opinion that the composition of the body should be gender-balanced;***

Amendment

13. Considers that its members must be independent, chosen on the basis of their competence, experience and professional qualities, as well as their personal integrity, have an impeccable record of ethical behaviour and provide a declaration of the absence of conflicts of interest;

Or. es

Amendment 167

Jorge Buxadé Villalba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Suggests that each institution choose these members in particular from among former judges of the CJEU, former or current members of highest courts of Member States, former Members of the European Parliament, former staff of the participating institutions and bodies, former EU Ombudsmen, and members of the ethics authorities in Member States; suggests further that the body elect a President and two Vice-Presidents from among its members;

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 168

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Suggests that each institution choose these members in particular from among former judges of the CJEU, former or current members of highest courts of Member States, former Members of the European Parliament, former staff of the participating institutions and bodies, former EU Ombudsmen, and members of the ethics authorities in Member States; suggests further that the body elect a President and two Vice-Presidents from among its members;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 169

Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Suggests that each institution choose these members in particular from among former judges of the CJEU, former **or current members of highest courts of Member States**, former Members of **the European Parliament**, former staff of the participating institutions and bodies, former EU Ombudsmen, and members of the ethics authorities in Member States; suggests further that the body elect a President and two Vice-Presidents from among its members;

14. Suggests that each institution choose these members in particular from among former judges of the CJEU, former **presidents of OLAF and the Court of Auditors**, former **or current** members of **highest courts of Member States**, former staff of the participating institutions and bodies, former EU Ombudsmen, and members of the ethics authorities in Member States; suggests further that the body elect a President and two Vice-Presidents from among its members; **stresses the need to ensure the diversity of members' backgrounds and independent expertise; suggests limiting the participation of former MEPs and Commissioners to a third of the composition of the body; considers that the appointment of members should be validated by a two-thirds majority vote in Parliament's plenary;**

Or. fr

Amendment 170
Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Suggests that each institution choose these members in particular from among former judges of the CJEU, former or current members of highest courts of Member States, former Members of the European Parliament, former staff of the participating institutions and bodies, former EU Ombudsmen, and members of the ethics authorities in Member States; suggests further that the body elect a President and two Vice-Presidents from among its members;

Amendment

14. Suggests that each institution choose these members in particular from among former judges of the CJEU, former or current members of highest courts of Member States, former Members of the European Parliament, former staff of the participating institutions and bodies, former EU Ombudsmen, and members of the ethics authorities in Member States; suggests further that the body elect a President and two Vice-Presidents from among its members; **Suggests, in order to ensure broad support, that the Parliament elects the members of the body at the majority of its component members;**

Amendment 171

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Suggests that each institution choose these members in particular from among former judges of the CJEU, former or current members of highest courts of Member States, former ***Members of the European Parliament, former staff of the participating institutions and bodies, former*** EU Ombudsmen, and members of the ethics authorities in Member States; suggests further that the body elect a President and two Vice-Presidents from among its members;

Amendment

14. Suggests that each institution choose these members in particular from among former judges of the CJEU, former or current members of highest courts of Member States, former EU Ombudsmen, and members of the ethics authorities in Member States; suggests further that the body elect a President and two Vice-Presidents from among its members;

Or. it

Amendment 172

Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Suggests that each institution choose these members in particular from among former judges of the CJEU, former or current members of highest courts of Member States, ***former Members of the European Parliament, former staff of the participating institutions and bodies,*** former EU Ombudsmen, and members of the ethics authorities in Member States; suggests further that the body elect a President and two Vice-Presidents from among its members;

Amendment

14. Suggests that each institution choose these members in particular from among former judges of the CJEU, former or current members of highest courts of Member States, former EU Ombudsmen, and members of the ethics authorities in Member States; suggests further that the body elect a President and two Vice-Presidents from among its members;

Amendment 173

Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Calls for inspiration to be drawn from the Member States' best practices with a view to combating the practice of self-regulation; calls for a guarantee that the members of the body do not participate in the debate, decision or vote on any issue in which they have a private or direct interest; stresses more specifically that revolving door cases and the lack of ambition in the institutions' current ethical standards are mainly due to the lack of an independent authority;

Or. fr

Amendment 174

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Gabriele Bischoff

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. 14. Considers that the composition of the Ethics Body should be accompanied by a framework for the exercise of the mandate as well as a procedure to end the mandate.

Or. en

Amendment 175

Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Insists that the college be supported by a secretariat with the human, material and financial resources commensurate with its mandate and tasks;

Amendment

15. Insists that the college be supported by a secretariat with the human, material and financial resources commensurate with its mandate and tasks; ***including an ethics officer, responsible for ethical training and offering advice within the Independent EU Ethics Body; Considers that the pooling of budget and personnel currently allocated to the various EU ethics bodies when merging them would allow to improve the efficiency of the use of resources and might reduce costs;***

Or. en

Amendment 176

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. ***Insists*** that the college be supported by a secretariat with the human, material and financial resources commensurate with its mandate and tasks;

Amendment

15. ***Recommend*** that the college be supported by a secretariat with the human, material and financial resources commensurate with its mandate and tasks ***in accordance with the principles of sound financial budget management;***

Or. en

Amendment 177

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. *Insists that the college be supported by a secretariat with the human, material and financial resources commensurate with its mandate and tasks;*

15. *Doubts the necessity of establishing a new interinstitutional body, as it might lead to additional financial expenditure on top of the existing bodies at the EU level which are already dealing with similar issues;*

Or. en

Amendment 178
Jorge Buxadé Villalba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. *Insists that the college be supported by a secretariat **with the human, material and financial** resources commensurate with its mandate and tasks;*

Amendment

15. *Insists that the college be supported by a secretariat **using available human and material** resources, **without necessitating any increase in the administrative budget of the European institutions;***

Or. es

Amendment 179
Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

*15 a. **Considers that the procedure followed by the Independent EU Ethics Body should ensure the appropriate level of transparency while protecting legitimate confidentiality of certain aspects of individual cases; Believes that the Inter-institutional agreement should foresee procedural rules, referring to the existing acquis of principles of the existing EU ethics bodies, as well as to the EU's common values (Art. 2 TEU), the rights of the concerned individual to be heard and to appeal, the obligation to***

Amendment

collaborate and the publicity requirements;

Or. en

Amendment 180
Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 b. Insists that the Independent EU Ethics Body should have the power to start an investigation on its own initiative, based on information collected by itself or received from third parties, in particular from individuals, civil society organizations, the media and whistleblowers;

Or. en

Amendment 181
Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Procedures

Reflections on Procedures

Or. en

Amendment 182
Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Proposes **a two-step** approach whereby, in the event that **the** EU Ethics Body **becomes aware of** a breach or possible breach of **ethics** rules, it first recommends actions to put an end to the breach; considers that **this** first **preventive step** should ensure confidentiality and the right **of the person** to be heard; **suggests that in the event that the individual concerned refuses to take the appropriate actions, the EU Ethics Body should make relevant information about the case publicly available and decide, if appropriate, on sanctions; considers that this two-step approach should apply provided that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the individual acted in bad faith and recommends that intentional breach, gross negligence, the concealment of evidence and non-compliance with the obligation to cooperate should be, as such, subject to sanctions, even when the breach itself has ceased;**

Amendment

16. Proposes **an** approach whereby, in the event that **such an** EU Ethics Body **deals with** a breach **of conduct** or possible breach of **ethic** rules, it first recommends actions to put an end to the breach; considers that **it** first should ensure confidentiality and the right to be heard;

Or. en

Amendment 183

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Proposes **a two-step** approach whereby, in the event that the EU Ethics Body becomes aware of a breach or possible breach of ethics rules, it **first** recommends actions to put an end to the breach; considers that this **first** preventive step should ensure confidentiality and the right of the person to be heard; **suggests that in the event that the individual concerned refuses to take the appropriate actions, the EU Ethics Body should make**

Amendment

16. Proposes **an** approach whereby, in the event that the EU Ethics Body becomes aware of a breach or possible breach of ethics rules, it recommends actions to put an end to the breach; considers that this preventive step should ensure confidentiality and the right of the person to be heard;

relevant information about the case publicly available and decide, if appropriate, on sanctions; considers that this two-step approach should apply provided that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the individual acted in bad faith and recommends that intentional breach, gross negligence, the concealment of evidence and non-compliance with the obligation to cooperate should be, as such, subject to sanctions, even when the breach itself has ceased;

Or. en

Amendment 184
Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Proposes a two-step approach whereby, in the event that the EU Ethics Body becomes aware of a breach or possible breach of ethics rules, it first recommends actions to put an end to the breach; considers that this first preventive step should ensure confidentiality and the right of the person to be heard; suggests that in the event that the individual concerned refuses to take the appropriate actions, the EU Ethics Body should make relevant information about the case publicly available and decide, if appropriate, on sanctions; considers that this two-step approach should apply provided that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the individual acted in bad faith and recommends that intentional breach, gross negligence, the concealment of evidence and non-compliance with the obligation to cooperate should be, as such, subject to sanctions, even when the breach itself has

Amendment

16. Proposes a two-step approach whereby, in the event that the EU Ethics Body becomes aware of a breach or possible breach of ethics rules, it first recommends actions to put an end to the breach; considers that this first preventive step should ensure confidentiality and the right of the person to be heard; suggests that in the event that the individual concerned refuses to take the appropriate actions, the EU Ethics Body should make relevant information about the case publicly available and decide, if appropriate, on sanctions; considers that this two-step approach should apply provided that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the individual acted in bad faith and recommends that intentional breach, gross negligence, the concealment of evidence and non-compliance with the obligation to cooperate should be, as such, subject to sanctions, even when the breach itself has ceased; ***stresses that it is essential for the***

ceased;

body to be able to investigate breaches of ethical rules by Members of the European Parliament and impose appropriate penalties, such as fines or the withholding of allowances; considers that the body should be able to investigate serious conflicts of interest arising in connection with a Member's position as rapporteur or shadow rapporteur for specific files and take appropriate and effective decisions to remedy any contentious situations;

Or. fr

Amendment 185

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Proposes a two-step approach whereby, in the event that the EU Ethics Body becomes aware of a breach or possible breach of ethics rules, it first recommends actions to put an end to the breach; considers that this first preventive step should ensure confidentiality and the right of the person to be heard; suggests that in the event that the individual concerned refuses to take the appropriate actions, the EU Ethics Body should make relevant information about the case publicly available and decide, if appropriate, on sanctions; considers that this two-step approach should apply provided that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the individual acted in bad faith and recommends that intentional breach, gross negligence, the concealment of evidence and non-compliance with the obligation to cooperate should be, as such, subject to sanctions, even when the breach itself has ceased;

Amendment

16. Proposes a two-step approach whereby, in the event that the EU Ethics Body becomes aware of a breach or possible breach of ethics rules, it first recommends actions to put an end to the breach; considers that this first preventive step should ensure confidentiality and **secrecy and** the right of the person to be heard **and present allegations to the accusations**; suggests that in the event that the individual concerned refuses to take the appropriate actions, the EU Ethics Body should make relevant information about the case publicly available and decide, if appropriate, on sanctions; considers that this two-step approach should apply provided that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the individual acted in bad faith and recommends that intentional breach, gross negligence, the concealment of evidence and non-compliance with the obligation to cooperate should be, as such, subject to sanctions, even when the breach itself has ceased;

Amendment 186**Daniel Freund****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 16***Motion for a resolution*

16. Proposes a two-step approach whereby, in the event that the EU Ethics Body becomes aware of a breach or possible breach of ethics rules, it first recommends actions to put an end to the breach; considers that this first preventive step should ensure confidentiality and the right of the person to be heard; suggests that in the event that the individual concerned refuses to take the appropriate actions, the EU Ethics Body should make relevant information about the case publicly available and decide, if appropriate, on sanctions; considers that this two-step approach should apply provided that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the individual acted in bad faith and recommends that intentional breach, gross negligence, the concealment of evidence and non-compliance with the obligation to cooperate should be, as such, subject to sanctions, even when the breach itself has ceased;

Amendment

16. Proposes a two-step approach whereby, in the event that the EU Ethics Body becomes aware of a breach or possible breach of ethics rules, it first recommends, ***within a deadline***, actions to put an end to the breach; considers that this first preventive step should ensure confidentiality and the right of the person to be heard; suggests that in the event that the individual concerned refuses to take the appropriate actions ***and the breach persists***, the EU Ethics Body should make relevant information about the case publicly available and decide, if appropriate, on sanctions; considers that this two-step approach should apply provided that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the individual acted in bad faith and recommends that intentional breach, gross negligence, the concealment of evidence and non-compliance with the obligation to cooperate should be, as such, subject to sanctions, even when the breach itself has ceased;

Or. en

Amendment 187**Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi, Pascal Durand****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 16***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

16. Proposes a two-step approach whereby, in the event that the EU Ethics Body becomes aware of a breach or possible breach of ethics rules, it first recommends actions to put an end to the breach; considers that this first preventive step should ensure confidentiality and the right of the person to be heard; suggests that in the event that the individual concerned refuses to take the appropriate actions, the EU Ethics Body should make relevant information about the case publicly available and *decide*, if appropriate, on sanctions; considers that this two-step approach should apply provided that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the individual acted in bad faith and recommends that intentional breach, gross negligence, the concealment of evidence and non-compliance with the obligation to cooperate should be, as such, subject to sanctions, even when the breach itself has ceased;

16. Proposes a two-step approach whereby, in the event that the EU Ethics Body becomes aware of a breach or possible breach of ethics rules, it first recommends actions to put an end to the breach; considers that this first preventive step should ensure confidentiality and the right of the person to be heard; suggests that in the event that the individual concerned refuses to take the appropriate actions, the EU Ethics Body should make relevant information, *without prejudice to the GDPR*, about the case publicly available and *recommend*, if appropriate, on sanctions; considers that this two-step approach should apply provided that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the individual acted in bad faith and recommends that intentional breach, gross negligence, the concealment of evidence and non-compliance with the obligation to cooperate should be, as such, subject to sanctions, even when the breach itself has ceased;

Or. en

Amendment 188
Gunnar Beck

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Proposes a two-step approach whereby, in the event that the EU Ethics Body *becomes aware* of a breach or possible breach of ethics rules, it first recommends actions to put an end to the breach; considers that this first preventive step should ensure confidentiality and the right of the person to be heard; suggests that in the event that the individual concerned refuses to take the appropriate actions, the EU Ethics Body should make relevant information about the case publicly available and *decide*, if

Amendment

16. Proposes a two-step approach whereby, in the event that the EU Ethics Body *is informed* of a breach or possible breach of ethics rules, it first recommends actions to put an end to the breach; considers that this first preventive step should ensure confidentiality and the right of the person to be heard; suggests that in the event that the individual concerned refuses to take the appropriate actions, the EU Ethics Body should make relevant information about the case publicly available and *decide*, if appropriate, on

appropriate, on sanctions; considers that this two-step approach should apply provided that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the individual acted in bad faith and recommends that intentional breach, gross negligence, the concealment of evidence and non-compliance with the obligation to cooperate should be, as such, subject to sanctions, even when the breach itself has ceased;

sanctions; considers that this two-step approach should apply provided that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the individual acted in bad faith and recommends that intentional breach, gross negligence, the concealment of evidence and non-compliance with the obligation to cooperate should be, as such, subject to sanctions, even when the breach itself has ceased;

Or. en

Amendment 189
Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls for an example to be drawn from Member States' best practices on transparency in public life; stresses, in particular, the provisions of national law on gifts and invitations from lobbyists, including paid travel; points out that in some cases gifts worth more than EUR 15 are prohibited, which is one-tenth of the figure in Parliament and the Commission;

Or. fr

Amendment 190
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Gabriele Bischoff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Considers that the Ethics Body procedures should be accompanied by a complementary proposal to ensure procedural guarantees to the people and

institutions subject to these procedures, as well as the adequate data protection protocol.

Or. en

Amendment 191

Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Believes that as a general rule, the Body should decide by simple majority of its members;

Or. en

Amendment 192

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

General and final provisions

Reflections on general and final provisions

Or. en

Amendment 193

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Underlines that any interinstitutional body should have an advisory function

only in ethical matters and that in cases of corruption, OLAF is the competent authority;

Or. en

Amendment 194

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution Subheading 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Insists that the procedures laid down in the Treaties must be applied, such as the transfer of investigations by the European Court of Auditors to OLAF and to the European Court of Justice;

Or. en

Amendment 195

Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Daniel Freund, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Is of the opinion that the EU Ethics Body should *publish an annual report containing both information about the fulfilment of its tasks and, where appropriate, recommendations for improving ethics standards;*

17. Is of the opinion that *one year after its establishment, the EU ethics body shall adopt a general assessment of its activities, including analysis of the functioning of the rules and procedures and the experience acquired in applying them (review clause).*

In particular, the EU ethics body should focus on the assessment of:

- the effectiveness on the implementation of its mandate and delegated powers,*
- the monitoring competences over ethics standards,*

- the application and efficiency of procedures.

The EU ethics body shall submit appropriate recommendations for amendments, including, if necessary, proposal to amend its competences and to present it before the EP.

Or. en

Amendment 196
Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Is of the opinion that the EU Ethics Body should publish an annual report containing both information about the fulfilment of its tasks and, where appropriate, recommendations for improving ethics standards;

Amendment

17. Is of the opinion that the EU Ethics Body should publish an annual report containing both information about the fulfilment of its tasks and, where appropriate, recommendations for improving ethics standards; ; ***Recommends that the annual report describes the number of cases that were investigated, the institutions the individuals were coming from, the type of breaches concerned, the time the procedures took, the timeframe in which the breach was ended, the proportion of sanctions decided and recommendations;***

Or. en

Amendment 197

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Is of the opinion that the EU Ethics Body should publish an annual report

Amendment

17. Is of the opinion that the EU Ethics Body should publish an annual report

containing *both* information about the fulfilment of its tasks *and, where appropriate, recommendations for improving ethics standards*;

containing information about the fulfilment of its tasks *to be presented to the European Parliament*;

Or. en

Amendment 198
Gunnar Beck

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. Calls for full transparency regarding all meetings organised by and involving the Body with private actors and their representatives, bot for-profit and non-profit organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 199
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Insists that the decisions of the EU Ethics Body should be legally binding, reviewable before the CJEU and subject to possible complaints to the EU Ombudsman;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 200
Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Insists that the decisions of the EU Ethics Body should be legally binding, reviewable before the CJEU and subject to possible complaints to the EU Ombudsman; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 201

Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Insists that the decisions of the EU Ethics Body should be legally binding, reviewable before the CJEU *and* subject to possible complaints to the EU Ombudsman;

18. Insists that the decisions of the EU Ethics Body should be legally binding **for the recipient member, staff and institution and** reviewable before the CJEU; **Believes that the participating institutions should bind themselves to an obligation to fully cooperate in all procedures falling under the scope of the agreed IIA, in particular to communicate to the Independent EU Ethics Body all information and documents necessary to the proper scrutiny of ethics rules; Reminds that the body's activities would be** subject to possible complaints to the EU Ombudsman;

Or. en

Amendment 202

Pedro Silva Pereira, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Gabriele Bischoff

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Insists that the decisions of the EU Ethics Body should be legally binding, reviewable before the CJEU and subject to possible complaints to the EU Ombudsman;

18. Insists that the decisions of the EU Ethics Body should be legally binding, ***without prejudice of the Parliament's competences refer to in paragraph 11***, reviewable before the CJEU and subject to possible complaints to the EU Ombudsman;

Or. en

Amendment 203

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Insists that the decisions of the EU Ethics Body should be legally binding, reviewable before the CJEU and subject to possible complaints to the EU Ombudsman;

Amendment

18. Insists that the decisions of the EU Ethics Body should be ***properly justified, well documented and*** legally binding, reviewable before the CJEU and subject to possible complaints to the EU Ombudsman;

Or. it

Amendment 204

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, László Trócsányi, Paulo Rangel, Sven Simon, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Esteban González Pons

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Insists that ***the decisions of the*** EU Ethics Body ***should be*** legally binding, ***reviewable before the CJEU and subject to possible complaints to the EU Ombudsman;***

Amendment

18. Insists that ***an*** EU Ethics Body ***cannot issue*** legally binding ***decisions, since no institution can delegate decision-making authority to another institution;***

Or. en

Amendment 205

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Gabriele Bischoff

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. The powers and activities of the Ethics Body are to be exercised without prejudice of European Parliament's right of inquiry in accordance to article 226TFEU, and the necessary improving of the legal framework for the operation of the said right, which represents a cornerstone of the parliamentary democracy

Or. en

Amendment 206

Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. Believes that the improvement of integrity, transparency, accountability as well as the highest standards of ethical behaviour of the EU institutions and EU decision-making processes should be part of the topics discussed in the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe;

Or. en