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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

Irena Joveva

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Citizens' dialogues and Citizens' participation in the EU decision-making
(2020/2201(INI))

Amendment 1
Niklas Nienäß

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Considers that citizens' trust in the EU institutions *is* fundamental for democracy, good governance and effective policy-making and that for this reason *the* EU institutions must strive for the highest possible standards of transparency, accountability and integrity;

Amendment

1. Considers that citizens' ***understanding of and*** trust in the EU institutions ***are*** fundamental for democracy, good governance and effective policy-making and that for this reason ***all*** EU institutions must strive for the highest possible standards of transparency, accountability and integrity ***in all aspects of their work, especially with regards to holding meetings at highest levels publicly***;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Considers that citizens' trust in the EU institutions is fundamental for democracy, good governance and effective policy-making and that for this reason the EU institutions must strive for the highest possible standards of transparency, accountability and integrity;

Amendment

1. Considers that citizens' trust in the EU institutions is fundamental for democracy, good governance and effective policy-making and ***a key factor in building citizens' trust and confidence in the EU and its future, and*** that for this reason the EU institutions must strive for the highest possible standards of transparency, accountability and integrity;

Or. It

Amendment 3
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Considers that citizens' trust in the EU institutions is fundamental for democracy, good governance and effective policy-making and that for this reason the EU institutions must strive for the highest possible standards of transparency, accountability and integrity;

Amendment

1. Considers that citizens' trust in the EU institutions is fundamental for democracy, good governance and effective policy-making and that for this reason the EU institutions must strive for the highest possible standards of transparency, accountability and integrity **by taking specific, focused and coordinated relevant measures**;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Gianantonio Da Re

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Considers that citizens' trust in the EU institutions is fundamental for democracy, good governance and effective policy-making and that for this reason the EU institutions must strive for the highest possible standards of transparency, accountability and integrity;

Amendment

1. Considers that citizens' trust in the EU institutions is fundamental for democracy, good governance and effective policy-making and that for this reason the EU institutions must strive for the highest possible standards of transparency, **objectivity**, accountability and integrity;

Or. it

Amendment 5
Elżbieta Kruk

Draft opinion
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1. **Considers** that citizens' trust in the EU institutions is fundamental for democracy, good governance and effective

Amendment

1. **Underlines** that citizens' trust in the EU institutions is fundamental for democracy, good governance and effective

policy-making and that for this reason the EU institutions must strive for the highest possible standards of transparency, accountability and integrity;

policy-making and that for this reason the EU institutions must strive for the highest possible standards of transparency, accountability and integrity;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Petra Kammerevert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Points out that genuine dialogue is possible only if there is no language barrier, and therefore calls on the Commission to make much greater efforts to communicate with citizens in all the EU official languages and criticises as unacceptable the recent growing trend towards 'English only';

Or. de

Amendment 7
Niklas Nienäß

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Underlines the importance of culture and education as the backbone of our society and stresses their crucial role in shaping the historical, political and societal consciousness of our citizens; believes, therefore, that civic education is a key to enabling citizens' participation in political processes;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Welcomes the establishment of an Ethics body (2020/2133(INI)) as an independent authority to foster transparency in the EU institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Niklas Nienäß

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 b. Highlights the potential of culture, arts and creativity as tools for citizens to express their opinions on the future of Europe and therefore calls on the Commission to explore possibilities to make use of this potential in the context of the Conference on the Future of Europe as well as in form of a continuous method of political participation in the long term;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 b. Calls on the Commission to consider specific measures to ensure that

accountability and integrity are horizontally embedded in all the EU procedures and across the EU institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Niklas Nienäß

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 c. Recalls the "Declaration on Promoting citizenship and the common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through education" by the European education ministers from 17 March 2015, containing their demand to strengthen our actions in the field of education at European, national, regional and local levels in order to safeguard our pluralistic society;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 c. Stresses the need to financially invest in activities to strengthen transparency in the governance procedures of the EU institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 d. Urges the EU institutions to provide timely and fully transparent access to the public during all preparatory stages of the legislative documents and processes;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 e. Calls on the Commission to take further and specific measures in order to strengthen transparency with a special focusing on the EU decision-making regarding the allocation of any EU funding;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 f. Calls on the Commission to monitor and conduct systematic controls in order to ensure that organisations once registered in the Transparency Register keep covering transparency criteria overtime;

Amendment 16
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 g. Highlights that the EU institutions should lead by example regarding transparency, accountability and integrity; notes that there are lessons to take from current crisis and especially the vaccination agreements, which eventually hampered citizens' trust on the European institutions; urges the Commission to take specific measures to secure the highest transparency standards, adequately, timely and throughout all the stages of the decision procedures in the future, even if emergency procedures are followed;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 h. Highlights that MEPs and senior officials of the EU institutions should lead by example regarding transparency, accountability and integrity; suggests the strengthening of the measures to prevent incidents of revolving doors and conflicts of interests;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Asim Ademov, Tomasz Frankowski, Ioan-Rareş Bogdan, Peter Pollák, Isabel Benjumea Benjumea

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. *Stresses that all democratic means of participation for citizens must entail an open and transparent process that takes an inclusive, participatory and well-balanced approach to citizens and stakeholders; believes that dialogue between decision-makers and civil society should be organised in such a way that the diversity of our societies is fully reflected;*

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deleted

Or. en

Amendment 19 Alexis Georgoulis

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2. Stresses that all democratic means of participation for citizens must entail an open and transparent process that takes an inclusive, participatory and well-balanced approach to citizens and stakeholders; believes that dialogue between decision-makers and civil society should be organised in such a way that the diversity of our societies is fully reflected;

Amendment

2. Stresses that all democratic means of participation for citizens must entail an open and transparent process that takes an inclusive, participatory and well-balanced approach to citizens and stakeholders; ***notes that openness requires relevant adjustments to facilitate and remove bureaucracy barriers for citizens' participation in the EU decision-making;*** believes that dialogue between decision-makers and civil society should be organised in such a way that the diversity of our societies is fully reflected; ***highlights the need for inclusion measures especially for persons with disabilities, persons from vulnerable and marginalised backgrounds and LGBTIQ people; highlights that all citizens should***

have equal access and possibilities to exercise their democratic rights;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Ibán García Del Blanco, Marcos Ros Sempere, Predrag Fred Matić, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Łukasz Kohut

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses *that all* democratic means of participation for citizens *must* entail an open and transparent process that takes an inclusive, participatory and well-balanced approach to citizens and *stakeholders*; believes that dialogue between decision-makers and civil society should be organised in such a way that the diversity of our societies is fully reflected;

Amendment

2. Stresses *the importance of reviewing* democratic means of participation for citizens *so that these* entail an open and transparent process that takes an inclusive, participatory and well-balanced approach to citizens and *representative associations; as well as identifying current gaps*; believes that dialogue between decision-makers and *organised* civil society should be organised in such a way that the diversity of our societies is fully reflected;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Christine Anderson

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that all democratic means of participation for citizens must entail an open and transparent process that takes an inclusive, participatory and well-balanced approach to citizens and stakeholders; believes that dialogue between decision-makers and civil society *should be* organised in such a way that the diversity of our societies is *fully* reflected;

Amendment

2. Stresses that all democratic means of participation for citizens must entail an open and transparent process that takes an inclusive, participatory and well-balanced approach to citizens and stakeholders; believes that dialogue between decision-makers and civil society *is* organised in such a way that the diversity of our societies is reflected *on a proportional,*

and thus not preferential, basis;

Or. de

Amendment 22
Gianantonio Da Re

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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Amendment

2. Stresses that all democratic means of participation for citizens must entail an open and transparent process that takes an inclusive, participatory and well-balanced approach to citizens and stakeholders; believes that dialogue between decision-makers and civil society should be organised in such a way that the diversity *and needs* of our societies *and local communities are* fully reflected;

Or. it

Amendment 23
Niklas Nienäß

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2. Stresses that all democratic means of participation for citizens must entail an open and transparent process that takes an inclusive, participatory and well-balanced approach to citizens and stakeholders; believes that dialogue between decision-makers and civil society should be organised in such a way that the diversity of our societies is fully reflected *in all Member States*;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. *Notes that in order to strengthen inclusiveness, awareness and visibility, there is a need to improve accessibility as much as possible; suggests proceeding to adjustments on the websites and all the digital presence of the EU in order to be user-friendly and presented in an easily understandable manner and language; suggests including and investing further in translation services, so that all websites of the EU support all official languages; suggests for specific technical or other adjustments to be made to all websites of the EU in order to facilitate participation of persons with disabilities, as well as persons with dyslexia or any reading disorder or difficulty, which account for 9-12% of the European population, according to relevant estimates;*

Or. en

Amendment 25
Asim Ademov, Tomasz Frankowski, Ioan-Rareş Bogdan, Peter Pollák, Isabel Benjumea Benjumea, Željana Zovko

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. *Stresses that dialogue with citizens on their participation in the decision-making is necessary in order to build an even more democratic EU; considers that this will be a way to deepen European integration, promote the rule of law and build an even more just society, giving*

equal opportunities to all EU citizens; calls for enhances dialogues with citizens in order to spread information about EU policies and the rights deriving from the European citizenship; believes that dialogue between decision-makers and civil society should be organized in such a way that all parts of European societies are fully represented;

Or. en

Amendment 26

Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Laurence Farreng, Radka Maxová

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Highlights that the Conference on the Future of Europe will play a crucial role in the further development of the citizens' participation in the policy-making process in the European Union and pave the way to establish a new permanent mechanism for citizen participation, reforming and transforming current top-down approach into a bottom-up approach; considers necessary the integration of culture, education, youth and sport policy and participation of respective sectors in the Conference framework;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Ibán García Del Blanco, Marcos Ros Sempere, Predrag Fred Matić, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Łukasz Kohut, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Calls on the Commission to present a proposal for an Interinstitutional Agreement on civil dialogue based on article 11.2 TEU stating that institutions shall maintain an open, transparent and regular dialogue with representative associations and civil society;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Gianantonio Da Re

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Takes the view that in order for citizens to play an active and informed part in EU decision-making, they must have the right to acquire information and to submit and receive communications in all the official languages of the Union;

Or. it

Amendment 29
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 b. Notes that the procedures for citizens' participation in the EU decision-making should be as simplified as possible; highlights that along with the digital communication channels there is a need to empower traditional communication channels, so that citizens of low web literacy or limited web access may still have equal opportunities to the EU participation, dialogues and decision-

making;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 c. Reiterates the definition of equality according to the Chapter 3 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, as equality before the law, non-discrimination, diversity, gender equality and rights of children, elderly people and people with disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Niklas Nienäß

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Amendment

3. Notes that established channels for citizens to give their input on the EU decision-making process, such as the European citizens' initiative, the right of petition to the European Parliament, recourse to the European Ombudsman, public consultations and dialogues, lack visibility, accessibility and follow-up;

3. Notes that established channels for citizens to give their input on the EU decision-making process, such as the European citizens' initiative, the right of petition to the European Parliament, recourse to the European Ombudsman, public consultations and dialogues, lack visibility, accessibility and follow-up ***and therefore deny citizens a true participation; believes that the Commission by refusing to propose a legal follow-up on almost all successful ECIs failed to ensure that this tool could genuinely achieve its goal aimed at enhancing the democratic functioning of the Union through the participation of***

citizens in its democratic and political life; warns that the Commission's approach results in undermining citizens' trust in the EU institutions; underlines, in this regard, that by means of a resolution adopted in plenary the Parliament asked the Commission to ensure a legal follow-up on the Minority Safepack Initiative;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Notes that established channels for citizens to give their input on the EU decision-making process, such as the European citizens' initiative, the right of petition to the European Parliament, recourse to the European Ombudsman, public consultations and dialogues, lack visibility, accessibility and follow-up;

Amendment

3. Notes that established channels for citizens to give their input on the EU decision-making process, such as the European citizens' initiative, the right of petition to the European Parliament, recourse to the European Ombudsman, public consultations and dialogues, lack visibility, accessibility and follow-up; *notes that although there has been some relevant improvement, according to the EU survey in EU citizenship, there is still the need to work with a special focus on citizens' information and awareness on the ways they may use in order to exercise their democratic rights;*

Or. en

Amendment 33
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Ibán García Del Blanco, Marcos Ros Sempere, Predrag Fred Matić, Łukasz Kohut, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide

Draft opinion
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Or. en

Amendment 34
Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Notes that established channels for citizens to give their input on the EU decision-making process, such as the European citizens' initiative, the right of petition to the European Parliament, recourse to the European Ombudsman, public consultations and dialogues, lack visibility, accessibility and follow-up;

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3. Notes that established channels for citizens to give their input on the EU decision-making process, such as the European citizens' initiative, the right of petition to the European Parliament, recourse to the European Ombudsman, public consultations and dialogues, lack visibility, accessibility and follow-up; ***notes the need to raise citizens' awareness of such tools and promote their use;***

Or. It

Amendment 35
Isabel Benjumea Benjumea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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European citizens' initiative, the right of petition to the European Parliament, recourse to the European Ombudsman, public consultations and dialogues, **lack visibility, accessibility and follow-up;**

European citizens' initiative, the right of petition to the European Parliament, recourse to the European Ombudsman, public consultations and dialogues, **must be enhanced so that they are more streamlined, accessible and useful for citizens;**

Or. es

Amendment 36
Christine Anderson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Notes that established channels for citizens to give their input on the EU decision-making process, such as the European citizens' initiative, the right of petition to the European Parliament, recourse to the European Ombudsman, public consultations and dialogues, lack visibility, accessibility and follow-up;

Amendment

3. Notes that established channels for citizens to give their input on the EU decision-making process, such as the European citizens' initiative, the right of petition to the European Parliament, recourse to the European Ombudsman, public consultations and dialogues, **significantly** lack visibility, accessibility and follow-up;

Or. de

Amendment 37
Andrea Bocskor, Iuliu Winkler, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Expresses its deep disappointment at the decision of the European Commission on the European Citizens' Initiative Minority Safepack and its lack of consideration for the voice of over 1.1 million signatory citizens, its organizers and the European Parliament; highlights that the decision sends a wrong message

to the expectations expressed by millions of citizens, despite the vote of a very large majority in the European Parliament expressing their strong support for the initiative and calling on the Commission to propose legal acts on it;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Ibán García Del Blanco, Marcos Ros Sempere, Predrag Fred Matić, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Łukasz Kohut, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Believes that citizen's participation implies the development of an array of tools ranging from consultation to deliberation, as well as the development of structured permanent dialogue at EU level and at national level on EU issues with citizens and civil society organisations representing citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Petra Kammerevert

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Urges that, when significant legislative proposals are being considered, online cross-border EU dialogue with citizens should be developed alongside consultation procedures in all official languages;

Or. de

Amendment 40
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Calls on the Commission to prioritize citizens' access to information on the Union's activities in its external communication strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. Highlights the need for the Commission to further diversify the information and dissemination tools currently used; suggests designing programmes, actions or pilot projects where cultural and creative sectors may provide creative and innovative solutions relevant to this aim; suggests the integral incorporation of the cultural and creative sectors as they may indeed contribute the much-needed visibility for the aims relevant to EU decision-making awareness;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Asim Ademov, Tomasz Frankowski, Ioan-Rareş Bogdan, Peter Pollák, Isabel Benjumea Benjumea

Draft opinion

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4. Underlines the importance of fostering civic engagement and participation in a coordinated and coherent way at a local, regional, national and EU level; believes, in this connection, that the role and activities of European Commission Representations and European Parliament Liaison Offices (EPLOs) in the Member States should be strengthened, ***privileging the mainstreamed*** use of communication tools for the digital and physical participation of citizens;

Amendment

4. Underlines the importance of fostering civic engagement and participation in a coordinated and coherent way at a local, regional, national and EU level; believes, in this connection, that the role and activities of European Commission Representations and European Parliament Liaison Offices (EPLOs) in the Member States should be strengthened, ***in order to facilitate direct dialogue with the citizens and providing the access to information about the European Union and its policies, through the*** use of communication tools for the digital and physical participation of citizens, ***and calls for higher level participation at these meetings;***

Or. en

Amendment 43 Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Underlines the importance of fostering civic engagement and participation in a coordinated and coherent way at a local, regional, national and EU level; believes, in this connection, that the role and activities of European Commission Representations and European Parliament Liaison Offices (EPLOs) in the Member States should be strengthened, privileging the mainstreamed use of communication tools for the digital and physical participation of citizens;

Amendment

4. Underlines the importance of fostering civic engagement and participation in a coordinated and coherent way at a local, regional, national and EU level; believes, in this connection, that the role and activities of European Commission Representations and European Parliament Liaison Offices (EPLOs) in the Member States should be strengthened, privileging the mainstreamed use of communication tools for the digital and physical participation of citizens; ***suggests for specific measures to be taken to improve coordination also among the EU Committees, along with a broadening of the EU channels and communication***

practices;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Niklas Nienaß

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Underlines the importance of fostering civic engagement and participation in a coordinated and coherent way at a local, regional, national and EU level; believes, in this connection, that the role and activities of European Commission Representations and European Parliament Liaison Offices (EPLOs) in the Member States should be strengthened, privileging the mainstreamed use of communication tools for the digital and physical participation of citizens;

Amendment

4. Underlines the importance of fostering civic engagement and **active** participation in a coordinated and coherent way at a local, regional, national and EU level; believes, in this connection, that the role and activities of European Commission Representations and European Parliament Liaison Offices (EPLOs) in the Member States should be strengthened, privileging the mainstreamed use of communication tools for the digital and physical participation of citizens, **and the independence of their work safeguarded;**

Or. en

Amendment 45
Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Underlines the importance of fostering civic engagement and participation in a coordinated and coherent way at a local, regional, national and EU level; believes, in this connection, that the role and activities of European Commission Representations and European Parliament Liaison Offices (EPLOs) in the Member States should be strengthened, privileging the mainstreamed use of

Amendment

4. Underlines the importance of fostering civic engagement and participation in a coordinated and coherent way at a local, regional, national and EU level; believes, in this connection, that the role and activities of European Commission Representations and European Parliament Liaison Offices (EPLOs) in the Member States should be strengthened, privileging the mainstreamed use of

communication tools for the digital and physical participation of citizens;

communication tools for the digital and physical participation of citizens **and better dissemination of information about the EU**;

Or. It

Amendment 46
Niklas Nienäß

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Asks the Commission to provide the necessary attention to the new programme "Rights and Values", in enhancing a true and long term dialogue with citizens through the chapter dedicated to "the promotion of citizens engagement and participation in the democratic life of the EU"; underlines the necessity to reinforce the dialogue with the citizens, in also taking into account the urgency to address common concerns and events, i.e. in raising for example awareness of a common European history;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Notes that the voice of the citizens must become central to resolving the EU's internal and external challenges, which were not foreseen when the Treaty of Lisbon was signed, and stresses the importance of the Conference on the

Future of Europe, which is expected to encourage greater citizens' involvement in EU governance;

Or. lt

Amendment 48
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Suggests designing collaboration schemes between EPLOs and Education Ministries, so that civic engagement and participation activities are implemented in schools and education premises, focusing on youth;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 b. Suggests the establishment of scheduled and regular public hearings on citizens' dialogues and citizens' participation in the EU decision-making, where citizens, stakeholders and citizens' society representatives may take the floor and express their views on measures to improve civic engagement in the EU decision making;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 c. Suggests the conduct of scientific social research in order to explore the parameters that the Commission should focus on in order to improve civic participation in the EU decision-making;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 d. Suggests the scheduled and systematic conduct of evaluation assessments, where citizens may give their input and evaluate the available channels and procedures for their participation in EU dialogues and decision-making;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 e (new)

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Amendment

4 e. Suggests the design of an EU Civic Participation Strategy, including an action plan and a media plan; suggests the setting of specific aims and measurable goals for such a strategy, including quotas to secure gender balance

and overall representation of the diversity of our society; suggests the setting of long-term goals; highlights the importance of an ultimate goal to increase citizens' participation in the European elections;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 f. Suggests the mainstreaming of EU communication strategies to the broad public; suggests possible collaborations with artists and persons of celebrity from the cultural, creative, media or sport sectors, as ambassadors of the messages of civic participation in the EU dialogues and decision-making; suggests exploiting visibility and audience engagement that may be effectively provided by the cultural and creative sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 g (new)

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Amendment

4 g. Notes the need to foster visibility with specific activities where the public and the youth tend to gather; therefore, suggests that, after the pandemic, the physical presence of the EU should be strengthened, by introducing EU logos, banners and on-the-spot accessibility and

information points at the universities, establishing actions such as a European Information Week; suggests similar measures to highlight EU awareness in festivals, sport-events, concerts and cultural or other events of high attendance of the public;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Elżbieta Kruk

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. *Stresses that civic education and learning about the EU is key to enabling EU citizens to make informed choices; calls on the Commission to develop a common curriculum on EU learning in order to foster objective and critical thinking on the benefits of the European Union;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 56
Asim Ademov, Tomasz Frankowski, Ioan-Rareş Bogdan, Peter Pollák, Isabel Benjumea Benjumea, Željana Zovko

Draft opinion
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Amendment

5. Stresses that civic education and learning about the EU is key to enabling EU citizens to make informed choices; calls on the Commission to *develop a common curriculum on* EU learning in order to foster *objective and* critical thinking on the benefits of the European Union;

5. Stresses that civic education and learning about the EU is key to enabling EU citizens to make informed choices *and be an integral part of a democratic society; notes that European citizenship is a value that should be fostered in young students and welcomes the relevant initiatives of the European commission*

which promote mobility throughout the EU; calls on the Commission to provide support to complement educational programmes in all Member States to enhance EU learning in order to foster critical thinking on the benefits of the European Union with the aim of increasing citizens' participation in the EU decision making; considers that journalists should also have access to adequate training and that this can be achieved through both on-the-job training offered by schools of journalism;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Ibán García Del Blanco, Marcos Ros Sempere, Predrag Fred Matić, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Łukasz Kohut, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that civic education and learning about the EU is key to enabling EU citizens to make informed choices; calls on the Commission to develop *a* common curriculum on EU *learning* in order to foster objective and critical thinking on the benefits of the European Union;

Amendment

5. *Affirms that quality education, and particularly citizenship education, is one of the pillars of democracy; stresses that civic education and learning about the EU is key to improve European democracy and the future of the Union, enabling EU citizens to make informed choices; calls on the Commission to develop an indicative common curriculum on EU citizenship in order to foster a better understanding, among others, of the functioning of the EU, of the existing EU participatory mechanisms, of the histories and cultures of Member States, their European rights and obligations, as well as objective and critical thinking on the benefits of the European Union; considers that more investment is needed in training and capacity building programmes for educators on citizenship education;*

Or. en

Amendment 58
Isabel Benjumea Benjumea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that civic education and learning about the EU is key to enabling EU citizens to make informed choices; calls on the Commission to develop a common curriculum on EU learning in order to foster objective and critical thinking on the benefits of the European Union;

Amendment

5. Stresses that civic education and learning about the EU is key to enabling EU citizens to make informed choices; calls on the Commission to develop a common curriculum on EU learning, ***to be made available to the Member States for possible inclusion in their own curricula***, in order to foster objective and critical thinking on the benefits of the European Union ***or the areas in which it could be improved; recalls, moreover, the importance of strengthening participation in and access to programmes as representative of the Union's values as Erasmus+, whereby students, teachers, researchers or young people on work experience can study and work while experiencing Europe's culture and values;***

Or. es

Amendment 59
Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Radka Maxová, Laurence Farreng

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that civic education and learning about the EU is key to enabling EU citizens to make informed choices; calls on the Commission to develop a common curriculum on EU learning in order to foster objective and critical thinking on the benefits of the European Union;

Amendment

5. Stresses that civic education and learning about the EU is key to enabling EU citizens to make informed choices; calls on the Commission to develop a common curriculum on EU learning in order to foster objective and critical thinking on the benefits of the European Union; ***; welcomes the 'Back to school' and "Europe at school" initiatives as best***

practice examples of initiatives to popularise the European project; Calls for recognising the work of civil society organisations in civic education and learning, and thus also encourages a holistic approach to civic education, including both formal and non-formal education and informal learning”;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that civic education and learning about the EU is key to enabling EU citizens to make informed choices; calls on the Commission to develop a common curriculum on EU learning in order to foster objective and critical thinking on the benefits of the European Union;

Amendment

5. Stresses that civic education and learning about the EU is key to enabling EU citizens to make informed choices; calls on the Commission to develop a common curriculum on EU learning in order to foster objective and critical thinking on the benefits of the European Union; *stresses the need to build this curriculum on the shared European values of human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, rule of law and human rights; highlights the need to include in this curriculum clear connections between the EU and citizens’ everyday needs and possibilities;*

Or. en

Amendment 61
Gianantonio Da Re

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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learning about the EU is key to enabling EU citizens to make informed choices;

Or. it

Amendment 62
Christine Anderson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that civic education and learning about the EU is key to enabling EU citizens to make informed choices; calls on the Commission to develop a common curriculum on EU learning in order to foster objective and critical thinking on the benefits of the European Union;

Amendment

5. Stresses that ***neutral*** civic education and learning about the EU ***and parliamentary culture in the individual Member States*** is key to enabling EU citizens to make informed choices; calls on the Commission to develop ***and propose to the Member States*** a common curriculum on EU learning in order to foster objective and critical thinking on the benefits of the European Union;

Or. de

Amendment 63
Niklas Nienäß

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that civic education and learning about the EU ***is*** key to enabling EU citizens to make informed choices; calls on the Commission to develop a common curriculum on EU learning in order to foster objective and critical thinking on the benefits of the European

Amendment

5. Stresses that civic education and learning about the EU ***as well as independent media are*** key to enabling EU citizens to make informed choices; calls on the Commission to develop a common curriculum on EU learning in order to foster objective and critical thinking on the

Union;

benefits of the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Ibán García Del Blanco, Marcos Ros Sempere, Predrag Fred Matic, Łukasz Kohut, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Invites the Commission to develop a comprehensive European strategy on citizenship education in view of the risk posed to our democracies by national populism, online disinformation and the polarising social tensions in Europe and abroad; considers that such strategy should seek to inform citizens' about European democratic systems; enhance citizens' understanding of the interplay between the EU and the Member States' roles in the EU decision-making process and how EU policies are made, nurture public awareness about the benefits, rights and obligations of being a EU citizen, raise awareness about innovative ways of citizens' participation in EU decision-making and co-creation of policy solutions; such strategy should support safeguarding the rule of law, minority rights in Europe and the values of an open and inclusive society, reinforce youth engagement in public life by promoting innovative and novel ways of political representation and participation, improve digital competences, social media literacy and critical thinking in media consumption;

Or. en

Amendment 65

Elżbieta Kruk

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Stresses that civic education and learning about the EU is key to enabling EU citizens to make informed choices; the action at EU level in this area must be in accordance with the Treaties and it is the exclusive competence of the Member States to organise education systems and define the content of education (core curriculum and syllabuses); underlines that the European Commission cannot create a single common curriculum, which is incompatible with the principles of subsidiarity and runs counter to respect for the diversity of the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Niklas Nienäß

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Underlines the right of all citizens to availability and accessibility of information in their mother tongue; warns that language barriers limit citizens' engagement and participation in the political process; considers that technology, especially language technology, can help overcome those language barriers and asks the EU institutions to make use of them so that no citizen is left behind;

Or. en

Amendment 67

Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Stresses the importance of focusing on youth in any EU learning activities; suggests that youth-engaging tools are promoted with a special focus on multimedia, new media, social media, videogames, animations, mobile apps, mobile games, quizzes and other youth-friendly formats or solutions provided by the cultural and creative sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Laurence Farreng, Radka Maxová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Believes that ensuring youth participation will be an essential part of the long-lasting impact of citizens' dialogue initiatives; welcomes peer-to-peer educational programs, such as The European Youth Parliament and the EU Youth Structured dialogue as examples of good practices;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Laurence Farreng, Radka Maxová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Stresses that the current COVID-19 crisis and the digital transition have introduced new ways of work at the European Union institutions; ; calls therefore for the systematic use of various online platforms and tools for the dialogue between EU institutions and the citizens as well as providing opportunities for civil society input and comments on specific legislation proposals;

Or. en

Amendment 70

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Ibán García Del Blanco, Marcos Ros Sempere, Predrag Fred Matić, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Ask the Commission to explore the establishment of an European Agency for Citizenship education in charge of improving access to and the quality of citizenship education in all EU member states and support the development of a European dimension of citizenship education, for all age groups, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Ibán García Del Blanco, Marcos Ros Sempere, Predrag Fred Matić, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Łukasz Kohut, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 c. Recalls that the right of education is the first principle of the European Pillar of Social rights, including the right

to education to fully participate in social life, believes that to this end citizenship education covering the national and European level must be ensured;

Or. en

Amendment 72

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Ibán García Del Blanco, Marcos Ros Sempere, Predrag Fred Matić, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Łukasz Kohut, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 d. Calls on the EU and national governments to increase its investment in formal and informal civic education, on active citizenship and democratic competences;

Or. en

Amendment 73

Isabel Benjumea Benjumea

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Underlines the right of citizens to have access to reliable and factual information on the European Union, its policies and **decision-making** processes; **recognises the need to establish a neutral, independent and informative common European news centre, available in all of the EU's official languages; calls for downstream feedback, fact-checking and moderation in relation to disinformation to be introduced into the functioning of online platforms.**

6. Underlines the right of citizens to have access to reliable and factual information on the European Union, its policies and **decision-making** processes.

Or. es

Amendment 74
Gianantonio Da Re

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Underlines the right of citizens to have access to reliable and factual information on the European Union, its policies and decision-making processes; ***recognises the need to establish a neutral, independent and informative common European news centre, available in all of the EU's official languages; calls for downstream feedback, fact-checking and moderation in relation to disinformation to be introduced into the functioning of online platforms.***

Amendment

6. Underlines the right of citizens to have access to reliable and factual information on the European Union, its policies and decision-making processes.

Or. it

Amendment 75
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Underlines the right of citizens to have access to reliable and factual information on the European Union, its policies and decision-making processes; recognises the need to establish a neutral, independent and informative common European news centre, available in all of the EU's official languages; calls for downstream feedback, fact-checking and moderation in relation to disinformation to be introduced into the functioning of online platforms.

Amendment

6. Underlines the right of citizens to have access to reliable and factual information on the European Union, its policies and decision-making processes; recognises the need to establish a neutral, independent and informative common European news centre, available in all of the EU's official languages; ***considers it necessary to take measures to combat the spread of fake news, especially in times of crises, such as the current health crisis, which requires valid, reliable and timely information;*** calls for downstream feedback, fact-checking and moderation in relation to disinformation to be introduced

into the functioning of online platforms;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Elżbieta Kruk

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Underlines the right of citizens to have access to reliable and factual information on the European Union, its policies and decision-making processes; recognises the need to establish a neutral, independent and informative common European news centre, available in all of the EU's official languages; calls for downstream feedback, fact-checking and moderation in relation to disinformation to be introduced into the functioning of online platforms.

Amendment

6. Underlines the right of citizens to have access to reliable and factual information on the European Union, its policies and decision-making processes; recognises the need to establish a neutral, independent and informative common European news centre, available in all of the EU's official languages; calls for downstream feedback, fact-checking and moderation (***respecting fundamental rights, in particular freedom of expression***) in relation to disinformation to be introduced into the functioning of online platforms.

Or. en

Amendment 77
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Ibán García Del Blanco, Marcos Ros Sempere, Predrag Fred Matić, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Łukasz Kohut, Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Underlines the right of citizens to have access to reliable and factual information on the European Union, its policies and decision-making processes; recognises the need to ***establish a*** neutral, independent and informative common European news ***centre***, available in all of the EU's official languages; calls for

Amendment

6. Underlines the right of citizens to have access to reliable and factual information on the European Union, its policies and decision-making processes; recognises the need to ***diversify access to*** neutral, independent and informative common European news ***and the value of existing European media outlets***, available

downstream feedback, fact-checking and moderation in relation to disinformation to be introduced into the functioning of online platforms.

in all of the EU's official languages; calls for downstream feedback, fact-checking and moderation in relation to disinformation to be introduced into the functioning of online platforms;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Niklas Nienaß

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Underlines the right of citizens to have access to reliable and factual information on the European Union, its policies and decision-making processes; recognises the need to establish a neutral, independent and informative common European news centre, available in all of the EU's official languages; calls for downstream feedback, fact-checking and moderation in relation to disinformation to be introduced into the functioning of online platforms.

Amendment

6. Underlines the right of citizens to have access to reliable, **independent** and factual information on the European Union, its policies and decision-making processes; recognises the need to establish a neutral, independent and informative common European news centre, available in **at least** all of the EU's official languages; calls for downstream feedback, fact-checking and moderation in relation to disinformation to be introduced into the functioning of online platforms.

Or. en

Amendment 79
Christine Anderson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Underlines the right of citizens to have access to reliable and factual information on the European Union, its policies and decision-making processes; recognises the need to establish a neutral, independent and informative common European news centre, available in all of

Amendment

6. Underlines the right of citizens to have access to reliable and factual information on the European Union, its policies and decision-making processes; recognises the need to establish a neutral, **impartial**, independent and informative common European news centre, available

the EU's official languages; calls for downstream feedback, fact-checking and moderation in relation to disinformation to be introduced into the functioning of online platforms.

in all of the EU's official languages; calls for downstream feedback, **neutral** fact-checking and moderation in relation to disinformation to be introduced into the functioning of online platforms.

Or. de

Amendment 80

Asim Ademov, Tomasz Frankowski, Ioan-Rareş Bogdan, Peter Pollák, Isabel Benjumea Benjumea, Željana Zovko

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Underlines the right of citizens to have access to **reliable and factual** information on the European Union, its policies and decision-making processes; **recognises the need to establish a neutral, independent and informative common European news centre, available in all of the EU's official languages**; calls for downstream feedback, fact-checking and moderation in relation to disinformation to be introduced into the functioning of online platforms.

Amendment

6. Underlines the right of citizens to have access to information on **the functioning of** the European Union, its policies and decision-making processes **through** independent European **media sources**; **recalls that the EU institutions should ensure strengthened and proactive communication** in all official languages; calls for downstream feedback, fact-checking and moderation in relation to disinformation to be introduced into the functioning of online platforms.

Or. en

Amendment 81

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Ibán García Del Blanco, Marcos Ros Sempere, Predrag Fred Matić, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Łukasz Kohut, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. Welcomes the European Democracy Action Plan (EDAP) objective to improve citizens' participation in democratic systems through informed decision-making; emphasises the need to

ensure youth participation and civic engagement of people from disadvantaged backgrounds under Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity; welcomes the announced measures in the EDAP to strengthen media freedom, freedom of expression and quality journalism, looks forward to the Commission's proposals for practical and efficient tools to better secure the safety of journalists, which are all too often subject to threats and undue intimidation, thereby limiting citizen's right to information, notes with concern the lack of specific proposals to ensure artistic freedom and grant protection to censored and prosecuted artists and invites the Commission to further develop this area under the DEAP;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. *Emphasizes that there are lessons to be learnt from the current crisis, in terms of transparency, information and dissemination, coordination and proactive approach; suggests the design of regular and scheduled announcements or information briefings open to the public through the media, so that the citizens get updated directly by the EU officials and that a feeling of proximity and safety is cultivated; stresses the need to create action plans, communication programmes and campaigns in order to educate and prepare citizens for future crisis management; suggests for such actions to be implemented as a broad EU initiative to reach out to society and through schools;*

Amendment 83

Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Laurence Farreng, Radka Maxová

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. Recalls the EP position on the Conference on the Future of Europe and reiterates the need to create structures of engagement for young people and youth organisations within the Conference on the Future of Europe process.

Or. en

Amendment 84

Christine Anderson

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Notes that Euronews is not an effective tool to achieve this objective, and therefore calls on the Commission not to renew the contract with Euronews;

Or. de

Amendment 85

Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 b. Notes that culture provides with the tools for experience-based learning and involvement which facilitate the

understanding and engagement of the public regarding the relevant messages; suggests that, in order to make people understand and get engaged, there is a need to further involve culture, creativity and the cultural and creative sectors in the communication activities relevant to the citizens' dialogues and citizens' participation in the EU decision-making; therefore, suggests that in the actions, programmes, pilot projects or any other EU funded activities supporting public awareness on EU-decision making cultural activities should be plainly included as eligible, including festivals, performances, concerts or any other cultural interventions either in the traditional, the digital or a hybrid form.

Or. en

Amendment 86

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Ibán García Del Blanco, Marcos Ros Sempere, Predrag Fred Matić, Łukasz Kohut, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 b. Draws attention to the new Citizenship, Equality, Rights and Values programme expected to give more visibility and impact to activities that contribute to citizen's dialogues and engagement in participative democracies; stresses the importance of ensuring continuity and increased resources for town twinning and remembrance activities that positively impact on mutual understanding and tolerance among citizens; welcomes the introduction of activities aimed at fostering further European values under this programme with the involvement of civil society organisations, calls for the swift establishment of the 'Civil Dialogue

Group', included in said programme;

Or. en

Amendment 87

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Ibán García Del Blanco, Marcos Ros Sempere, Predrag Fred Matić, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Łukasz Kohut, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 c. *Calls on the Commission to include meaningful participation of citizens and civil society organisations in the Conference on the future of Europe, considers that to this end, proper methodologies and tailored tools enabling deep engagement and understanding of the topics debated are crucial, in particular in its European dimension;*

Or. en

Amendment 88

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Predrag Fred Matić, Łukasz Kohut

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 d. *Considers that representatives of the youth, citizen's and civil society agoras should participate as permanent members in the plenary of the conference; believes that the Conference on the Future of Europe should discuss how to reinforce European action in the fields of education, culture and youth.*

Or. en

