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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft report**  
**Łukasz Kohut**  
(PE750.184v01-00)

Implementation of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme 2021-2027 – citizens' engagement and participation  
((2023/2004(INI))



### **Amendment 1**

**Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Citation 4**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

– having regard to ***the human and fundamental rights enshrined in*** the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,

###### *Amendment*

– having regard to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,

Or. en

### **Amendment 2**

**Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Citation 5 a (new)**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

###### *Amendment*

– ***having regard to the European Parliament report of 6th of April 2022 on the implementation of citizenship education actions (2021/2008(INI)),***

Or. en

### **Amendment 3**

**Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Citation 5 b (new)**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

###### *Amendment*

– ***having regard to the Council Recommendation of 22nd of May 2018 on promoting common values, inclusive education, and the European dimension of teaching;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 4**

**Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Citation 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

– *having regard to the Commission communication of 7 October 2020 entitled ‘A Union of Equality: EU Roma strategic framework for equality, inclusion and participation’ (COM(2020)0620),* *deleted*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 5**

**Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Citation 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

– *having regard to the Commission communication of 7 October 2020 entitled ‘A Union of Equality: EU Roma strategic framework for equality, inclusion and participation’ (COM(2020)0620),*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 6**

**Romeo Franz**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital A**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

A. whereas active *citizen* participation in political and cultural life is a fundamental right that should be equally accessible to all; whereas the Universal Declaration of Human Rights provides for

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the right to participate in government and free elections, the right to participate in the cultural life of the community and the right to peaceful assembly and association, enabling full participation in society;

participate in government and free elections, the right to participate in the cultural life of the community and the right to peaceful assembly and association, enabling full participation in society;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 7**

**Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital B**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas citizenship of the Union gives people various rights, in particular the right to petition Parliament on any issue within the EU's responsibility, the right to raise perceived cases of maladministration by any EU institution with the European Ombudsman, the right to write to any EU institution in one of the EU's official languages and receive a reply in the same language and the right to access Parliament, Council and Commission documents ***under certain conditions***;

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B. whereas citizenship of the Union gives people various rights, in particular the right to petition Parliament on any issue within the EU's responsibility, the right to raise perceived cases of maladministration by any EU institution with the European Ombudsman, the right to write to any EU institution in one of the EU's official languages and receive a reply in the same language and the right to access Parliament, Council and Commission documents ***according to the EU legal framework in force***;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 8**

**Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital C**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

C. whereas present and emerging systemic challenges, such as the climate crisis, global pandemics, the digital shift and migration, require the adaptation of structures and approaches ***granting*** active participation ***to*** citizens in society; whereas

##### *Amendment*

C. whereas present and emerging systemic challenges, such as the climate crisis, global pandemics, the digital shift and migration, require the adaptation of structures and approaches ***ensuring*** active participation ***of*** citizens in society;

the active digital engagement of citizens should take into account and address the digital gap between generations;

*whereas Union programmes promoting a European society of engagement, our rights and values, and the sense of belonging are more important than ever, also increasing socio-civic competences and critical thinking; whereas the active digital engagement of citizens should enable to improve overall digital literacy as well as take into account and address the digital gap between generations;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 9**

**Peter Pollák, Tomasz Frankowski, Michaela Šojdrová**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital C**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

C. whereas present and emerging systemic challenges, such as the climate crisis, global pandemics, the digital shift and migration, require the adaptation of structures and approaches granting active participation to citizens in society; whereas the active digital engagement of citizens should take into account and address the digital gap between generations;

##### *Amendment*

C. whereas present and emerging systemic challenges, such as the climate crisis, global pandemics, the digital shift and migration, *inflation and social inequalities*, require the adaptation of structures and approaches granting active *and meaningful* participation to citizens in society, *including those with fewer opportunities such as citizens of different social backgrounds*; whereas the active digital engagement of citizens should take into account and address the digital gap between generations, *social groups as well as between well connected urban areas and rural and remote areas*;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 10**

**Romeo Franz**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital C**

*Motion for a resolution*

C. whereas present and emerging systemic challenges, such as the climate crisis, global pandemics, the digital shift **and migration**, require the adaptation of structures and approaches granting active participation to citizens in society; whereas the active digital engagement of citizens should take into account and address the digital gap between generations;

*Amendment*

C. whereas present and emerging systemic challenges, such as the climate crisis, global pandemics, the digital shift, **nationalism and authoritarianism**, require the adaptation of structures and approaches granting active participation to citizens in society; whereas the active digital engagement of citizens should take into account and address the digital gap between generations;

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Andrey Slabakov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C**

*Motion for a resolution*

C. whereas **present and emerging** systemic challenges, such as the climate crisis, global **pandemics**, the digital shift and migration, require the adaptation of structures and approaches granting active participation to citizens in society; whereas the active digital engagement of citizens should take into account and address the digital gap between generations;

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Victor Negrescu**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Motion for a resolution*

D. whereas citizen engagement must be understood as multi-level, encompassing local, regional, national,

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European and global processes; whereas the ongoing processes of globalisation and European integration will require the new generation of Europeans to be increasingly politically engaged at multiple levels in order to be able to live and work internationally and navigate difference in their daily lives; whereas societies are becoming more diverse, making respect for the diversity of cultures and origins and the rejection of any kind of discrimination towards women, LGTBIQ people or minorities ever more important within Europe;

European and global processes; ***whereas participants from rural areas must be encouraged to participate in the programme; whereas widening participation from citizens from all Member States is necessary***; whereas the ongoing processes of globalisation and European integration will require the new generation of Europeans to be increasingly politically engaged at multiple levels in order to be able to live and work internationally and navigate difference in their daily lives; whereas societies are becoming more diverse, making respect for the diversity of cultures and origins and the rejection of any kind of discrimination towards women, LGTBIQ people or minorities ever more important within Europe;

Or. en

### **Amendment 13** **Romeo Franz**

#### **Motion for a resolution** **Recital D**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

D. whereas citizen engagement must be understood as multi-level, encompassing local, regional, national, European and global processes; whereas the ongoing processes of globalisation and European integration will require the new generation of Europeans to be increasingly politically engaged at multiple levels in order to be able to live and work internationally and navigate difference in their daily lives; whereas societies are becoming more diverse, making respect for the diversity of cultures and origins and the rejection of any kind of discrimination towards women, LGTBIQ people or minorities ever more important within Europe;

##### *Amendment*

D. whereas citizen engagement must be understood as multi-level, encompassing local, regional, national, European and global processes, ***through which people develop and express their opinions on political affairs and try to take part in and influence the decisions that affect their lives***; whereas the ongoing processes of globalisation and European integration will require the new generation of Europeans to be increasingly politically engaged at multiple levels in order to be able to live and work internationally and navigate difference in their daily lives; whereas societies are becoming more diverse, making respect for the diversity of cultures and origins and the rejection of any kind of discrimination towards women,



LGTBIQ people or minorities ever more important within Europe;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 14**

**Peter Pollák, Tomasz Frankowski, Michaela Šojdrová**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital D**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

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D. whereas citizen engagement must be understood as multi-level, encompassing local, regional, national, European and global processes; whereas the ongoing processes of globalisation and European integration will require the new generation of Europeans to be increasingly politically engaged at multiple levels in order to be able to live and work internationally and navigate difference in their daily lives; whereas societies are becoming more diverse, making respect for the **human dignity**, diversity of cultures and origins and the rejection of any kind of discrimination towards women, LGTBIQ people or minorities ever more important within Europe;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 15**

**Andrey Slabakov**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

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##### *Motion for a resolution*

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European integration will require the new generation of Europeans to be increasingly politically engaged at multiple levels in order to be able to live and work internationally and navigate difference in their daily lives; whereas societies are becoming more diverse, making respect for the diversity of cultures and origins and the rejection of any kind of discrimination towards women, ***LGTBIQ people or minorities ever more important within Europe;***

European integration will require the new generation of Europeans to be increasingly politically engaged at multiple levels in order to be able to live and work internationally and navigate difference in their daily lives; whereas societies are becoming more diverse, making respect for the diversity of cultures and origins and the rejection of any kind of discrimination towards women ***and marginalised groups***

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Lukasz Kohut**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Motion for a resolution*

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Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Andrey Slabakov**

## Motion for a resolution

### Recital E

#### *Motion for a resolution*

E. ***whereas socio-political changes observed in Member States, ranging from social polarisation and low institutional trust to democratic backsliding, the erosion of the rule of law, exclusionary nationalism and the instrumentalisation of Euroscepticism for political purposes, along with the rise of extremist movements and authoritarianism, may pose a serious threat to European democracies and destabilise the Union as a whole;*** whereas strengthening citizens' active participation and engagement through formal, non-formal, informal and lifelong learning and education can play an important role in countering this trend;

#### *Amendment*

E. whereas strengthening citizens' active participation and engagement through formal, non-formal, informal and lifelong learning and education can play an important role in countering this trend;

Or. en

## Amendment 18

Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

## Motion for a resolution

### Recital E

#### *Motion for a resolution*

E. whereas socio-political changes observed in Member States, ranging from social polarisation and ***low institutional trust*** to democratic backsliding, the erosion of the rule of law, exclusionary nationalism and the instrumentalisation of Euroscepticism for political purposes, along with the rise of extremist movements ***and*** authoritarianism, may pose a serious threat to European democracies and destabilise the Union as a whole; whereas strengthening citizens' active participation and engagement through formal, non-formal, informal and lifelong learning and education ***can play an important*** role in countering this trend;

#### *Amendment*

E. whereas socio-political changes observed in Member States, ranging from social polarisation and ***mistrust*** to democratic backsliding, the erosion of the rule of law, exclusionary nationalism and the instrumentalisation of Euroscepticism for political purposes, along with the rise of extremist movements, authoritarianism, ***entryism of religious fundamentalisms, as well as disinformation campaigns***, may pose a serious threat to European democracies and destabilise the Union as a whole; whereas strengthening citizens' active participation and engagement through formal, non-formal, informal and lifelong learning and education ***plays a***

*fundamental* role in countering this trend;

Or. en

## **Amendment 19**

**Romeo Franz**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital E**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

E. whereas socio-political changes observed in Member States, ranging from social polarisation and low institutional trust to democratic backsliding, the erosion of the rule of law, exclusionary nationalism and the instrumentalisation of Euroscepticism for political purposes, along with the rise of extremist movements and authoritarianism, ***may pose*** a serious threat to European democracies and ***destabilise*** the Union as a whole; whereas strengthening citizens' active participation and engagement through formal, non-formal, informal and lifelong learning and education can play an important role in countering this trend;

##### *Amendment*

E. whereas socio-political changes observed in Member States, ranging from social polarisation and low institutional trust to democratic backsliding, the erosion of the rule of law, ***shrinking space for civil society***, exclusionary nationalism and the instrumentalisation of Euroscepticism for political purposes, along with the rise of extremist movements and authoritarianism, ***are posing*** a serious threat to European democracies and ***destabilising*** the Union as a whole; whereas strengthening citizens' active participation and engagement through, ***but not limited to***, formal, non-formal, informal and lifelong learning and education can play an important role in countering this trend;

Or. en

## **Amendment 20**

**Andrey Slabakov**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital F**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

***F. whereas the emergence of a European citizenship has been hindered by a knowledge gap and an emotional gap, and should therefore be accompanied and reinforced by a set of mechanisms enabling citizen participation***

##### *Amendment*

***deleted***

*and intercultural dialogue; whereas a better understanding of our shared European history and stronger citizen engagement in social and political life can have a beneficial impact on an emerging European identity that complements citizens' multiple local, national, geographical, cultural or other identities;*

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Victor Negrescu**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F**

*Motion for a resolution*

F. whereas the emergence of a European citizenship has been hindered by a knowledge gap and an emotional gap, and should therefore be accompanied and reinforced by a set of mechanisms enabling citizen participation and intercultural dialogue; whereas a better understanding of our shared European history and stronger citizen engagement in social and political life can have a beneficial impact on an emerging European identity that complements citizens' multiple local, national, geographical, cultural or other identities;

*Amendment*

F. whereas the emergence of a European citizenship has been hindered by a knowledge gap and an emotional gap, and should therefore be accompanied and reinforced by a set of mechanisms enabling citizen participation and intercultural dialogue; whereas a better understanding of our shared European history and stronger citizen engagement in social and political life can have a beneficial impact on an emerging European identity that complements citizens' multiple local, national, geographical, cultural or other identities; *whereas active citizens' participation and dialogues are interlinked with the European dimension of citizenship education; whereas participation from citizens can also contribute to the creation of an European citizenship with clear rights and obligations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou**

## Motion for a resolution

### Recital F

#### *Motion for a resolution*

F. whereas the emergence of a European citizenship has been hindered by **a** knowledge **gap and an** emotional **gap**, and should therefore be accompanied and reinforced by a set of mechanisms enabling citizen participation and intercultural dialogue; whereas a better understanding of our shared European history and stronger citizen engagement in social and political life can have a beneficial impact on an emerging European identity that complements citizens' multiple local, national, geographical, cultural or other identities;

#### *Amendment*

F. whereas the emergence of a European citizenship has been hindered by knowledge **and** emotional **gaps about the EU**, and should therefore be accompanied and reinforced by a set of mechanisms enabling citizen participation and intercultural dialogue **such as the CERV programme**; whereas a better understanding of our shared European history and stronger citizen engagement in social and political life can have a beneficial impact on an emerging European identity that complements citizens' multiple local, national, geographical, cultural or other identities;

Or. en

## Amendment 23

Łukasz Kohut

## Motion for a resolution

### Recital F

#### *Motion for a resolution*

F. whereas the emergence of a European citizenship has been hindered by a knowledge gap and an emotional gap, and should therefore be accompanied and reinforced by a set of mechanisms enabling citizen participation and intercultural dialogue; whereas a better understanding of our shared European history and stronger citizen engagement in social and political life can have a beneficial impact on an emerging European identity that complements citizens' multiple local, national, geographical, cultural or other identities;

#### *Amendment*

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Or. en

## **Amendment 24**

**Romeo Franz**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital F**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

F. whereas the emergence of a European citizenship has been hindered by a knowledge gap and an emotional gap, and should therefore be accompanied and reinforced by a set of mechanisms enabling citizen participation and intercultural dialogue; whereas a better understanding of our shared European history and stronger citizen engagement in social and political life can have a beneficial impact on *an* emerging European *identity* that complements citizens' multiple local, national, geographical, cultural or other identities;

##### *Amendment*

F. whereas the emergence of a European citizenship has been hindered by a knowledge gap and an emotional gap, and should therefore be accompanied and reinforced by a set of mechanisms enabling citizen participation and intercultural dialogue; whereas a better understanding of our shared European history and stronger citizen engagement in social and political life can have a beneficial impact on emerging European *identities* that complements citizens' multiple local, national, geographical, cultural or other identities;

Or. en

## **Amendment 25**

**Łukasz Kohut**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital G**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

G. whereas insufficient citizen engagement, limited knowledge of the EU and poor understanding of its added value may contribute to the perception of a democratic deficit and *may* lead to Euroscepticism in Member States;

##### *Amendment*

G. whereas insufficient citizen engagement, limited knowledge of the EU and poor understanding of its added value may contribute to the perception of a democratic deficit and lead to Euroscepticism in Member States;

Or. en

## **Amendment 26**

**Andrey Slabakov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital H**

*Motion for a resolution*

H. whereas the shrinking of civic space in the European Union and other countries participating in the programme is affecting democratic participation and the ability of civil society organisations to act as checks and balances with regard to the rule of law; whereas actions to support and enable the participation of civil society, ***including grassroots-level organisations that have long track records and considerable experience***, are paramount for defending democracy, the rule of law and human rights in Member States.

*Amendment*

H. whereas the shrinking of civic space in the European Union and other countries participating in the programme is affecting democratic participation and the ability of civil society organisations to act as checks and balances with regard to the rule of law; whereas actions to support and enable the participation of civil society, are paramount for defending democracy, the rule of law and human rights in Member States.

Or. en

**Amendment 27**  
**Romeo Franz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital H**

*Motion for a resolution*

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*Amendment*

H. whereas the shrinking of civic space in the European Union and other countries participating in the programme is affecting democratic participation and the ability of civil society organisations to act as checks and balances with regard to the rule of law; whereas actions to support and enable the participation of civil society, including ***minorities' and*** grassroots-level organisations that have long track records and considerable experience, are paramount for defending democracy, the rule of law and human rights in Member States.

Or. en



**Amendment 28**

**Romeo Franz**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital H a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ha. whereas minorities' civil society organisations are key for self-representation and civic engagement of minoritised people, especially for those groups that lack other formal pathways for political representation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 29**

**Romeo Franz**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital H b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Hb. whereas third country nationals residing in the EU were over 22 million people in 2020; whereas these groups lack the access to formal political activities, resulting in the lives of millions of people being impacted by decisions that are made without their involvement or input; whereas this represents a fundamental democratic deficit across the union at all levels and a challenge to producing sustainable, equitable and effective policies and programmes, whereas the realisation of human rights related to political and public participation of non-citizens play a crucial role in the promotion of democratic governance, the rule of law, social inclusion, economic development, and elimination of marginalisation and discrimination in the EU;***

Or. en

## Amendment 30

Romeo Franz

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 1

##### *Motion for a resolution*

1. Firmly believes that the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme makes a unique contribution to enhancing civic engagement and participation from a fundamental rights perspective by effectively combining values, civil dialogue and citizenship, while also promoting gender equality and the fight against discrimination and violence; is of the opinion that the CERV programme is essential for addressing shrinking civic space and challenges to the rule of law across Europe.

##### *Amendment*

1. Firmly believes that the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme makes a unique contribution to enhancing civic engagement and participation from a fundamental rights perspective by effectively combining values, civil dialogue and citizenship, while also promoting gender equality and the fight against discrimination and violence; is of the opinion that the CERV programme is essential for addressing shrinking civic space and challenges to the rule of law across Europe. ***Encourages the programme to support actions aimed at building the resilience of civil society organisations, including those focused on the rule of law and union values.***

Or. en

## Amendment 31

Andrey Slabakov

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 1

##### *Motion for a resolution*

1. Firmly believes that the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme makes a unique contribution to enhancing civic engagement and participation from a fundamental rights perspective by effectively combining values, civil dialogue and citizenship, while also ***promoting gender equality and the fight*** against discrimination and violence; ***is of the opinion that the CERV***

##### *Amendment*

1. Firmly believes that the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme makes a unique contribution to enhancing civic engagement and participation from a fundamental rights perspective by effectively combining values, civil dialogue and citizenship, while also ***fighting*** against discrimination and violence;

*programme is essential for addressing shrinking civic space and challenges to the rule of law across Europe.*

Or. en

## **Amendment 32**

**Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

1. Firmly believes that the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme makes a unique contribution to enhancing civic engagement and participation from a fundamental rights perspective by effectively combining values, civil dialogue and citizenship, while also promoting gender equality and the fight against discrimination and violence; is of the opinion that the CERV programme is essential *for* addressing *shrinking civic space and challenges to the rule of law across Europe.*

##### *Amendment*

1. Firmly believes that the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme makes a unique contribution to enhancing civic engagement and participation from a fundamental rights perspective by effectively combining values, civil dialogue and citizenship, while also promoting gender equality, *historical consciousness* and the fight against discrimination and violence; is of the opinion that the CERV programme is *an essential instrument for the future of the EU in* addressing *socio-political challenge, such as the knowledge gap, Euroscepticism and the erosion of* the rule of law across Europe;

Or. en

## **Amendment 33**

**Łukasz Kohut**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

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perspective by effectively combining values, civil dialogue and citizenship, while also promoting gender equality *and* the fight against discrimination *and* violence; is of the opinion that the CERV programme is essential for addressing shrinking civic space and challenges to the rule of law across Europe.

perspective by effectively combining values, civil dialogue and citizenship, while also promoting gender equality, *and the diversity through the assistance for preserving the regional heritage as well as* the fight against discrimination, violence; is of the opinion that the CERV programme is essential for addressing shrinking civic space and challenges to the rule of law across Europe.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 34**

**Peter Pollák, Tomasz Frankowski, Michaela Šojdrová**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 1**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

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1. Firmly believes that the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme makes a unique contribution to enhancing civic engagement and participation from a fundamental rights perspective by effectively combining values, civil dialogue and citizenship, while also promoting *social and* gender equality and the fight against discrimination and violence; is of the opinion that the CERV programme is essential for addressing shrinking civic space and challenges to the rule of law across Europe.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 35**

**Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 2**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

###### *Amendment*

2. Recalls that the implementation of the CERV programme is still in its early stages, as the regulation establishing the programme was only adopted in 2021; points out that for this reason, only a few projects in Strand 3 have been completed and there is little information available from beneficiaries to enable results to be evaluated accurately;

2. Recalls that the implementation of the CERV programme is still in its early stages, as the regulation establishing the programme was only adopted in 2021; points out that for this reason, only a few projects in Strand 3 have been completed and there is little information available from beneficiaries to enable results to be evaluated accurately; ***insists on the need for strong monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for future evaluations of the programme;***

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Romeo Franz**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***2a. Calls on the Commission to prioritise data collection for disadvantaged groups into the CERV programme, including marginalised communities, minorities, and vulnerable populations, in order to address their unique challenges, promote research into their experiences, and establish monitoring mechanisms to ensure their meaningful participation in civic engagement initiatives. This approach will help inform policy development, elevate their voices, and create a more inclusive and equitable programme.***

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Andrey Slabakov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Underlines that the programme faced several challenges that hindered the initial stages of its implementation, many of which were external factors, such as the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's war of aggression on Ukraine, ***and that these disrupted and compromised citizens' rights and participation in democracy***; notes, however, that ***implementation then picked up and is now going*** well;

*Amendment*

3. Underlines that the programme faced several challenges that hindered the initial stages of its implementation, many of which were external factors, such as the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's war of aggression on Ukraine; notes, however, that ***following the slow start, currently the programme is functioning*** well;

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Victor Negrescu**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***3a. Highlights that awareness campaigns must be organized in order to reach a wider population, especially from the rural areas;***

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

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do not have the time and resources required to go through the application process; considers that the design of these tools limits the programme's ability to adapt to new developments and changing needs; calls for the elimination of the administrative burden and the simplification of the application, contracting and reporting processes;

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Or. en

**Amendment 40**  
**Romeo Franz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4a. Underlines that in order to ease administrative requirements, it is necessary to simplify procedures and reduce red tape associated with EU funding. This also includes streamlining the application and reporting processes and introducing a more efficient application process for organisations that have signed multi-year framework partnership agreements. As well as the provision of greater flexibility for anticipating policy developments.***

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Victor Negrescu**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4a. Stresses that the programme's proposals and tenders, but also the***

*indications on how to participate must be translated in all EU languages in order to widen participation from all Member States and ensure the right diversity;*

Or. en

**Amendment 42**  
**Romeo Franz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**4b.** *Calls for significant review of the programme application process, as it's considered a limitation for a small-scale organisation to participate in the programme. Calls on this regard to make the application portal more user friendly.*

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

5. ***Underlines*** that it is not obligatory for Member States to set up a CERV programme national contact point (NCP) that offers ***unbiased*** advice, helpful information and support to applicants, stakeholders and beneficiaries, including assistance with the application process, while sharing easy-to-understand information about programme outcomes; notes with regret, nevertheless, that only 20 Member States had NCPs by June 2023;

5. ***Deplores*** that it is not obligatory for Member States to set up a CERV programme national contact point (NCP) that offers ***neutral*** advice, helpful information and support to applicants, stakeholders and beneficiaries, including assistance with the application process, while sharing easy-to-understand information about programme outcomes; notes with regret, nevertheless, that only 20 Member States had NCPs by June 2023;

Or. en



**Amendment 44**  
**Romeo Franz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Calls on the Commission to strengthen civil dialogue in such a way as to support a two-way process between institutions at all levels and all relevant stakeholders, and as part of the implementation of Article 11 of Regulation (EU) 2021/692, using civil dialogue as a tool to determine priorities for the two-year work programme and promoting further the collective dimension of civic engagement as a critical dimension of democracy and of the rule of law; recalls, in this regard, that innovative actions to support dialogue with civil society should be promoted, including with a view to fostering a culture of trust-based partnership with grantees; calls, in particular, for capacity-building actions to support the wide participation of civil society, particularly through links with other funding schemes provided through shared management, such as the technical support instrument;

*Amendment*

7. Calls on the Commission to strengthen civil dialogue in such a way as to support a two-way process between institutions at all levels and all, relevant stakeholders, ***specially civil society organisations***, and as part of the implementation of Article 11 of Regulation (EU) 2021/692, using civil dialogue as a tool to determine priorities for the two-year work programme and promoting further the collective dimension of civic engagement as a critical dimension of democracy and of the rule of law; recalls, in this regard, that innovative actions to support dialogue with civil society should be promoted, including with a view to fostering a culture of trust-based partnership with grantees; calls, in particular, for capacity-building actions to support the wide participation of civil society, particularly through links with other funding schemes provided through shared management, such as the technical support instrument; ***Also Integrate civil dialogue throughout the program, with a focus on civil society participation in the governance of the programme.***

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Victor Negrescu**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***7a. Recalls the need to tackle citizens'***

*active participation by enhancing the European dimension of citizenship education, both in curricular, as well as in extracurricular activities; highlights that a truly European citizenship education can inform and form citizens in the spirit of civic engagement and participation and that, in this sense, an EU manual can be the right tool to provide equal access to EU citizenship education;*

Or. en

**Amendment 46**  
**Romeo Franz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Calls on the Member States that have not yet designated NCPs to do so as quickly as possible and calls on the Commission to continue working with the NCP network through meetings, training measures and dedicated exchanges, as these have been organised very successfully so far;

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Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Romeo Franz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**8a. Encourages the Commission, member states and NCPs to establish a European network of NCPs to facilitate the sharing of best practices and the exchange of knowledge among them;**

Or. en

**Amendment 48**  
**Romeo Franz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**8b. Emphasise the importance of including non-citizens who live in the EU, and their self-led organisations, in the target group of the CERV programme, which will foster democratic governance, the rule of law, social inclusion;**

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

9. Takes note of the results of introducing different types of re-granting mechanisms under the CERV programme, which have been very encouraging so far; calls for a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the different re-granting calls with a view to possibly extending their use to the other strands of the CERV programme, where relevant, and in particular to Strand 3, in order to ensure that EU funding reaches grassroots-level

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civil society organisations that have long track records and considerable experience; urges the Commission to further simplify the administrative procedures and requirements for re-granting to give organisations applying for re-granting more flexibility vis-à-vis sub-grantees, ***ensuring appropriate working, healthcare and social protection standards***; believes that the co-funding requirements could be revised with a view to adapting the rules to the beneficiary's situation in order to support a larger variety of beneficiaries and thematic fields; underlines that funding provided from the CERV programme in the field of rights, equality, values and civic engagement, for which other sources of funding are very scarce or absent, should cover a greater percentage of grant amounts;

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Or. en

## **Amendment 50**

### **Romeo Franz**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

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Or. en

## **Amendment 51**

### **Lukasz Kohut**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

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Or. en

## **Amendment 52**

### **Romeo Franz**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***9a. Calls for the introduction of additional funding within CERV for the establishment of an ad-hoc mechanism for the protection of human rights defenders, similar to mechanisms in place for human rights defenders outside the***

**Amendment 53**

**Peter Pollák, Tomasz Frankowski, Michaela Šojdrová**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9a. Emphasizes that effective communication and awareness-raising activities are essential for the success of the programme, therefore they need to be prioritized in order to engage potential beneficiaries, especially at local level;**

**Amendment 54**

**Andrey Slabakov**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

10. Acknowledges that exchanges and participation in activities under the CERV programme are key for building the capacity of civil society organisations for civic engagement and the promotion of **Union** values in **non-EU** countries; underlines that active engagement and commitment to European values do not **start with** accession **agreements** and are the outcome of the long-standing work of activists and civil society organisations to promote these ideas and support local activists in non-EU countries; **calls, therefore, for the CERV programme to cover the participation costs of civil society representatives, at least those from candidate and associated countries,**

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*regardless of whether their country is involved in the CERV programme;* stresses the need to address the challenges associated with the war in Ukraine by encouraging projects with Ukrainian partners through remembrance and democratic participation activities;

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Or. en

**Amendment 55**  
**Łukasz Kohut**

**Motion for a resolution**  
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Or. en



**Amendment 56**

**Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Salima Yenbou**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**10a. Reiterates its wish for the Commission to make the CERV programme a lever for action in the field of European historical consciousness by actively supporting structures that aim at fostering critical historical memory, for instance on transnational research and visiting places of memory, both in the EU and beyond; particularly to denounce historical and cultural revisionism; calls on the Commission and Member States, considering the enlargement of its 2023 areas of priorities beyond remembrance, to the utmost caution with regards to calls for proposals related to decolonisation and to ensure close monitoring as to avoid any kind of instrumentalisation of such sensitive societal issues in a number of Member States;**

Or. en

**Amendment 57**

**Romeo Franz**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**10a. Encourages the Commission to facilitate the participation of non-EU citizens through the engagement of non-EU civil society organisations and representatives in CERV activities, particularly for candidate or associated countries,**

Or. en

**Amendment 58**

**Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***10b. Asks for the CERV programme to support the emerging dynamic of linking town twinning and networks of towns to the twinning of education establishments, which can reinforce the European dimension, the exchange of good practices and the sense of belonging;***

Or. en

**Amendment 59**

**Romeo Franz**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***10b. Encourages the Commission to establish a network of CERV beneficiaries to share their experiences, and to exchange best practices and a deeper understanding of local and national realities across the EU and beyond;***

Or. en

**Amendment 60**

**Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11a. Calls for the Commission and Member States to consider a considerable***

*increase of scale and funding during the next Multi-Annual Financial Framework (MFF) in view of the Conclusions of the Conference on the future of Europe on European citizenship and education, as well as the strategic importance of the CERV programme for the implementation of EU priorities;*

Or. en

**Amendment 61**  
**Romeo Franz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*11a. In order to assess the effectiveness of Regranting Mechanisms, a specific assessment must be conducted to determine their effectiveness in reaching grassroots groups and promoting EU values and citizenship. Evaluate the flexibility of the mechanism and its ability to support organisations in countries with shrinking civic space.*

Or. en