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Draft report
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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,

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– 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

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

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Or. en

Amendment 3
Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

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

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Or. en
Amendment 4
Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution
Citation 6

Motion for a resolution

– 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),

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Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

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Amendment 6
Romeo Franz

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

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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;

Amendment 7
Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment 8
Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution
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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;

Amendment 9
Peter Pollák, Tomasz Frankowski, Michaela Šojdrová

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

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Amendment 10
Romeo Franz

Motion for a resolution
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Amendment 11
Andrey Slabakov

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Amendment 12
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

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Amendment 14
Peter Pollák, Tomasz Frankowski, Michaela Šojdrová

Motion for a resolution
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Amendment 15
Andrey Slabakov

Motion for a resolution
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Łukasz Kohut

Motion for a resolution
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Amendment 17
Andrey Slabakov
Motion for a resolution
Recital E

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Amendment 18
Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution
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Or. en

Amendment 20
Andrey Slabakov

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

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Amendment 21
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

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Amendment 22
Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou
Motion for a resolution
Recital F

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 23
Łukasz Kohut

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en
Amendment 24
Romeo Franz

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

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Or. en

Amendment 25
Łukasz Kohut

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

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;

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Or. en

Amendment 26
Andrey Slabakov
Motion for a resolution
Recital H

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.

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Amendment 27
Romeo Franz

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

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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**

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.

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Or. en

Amendment 31
Andrey Slabakov

**Motion for a resolution**
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Amendment 32
Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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Amendment 33
Łukasz Kohut

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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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.

Amendment 34
Peter Pollák, Tomasz Frankowski, Michaela Šojdrová

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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Amendment 35
Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

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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;

Amendment 36
Romeo Franz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

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.

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;

Amendment 38
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

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

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

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Is concerned that the use and introduction of new digital tools for the implementation of EU funds (e.g. the eGrants tool) appear to be a key issue for beneficiaries with regard to the programme’s development; regrets that complex procedures have also hindered the participation of smaller organisations that

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4. Is concerned that the use and introduction of new digital tools for the implementation of EU funds (e.g. the eGrants tool) appear to be a key issue for beneficiaries with regard to the programme’s development; regrets that complex procedures have also hindered the participation of smaller organisations that
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;

Amendment 40
Romeo Franz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

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.

Amendment 41
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

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;

Amendment 42  
Romeo Franz

Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 4 b (new)

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.

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

Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 5

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;
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;

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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

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;

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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Amendment 47
Romeo Franz

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

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

Romeo Franz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 b (new)

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

Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

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
Amendment 50
Romeo Franz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

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Amendment 51
Łukasz Kohut

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

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Amendment 52
Romeo Franz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9a (new)

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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
EU or the protection of journalists.

Amendment 53
Peter Pollák, Tomasz Frankowski, Michaela Šojdrová

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

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

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,
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;

Amendment 55
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

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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,
Amendment 58
Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 b (new)

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)

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)

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;

Amendment 61
Romeo Franz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

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.