



**2020/2201(INI)**

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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 113**

**Draft opinion**

**Loránt Vincze**

(PE691.183v01-00)

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



**Amendment 1**  
**Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**  
**Citation 1 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

- ***having regard to the EU gender equality strategy 2020-2025, the EU LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025, the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child, the Strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030;***

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**  
**Citation 2 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

- ***having regard to the Anti-racism Action Plan 2020-2025 and the EU Roma strategic framework for equality, inclusion and participation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**  
**Citation 3 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

- ***having regard to Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)11 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the need to strengthen the protection and promotion of civil society space in Europe;***

**Amendment 4**  
**Diana Riba i Giner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***A a. whereas citizens' participation is a core fundamental right and should include all aspects and levels of decision-making; whereas dialogue and participation by all groups of civil society in EU decision-making is one of the prerequisites for a functioning democratic Union and for fostering democratic security; whereas citizens' dialogues and participation mechanisms should fully reflect the diversity of our society as the cornerstone for better policies and enhanced good governance;***

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***A a. whereas improving citizens' participation and transparency at EU level is key to close the gap between the European Union and the citizens and representative organisations, in order to overcome the low citizens' trust and confidence in EU institutions and achieve a real multi-level democracy;***

Or. en

## **Amendment 6**

**Hilde Vautmans, Ramona Strugariu, Michal Šimečka, Brando Benifei, Caterina Chinnici, Cyrus Engerer, Dragoș Pîslaru, Milan Brglez, Josianne Cutajar, Ioan-Rareș Bogdan, Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Romeo Franz, Dietmar Köster, Marisa Matias, José Gusmão, Mounir Satouri**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Recital A a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*A a. whereas people between 0 and 25 years old represent one third of Europeans; whereas their voice is exceptionally important and the future of Europe is theirs;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 7**

**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Recital A b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*A b. whereas the lack of transparency prevents public debate on any piece of legislation; whereas not all stakeholders have equal access to the EU institutions or information about their work; whereas the Commission should carry out open, transparent and regular dialogues with civil society organisations, as part of a broader strategy for civil dialogue;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 8**

**Diana Riba i Giner**

### **Draft opinion**

**Recital A b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***A b. whereas effective democracy depends on citizens having a say and being heard; whereas meaningful citizens participation should be ensured in theory and in practice; whereas according to a Eurobarometer survey on socio-demographic trendlines (2007-2020)<sup>1a</sup>, only 45% of the citizens consider that their voice counts in the EU;***

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<sup>1a</sup> <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/at-your-service/en/heard/eurobarometer/socio-demographic-trends-edition-7>

Or. en

**Amendment 9**

**Hilde Vautmans, Ramona Strugariu, Michal Šimečka, Brando Benifei, Caterina Chinnici, Cyrus Engerer, Dragoș Pîslaru, Milan Brglez, Josianne Cutajar, Ioan-Rareș Bogdan, Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Romeo Franz, Dietmar Köster, Marisa Matias, José Gusmão, Mounir Satouri**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital A b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***A b. whereas Articles 12 until 17 of the UNCRC include the civil and political rights of children and form important components of ensuring that children will be able to participate effectively in public decision-making processes;***

Or. en

**Amendment 10**

**Diana Riba i Giner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*A c. whereas specific attention needs to be given to ensure that all voices are heard and that systemic ways to embed rights-based, meaningful, inclusive, transparent and accessible participation of all citizens in EU decision-making should be implemented;*

Or. en

**Amendment 11**

**Hilde Vautmans, Ramona Strugariu, Michal Šimečka, Brando Benifei, Caterina Chinnici, Cyrus Engerer, Dragoș Pîslaru, Milan Brglez, Josianne Cutajar, Ioan-Rareș Bogdan, Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Romeo Franz, Dietmar Köster, Marisa Matias, José Gusmão**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*A c. whereas Article 24 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights prescribes that children may express their views freely and that such views shall be taken into consideration on matters which concern them in accordance with their age and maturity;*

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*A c. whereas the EU institutions should*

*pay special attention to socially and economically disadvantaged groups of the population and increase their involvement in the public life and in decision-making;*

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Diana Riba i Giner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*A d. whereas the involvement of women in all their diversity and of all backgrounds in EU decision-making is still a challenge; whereas persons with disabilities often have their views disregarded in favour of other people speaking or making decisions on their behalf; whereas child and youth participation is still scarce in EU decision-making; whereas LGTBI+ people, migrant and refugee and ethnic minority groups, representing some of the most marginalised and excluded groups, have even fewer opportunities to participate in EU decision-making process;*

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Hilde Vautmans, Ramona Strugariu, Michal Šimečka, Brando Benifei, Caterina Chinnici, Cyrus Engerer, Dragoş Pîslaru, Milan Brglez, Josianne Cutajar, Ioan-Rareş Bogdan, Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Romeo Franz, Dietmar Köster, Marisa Matias, José Gusmão, Mounir Satouri**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*



*A d. whereas the 2019 elections to the European Parliament showed that there is still progress to be made to increase participation of people with a racial or ethnic minority background in European elections and their representation as elected members and staff of the European parliament;*

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*A d. whereas the EU institutions should create the conditions necessary for the effective participation of persons belonging to minorities in decision-making and public affairs, in particular those affecting them;*

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*A e. whereas Member States should consider increasing the participation of migrants and refugees in decision-making procedures affecting their lives, by ensuring that they participate actively and in a meaningful way in relevant public consultation processes and relevant consultation bodies;*

**Amendment 17**

**Hilde Vautmans, Ramona Strugariu, Michal Šimečka, Brando Benifei, Caterina Chinnici, Cyrus Engerer, Dragoș Pîslaru, Milan Brglez, Josianne Cutajar, Ioan-Rareș Bogdan, Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Romeo Franz, Dietmar Köster, Marisa Matias, José Gusmão, Mounir Satouri**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital A e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*A e. whereas political rights – including the acquisition of citizenship – are a major driver for migrant inclusion.<sup>1a</sup>*

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*<sup>1a</sup> Fundamental Rights Agency, Together in the EU - Promoting the participation of migrants and their descendants, 2017.*

**Amendment 18**

**Hilde Vautmans, Ramona Strugariu, Michal Šimečka, Brando Benifei, Caterina Chinnici, Cyrus Engerer, Dragoș Pîslaru, Milan Brglez, Josianne Cutajar, Ioan-Rareș Bogdan, Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Romeo Franz, Dietmar Köster, Marisa Matias, José Gusmão, Mounir Satouri**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital A f (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*A f. whereas the EU recognised the need to support initiatives that seek to remove institutional and structural barriers to equality, inclusion and participation of underrepresented and disadvantaged groups in society, including by promoting their role and contribution in society and demystifying the legacy of colonialism<sup>2a</sup>;*

*2<sup>a</sup> Some of the recognised reasons are lack of political will to facilitate and include underrepresented voters, systemic and institutionalised discrimination and polarisation, socio-economic challenges as a preliminary obstacle to political participation and insufficient financial support.*

*[https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/eu-citizen\\_-\\_type\\_a\\_report\\_-\\_infographics\\_-\\_a4\\_full.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/eu-citizen_-_type_a_report_-_infographics_-_a4_full.pdf)*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 19**

**Hilde Vautmans, Ramona Strugariu, Michal Šimečka, Brando Benifei, Caterina Chinnici, Cyrus Engerer, Dragoş Pîslaru, Milan Brglez, Josianne Cutajar, Ioan-Rareş Bogdan, Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Romeo Franz, Dietmar Köster, Marisa Matias, José Gusmão, Mounir Satouri**

#### **Draft opinion**

**Recital A g (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*A g. whereas the EU highlighted the specific challenges faced by racialised communities, including migrants and refugees, with the COVID-19 crisis, notably that the risk of rising racism and xenophobia may represent additional obstacles tot heir participation in the labour market and in society at large<sup>3<sup>a</sup></sup>;*

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*<sup>3<sup>a</sup></sup> Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: A Union of equality : EU anti-racism action plan 2020-2025.*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 20**

**Diana Riba i Giner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Underlines that the level of EU citizens' engagement in the EU participatory democracy process and the subsequent use of tools is proportionate to the level of knowledge of EU actions and policies within the Union's multi-level governance system;

*Amendment*

1. Underlines that the level of EU citizens' engagement in the EU participatory democracy process and the subsequent use of tools is proportionate to the level of knowledge of EU actions and policies within the Union's multi-level governance system; **highlights that citizens' participation is an instrumental element to achieve more democratic and representative decisions, which is apart of empowerment and thus, a component of good governance; stresses that a functioning democracy also requires that people are free to point out deficiencies in the system and to suggest improvements; underlines that citizen's dialogue and citizens' participation are necessary for democratic scrutiny and recalls the importance that citizens contribute to good governance by holding authorities accountable;**

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Underlines that the level of EU citizens' engagement in the EU participatory democracy process and the subsequent use of tools is proportionate to the level of knowledge of EU actions and policies within the Union's multi-level governance system;

*Amendment*

1. Underlines that the level of EU citizens' engagement in the EU participatory democracy process and the subsequent use of tools is proportionate to the level of knowledge of EU actions and policies **and to the available instruments of participation** within the Union's multi-level governance system; **believes that the**

*EU institutions should develop an awareness-raising strategy on the functioning and the decision-making of the Union to be promoted at local, regional and national level, in order to overcome the lack of knowledge about the functioning and the decision-making of the Union;*

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Loránt Vincze**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Underlines that the level of EU citizens' engagement in the EU participatory democracy process and the subsequent use of tools is proportionate to the level of knowledge of EU actions and policies within the Union's multi-level governance system;

*Amendment*

1. Underlines that the level of EU citizens' engagement in the EU participatory democracy process and the subsequent use of tools is proportionate to the level of knowledge of EU actions and policies within the Union's multi-level governance system; ***points out that European citizens are not sufficiently aware of their rights as EU citizens, including the right to vote in European and local elections when they exercise their right to mobility;***

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Diana Riba i Giner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

***1 a. Points out that access to information, consultation, and active involvement throughout the whole EU***

*decision-making process are essential elements to achieve meaningful participation; highlights the importance of ensuring involvement in the EU decision-making process of those affected by a decision; underlines the need to provide feedback to ensure that citizens' inputs are taken seriously;*

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1 a. Calls on the EU institutions to use an intersectional approach to citizens' participation and dialogue to achieve diversity and pluralism <sup>1a</sup>*

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*1a*

*[https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/igt\\_btiq\\_strategy\\_2020-2025\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/igt_btiq_strategy_2020-2025_en.pdf) p. 4 ,  
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52020DC0152&from=EN> p. 1,  
[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2021-0025\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2021-0025_EN.html) under D.*

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**1 a. Considers that new mechanisms associating EU citizens and their elected representatives in the Parliament should be designed in order to improve citizens participation;**

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Cristian Terheş**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**1 a. Highlights the fact that the turnout has constantly fallen in EU elections since 1979 to 2014, with 2019 being an exception;**

Or. en

**Amendment 27**  
**Diana Riba i Giner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**1 b. Stresses that building and reinforcing inclusiveness in our societies, and thereby empowering all citizens to exercise and defend their rights and to play an active part in democratic life is an essential element of democratic scrutiny; calls on the Commission to ensure all citizens of all backgrounds are involved in the EU decision-making process;**

Or. en

**Amendment 28**  
**Cristian Terheş**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1 b. Stresses that the Covid-19 pandemic was used as an excuse by Member States to implement many non-transparent, non-democratic and even abusive measures at the expense of citizens' fundamental and democratic rights like the right to free movement, access to justice, access to public information, privacy etc.;***

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1 b. Underlines the need to differentiate between citizens' tools for accountability, participation, dialogue, consultation and implementation and enhance and develop tools for these respectively;***

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Cristian Terheş**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 c (new)**



*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1 c. Highlights the fact that in many Member States the judiciary has overturned a series of abusive measures implemented under the pretext of combating the spread of the Covid19 virus; deplores, at the same time, that in some Member States the judiciary has avoided, under various pretexts, to judge and rule on the legality and proportionality of the anti-Covid-19 measures, leaving citizens exposed to non-democratic and abusive measures;***

Or. en

**Amendment 31  
Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 1 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1 c. Calls on the commission to create a digital platform with information on how young people can participate in political processes, inclusive of people with disabilities, all official EU languages as well as other minority languages;***

Or. en

**Amendment 32  
Cristian Terheş**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 1 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1 d. Deplores the fact that in a number of Member States the governments have classified information on public***

*procurement during the Covid-19 pandemic, thus increasing the risk of corruption and mistrust among citizens; calls on these Member States to reverse these abusive measures and provide full transparency for journalists and citizens;*

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Evin Incir, Domènec Ruiz Devesa**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1 d. Calls on the commission to increase funding for projects promoting the understanding of the functioning of the EU and its fundamental values; stresses the need to ensure access to funding for organisations, including through micro grants and simplified and adapted application processes;*

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Cristian Terhes**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1 e. Notes with concern that the contracts signed by the European Commission with the pharmaceutical companies developing the anti-Covid-19 vaccines have sections and provisions which have not yet been made public; emphasizes that all official acts or contracts adopted or signed by the European entities or Member States that*

*concern the rights, freedoms, liberties  
and/or health of European citizens must  
be public in their entirety;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 35**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Loránt Vincze, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Lukasz Kohut, Dietmar Köster, Pietro Bartolo, Petar Vitanov, Cyrus Engerer, Evin Incir**

#### **Draft opinion Paragraph 2**

##### *Draft opinion*

2. Stresses the need for supportive measures aimed at increasing civic literacy and building civic capacity to encourage citizens' understanding of the policymaking process and to promote civic engagement in the actions of the Union;

##### *Amendment*

2. Stresses the need for supportive measures aimed at increasing civic literacy and building civic capacity to encourage citizens' understanding of the policymaking process and to promote civic engagement in the actions of the Union;  
*considers to that end that stronger action by Member States and the Commission in fostering EU citizenship education is necessary; calls on the Commission to provide support to complement educational programmes and training in all Member States, notably by supporting the development of a common curriculum on European citizenship education; invites the Commission and the Member States to develop a comprehensive European strategy on civic and citizenship education accompanied by supporting platforms to promote its implementation;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 36**

**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

#### **Draft opinion Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Stresses the need for supportive measures aimed at increasing civic literacy and building civic capacity to encourage citizens' understanding of the policymaking process and to promote civic engagement in the actions of the Union;

*Amendment*

2. Stresses the need for supportive measures aimed at increasing civic literacy and building civic capacity to encourage citizens' understanding of the policymaking process and to promote civic engagement in the actions of the Union; ***stresses the need to open up lines of communication between the EU institutions and the citizens; recommends, to that end, strengthening medias' and social medias' role to improve citizens' knowledge on the EU institutions works;***

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Diana Riba i Giner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

2. Stresses the need for supportive measures aimed at increasing civic literacy and building civic capacity to encourage citizens' understanding of the policymaking process and to promote civic engagement in the actions of the Union; ***urges the Commission and the Member States to step up efforts in this direction;***

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Evin Incir, Domènec Ruiz Devesa**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

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measures aimed at increasing civic literacy ***through formal and non-formal citizenship education*** and building civic capacity to encourage citizens' understanding of the policymaking process and to promote civic engagement in the actions of the Union;

Or. en

### **Amendment 39**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Łukasz Kohut, Dietmar Köster, Pietro Bartolo, Petar Vitanov, Cyrus Engerer, Evin Incir**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2 a. Considers that citizens' trust in the EU institutions is fundamental for democracy, good governance and effective policy-making, believes that the EU institutions must strive for the highest possible standards of transparency, accountability and integrity; calls in particular on the Council to increase transparency as regards to its decision making process and access to documentation;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 40**

**Dragoş Tudorache**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2 a. Stresses the need to address the interplay between digitalization and democracy, and combine traditional methods of engagement with digital***

*platforms as a participation instrument that would allow citizens to better understand and explore the democratic process and how to better contribute as active social actors;*

Or. en

**Amendment 41**

**Peter Pollák**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2 a. Highlights that all citizens should have equal access and possibilities to exercise their rights, and asks for specific inclusion measures in citizens' dialogue for persons with fewer opportunities as well as for vulnerable and marginalised groups;*

Or. en

**Amendment 42**

**Hilde Vautmans, Ramona Strugariu, Michal Šimečka, Olivier Chastel, Brando Benifei, Caterina Chinnici, Cyrus Engerer, Dragoș Pîslaru, Milan Brglez, Josianne Cutajar, Ioan-Rareș Bogdan, Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Romeo Franz, Dietmar Köster, Marisa Matias, José Gusmão, Mounir Satouri**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2 a. Encourages EU Member States to include children's rights and the functioning of the EU as part of national curricula and promote engagement by young people in EU decision-making processes;*

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Peter Pollák**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2 b. Supports awareness raising activities to improve accessibility of information to citizens;**

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Łukasz Kohut, Dietmar Köster, Pietro Bartolo, Petar Vitanov, Cyrus Engerer, Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

3. Welcomes the inclusion in the Rights and Values Programme of a citizens' engagement and participation strand designed to promote citizens' engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union;

3. Welcomes the inclusion in the Rights and Values Programme of a citizens' engagement and participation strand designed to promote citizens' engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union; ***stresses the importance of ensuring continuity and increased resources for this strand; calls for the swift establishment of the 'Civil Dialogue Group', included in said programme;***

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Diana Riba i Giner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Welcomes the inclusion in the Rights and Values Programme of a citizens' engagement and participation strand designed to promote citizens' engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union;

*Amendment*

3. Welcomes the inclusion in the ***Citizens, Equality***, Rights and Values Programme of a citizens' engagement and participation strand designed to promote citizens' engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union;

Or. en

**Amendment 46**  
**Cristian Terheş**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. ***Welcomes*** the inclusion in the Rights and Values Programme of a citizens' engagement and participation strand designed to promote citizens' engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union;

*Amendment*

3. ***Notes*** the inclusion in the Rights and Values Programme of a citizens' engagement and participation strand designed to promote citizens' engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union;

Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

***3 a. Believes that adequate measures are needed to raise awareness of citizens' right to the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI), complaints to the European Ombudsman and petitions to the European Parliament;***

*Amendment*

Or. en



**Amendment 48**  
**Loránt Vincze**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3 a. Calls on the Commission to strengthen existing instruments of engagement with citizens, particularly those referred to in the Treaties;**

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Cristian Terheş**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4. Regrets the limited political and legal follow-up given by the Commission to successful European Citizens' Initiatives; strongly regrets the Commission's dismissal of the Minority SafePack European Citizens' Initiative, which addresses basic values and objectives enshrined in the Treaties;**

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Diana Riba i Giner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

4. Regrets the limited political and legal follow-up given by the Commission

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to successful European Citizens' Initiatives; strongly regrets the Commission's dismissal of the Minority SafePack European Citizens' Initiative, which addresses basic values and objectives enshrined in the Treaties;

to successful European Citizens' Initiatives; strongly regrets the Commission's dismissal of the Minority SafePack European Citizens' Initiative, which addresses basic values and objectives enshrined in the Treaties;  
***underlines the need to increase public awareness of the European Citizens' Initiatives in order for it to be an effective tool for democratic participation and urges the Commission and the Member States to maximise their communication efforts in respect of the instrument in order to bring its existence to the attention of as many citizens as possible and encourage active participation in it;***

Or. en

## Amendment 51

Loránt Vincze

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 4

#### *Draft opinion*

4. Regrets the limited political and legal follow-up given by the Commission to successful European Citizens' Initiatives; strongly regrets the Commission's dismissal of the Minority SafePack European Citizens' Initiative, which addresses basic values and objectives enshrined in the Treaties;

#### *Amendment*

4. ***Notes that the European Citizens' Initiative has not expressed its potential as a key instrument for active citizenship and public participation and*** regrets the limited political and legal follow-up given by the Commission to successful European Citizens' Initiatives, ***which eventually jeopardizes the potential use of this participatory tool by European citizens and engenders loss of trust in EU decision-making***; strongly regrets the Commission's dismissal of the Minority SafePack European Citizens' Initiative, which addresses basic values and objectives enshrined in the Treaties;

Or. en

## Amendment 52

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Dietmar Köster, Pietro Bartolo, Petar Vitanov, Cyrus Engerer, Evin Incir

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 4

##### *Draft opinion*

4. ***Regrets the limited political and legal follow-up given by the Commission to successful European Citizens' Initiatives; strongly regrets the Commission's dismissal of the Minority SafePack European Citizens' Initiative, which addresses basic values and objectives enshrined in the Treaties;***

##### *Amendment*

4. ***Highlights the importance of established channels for citizens' participation, such as the European citizens' initiative; considers that this important tool lacks visibility, accessibility and follow-up; encourages the Commission and Member States to raise awareness on such tool; believes that the European Citizen's Initiative should be evaluated with a view to identify how its impact and effectiveness can be improved; point out that a successful European Citizen's Initiative should not automatically lead to the introduction of new legislation;***

Or. en

## Amendment 53

Sara Skyttedal

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 4

##### *Draft opinion*

4. ***Regrets the limited political and legal follow-up given by the Commission to successful European Citizens' Initiatives; strongly regrets the Commission's dismissal of the Minority SafePack European Citizens' Initiative, which addresses basic values and objectives enshrined in the Treaties;***

##### *Amendment*

4. Regrets the Commission's dismissal of the Minority SafePack European Citizens' Initiative, which addresses basic values and objectives enshrined in the Treaties;

Or. en

**Amendment 54**  
**Diana Riba i Giner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4 a. 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 55**  
**Cristian Terheş**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4 a. Stresses that the European Commission must take into account the national sovereignty and constitutional order of the member States when analysing European citizens' initiatives;***

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Sara Skyttedal**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4 a. Points out that instruments of a direct democratic nature have the weakness, in contrast to representative democracy, of being used by special interests;**

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4 a. Highlights the importance of outreach to persons living in disadvantaged neighbourhoods to ensure participation across society;**

Or. en

**Amendment 58**  
**Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4 b. Stresses the need to ensure broader representation of minority, disability, children and youth organisations in advisory bodies to the EU, such as the European and Economic Social Committee (EESC);**

Or. en

**Amendment 59**  
**Diana Riba i Giner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Stresses the importance of the right to petition granted by the Treaties to EU citizens and residents;

*Amendment*

5. Stresses the importance of the right to petition granted by the Treaties to EU citizens and residents; ***points out that the right to petition allows citizens to convey information to the institutions with regards to implementation problems on the ground and shortcomings of individual cases; considers, however, that the right to petition should be strengthened; considers it is worth recalling that the EU often stands accused of complexity and detachment from its citizens; stresses the fact that the Charter only applies to EU Member States when they are implementing EU law is perceived as insufficient and unsatisfactory for many petitioners;***

Or. en

**Amendment 60**  
**Loránt Vincze**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Stresses the importance of the right to petition granted by the Treaties to EU citizens and residents;

*Amendment*

5. Stresses the importance of the right to petition granted by the Treaties to EU citizens and residents, ***allowing them to submit a petition to the European Parliament on an issue that falls within the EU's fields of activity; calls for a strengthened involvement of the Commission in the process of providing responses to petitions in order to ensure***

*that citizens receive timely and precise responses to their requests and complaints;*

Or. en

**Amendment 61**  
**Sara Skyttedal**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Stresses *the importance of* the right to petition granted by the Treaties to EU citizens and residents;

*Amendment*

5. Stresses *that* the right to petition, granted by the Treaties to EU citizens and residents, *should be seen as a complement to representative democracy;*

Or. en

**Amendment 62**  
**Sara Skyttedal**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5 a. Emphasizes that citizens' main tools for influence are universal suffrage and representative democracy;*

Or. en

**Amendment 63**  
**Diana Riba i Giner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

6. Recalls that EU citizens have the right to address the European Ombudsman;

6. Recalls that EU citizens have the right to address the European Ombudsman; *stresses that in her 2019 annual report, the Ombudsman states that she regularly receives complaints concerning fundamental rights such as equality, non-discrimination and the right to be heard; further recalls that according to the Ombudsman, in order citizens to exercise their democratic right to participate in the EU's decision-making process and hold those involved to account, legislative deliberations must be transparent; welcomes, in this regard, the series of recommendations that the European Ombudsman has made to the Council of the European Union to improve the transparency of its legislative process; insists that the Council must be as accountable and transparent as the other institutions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 64**  
**Loránt Vincze**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Recalls that EU citizens have the right to address the European Ombudsman;

*Amendment*

6. Recalls that EU citizens have the right to address the European Ombudsman, *which is one of the main rights conferred by the European citizenship, and that the Ombudsman has an important role in ensuring good administration, accountability and transparency in the EU institutions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 65**  
**Cristian Terheş**



**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Recalls that EU citizens have the right to address the European Ombudsman;

*Amendment*

6. Recalls that EU citizens have the right to address the European Ombudsman; ***restates that citizens have to receive compensation and restoration when their rights have been violated;***

Or. en

**Amendment 66**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Łukasz Kohut, Dietmar Köster, Pietro Bartolo, Petar Vitanov, Cyrus Engerer, Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6 a. Highlights the importance of Equality Bodies, National Human Rights institutions and Ombudspersons to address concerns of citizen's on issues covered by EU competences or violations of EU rights and values; stresses that the independence of such structures from governing authorities is a prerequisite to enable and protect meaningful citizen's engagement; calls therefore for the Commission to closely monitor this area in forthcoming Rule of Law reports;***

Or. en

**Amendment 67**

**Evin Incir, Domènec Ruiz Devesa**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

6 a. *Deplores the continued trend of shrinking civic space in member states;<sup>1a</sup>*

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*<sup>1a</sup> Safeguarding Civic Space for Young People in Europe | European Youth Forum*

*<https://www.youthforum.org/safeguarding-civic-space-young-people-europe>, *The Shrinking Space for Human Rights Organisations - Compendium records (coe.int)*,*

*[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2017/578039/EXPO\\_STU\(2017\)578039\\_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2017/578039/EXPO_STU(2017)578039_EN.pdf)*

Or. en

**Amendment 68**  
**Diana Riba i Giner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

7. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop innovative and inclusive tools for citizens' participation and dialogues;

7. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop innovative and inclusive tools for citizens' participation and dialogues *that ensure rights-based, meaningful, inclusive, transparent and accessible participation of all citizens in EU decision-making and that involve those affected by a decision, with particular attention to ensuring the participation of those in vulnerable situations and from racialized groups; stresses the need to enhance the direct involvement and participation of citizens in EU decision-making;*

Or. en

**Amendment 69**  
**Loránt Vincze**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop innovative and inclusive tools for citizens' participation and dialogues;

*Amendment*

7. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop innovative and inclusive tools for citizens' participation and dialogues, ***making better use of digital technologies to allow all citizens (younger and older people, people with disability, mobile EU citizens, people living in rural or less populated areas) to effectively take part in EU decision-making, building on the lessons from the way the COVID-19 pandemic acted as an accelerator for the use of digital tools;***

Or. en

**Amendment 70**

**Hilde Vautmans, Ramona Strugariu, Michal Šimečka, Olivier Chastel, Brando Benifei, Caterina Chinnici, Cyrus Engerer, Dragoș Pîslaru, Milan Brglez, Josianne Cutajar, Ioan-Rareș Bogdan, Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Romeo Franz, Dietmar Köster, Marisa Matias, José Gusmão, Mounir Satouri**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop innovative and inclusive tools for citizens' participation and dialogues;

*Amendment*

7. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop ***accessible***, innovative and inclusive tools for citizens' participation and dialogues, ***and to offer them a non-bureaucratic and comprehensive website or other medium, easily accessible to everyone and providing citizens with all European participatory initiatives; underlines that social media plays a crucial role, especially for children, as it is currently, even more than ever, their common place;***

**Amendment 71**  
**Sara Skyttedal**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop innovative and inclusive tools for citizens' participation and dialogues;

*Amendment*

7. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ***be careful if they*** develop innovative and inclusive tools for citizens' participation and dialogues ***so that such instruments never are acquired at the expense of representative democracy.***

Or. en

**Amendment 72**  
**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Łukasz Kohut, Dietmar Köster, Pietro Bartolo, Petar Vitanov, Cyrus Engerer, Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop innovative and inclusive tools for citizens' participation and dialogues;

*Amendment*

7. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop innovative and inclusive tools for citizens' participation and dialogues; ***recalls that such tools should be adapted to ensure full access for people with disabilities and different age groups;***

Or. en

**Amendment 73**  
**Cristian Terheş**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop innovative and inclusive tools for citizens' participation and dialogues;

*Amendment*

7. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop innovative and inclusive tools for citizens' participation and dialogues, ***as well as increase transparency at all levels;***

Or. en

**Amendment 74**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Łukasz Kohut, Dietmar Köster, Pietro Bartolo, Petar Vitanov, Cyrus Engerer, Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7 a. Believes that participation could be enhanced by ensuring predictable, flexible, adapted and multilingual process and tools of consultation; considers important to foster participation of people belonging to minorities in all public consultations in order to share their experiences and be able to promote further diversity in all policies;***

Or. en

**Amendment 75**

**Hilde Vautmans, Ramona Strugariu, Michal Šimečka, Brando Benifei, Caterina Chinnici, Cyrus Engerer, Dragoş Pîslaru, Milan Brglez, Josianne Cutajar, Ioan-Rares Bogdan, Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Romeo Franz, Dietmar Köster, Marisa Matias, José Gusmão, Mounir Satouri**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7 a. Calls on the EU Institutions and Member States to ensure participation by a diverse range of people and to introduce***

*necessary measures to reduce discrimination or exclusion on the basis of gender, ethnicity, race, social status, sexual orientation, religion or disability;*

Or. en

**Amendment 76**  
**Diana Riba i Giner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7 a.** *Underlines that for citizens to be actively engaged, availability and accessibility of information in their mother tongue is of importance; is concerned that citizens' engagement and participation in the political process may be limited by language barriers;*

Or. en

**Amendment 77**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7 a.** *Strongly believes that citizens' access to all documents of the European institutions is the basis of a participatory democracy; stresses in this regard the need for transparency and accountability of the institutions to citizens;*

Or. en

**Amendment 78**

**Cristian Terheş**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7 a. Underlines that no effort is too big as to allow European citizens real access to the procedures and legislative processes of the EU and enable them to have their say through consultations and participatory actions;**

Or. en

**Amendment 79  
Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7 a. Considers political pluralism to be a fundamental part of democracy, contributing positively to the resilience of open and free societies;**

Or. en

**Amendment 80  
Cristian Terheş**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7 b. Deplores the fact that in many circumstances the decisional process is opaque at the level of European institutions; urges the Commission to make public the names and credentials of the officials authoring documents such as**

*the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism Reports, the Rule of Law Report, as well as any other reports that have an impact on the member States or the rights of the citizens;*

Or. en

**Amendment 81**

**Hilde Vautmans, Ramona Strugariu, Michal Šimečka, Brando Benifei, Caterina Chinnici, Cyrus Engerer, Dragoș Pîslaru, Milan Brglez, Josianne Cutajar, Ioan-Rareș Bogdan, Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Romeo Franz, Dietmar Köster, Marisa Matias, José Gusmão, Mounir Satouri**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7 b. Calls on the European Commission and the Member States to proactively address the under-representation of racial and ethnic minorities in public institutions and political and policy processes, including by supporting their capacity-building and empowerment, and by enhancing their representation in decision-making positions at national and European level;**

Or. en

**Amendment 82**

**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7 b. Calls on the EU institutions to organise structured and truly transparent consultation processes at all levels, ensuring a balance between business-oriented lobby and citizens' participation;**



*believes that the Council of Europe's 'Code of Good Practice for Civil Participation in the Decision-Making Process' can be used as an example;*

Or. en

**Amendment 83**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Łukasz Kohut, Dietmar Köster, Pietro Bartolo, Petar Vitanov, Cyrus Engerer, Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*7 b. Supports the establishment of a permanent structured dialogue with citizens to ensure that their views directly inform EU decision-making and public policy as proposed in December 2018 by the Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee;*

Or. en

**Amendment 84**

**Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*7 b. Takes note of the Council of Europe co-management structure in its youth sector, allowing youth participation in its decision making;*

Or. en

**Amendment 85**

**Hilde Vautmans, Ramona Strugariu, Michal Šimečka, Olivier Chastel, Brando Benifei, Caterina Chinnici, Cyrus Engerer, Dragoș Pîslaru, Milan Brglez, Josianne Cutajar, Ioan-Rareș Bogdan, Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Romeo Franz, Dietmar Köster, Marisa Matias, José Gusmão, Mounir Satouri**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 7 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7 c. *Calls on the European Commission to work with European political parties, the European Cooperation Network on Elections and civil society to improve political participation; calls on the Commission to commit to this work under the European democracy action plan and the Commission's forthcoming report on EU citizenship;***

Or. en

**Amendment 86  
Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 7 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7 c. *Applauds the ongoing engagement in the Council of Europe parliamentary assembly to institutionalise a permanent consultative seat for youth representatives;<sup>1a</sup>***

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<sup>1a</sup> <https://pace.coe.int/en/files/29115>

Or. en

**Amendment 87  
Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7 d. Calls for an evaluation of existing and initiated tools and mechanisms in regards to diversity in representation of citizens, civil society organisations and organised interest groups;**

Or. en

**Amendment 88**

**Hilde Vautmans, Ramona Strugariu, Michal Šimečka, Olivier Chastel, Brando Benifei, Caterina Chinnici, Cyrus Engerer, Dragoș Pîslaru, Milan Brglez, Josianne Cutajar, Ioan-Rareș Bogdan, Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Romeo Franz, Dietmar Köster, Marisa Matias, José Gusmão, Mounir Satouri**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7 d. Calls for the EU to support studies on increasing participation of minorities in public and political life;**

Or. en

**Amendment 89**  
**Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7 e. Recalls that EU institutions should not create and compete with already existing civil society platforms, but instead support, invite and formalise contacts;**

Or. en

**Amendment 90**  
**Diana Riba i Giner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to encourage the active participation of EU citizens in EU matters, notably young people, in order to support their involvement in shaping society and politics;

*Amendment*

8. ***Considers that the Commission is supporting and promoting top-down instruments more than bottom-up tools, thereby putting greater importance on instruments to improve policy outcomes than on allowing citizens to make their voices heard;*** calls on the Member States and the Commission to encourage the active participation of EU citizens in EU matters, notably young people, in order to support their involvement in shaping society and politics; ***highlights that EU mechanisms at all levels should also ensure the effective participation of NGOs without discrimination in dialogue and consultation on public policy objectives and decisions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 91**  
**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Łukasz Kohut, Dietmar Köster, Pietro Bartolo, Petar Vitanov, Cyrus Engerer, Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to encourage the active participation of EU citizens in EU matters, notably young people, in order to support their involvement in shaping society and politics;

*Amendment*

8. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to encourage the active participation of EU citizens in EU matters, notably young people, in order to support their involvement in shaping society and politics; ***considers that the voices and demands of young Europeans should have special consideration during the***

*Conference on the future of Europe; calls on the Commission to devote sufficient resources to promote a wide participation of young people through appropriate tools;*

Or. en

**Amendment 92**  
**Cristian Terheş**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to encourage the active participation of EU citizens in EU matters, notably young people, in order to support their involvement in shaping society and politics;

*Amendment*

8. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to encourage the active participation of EU citizens in EU matters, notably young people, in order to support their involvement in shaping society and politics; ***Stresses that in the context of the Future of Europe Conference all political views have to be taken into account and voices of citizens from the entire political spectrum have to be heard;***

Or. en

**Amendment 93**  
**Loránt Vincze**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to encourage the active participation of EU citizens in EU matters, notably young people, in order to support their involvement in shaping society and politics;

*Amendment*

8. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to encourage the active participation of EU citizens in EU matters, notably young people, in order to support their involvement in shaping society and politics; ***sees the upcoming Conference on the future of Europe as a timely opportunity to improve citizens'***

*participation;*

Or. en

**Amendment 94**  
**Cristian Terheş**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8 a.** *Stresses that in order to prevent foreign interference in the sovereignty of Member States democracies and meddling with the EU democratic institutions, the NGOs must make public their funding sources; underlines that, in order to respect the transparency principle and the right to know of the European citizens, all European bodies must disclose and publish a list of all the NGOs that they finance and with what amounts;*

Or. en

**Amendment 95**  
**Hilde Vautmans, Ramona Strugariu, Michal Šimečka, Olivier Chastel, Brando Benifei, Caterina Chinnici, Cyrus Engerer, Dragoş Pîslaru, Milan Brglez, Josianne Cutajar, Ioan-Rareş Bogdan, Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Romeo Franz, Dietmar Köster, Marisa Matias, José Gusmão, Mounir Satouri**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8 a.** *Considers that EU Member States should expressly recognise the rights of children to engage in civic action, including the rights to assemble peacefully, to associate and to express themselves; notes that information required by children to exercise these rights should be provided in a form that is*

*easily accessible and understandable and that any barrier to the exercise of these rights should be removed;*

Or. en

**Amendment 96**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Łukasz Kohut, Dietmar Köster, Pietro Bartolo, Petar Vitanov, Cyrus Engerer, Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8 a.** *Notes that migrants and people in need of international protection should have the possibility to express their views, in particular, on asylum and migration policies; invites the Commission to proactively engage them in the design of such policies;*

Or. en

**Amendment 97**

**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8 a.** *Underlines the importance of giving full access to persons with disabilities to all the different instruments that the EU provides to citizens, particularly through systematic interpretation and translation into Sign language and Easy-to-Read language;*

Or. en

**Amendment 98**  
**Diana Riba i Giner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8 a. Underlines the difficulties for citizens to challenge the EU decision-making, as their input is almost entirely limited to the consultative phase of policymaking; calls on the Commission and the Member States to open up new channels of contestation;**

Or. en

**Amendment 99**  
**Dragoş Tudorache**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8 a. Strongly encourages Member States to introduce in their educational curricula European civic education lessons that promote an active and participative European citizenship and the values of the European Union;**

Or. en

**Amendment 100**  
**Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8 a. Calls for a genuine cooperation from the EU institutions and member**



*States, including involving young people and youth organisations in the planning, implementation and evaluation of events and programmes;*

Or. en

**Amendment 101**

**Hilde Vautmans, Ramona Strugariu, Michal Šimečka, Brando Benifei, Caterina Chinnici, Cyrus Engerer, Dragoș Pîslaru, Milan Brglez, Josianne Cutajar, Ioan-Rareș Bogdan, Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Romeo Franz, Dietmar Köster, Marisa Matias, José Gusmão, Mounir Satouri**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 8 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8 b.** *Calls on the EU Institutions and Member States to enact laws which guarantee the rights of children to participate in all matters affecting them, including public decision-making processes; considers that law and policy should be specific and provide guidance on the format, structure, operation and evaluation of all child participatory mechanisms; stresses that sufficient financial and other resources must be made available to ensure sustainable and effective mechanisms are introduced and maintained;*

Or. en

**Amendment 102**

**Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 8 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8 b.** *Commends the efforts done by the EU Youth dialogues to include youth and*

*youth organisations in creating policy and decision-making, calls on the EU institutions to commit to make tangible action based on the outcomes of the EU Youth dialogue, including participation in council meetings and final conclusions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 103**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8 b.** *Recalls the need to systematically hold consultations with NGO's to improve citizens' dialogues and participative democracy;*

Or. en

**Amendment 104**  
**Hilde Vautmans, Ramona Strugariu, Michal Šimečka, Brando Benifei, Caterina Chinnici, Cyrus Engerer, Dragoș Pîslaru, Milan Brglez, Josianne Cutajar, Ioan-Rareș Bogdan, Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Romeo Franz, Dietmar Köster, Marisa Matias, Mounir Satouri, José Gusmão**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8 c.** *Calls on the EU Institutions and Member States to facilitate direct contact between children and decision-makers and provide adequate training and support to adults engaging with children; notes that the benefits of child participation should be shared with the wider community in order to generate widespread acceptance of the practice and to transition societies to the systemic use*

*of child participation mechanisms;*

Or. en

**Amendment 105**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8 c. Calls on the EU institutions to address the challenges faced by the vulnerable groups of people who are underrepresented and unable to have their issues addressed and to involve them in decision-making;**

Or. en

**Amendment 106**  
**Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8 c. Calls on the EU institutions to refrain from tokenistic forms of engagement in any consultation, participation and representation;**

Or. en

**Amendment 107**  
**Hilde Vautmans, Ramona Strugariu, Michal Šimečka, Brando Benifei, Caterina Chinnici, Cyrus Engerer, Dragoș Pîslaru, Milan Brglez, Josianne Cutajar, Ioan-Rareș Bogdan, Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Romeo Franz, Dietmar Köster, Marisa Matias, José Gusmão, Mounir Satouri**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 8 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***8 d. Urges the EU Institutions and Member States to make provision for dedicated spaces for children to come together to participate in decision-making processes; underlines that children's involvement should be voluntary and they should always be treated with respect; recalls that all processes should be fully transparent and clearly explained to all involved and that processes and spaces should be child-friendly, safe and sensitive to risk;***

Or. en

**Amendment 108**

**Evin Incir**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 8 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***8 d. Calls on the commission to establish a formal and permanent mechanism for dialogue and participation on relevant matters for youth, to this end, calls on the commission to engage together with youth organisations in capacity building, including to make documents youth friendly and accessible, to ensure meaningful and informed participation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 109**

**Hilde Vautmans, Ramona Strugariu, Michal Šimečka, Brando Benifei, Caterina Chinnici, Cyrus Engerer, Dragoș Pîslaru, Milan Brglez, Josianne Cutajar, Ioan-Rareș Bogdan, Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Romeo Franz, Dietmar Köster, Marisa Matias, José Gusmão, Mounir Satouri**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8 e. Commends child-specific consultations conducted by the European Commission and supports the set up of an EU Children's Participation Platform in the future; welcomes the inclusion of young people in the Digital Platform and Citizens' Panels of the Conference on the Future of Europe; urges the EU institutions to create structural ways to ensure similar engagement with children and young people in the future on a structural basis;**

Or. en

**Amendment 110**  
**Evin Incir, Domènec Ruiz Devesa**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8 e. Reiterates the call on the commission to include the voices of children by establishing formal mechanisms for dialogue and consultation and ensuring their full and meaningful participation;**

Or. en

**Amendment 111**  
**Hilde Vautmans, Ramona Strugariu, Michal Šimečka, Brando Benifei, Caterina Chinnici, Cyrus Engerer, Dragoș Pîslaru, Milan Brglez, Josianne Cutajar, Ioan-Rareș Bogdan, Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Romeo Franz, Dietmar Köster, Marisa Matias, José Gusmão, Mounir Satouri**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 8 f (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8 f.** *Stresses that the EU Commission and Member States should include mechanisms for feedback, evaluation and monitoring in all official child participation mechanisms; considers that feedback should be provided directly to children in a timely manner and in a format that is easily accessible by children; advises that the evaluation of participation mechanisms should be undertaken by independent monitoring bodies and that recommendations made by such bodies and other international oversight committees should be accepted, considered and actioned where necessary;*

Or. en

**Amendment 112**

**Loránt Vincze**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

9. Calls on the Member States to fully respect the rights of mobile EU citizens and to ensure that they can fully exercise their right to participate in European and local elections.

9. Calls on the Member States to fully respect the rights of mobile EU citizens and to ensure that they can fully exercise their right to participate in European and local elections, ***which should not be limited by disenfranchisement in the countries of origin.***

Or. en

**Amendment 113**

**Cristian Terheş**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

**9 a. Condemns the lack of transparency and inclusiveness of the upcoming Conference on the Future of Europe for not including all political groups in the preparation of this event, which translates into the ideas of a large number of EU citizens being silenced to the benefit of some political groups.**

Or. en