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DRAFT REPORT

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No. 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council of 22 October 2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations (COM(2017)0481 – C8-0307/2017 – 2017/0219(COD))

Committee on Constitutional Affairs

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Symbols for procedures

- * Consultation procedure
- *** Consent procedure
- ***I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- ***II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- ***III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the draft act.)

Amendments to a draft act

Amendments by Parliament set out in two columns

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(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2017)0481),
 - having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 224 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C8-0307/2017),
 - having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to its resolution of 15 June 2017 on the funding of political parties and political foundations¹,
 - having regard to Rule 59 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and the opinions of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the Committee on Legal Affairs (A8-0000/2017),
1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;
 2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;
 3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

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

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014

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

¹ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2017)0274.

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) in Article 3, paragraph 1, the following point is inserted:

‘(b a) its member parties are not members of another European political party.’

Or. en

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation

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

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014

Article 10 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Present text

‘The European Parliament, the Council or the Commission may lodge with the Authority a request for verification of compliance by a specific European political party or European political foundation with the conditions laid down in point (c) of Article 3(1) and point (c) of Article 3(2). In such cases, and in the cases referred to in point (a) of Article 16(3), the Authority shall ask the committee of independent eminent persons established by Article 11 for an opinion on the subject. The committee shall give its opinion within two months.’

Amendment

(1b) the first subparagraph of Article 10(3) is replaced by the following:

‘The European Parliament, ***on its own initiative or following reasoned request from a group of citizens, according to the relevant provisions of its Rules of Procedure,*** the Council or the Commission may lodge with the Authority a request for verification of compliance by a specific European political party or European political foundation with the conditions laid down in point (c) of Article 3(1) and point (c) of Article 3(2). In such cases, and in the cases referred to in point (a) of Article 16(3), the Authority shall ask the committee of independent eminent persons established by Article 11 for an opinion on the subject. The committee shall give its opinion within two months.’

Or. en

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32014R1141&from=en>

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014

Article 18 – paragraph 3a

Text proposed by the Commission

3a. A European political party shall include in its application evidence demonstrating that its member parties have continuously published on their websites, during 12 months preceding the moment at which the applications is made, the political programme and logo of the European political party as well as information, in relation to each of the member parties of the European political party, on the gender representation among the candidates at the last elections to the European Parliament and among the Members of the European Parliament.

Amendment

3a. A European political party shall include in its application evidence demonstrating that ***the majority of its member parties and in any event a minimum of seven of them*** have continuously published on their websites, during 12 months preceding the moment at which the applications is made, the political programme and logo of the European political party as well as information, in relation to each of the member parties of the European political party, on the gender representation among the candidates at the last elections to the European Parliament and among the Members of the European Parliament.

Or. en

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014

Article 19 – paragraph 1 – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

— 95 % shall be distributed ***in proportion to their share of elected members of the European Parliament*** among the beneficiary European political parties.

Amendment

— 95 % shall be distributed among the beneficiary European political parties ***in proportion to their share of elected members of the European Parliament who are full members of a European political party.***

Or. en

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 5 – point b

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014

Article 27 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph ba

Text proposed by the Commission

(ba) where the party or foundation in question ***did not fulfil one or more of the conditions set out in Article 3(1) or Article 3(2) at the moment of its registration and where the party or foundation has provoked the decision to register it by means of false or incomplete information relating to those conditions; a decision removing the party or foundation from the Register shall be adopted within a reasonable period from the moment at which the Authority could have ascertained that the party or foundation in question did not fulfil the condition or conditions concerned;***

Amendment

(ba) where ***a decision to register*** the party or foundation in question ***is based on incorrect or misleading information for which the applicant is responsible or where that decision has been obtained by deceit;***

Or. en

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 7

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014

Article 38 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The European Parliament shall, after consultation of the Authority, publish ***five years*** after the moment at which this Regulation becomes applicable, a report on the application of this Regulation and on the activities funded. The report shall indicate, where appropriate, possible amendments to be made to the statute and funding systems.

Amendment

The European Parliament shall, after consultation of the Authority, publish ***at the end of the third year*** after the moment at which this Regulation becomes applicable ***and thereafter every five years,*** a report on the application of this Regulation and on the activities funded. The report shall indicate, where appropriate, possible amendments to be made to the statute and funding systems.

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 8

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014

Article 40a – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

By the way of derogation from Article 18(3a) and as regards applications for funding for the financial year 2019, the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall, before deciding on an application on funding, request evidence from a European political party demonstrating that ***its*** member parties have continuously published on their websites, for a period beginning one month after the entry into force of Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No. XX/2018, the political programme and logo of the European political party as well as information, in relation to each of the member parties of the European political party, on the gender representation among the candidates at the last elections to the European Parliament and among the members of the European Parliament.

Amendment

By the way of derogation from Article 18(3a) and as regards applications for funding for the financial year 2019, the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall, before deciding on an application on funding, request evidence from a European political party demonstrating that ***the majority of its member parties and in any event a minimum of seven of them*** have continuously published on their websites, for a period beginning one month after the entry into force of Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No. XX/2018, the political programme and logo of the European political party as well as information, in relation to each of the member parties of the European political party, on the gender representation among the candidates at the last elections to the European Parliament and among the members of the European Parliament.

Or. en

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 8

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014

Article 40a – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

‘1a. European political parties registered before the [date of application of Regulation (EU) 2018/... (the Amending Regulation)] shall, within three months from that date submit documents proving that they satisfy the conditions laid down in point (b) of Article 3(1).’

Or. en

Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 8

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014

Article 40a – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

‘1b. The Authority shall remove a European political party and its affiliated European political foundation from the Register where the party in question fails to prove within the period of time set out in paragraph 1a that it meets the conditions laid down in point (b) of Article 3(1).’

Or. en