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Engaging with citizens: the right to petition, the right to refer to the European Ombudsman and the European Citizens' Initiative
(2020/2275(INI))

Amendment 1
Ádám Kósa, Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the Council measure setting up the Revised EU-level Framework required by Article 33.2 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,*

Or. hu

Amendment 2
Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to Article 20 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union concerning the right to petition the European Parliament, to apply to the European Ombudsman, and to address the institutions and advisory bodies of the Union in any of the languages of the Treaties and to obtain a reply in the same language,*

Or. fr

Amendment 3
Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Citation 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to Regulation (EU) 2020/1042 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2020 laying down temporary measures concerning the time limits for the collection, the verification and the examination stages provided for in Regulation (EU) 2019/788 on the European citizens' initiative in view of the COVID-19 outbreak,*

Or. fr

Amendment 4
Ádám Kósa, Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the Committee on Petitions plays a 'protection role' to ensure EU compliance with the CRPD within the policymaking and legislative actions at EU level; whereas the European Parliament's Petitions Committee has been identified to form the EU Framework together with the European Ombudsman, the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, and the European Disability Forum, as adopted by the Council at its 3513th meeting held on 16 January 2017;

Or. hu

Amendment 5
Anne-Sophie Pelletier, Sira Rego

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas improving citizens'

participation and transparency at EU level is the key to close the perceived 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 multilevel democracy;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the right to petition the European Parliament is one of the fundamental rights of EU citizens enshrined in Article 44 of the European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights;

Or. fr

Amendment 7
Anne-Sophie Pelletier, Sira Rego

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. whereas the lack of transparency prevents public debate on any piece of legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the number of petitions remained modest in relation to the total population of the EU; whereas on average around 1 200 petitions are submitted to the European Parliament each year;

Amendment

B. whereas the number of petitions remained modest in relation to the total population of the EU ***confirming the need for major efforts and tailored measures to increase public awareness and achieve significant improvements concerning the exercise of the right to petition***; whereas on average around 1 200 petitions are submitted to the European Parliament each year;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the number of petitions submitted to the European Parliament peaked in 2013 and is now ***on the decline***;

Amendment

C. whereas the number of petitions submitted to the European Parliament peaked in 2013 and is now ***falling***; ***whereas a great many European citizens remain unaware of the right to petition***;

Or. fr

Amendment 10
Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the eligibility criteria for petitions are laid down in Article 227 of the TFEU and Rule 226 of Parliament's

Rules of Procedure, which require that petitions must be submitted by EU citizens or residents directly affected by matters falling within the EU's fields of activity;

Or. fr

Amendment 11
Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the European Parliament's Committee on Petitions examines and processes each petition and is the only committee that maintains a daily dialogue with citizens;

Or. fr

Amendment 12
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas the enhancement of the right to petition can only be achieved by improving the capacity of the EU institutions and Member States to arrive at timely and effective solutions to issues raised by petitioners, ensuring full protection of citizens' fundamental rights;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas some petitions are declared inadmissible due to the lack of information or confusion from the citizens about the competences of the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Eb. whereas the Commission is still failing to provide comprehensive information on the number of petitions that led to the initiation of an infringement procedure or to any other legislative or non-legislative action as well as on developments in infringement procedures directly linked to petitions;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Recital E c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ec. whereas a revision of the Parliament's Rules of Procedure is necessary to improve the relevant rules concerning the petition process with a

view to enhancing the visibility and follow-up of petitions, including in the Parliament's plenary activities, in order to integrate more effectively issues raised through petitions amongst the EU political agenda's priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Recital E d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ed. whereas the Commission based its strategy to deal with petitions on its 2016 Communication titled “EU law: Better results through better application”, which has no provisions establishing administrative procedure or practice concerning petitions; whereas the Commission's approach resulted in systematically refusing to take action on individual petition issues and on petitions concerning areas where the EU has the competence to support, coordinate or supplement Member States' action;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Recital E e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ee. whereas the Commission refused to deal with individual petitions, which denounced further EU law violations directly related to the same issues of

ongoing infringement cases; whereas the Commission refrained from taking any action on individual petition issues even in presence of EU law violations which severely undermined fundamental rights for a relevant number of citizens and residents in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution

Recital E f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ef. whereas the Commission's strategy in dealing with petitions based on its 2016 Communication entitled "EU law: Better results through better application" lacks of clear, predictable and transparent criteria on the Commission's way to consider a petition's case which falls within issues of wider principles or is related to a systematic failure to enforce EU law, including those cases where there is already in place an infringement case on the same issue;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ha. whereas the EU must guarantee the citizens the right to participate actively in the democratic activities of the European Union in their mother tongue

to avoid any kind of discrimination;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas the ECI thereby helps strengthen the democratic functioning of the Union through the participation of citizens in its democratic and political life; whereas the ECI should be regarded as one of the ways in which citizens can bring certain issues to the attention of the EU institutions, alongside dialogue with representative associations and civil society, stakeholder consultations, the right to petition and the right to submit complaints to the European Ombudsman;

Amendment

I. whereas the ECI thereby helps strengthen the democratic functioning of the Union through the participation of citizens in its democratic and political life; whereas the ECI should be regarded as one of the ways in which citizens can bring certain issues to the attention of the EU institutions ***and approach them to legislate on the issues that are within the EU competences and concern the citizens***, alongside dialogue with representative associations and civil society, stakeholder consultations, the right to petition and the right to submit complaints to the European Ombudsman;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution

Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ia. whereas Regulation (EU) 2019/788 on the European Citizens' Initiative, which entered into force on 1 January 2020, has made the ECI more accessible and easier to implement for organisers, in particular by means of the translation of initiatives into all official

Amendment 22

Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Jordi Cañas, Vlad Gheorghe, Ulrike Müller

Motion for a resolution

Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas the Commission has listed a number of problems relating to the implementation of Regulation (EU) **2019/788**, and whereas it has undertaken to take a closer look at the impact those problems have on the effectiveness of the ECI as an instrument, and to improve the way it operates;

Amendment

J. whereas the Commission has listed a number of problems relating to the implementation of ***the former regulation***, Regulation (EU) **211/2011**, and whereas it has undertaken to take a closer look at the impact those problems have on the effectiveness of the ECI as an instrument, and to improve the way it operates;

Amendment 23

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas, in order to achieve those objectives, the procedures and conditions required for the ECI should ensure that initiatives on valid subjects are considered and responded to appropriately by the Commission; whereas at least one million signatures from at least a quarter of the Member States are required for an ECI to be submitted to the Commission; whereas the Commission has made the deadline for submitting signatures more flexible in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

Amendment

K. whereas, in order to achieve those objectives, the procedures and conditions required for the ECI should ensure that initiatives on valid subjects are considered and responded to appropriately by the Commission; whereas at least one million signatures from at least a quarter of the Member States are required for an ECI to be submitted to the Commission; whereas the Commission has made the deadline for submitting signatures more flexible in response to the ***to the impacts caused by*** COVID-19 pandemic ***on the signature collection procedure***;

Amendment 24
Cristian Terheş

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas, in order to achieve those objectives, the procedures and conditions required for the ECI should ensure that initiatives on valid subjects are considered and responded to appropriately by the Commission; whereas at least one million signatures from at least a quarter of the Member States are required for an ECI to be submitted to the Commission; whereas the Commission has made the deadline for submitting signatures more flexible in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

Amendment

K. whereas, in order to achieve those objectives, the procedures and conditions required for the ECI should ensure that initiatives on valid subjects are considered and responded to appropriately by the Commission; whereas at least one million signatures from at least a quarter of the Member States are required for an ECI to be submitted to the Commission; whereas the Commission has made the deadline for submitting signatures more flexible in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; ***whereas the ECI must not be politically weaponised;***

Amendment 25
Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Recital L a (new)

Motion for a resolution

La. whereas the Committee received 107 requests to launch a European Citizens' Initiative, of which 83 were deemed eligible and qualified for registration, and of which 6 were successful;

Amendment

Amendment 26
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

Motion for a resolution

M. whereas one of the EU's priority objectives must be to strengthen *the* democratic legitimacy of its institutions;

Amendment

M. whereas one of the EU's priority objectives must be to strengthen democratic legitimacy of its institutions *ensuring effective protection of citizens' fundamental rights, an enhanced citizens' involvement in shaping the EU political agenda and full transparency of the EU decision-making processes;*

Or. en

Amendment 27
Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

Motion for a resolution

M. whereas one of the EU's priority objectives must be to strengthen the democratic legitimacy of its institutions;

Amendment

M. whereas one of the EU's priority objectives must be to strengthen the democratic legitimacy of its institutions *through instruments of citizen participation which are more effective and transparent;*

Or. en

Amendment 28
Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. whereas Articles 24 and 228 TFEU

Amendment

N. whereas Articles **20**, 24 and 228

empower the European Ombudsman to receive complaints concerning instances of maladministration in the activities of the Union institutions, bodies, offices or agencies, with the exception of the Court of Justice of the European Union acting in its judicial role;

TFEU *and Article 43 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union* empower the European Ombudsman to receive complaints concerning instances of maladministration in the activities of the Union institutions, bodies, offices or agencies, with the exception of the Court of Justice of the European Union acting in its judicial role;

Or. fr

Amendment 29

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Recital Q

Motion for a resolution

Q. whereas the right to petition, the right to refer to the European Ombudsman, and the ECI are participatory tools that foster participatory democracy and active European citizenship;

Amendment

Q. whereas the right to petition, the right to refer to the European Ombudsman, and the ECI are participatory tools that foster *the transparency; the* participatory democracy and active European citizenship;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution

Recital Q a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Qa. whereas these participatory mechanisms need to be strengthened in order to enable citizens to have an effective influence on the European Union's decision-making process;

Amendment

Or. fr

Amendment 31

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Points out that the right to petition is the oldest instrument involving the direct participation of citizens at EU level and that it is the easiest and most direct way for citizens to contact the EU institutions and express their ***views on the legislation adopted and the policy choices made at EU level***;

Amendment

1. Points out that the right to petition is the oldest instrument involving the direct participation of citizens at EU level and that it is the easiest and most direct way for citizens to ***reach an EU institution when there are loopholes in the legislation and*** contact the EU institutions and express their ***concerns and complaints about European law that affects them directly***;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Mario Furore

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Points out that the right to petition is the oldest instrument involving the direct participation of citizens at EU level and that it is the easiest and most direct way for citizens to contact the EU institutions and express their views on the legislation adopted and the policy choices made at EU level;

Amendment

1. Points out that the right to petition is the oldest instrument involving the direct participation of citizens at EU level and that it is the easiest and most direct way for citizens to contact the EU institutions and express their views on the legislation adopted, ***its implementation in the Member States*** and the policy choices made at EU level; ***points out that petitions are a way of giving the public a realistic view of the effectiveness of legislation***;

Or. it

Amendment 33

Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Points out that the right to petition is the oldest instrument involving the direct participation of citizens at EU level and that it is the easiest and most direct way for citizens to contact the EU institutions and express their views on the legislation adopted and the policy choices made at EU level;

Amendment

1. Points out that the right to petition is the oldest instrument involving the direct participation of citizens at EU level and that it is the easiest and most direct way for citizens to contact the EU institutions and express their views on the legislation adopted and the policy choices made at EU level; ***recalls that the number of received petitions vis-à-vis the EU population remains modest and that significant differences exist between Member States, regions and languages when it comes to exercising the right to petition; believes that targeted information campaigns and civic education about EU citizenship rights can reach a wider population and bring tangible results in awareness raising about citizens' rights at EU level;***

Or. en

Amendment 34

Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Points out that the right to petition is the oldest instrument involving the direct participation of citizens at EU level and that it is the easiest and most direct way for citizens to contact the EU institutions and express their views on the legislation adopted and the policy choices made at EU level;

Amendment

1. Points out that the right to petition is the oldest instrument involving the direct participation of citizens at EU level and that it is the easiest and most direct way for citizens to contact the EU institutions and express their views on the legislation adopted and the policy choices made at EU level; ***notes that, in this context, the Committee on Petitions has a wide range of instruments at its disposal with which to respond to citizens' concerns and to***

induce the European Parliament, the other European institutions and national authorities to take action, such as the drafting of reports and resolutions, public hearings, thematic workshops and fact-finding missions;

Or. fr

Amendment 35
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Reminds that the way issues raised in petitions are treated has a decisive impact on citizens as regards the effective respect of the right to petition enshrined in the EU Treaties as well as on citizens' judgement of the institutions of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1b. Criticises the Commission's strategic decision to refrain from taking any action on individual petition issues as it is at odds with its duty to oversee the correct application of EU law throughout the Union as enshrined in the EU Treaties; regrets that the Commission's current approach on individual petition issues is resulting in no other option for petitioners than pursuing lengthy and

expensive judicial procedures to address EU law violations, also in Member States affected by severe shortcomings concerning the independence, quality and efficiency of the judiciary;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1c. Regrets that the Commission's refusal to take action on individual petitions issues and on petitions falling within areas where the Union has competence to support, coordinate or supplement the actions of the Member States constitutes a breach of the current EU Treaties' provisions related to the right to petition as this latter is not limited to issues of strategic importance or reflecting structural problems;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1d. Calls on the Commission to timely revise its current strategic approach in handling petitions as it results in leaving untreated, inter alia, issues concerning serious violations of EU law detrimental to the protection of citizens' rights;

Amendment 39
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1e. Urges the Parliament and the Commission to adopt a binding inter-institutional agreement on the handling of petitions in order to ensure a clear, predictable and transparent legal framework aimed at consistently implementing the right to petition established in the EU Treaties and effectively protecting citizens' fundamental rights;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Ioan-Rareş Bogdan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Calls on the Council and the Commission to recognise the right of petition as a vital tool for communication between citizens and the EU institutions, as well as an essential element of democratic and transparent governance at EU level;

2. Underlines that the right of petition is a key element of participatory democracy. Calls in this regard on the Council and the Commission to recognise the right of petition as a vital tool for communication between citizens and the EU institutions, as well as an essential element of democratic and transparent governance at EU level;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Ádám Kósa, Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Recalls that many European citizens are deprived of their right to petition, as their platforms do not comply with accessibility standards and the requirements set out in Article 33.2 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;

Or. hu

Amendment 42
Mario Furore

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Notes that there is a mismatch between citizens' expectations as to the EU institutions' powers to solve individual problems and the limitations the Treaties impose on the EU institutions; so as to prevent situations in which the public have unrealistic expectations and then feel disappointed in the EU institutions, calls for more information to be provided to citizens on the Union's competences and the limits of the right to petition;

3. Notes that there is a mismatch between citizens' expectations as to the EU institutions' powers to solve individual problems and the limitations the Treaties impose on the EU institutions; so as to prevent situations in which the public have unrealistic expectations and then feel disappointed in the EU institutions, calls for more information to be provided to citizens on the Union's competences and the limits of the right to petition; ***calls on the European institutions to provide clear information regarding the right to petition and systematically encourage recourse to this instrument;***

Or. it

Amendment 43

Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that ***there is a mismatch between*** citizens' expectations ***as to*** the EU institutions' ***powers*** to solve individual problems ***and the limitations the Treaties impose on the EU institutions***; so as to prevent situations in which the public ***have unrealistic expectations and then*** feel disappointed in the EU institutions, calls for more information to be provided to citizens on the ***Union's competences and the limits of the*** right to petition;

Amendment

3. Notes that ***major improvements are needed to meet*** citizens' expectations ***when they exercise the right to petition***; asks the EU Institutions ***to exploit the full potential of the petition tool ensuring a proper treatment and follow-up of petitions received and doing their utmost*** to solve individual problems so as to prevent situations in which the public feel disappointed in the EU institutions; calls for more information to be provided to citizens on the right to petition ***and for enhancing cooperation with Member States' authorities to fully protect citizens' rights arising from EU law***;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Anne-Sophie Pelletier, Sira Rego

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that there is a mismatch between citizens' expectations as to the EU institutions' powers to solve individual problems and the limitations the Treaties impose on the EU institutions; so as to prevent situations in which the public have unrealistic expectations and then feel disappointed in the EU institutions, calls for more information to be provided to citizens on the Union's competences and the limits of the right to petition;

Amendment

3. Notes that there is a mismatch between citizens' expectations as to the EU institutions' powers to solve individual problems and the limitations the Treaties impose on the EU institutions, ***which is enhanced by the narrow approach of the European Commission on its own competences***; so as to prevent situations in which the public have unrealistic expectations and then ***legitimately*** feel disappointed in the EU institutions, calls for more information to be provided to citizens on the Union's competences and the limits of the right to petition;

Amendment 45
Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Takes the view that it is important to diversify the means of communication and to raise citizens' awareness, in close cooperation with national and local associations, by means of information campaigns and an ongoing public debate on the Union's policy areas; believes that interactive online forums should be developed where citizens can obtain information, exchange views and express themselves freely, particularly with a view to targeting young people;

Or. fr

Amendment 46
Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Points out that the petitioners' frustration at the lack of real solutions to their problems can result in detachment from the EU institutions, as well as a feeling of Euroscepticism due to the lack of answers;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. *Calls for common criteria when dealing with the different petitions to guarantee a standardized and coherent treatment of the petitions and avoid the arbitrary or partisan use of the citizens' requests; stresses that the lack of homogeneity in the treatment of petitions can cause confusion among petitioners and result in limited will to exercise the right to petition by citizens;*

Or. en

Amendment 48
Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Points out, with that in mind, that an overly narrow or inconsistent interpretation of Article 51 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union *alienates* citizens *from* the EU; *asks the Commission to come forward with measures that will ensure a coherent and extensive application of the provisions of Article 51 and* calls on the Conference on the Future of Europe to address this issue;

4. Points out, with that in mind, that an overly narrow or inconsistent interpretation of Article 51 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union *may jeopardise* citizens' *trust in* the EU; calls on the Conference on the Future of Europe to address this issue;

Or. fr

Amendment 49
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Draws attention to the potential that the right to petition has when it comes to warning the EU institutions about possible loopholes in Union law, or breaches or poor implementation thereof, both systemically and as regards specific cases; calls on the Commission, as guardian of the Treaties, to pay closer attention to the issues raised in petitions and to ensure **that they give rise to proper** inquiries so that genuine **improvements** can be **made**; emphasises that, in cases where the Commission does not have legislative powers, the Commission **still has and should** use the possibility to act by providing coordination or support;

Amendment

5. Draws attention to the potential that the right to petition has when it comes to warning the EU institutions about possible loopholes in Union law, or breaches or poor implementation thereof, both systemically and as regards specific **and individual** cases; calls on the Commission, as guardian of the Treaties, to pay closer attention to the issues raised in petitions and to ensure **the correct application of EU law throughout the Union by conducting effective** inquiries so that genuine **solutions** can be **achieved**; emphasises that, in cases where the Commission does not have legislative powers, the Commission **must effectively** use the possibility to act by providing coordination or support;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Anne-Sophie Pelletier, Sira Rego

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Draws attention to the potential that the right to petition has when it comes to warning the EU institutions about possible loopholes in Union law, or breaches or poor implementation thereof, both systemically and as regards specific cases; calls on the Commission, as guardian of the Treaties, to pay closer attention to the issues raised in petitions and to ensure that they give rise to proper inquiries so that genuine improvements can be made; emphasises that, in cases where the Commission does not have legislative powers, the Commission still has and

Amendment

5. Draws attention to the potential that the right to petition has when it comes to warning the EU institutions about possible loopholes in Union law, or breaches or poor implementation thereof, both systemically and as regards specific cases; **regrets the lack of attention to individual petitions by the Commission, despite of their potential as a tool for control and improvement of EU law**; calls on the Commission, as guardian of the Treaties, to pay closer attention to the issues raised in petitions and to ensure that they give rise to proper inquiries so that genuine

should use the possibility to act by providing coordination or support;

improvements can be made; emphasises that, in cases where the Commission does not have legislative powers, the Commission still has and should use the possibility to act by providing coordination or support;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Draws attention to the potential that the right to petition has when it comes to warning the EU institutions about possible loopholes in Union law, or breaches or poor implementation thereof, both systemically and as regards specific cases; calls on the Commission, as guardian of the Treaties, to pay ***closer*** attention to the issues raised in petitions and to ensure that they give rise to proper inquiries so that genuine improvements can be made; emphasises that, in cases where the Commission does not have legislative powers, the Commission still has and should use the possibility to act by providing coordination or support;

Amendment

5. Draws attention to the potential that the right to petition has when it comes to warning the EU institutions about possible loopholes in Union law, or breaches or poor implementation thereof, both systemically and as regards specific cases; calls on the Commission, as guardian of the Treaties, to pay ***a serious*** attention to the issues raised in petitions and to ensure that they give rise to proper inquiries so that genuine improvements can be made; emphasises that, in cases where the Commission does not have legislative powers, the Commission still has and should use the possibility to act by providing coordination or support ***in order to offer a diligent response to the problems and needs of the petitioners***;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Mario Furore

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Draws attention to the potential that the right to petition has when it comes to warning the EU institutions about possible loopholes in Union law, or breaches or poor implementation thereof, both systemically and as regards specific cases; calls on the Commission, as guardian of the Treaties, to pay closer attention to the issues raised in petitions and to ensure that they give rise to proper inquiries so that genuine improvements can be made; emphasises that, in cases where the Commission does not have legislative powers, the Commission still has and should use the possibility to act by providing coordination or support;

Amendment

5. Draws attention to the potential that the right to petition has when it comes to warning the EU institutions about possible loopholes in Union law, or breaches or poor implementation thereof, both systemically and as regards specific cases; calls on the Commission, as guardian of the Treaties, to pay closer attention to the issues raised in petitions and to ensure that they give rise to proper inquiries so that genuine improvements can be made, ***taking their observations into account in the legislative process***; emphasises that, in cases where the Commission does not have legislative ***or powers or the power to impose sanctions***, the Commission still has and should use the possibility to act by providing coordination or support;

Or. it

Amendment 53

Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

5. Draws attention to the potential that the right to petition has when it comes to warning the EU institutions about possible loopholes in Union law, or breaches or poor implementation thereof, both systemically and as regards specific cases; calls on the Commission, as guardian of the Treaties, to pay closer attention to the issues raised in petitions and to ensure that they give rise to proper inquiries so that genuine improvements can be made; emphasises that, in cases where the Commission does not have legislative powers, the Commission still has and should use the possibility to act by providing coordination or support;

Amendment

5a. Observes that many petitions on COVID-19 have been dealt with by the Committee on Petitions, chiefly under the urgent procedure; congratulates the Committee on Petitions on its rapid and effective handling of petitions in times of major crisis, which is a prerequisite for citizens' trust in the EU institutions;

Or. fr

Amendment 54

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls for the implementation of a detailed analysis that allows to know the reasons why the number of registered petitions in recent years has decreased; calls on the European Commission to coordinate with the Committee of Petitions to carry out a study to detect the main obstacles encountered when exercising the right to petition, as well as any communication problems that may exist; calls for the implementation of the necessary mechanisms in order to sort out the potential shortcomings and problems found in the study;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Criticises the Commission for its lack of a proper system to collect information on petitions and how they link with infringement procedures or EU acts, also confirmed by the shortcomings in the Commission's annual reports on monitoring the application of EU law, which refer to petitions in a very general way;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Cristian Terheş

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the Commission to assess and report annually on the petitions dealt with and to ensure that this assessment feeds into political decision-making at the level of the Commission;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission **to reduce the deadlines to respond to the EP requests**, to assess and report annually on the petitions dealt with and to ensure that this assessment feeds into political decision-making at the level of the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the Commission to assess and report annually on the petitions dealt with and to ensure that this assessment feeds into political decision-making at the level of the Commission;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to **monitor**, assess, and report annually on the petitions dealt with and to ensure that this assessment feeds into political decision-making at the level of the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Council and the Member States to **show more interest in participating** in discussions on petitions and to provide responses to questions raised by petitioners at EU level, in

Amendment

8. Calls on the Council and the Member States to **continue to express their interest** in discussions on petitions and to provide responses to questions raised by petitioners at EU level, in particular by

particular by sending the petitions to the relevant and competent authorities, *ensuring adequate follow-up and participating in parliamentary debates*;

sending the petitions to the relevant and competent authorities;

Or. fr

Amendment 59

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Council and the Member States to show *more interest in participating* in discussions on petitions and to provide responses to questions raised by petitioners at EU level, in particular by sending the petitions to the relevant and competent authorities, ensuring adequate follow-up and participating in parliamentary debates;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Council and the Member States to show *an active involvement and participate* in discussions *and debates* on petitions and to provide responses to questions raised by petitioners at EU level, in particular by sending the petitions to the relevant and competent authorities, ensuring adequate follow-up and participating in parliamentary debates;

Or. en

Amendment 60

Anne-Sophie Pelletier, Sira Rego

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Points out the need to ensure an adequate follow-up of petitions in parliamentary and legislative works; recalls that petitions could be considered as a strategic tool to foster the right of legislative initiative of the European Parliament enshrined in Article 225 TFEU, thus addressing the loopholes and inconsistencies of EU law highlighted through petitions in order to ensure that

citizens' rights are fully protected;

Or. en

Amendment 61

Mario Furore

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls for the EU institutions and Parliament's committees, as well as the Member States, to better cooperate with the Committee on Petitions in order to answer petitioners efficiently and satisfy their requests; in this context, urges the Commission to avoid general answers and to provide targeted and tailored responses to the petitioners;

Amendment

9. Calls for the EU institutions and Parliament's committees, as well as the Member States, to better cooperate with the Committee on Petitions in order to answer petitioners efficiently and satisfy their requests; ***considers it essential to ensure the presence and involvement of Member State representatives during discussions of petitions in committee***; in this context, urges the Commission to avoid general answers and to provide targeted and tailored responses to the petitioners;

Or. it

Amendment 62

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls for the EU institutions and Parliament's committees, as well as the Member States, to better cooperate with the Committee on Petitions in order to answer petitioners efficiently and satisfy their requests; in this context, urges the Commission to avoid general answers and to provide targeted and tailored responses to the petitioners;

Amendment

9. Calls for the EU institutions and Parliament's committees, as well as the Member States, to better cooperate with the Committee on Petitions in order to answer petitioners efficiently and satisfy their requests; in this context, urges the Commission to avoid general answers and to provide targeted and tailored responses to the petitioners ***and their demands***;

Amendment 63
Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. ***Calls on*** civil society ***as a whole to tap the full potential of the right to petition when it comes to effecting policy and legislative changes at EU level; calls on civil society organisations to make better use of petitions as instruments of direct democracy;***

Amendment

10. ***Encourages*** civil society to make better use of ***the right of petition;***

Amendment 64
Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls on civil society as a whole to tap the full potential of the right to petition when it comes to effecting policy and legislative changes at EU level; calls on civil society organisations to make ***better*** use of petitions as instruments of direct democracy;

Amendment

10. Calls on civil society as a whole to tap the full potential of the right to petition when it comes to effecting policy and legislative changes at EU level; calls on civil society organisations to make ***higher*** use of petitions as instruments of direct democracy ***to convey to the European institutions their concerns, as well as possible legislative infringements related to Union law;***

Amendment 65
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls on civil society as a whole to tap the full potential of the right to petition when it comes to effecting policy and legislative changes at EU level; calls on civil society organisations to make **better** use of petitions as instruments of direct democracy;

Amendment

10. Calls on civil society as a whole to tap the full potential of the right to petition when it comes to effecting policy and legislative changes at EU level; calls on civil society organisations to make **a more frequent** use of petitions as instruments of direct democracy;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Conference on the Future of Europe to reflect on and debate the right to petition, and, along with members of the public, to look at ways to improve knowledge **of** and access **to the right to petition**;

Amendment

11. Calls on the Conference on the Future of Europe to reflect on and debate the right to petition, and, along with members of the public, to look at ways to improve **its** knowledge and access **for citizens and residents in the EU as well as its implementation at EU level**;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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the right to petition, and, along with members of the public, to look at ways to improve knowledge of and access to the right to petition;

the right to petition, and, along with members of the public, to look at ways to improve knowledge of and access to the right to petition ***to turn it into a democratic instrument truly useful to the citizens;***

Or. en

Amendment 68

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls for the position of the Committee on Petitions to be strengthened, as it is the only committee that communicates directly with citizens; emphasises that more staff and resources need to be allocated to the Committee on Petitions, given the extent of its work;

Amendment

12. Calls for the position of the Committee on Petitions to be strengthened ***within the European Parliament and in its inter-institutional relations***, as it is the only committee that communicates directly with citizens; emphasises that more staff and resources need to be allocated to the Committee on Petitions, given the extent of its work;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the other committees to contribute in a timely manner to Parliament's efforts to respond more rapidly and effectively to citizens' concerns and to take into account, in ongoing legislative work, the issues raised by petitioners; calls on the other committees to ***give more prominence to*** petitions in Parliament's day-to-day legislative activities, and to respond

Amendment

13. Calls on the other committees to contribute in a timely manner to Parliament's efforts to respond more rapidly and effectively to citizens' concerns and to take into account, in ongoing legislative work, the issues raised by petitioners; calls on the other committees to ***take into account the petitions related to their areas of competence*** in Parliament's day-to-day

formally and specifically to the expectations raised by citizens' petitions;

legislative activities, and to respond formally and specifically to the expectations raised by citizens' petitions;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Takes the view that the petitions network is a necessary tool in facilitating the follow-up of petitions as part of parliamentary and legislative business, as well as in promoting the exchange of information and best practices among its members, at both technical and political level; believes that this network should enhance dialogue and cooperation with the Commission and other EU institutions;

Or. fr

Amendment 71
Cristian Terheş

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Calls for the PETI committee to boost the collaboration with national parliaments and to create a partnership allowing exchange of experience and best practices concerning the most efficient referral of petitions to the competent body;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Cristian Terheş

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. *Considering that, according to the Guidelines ^{1a} when asked for its opinion, a committee will weigh the importance of the right to petition and its legislative workload before deciding whether or not to give an opinion, and that this rule pre-dates the Lisbon Treaty and reflects an old perception of the importance of petitions in parliamentary work, calls for an update of the Guidelines to provide the PETI Committee and other committees with the necessary authority to carry out their work effectively;*

^{1a} Conference of Committee Chairs of the European Parliament, Guidelines on the treatment of petitions by the standing committees, 14 July 1998, PE225.233

Or. en

Amendment 73
Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Calls for a Eurobarometer survey to be carried out to gauge how much EU citizens know about the right to petition the European Parliament, with the aim of collecting data to use as a basis for a strong awareness-raising campaign;

14. Calls for a Eurobarometer survey to be carried out to gauge how much EU citizens know about the right to petition the European Parliament, with the aim of collecting data to use as a basis for a strong awareness-raising campaign; ***takes the view that regular EU-wide surveys, based***

on cross-border polls, help raise the European institutions' awareness of citizens' concerns;

Or. fr

Amendment 74
Ádám Kósa, Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls for a Eurobarometer survey to be carried out to gauge how much EU citizens know about the right to petition the European Parliament, with the aim of collecting data to use as a basis for a strong awareness-raising campaign;

Amendment

14. Calls for a Eurobarometer survey to be carried out to gauge how much EU citizens know about the right to petition the European Parliament, with the aim of collecting data to use as a basis for a strong ***and accessible*** awareness-raising campaign;

Or. hu

Amendment 75
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

14a. Calls for a common database to be set up between the Parliament and the Commission in order to share in a transparent and cooperative way information on all Commission's follow-up actions taken on petitions, including EU Pilots and infringement procedures, legislative proposals and any other EU act;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls on the Conference on the Future of Europe to promote the right to petition as a useful tool at the service of citizens enabling them to be in direct contact with the European institutions and to transmit them their problems and needs;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Calls for the Petitions Web Portal to be improved to make it more user-friendly, easier to navigate and accessible to all citizens, especially to persons with disabilities; ***calls for the possibility of co-signing the petitions*** submitted via the ***Petitions Web Portal*** to be ***streamlined and accelerated***;

17. Calls for the Petitions Web Portal to be improved to make it more user-friendly, easier to navigate and accessible to all citizens, especially to persons with disabilities; ***is of the opinion that a simplified process for citizens to support a petition*** submitted via the ***online portal would enable better use to be made of their right to petition***;

Or. fr

Amendment 78

Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Calls for the Petitions Web Portal to be improved to make it more user-friendly, easier to navigate and accessible to all citizens, especially to persons with disabilities; calls for the possibility of co-signing the petitions submitted via the Petitions Web Portal to be streamlined and accelerated;

Amendment

17. Calls for the Petitions Web Portal to be improved to make it more **visible for the public**, user-friendly, easier to navigate and accessible to all citizens, especially to persons with disabilities; calls for the possibility of co-signing the petitions submitted via the Petitions Web Portal to be streamlined and accelerated;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Calls for the Petitions Web Portal to be improved to make it more user-friendly, easier to navigate and accessible to all citizens, especially to persons with disabilities; calls for the possibility of co-signing the petitions submitted via the Petitions Web Portal to be streamlined and accelerated;

Amendment

17. Calls for the Petitions Web Portal to be improved to make it more user-friendly, easier **and intuitive** to navigate and accessible to all citizens, especially to persons with disabilities; calls for the possibility of co-signing the petitions submitted via the Petitions Web Portal to be streamlined and accelerated;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Cristian Terheş

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Calls for an improved data analysis function in the ePetition database in order to improve the quality of data on petitions sent to other committees by automatizing this process and to facilitate

the retrieval from ePetition of previous petitions on the same subject;

Or. en

Amendment 81

Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. *Calls for more information to be made public and available on the Petitions Web Portal, including, for example, the progress of the petition and inquiries launched with other institutions;* in this regard, calls for more synergy between the portal and Parliament's internal database;

Amendment

18. *Observes that petitioners do not have real-time access to information on the status of their petitions; calls, therefore, for more information to be made public and available on the Petitions Web Portal;* in this regard, calls for more synergy between the portal and Parliament's internal database;

Or. fr

Amendment 82

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls for more information to be made public and available on the Petitions Web Portal, including, for example, the progress of the petition and inquiries launched with other institutions; in this regard, calls for more synergy between the portal and Parliament's internal database;

Amendment

18. Calls for more information to be made public and available on the Petitions Web Portal, including, for example, the progress of the petition and inquiries launched with other institutions; in this regard, calls for more synergy between the portal and Parliament's internal database *to promote greater transparency in the treatment of petitions;*

Or. en

Amendment 83

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Points out the importance of the right of any EU citizen and any natural or legal person residing in the EU to complain to the European Ombudsman about instances of maladministration within the EU institutions; takes the view that citizens' complaints to the Ombudsman represent an essential element of participatory democracy and of the legitimacy of the Union's decision-making process; points out that the right to refer a matter to the Ombudsman increases citizens' engagement with and trust in the EU institutions;

Amendment

20. Points out the importance of the right of any EU citizen and any natural or legal person residing in the EU to complain to the European Ombudsman about instances of maladministration within the EU institutions; takes the view that citizens' complaints to the Ombudsman represent an essential element of participatory democracy and of the legitimacy of the Union's decision-making process; points out that the right to refer a matter to the Ombudsman increases citizens' engagement with and trust in the EU institutions ***as it promotes transparency and good administration of the EU institutions and bodies;***

Or. en

Amendment 84

Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Vlad Gheorghe, Jordi Cañas, Frédérique Ries, Ulrike Müller

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. ***Emphasises*** the development of the role of the Ombudsman, who can use own-initiative powers to help to tackle systemic problems in EU administration and make efforts to promote good administration, i.e. ensuring the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union meet the very highest standards; with that in mind, considers the role of the Ombudsman to be more important than ever in view of the fact that the administration of the EU, via its agencies, is taking on an increasingly

Amendment

21. ***Is strongly in favour of*** the development of the role of the Ombudsman, who can use own-initiative powers to help to tackle systemic problems in EU administration and make efforts to promote good administration, i.e. ensuring the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union meet the very highest standards; with that in mind, considers the role of the Ombudsman to be more important than ever in view of the fact that the administration of the EU, via

important role in citizens' lives when it comes to issues such as migration and health;

its agencies, is taking on an increasingly important role in citizens' lives when it comes to issues such as migration and health;

Or. fr

Amendment 85

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Emphasises the development of the role of the Ombudsman, who can use own-initiative powers to help to tackle systemic problems in EU administration and make efforts to promote good administration, i.e. ensuring the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union meet the very highest standards; with that in mind, considers the role of the Ombudsman to be more important than ever in view of the fact that the administration of the EU, via its agencies, is taking on an increasingly important role in citizens' lives when it comes to issues such as migration and health;

Amendment

21. Emphasises the development of the role of the Ombudsman, who can use own-initiative powers to help to tackle systemic problems in EU administration and make efforts to promote good administration, i.e. ensuring the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union meet the very highest standards; with that in mind, considers the role of the Ombudsman to be more important than ever in view of the fact that the administration of the EU, via its agencies, is taking on an increasingly important role in citizens' lives when it comes to issues such as ***environment***, migration and health;

Or. en

Amendment 86

Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Recalls that the European Ombudsman is empowered to make recommendations, proposals for solutions and suggestions for improvement with a

view to solving a problem relating to various cases of maladministration; observes that where a complaint falls outside the Ombudsman's mandate, the Ombudsman may advise the complainant to refer it to another authority or to the Committee on Petitions; notes that in 2020 the Ombudsman received more than 1 400 complaints which did not fall within her mandate, mainly because they did not concern activities related to administration at EU level;

Or. fr

Amendment 87

Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Calls on the Ombudsman to look more closely at the manner in which EU funds and the EU budget are spent, and to check that the Union's interests are not undermined by breaches of the rule of law, corruption or conflicts of interest, including in the context of Next Generation EU, the European recovery plan; emphasises that respect for the rule of law is an essential condition for access to EU funds; takes the view that this conditionality concerning respect for the rule of law and the fact that the European Union does not compromise on its values are factors that can strengthen citizens' trust in the Union;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 88

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Calls on the Ombudsman to look more closely at the manner in which EU funds and the EU budget are spent, and to check that the Union's interests are not undermined by breaches of the rule of law, corruption or conflicts of interest, **including** in the context of Next Generation EU, the European recovery plan; emphasises that respect for the rule of law is an essential condition for access to EU funds; takes the view that this conditionality concerning respect for the rule of law and the fact that the European Union does not compromise on its values are factors that **can** strengthen citizens' trust in the Union;

Amendment

22. Calls on the Ombudsman to look more closely at the manner in which EU funds and the EU budget are spent, and to check that the Union's interests are not undermined by breaches of the rule of law **or any sort of infringement of the EU principles and values**, corruption or conflicts of interest, **especially** in the context of Next Generation EU, the European recovery plan; emphasises that respect for the rule of law is an essential condition for access to EU funds; takes the view that this conditionality concerning respect for the rule of law and the fact that the European Union does not compromise on its values are factors that strengthen citizens' trust in the Union **and show EU firm commitment with the democratic quality throughout the European territory**;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

22a. Recalls that relations with the European Ombudsman are one of the responsibilities conferred by the European Parliament's Rules of Procedure on the Committee on Petitions;

Or. fr

Amendment 90

Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the recent changes made to the Statute of the European Ombudsman, which will further enhance the right of EU citizens and residents to complain about maladministration, in particular in the areas of whistle-blower protection, harassment and conflicts of interest;

Amendment

23. Welcomes the recent changes made to the Statute of the European Ombudsman, which ***bring the exercise of the Ombudsman's functions into line with the Lisbon Treaty and*** will further enhance the right of EU citizens and residents to complain about maladministration, in particular in the areas of whistle-blower protection, harassment and conflicts of interest ***at the EU's institutions, bodies or agencies; recalls that the Ombudsman's new Statute also clarifies the conditions under which the Ombudsman may conduct own-initiative enquiries, reiterating that the Ombudsman may cooperate with the authorities of the Member States and with EU institutions, bodies and agencies;***

Or. fr

Amendment 91

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the recent changes made to the Statute of the European Ombudsman, which will further enhance the right of EU citizens and residents to complain about maladministration, in particular in the areas of whistle-blower protection, harassment and conflicts of interest;

Amendment

23. Welcomes the recent changes made to the Statute of the European Ombudsman, which will further enhance the right of EU citizens and residents to complain about maladministration, in particular in the areas of whistle-blower protection, harassment and conflicts of interest ***recalls the importance of keeping necessary resources and budget so the Ombudsman institution can continue to work competently at the service of***

European citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 92

Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the recent changes made to the Statute of the European Ombudsman, which will further enhance the right of EU citizens and residents to complain about maladministration, in particular in the areas of whistle-blower protection, harassment and conflicts of interest;

Amendment

23. Welcomes the recent changes made to the Statute of the European Ombudsman, which will further enhance the right of EU citizens and residents to complain about maladministration, in particular in the areas of whistle-blower protection, harassment and conflicts of interest; ***strongly believes that the Ombudsman must be awarded an increased budget providing her with the necessary resources to effectively handle the overall workload;***

Or. en

Amendment 93

Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Congratulates the Ombudsman on the work she has done on the accessibility of documents, in particular the application of the fast-track procedure to deal with such requests; calls on the Ombudsman to continue her efforts in this direction, because timely access to documents is essential to ensure proper engagement of citizens and civil society in the decision-making process;

Amendment

24. Congratulates the Ombudsman on the ***remarkable*** work she has done on the accessibility of ***EU*** documents, in particular the application of the fast-track procedure to deal with such requests; ***notes with concern that the current legislation on public access to EU documents is severely obsolete; considers a priority the revision of Regulation (EC) n. 1049/2001 to guarantee full transparency and full***

public access to the documents held by the EU Institutions; calls on the Ombudsman to continue her efforts in this direction, because ***full and*** timely access to documents, ***including when the legislative process is ongoing***, is essential to ensure proper engagement of citizens and civil society in the decision-making process;

Or. en

Amendment 94

Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Congratulates the Ombudsman on the work she has done on the accessibility of documents, in particular the application of the fast-track procedure to deal with such requests; calls on the Ombudsman to continue her efforts in this direction, because timely access to documents is essential to ensure proper engagement of citizens and civil society in the decision-making process;

Amendment

24. ***Recalls that EU citizens have the right to access the EU institutions' documents***; Congratulates the Ombudsman on the work she has done on the accessibility of documents ***held by EU institutions***, in particular the application of the fast-track procedure to deal with such requests; calls on the Ombudsman to continue her efforts in this direction, because timely access to documents ***in the EU's 24 official languages*** is essential to ensure proper engagement of citizens and civil society in the decision-making process;

Or. fr

Amendment 95

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Invites the co-legislators to follow

the recommendations of the Ombudsman in relation with Regulation 1049/2001 on public access to documents and foster their revision; recalls that this regulation is currently obsolete due to technological advances and access to documentation in recent decades; calls on the institutions to promote the revision of this Regulation in order to place the Union at the forefront of public access to documents and democratic transparency for citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Cristian Terheş

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Congratulates the Ombudsman for the work done in promoting multilingualism for citizens and for publishing a set of recommendations to the EU administration on the use of official EU languages when communicating with the public, recommendations that give guidance on how and when to communicate in which languages in order to safeguard the EU linguistic diversity;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Jordi Cañas, Vlad Gheorghe, Ulrike Müller, Frédérique Ries

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Stresses the importance of the

Ombudsman's transparency-related tasks for European democracy, in particular those concerning the accessibility of documents for European citizens, in order to enable them to fully exercise their right to information and to increase citizens' confidence in the European project;

Or. fr

Amendment 98
Cristian Terheş

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24b. Congratulates the Ombudsman for monitoring how the EU's frontline institutions are carrying out their work during the pandemic and for underlining their obligation for transparency; welcomes the question addressed by the Ombudsman to the Commission about the transparency of the scientific advice it receives, its meetings with representatives of interest groups, and its decisions related to emergency public procurement;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Considers it very important to continue to properly inform EU citizens about the Ombudsman's role and the scope of the activities carried out by the Ombudsman, and of the Ombudsman's

25. Considers it very important to continue to properly inform EU citizens about the Ombudsman's role and the scope of the activities carried out by the Ombudsman, and of the Ombudsman's

influence on the development of the EU institutions; calls on the Ombudsman to continue to disseminate information about the outcomes of inquiries that have resulted in *EU trade negotiations* becoming more transparent, *to make public the results of clinical trials of medicines evaluated in the EU, to set up complaints mechanisms for asylum seekers, and to tighten ethics rules for European Commissioners;*

influence on the development of the EU institutions; calls on the Ombudsman to continue to disseminate information about the outcomes of inquiries that have resulted in *the EU decision-making process* becoming more transparent

Or. fr

Amendment 100

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Recalls that one of the ways to improve the perception of the EU by citizens is making it more understandable and transparent to them; considers the Council should continue working to improve its transparency and invites it to implement some of the recommendations issued repeatedly by the European Parliament and by the Ombudsman;

Or. en

Amendment 101

Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Calls on the Ombudsman to further strengthen the European Network of Ombudsmen in order to promote the right to refer matters to an Ombudsman at both

26. Calls on the Ombudsman to further strengthen the European Network of Ombudsmen in order to promote the right to refer matters to an Ombudsman at both

national and European level and in order to remain connected with and keep abreast of the national realities of citizens;

national and European level and in order to remain connected with and keep abreast of the national realities of citizens; ***believes it necessary to step up interactions and exchanges of best practices between national and regional ombudsmen with the European Ombudsman to ensure that citizens are better informed about their rights and have better guidance when making complaints;***

Or. fr

Amendment 102
Cristian Terheş

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Urges the European institutions, bodies and agencies to follow the Ombudsman recommendations regarding transparency, accountability, access to documents, "revolving doors", lobbying transparency and other ethical issues;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Recalls that only a few successful European initiative have received adequate follow-up by the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27b. Emphasises that ECI is a fundamental tool that allows citizens to put on the European political agenda those issues or matters that concern them or in which they consider that the Union, within its field of competence, should legislate;

Or. en

Amendment 105

Mario Furore

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28. Considers it essential that citizens be able to contribute to the exercise of the legislative prerogatives of the Union and be directly involved in the initiation of legislative proposals;

28. Considers it essential that citizens be able to contribute to the exercise of the legislative prerogatives of the Union and be directly involved in the initiation of legislative proposals; ***calls for the further development of public consultation as an instrument enabling the public to make known its concerns at an early stage;***

Or. it

Amendment 106

Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Jordi Cañas, Vlad Gheorghe, Ulrike Müller, Frédérique Ries

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28. Considers it essential that citizens be able to contribute to the exercise of the legislative prerogatives of the Union and be directly involved in the initiation of legislative proposals;

28. Considers it essential *for European democracy* that citizens be able to contribute to the exercise of the legislative prerogatives of the Union and be directly involved in the initiation of legislative proposals;

Or. fr

Amendment 107
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Regrets that the lack of a legislative follow-up by the Commission on the largest part of successful ECIs undermined the goal of enhancing the democratic legitimacy of the Union through enhanced participation of citizens in its democratic and political life;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Cristian Terheş

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29. Calls on the Commission to inform the public about the EU's competences to make sure that ECIs concern subjects and issues that fall within the EU's remit; ***emphasises that recent ECIs have called for the EU to take more action, more quickly, in the fight against climate change;***

29. Calls on the Commission to inform the public about the EU's competences to make sure that ECIs concern subjects and issues that fall within the EU's remit;

Or. en

Amendment 109

Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Calls on the Commission to inform the public about the EU's competences to make sure that ECIs concern subjects and issues that fall within the EU's remit; emphasises that recent ECIs ***have called for the EU to take more action, more quickly, in the fight against climate change;***

Amendment

29. Calls on the Commission to inform the public about the EU's competences to make sure that ECIs concern subjects and issues that fall within the EU's remit; emphasises that ***the*** recent ECIs ***concern the fight against climate change, consumer rights and health;***

Or. fr

Amendment 110

Ádám Kósa, Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Calls on the Commission to inform the public about the EU's competences to make sure that ECIs concern subjects and issues that fall within the EU's remit; emphasises that recent ECIs have called for the EU to take more action, more quickly, in the fight against climate change;

Amendment

29. Calls on the Commission to inform the public about the EU's competences to make sure that ECIs concern subjects and issues that fall within the EU's remit; emphasises that recent ECIs have called, ***inter alia,*** for the EU to take more action, more quickly, in the fight against climate change ***and in protecting indigenous national minorities and language communities;***

Or. hu

Amendment 111

Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29a. *Applauds the Commission on having held information seminars and having established a European Citizens' Initiative Week in 2020, which brought together representatives of institutions, members of civil society and organisers of past and current initiatives, with the aim of reflecting on how to improve this instrument; considers, however, that the European Citizens' Initiative remains little known; calls on the Commission, therefore, to increase the media visibility of this participatory tool, in accordance with Article 18 of Regulation (EU) 2019/788;*

Or. fr

Amendment 112
Cristian Terheş

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30. Calls on the Commission to improve the ECI tool to make citizens' participation more accessible, ***given the low number of ECIs that have ultimately been successful;***

30. Calls on the Commission to improve the ECI tool to make citizens' participation more accessible;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Calls on the Commission to improve the ECI tool to make citizens' participation more accessible, given the low number of ECIs that have ultimately been successful;

Amendment

30. ***Stresses the need for a revision of the EU Treaties' provisions on the ECI to greatly improve rules on the legislative follow-up to be given to successful ECIs; urges the Commission, under the current Treaties, to commit itself to submitting a legislative proposal following Parliament's adoption of a legislative own-initiative report (INL) based on a successful ECI which initially had no legislative follow-up by the Commission; calls on the Commission to improve the ECI tool to make citizens' participation more accessible, given the low number of ECIs that have ultimately been successful;***

Or. en

Amendment 114

Anne-Sophie Pelletier, Sira Rego

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Calls on the Commission to improve the ECI tool to make citizens' participation more accessible, given the low number of ECIs that have ultimately been successful;

Amendment

30. Calls on the Commission to improve the ECI tool to make citizens' participation more accessible, given the low number of ECIs that have ultimately been successful; ***regrets that so far the majority of successful ECIs did not end with a legislative proposal by the Commission; therefore calls on the Commission to initiate a legislative proposal on the basis of any successful ECI that was supported by the European Parliament;***

Or. en

Amendment 115

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Calls on the Commission to improve the ECI tool to make citizens' participation more accessible, given the low number of ECIs that have ultimately been successful;

Amendment

30. Calls on the Commission to ***study the necessary mechanisms to*** improve the ECI tool ***and implement them*** to make citizens' participation more accessible, given the low number of ECIs that have ultimately been successful;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Ádám Kósa, Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Is of the opinion that the way in which official replies by the Commission to successful citizens' initiatives are formulated may significantly influence how the instrument is evaluated by citizens and that greater effort and more prudent examination is required in the case of each successful initiative to ensure the Commission gives adequate thought to citizens' propositions;

Or. hu

Amendment 117
Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Ulrike Müller, Jordi Cañas, Frédérique Ries

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32. Highlights the need to establish a

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proper follow-up mechanism for unsuccessful ECIs in order to take citizens' input seriously, including redirecting citizens to the Committee on Petitions, **as the lack of impact could lead to disengagement; underlines the role that the Committee on Petitions must play throughout hearing processes; calls on the Commission to collaborate in a timely manner with Parliament after an ECI is deemed successful, to enable Parliament to make full use of the three-month period for the organisation of hearings;**

proper follow-up mechanism for unsuccessful ECIs in order to take citizens' input seriously, including redirecting citizens to the Committee on Petitions, **and with a view to avoiding their disengagement;**

Or. fr

Amendment 118
Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Highlights the need to establish a proper follow-up mechanism for unsuccessful ECIs in order to take citizens' input seriously, including redirecting citizens to the Committee on Petitions, as the lack of impact could lead to disengagement; underlines the role that the Committee on Petitions must play throughout hearing processes; calls on the Commission to collaborate in a timely manner with Parliament after an ECI is deemed successful, to enable Parliament to make full use of the three-month period **for the organisation of hearings;**

Amendment

32. Highlights the need to establish a proper follow-up mechanism for unsuccessful ECIs in order to take citizens' input seriously, including redirecting citizens to the Committee on Petitions, as the lack of impact could lead to disengagement; underlines the role that the Committee on Petitions must play throughout hearing processes; calls on the Commission to collaborate in a timely manner with Parliament after an ECI is deemed successful, to enable Parliament to make full use of the three-month period, **and to organise the public hearing and prepare the plenary debate as part of its ECI assessment;**

Or. en

Amendment 119
Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Highlights the need to establish a proper follow-up mechanism for unsuccessful ECIs in order to take citizens' input seriously, including redirecting citizens to the Committee on Petitions, as the lack of impact could lead to disengagement; underlines the role that the Committee on Petitions must play throughout hearing processes; calls on the Commission to collaborate in a timely manner with Parliament after an ECI is deemed successful, to enable Parliament to make full use of the three-month period for the organisation of hearings;

Amendment

32. Highlights the need to establish a proper follow-up mechanism for unsuccessful ECIs in order to take citizens' input seriously, including redirecting citizens to the Committee on Petitions, as the lack of impact could lead to disengagement; underlines the role that the Committee on Petitions must play throughout hearing processes; calls on the Commission to collaborate in a timely manner with Parliament after an ECI is deemed successful, to enable Parliament to make full use of the three-month period for the organisation of hearings ***by the relevant committees***;

Or. fr

Amendment 120

Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Jordi Cañas, Ulrike Müller, Frédérique Ries

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

32a. Underlines the role that the Committee on Petitions must play throughout hearing processes; calls on the Commission to collaborate in a timely manner with Parliament after an ECI is deemed successful, to enable Parliament to make full use of the three-month period for the organisation of hearings;

Or. fr

Amendment 121
Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Emphasises the role of these three participatory instruments, which is to facilitate and encourage the engagement of citizens and residents of the EU; calls for the establishment and promotion of a large-scale, one-stop interinstitutional website to provide information on all the instruments that enable the public to participate directly in and influence decision-making at EU level;

Amendment

35. Emphasises the role of these three participatory instruments, which is to facilitate and encourage the engagement of citizens and residents of the EU; calls for the establishment and promotion of a large-scale, one-stop interinstitutional *EU citizens' website (and application, which is easily accessible for everyone, also taking as example the so-called Citizens' App of the Parliament)* to provide information on all the *rights and instruments* that enable the public to participate directly in and influence decision-making at EU level;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Emphasises the role of these three participatory instruments, which is to facilitate and encourage the engagement of citizens and residents of the EU; calls for the establishment and promotion of a large-scale, one-stop interinstitutional website to provide information on all the instruments that enable the public to participate directly in and influence decision-making at EU level;

Amendment

35. Emphasises the role of these three participatory instruments, which is to facilitate and encourage the engagement of citizens and residents of the EU *achieving a concrete direct impact on the EU political agenda and on the EU decision-making processes*; calls for the establishment and promotion of a large-scale, one-stop interinstitutional website to provide information on all the instruments that enable the public to participate directly in and influence decision-making at EU level;

Or. en

Amendment 123
Ádám Kósa, Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Emphasises the role of these three participatory instruments, which is to facilitate and encourage the engagement of citizens and residents of the EU; calls for the establishment and promotion of a large-scale, one-stop interinstitutional website to provide information on all the instruments that enable the public to participate directly in and influence decision-making at EU level;

Amendment

35. Emphasises the role of these three participatory instruments, which is to facilitate and encourage the engagement of citizens and residents of the EU; calls for the establishment and promotion of a large-scale, one-stop, **accessible** interinstitutional website to provide information on all the instruments that enable the public to participate directly in and influence decision-making at EU level;

Or. hu

Amendment 124
Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Emphasises the role of these three participatory instruments, which is to facilitate and encourage the engagement of citizens and residents of the EU; calls for the establishment and promotion of a large-scale, one-stop interinstitutional website to provide information on all the instruments that enable the public to participate directly in and influence decision-making at EU level;

Amendment

35. Emphasises the role of these three participatory instruments, which is to facilitate and encourage the engagement of citizens and residents of the EU; calls for the establishment and promotion of a large-scale, one-stop interinstitutional website to provide information on all the **democratic** instruments that enable the public to participate directly in and influence decision-making at EU level;

Or. en

Amendment 125
Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Emphasises the role of these three participatory instruments, which is to facilitate and encourage the engagement of citizens and residents of the EU; calls for the establishment and promotion of a large-scale, one-stop interinstitutional website to provide information on all the instruments that enable the public to participate directly in and influence decision-making at EU level;

Amendment

35. Emphasises the role of these three participatory instruments, which is to facilitate and encourage the engagement of citizens and residents of the EU; calls for the establishment and promotion of a large-scale, one-stop interinstitutional website to provide information on all the instruments that enable the public to participate directly in and influence decision-making at EU level; ***takes the view that such a one-stop platform would not only provide citizens with greater visibility of their rights, but also promote complementarity between these different instruments;***

Or. fr

Amendment 126
Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

35a. Stresses that regular information gathering on topics of interest to citizens and recurring issues which are raised in petitions, the European Ombudsman's enquiries and ECIs, would help to find solutions more quickly, while ensuring the coherence of the EU's policies for its citizens;

Or. fr

Amendment 127
Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35a. Considers essential to analyse the communication problems between European institutions and citizens that cause citizen participation mechanisms to be underused by Europeans; calls for the necessary resources be put in place to disseminate information about the existence and functioning of this tools among the general public;

Or. en

Amendment 128
Ádám Kósa, Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36. Calls for public awareness of these three participatory instruments to be raised to ensure that they become effective tools for democratic participation; emphasises that all the European institutions should maximise their communication *efforts* to ensure that as many citizens as possible know about, and are encouraged to participate in, the instruments;

36. Calls for public awareness of these three participatory instruments to be raised to ensure that they become effective tools for democratic participation; emphasises that all the European institutions should maximise their *efforts at* communication, ***which should be accessible and available in as many languages as possible***, to ensure that as many citizens as possible know about, and are encouraged to participate in, the instruments;

Or. hu

Amendment 129
Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Jordi Cañas, Vlad Gheorghe, Ulrike Müller, Frédérique Ries

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Calls for public awareness of these three participatory instruments to be raised to ensure that they become effective tools for democratic participation; emphasises that all the European institutions should maximise their communication efforts to ensure that as many citizens as possible know about, and are encouraged to participate in, the instruments;

Amendment

36. Calls for public awareness, ***particularly among young people***, of these three participatory instruments to be raised to ensure that they become effective tools for democratic participation; emphasises that all the European institutions should maximise their communication efforts to ensure that as many citizens as possible know about, and are encouraged to participate in, the instruments;

Or. fr

Amendment 130

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Calls for public awareness of these three participatory instruments to be raised to ensure that they become effective tools for democratic participation; emphasises that all the European institutions should maximise their communication efforts to ensure that as many citizens as possible know about, and are encouraged to participate in, the instruments;

Amendment

36. Calls for public awareness of these three participatory instruments to be raised to ensure that they become effective ***and useful*** tools for democratic participation; emphasises that all the European institutions should maximise their communication efforts to ensure that as many citizens as possible know about, and are encouraged to participate in, the instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 131

Anne-Sophie Pelletier, Sira Rego

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36a. Believes that the EU institutions

should develop an awareness-raising strategy to promote EU instruments as ECI, Complaints to European Ombudsman and right to petition at a local, regional and national level, in order to improve citizens' knowledge, participation and engagement;

Or. en

Amendment 132

Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36a. Stresses the importance of providing citizens with assistance, both at European and local level, through the Europe Direct information centres and Houses of Europe, in submitting petitions and ECIs and complaints to the European Ombudsman;

Or. fr

Amendment 133

Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37. ***Calls on*** the Member States to ***make it mandatory for*** pupils in schools ***to be taught*** about the EU's three participatory instruments; points out that civic engagement among young people is vital for the future of all democracies;

37. ***Underlines the crucial educational role that academic stakeholders must play in dispensing European civic education; invites*** the Member States to ***teach*** pupils in schools ***and universities*** about the EU's three participatory instruments; ***asks the Commission to strengthen the Erasmus+ programme's targets on young people's active participation in democratic life,***

particularly by means of learning activities to develop civic skills and an understanding of European policies; points out that civic engagement among young people is vital for the future of all democracies;

Or. fr

Amendment 134
Anne-Sophie Pelletier, Sira Rego

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. ***Calls on*** the Member States to ***make it mandatory for pupils in*** schools to be taught ***about the EU's*** three participatory instruments; points out that civic engagement among young people is vital for the future of all democracies;

Amendment

37. ***Recommends*** the Member States to ***allow students in high*** schools to be taught ***a general knowledge of the European Union law, the European Institutions work and the*** three participatory instruments, ***in order for them to be conscient of the EU decision making process and to know how to participate actively;*** points out that civic engagement among young people is vital for the future of all democracies;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Calls on the Member States to make it ***mandatory*** for pupils in schools to be taught about the EU's three participatory instruments; points out that civic engagement among young people is vital for the future of all democracies;

Amendment

37. Calls on the Member States to make it ***available and highly recommended*** for pupils in schools to be taught about the EU's three participatory instruments; points out that civic engagement among young people is vital

for the future of all democracies;

Or. en

Amendment 136
Anne-Sophie Pelletier, Sira Rego

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37a. 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 137
Anne-Sophie Pelletier, Sira Rego

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37b. 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 138
Anne-Sophie Pelletier, Sira Rego

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 38 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38a. *Recalls the need to systematically hold consultations with NGOs and civil society organisations to open up the lines of communication between the institutions and the citizens, in order to improve citizens' knowledge of EU instruments and participative democracy;*

Or. en

Amendment 139

Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39. Recalls that the EU's multilingual communication policy is a crucial element in communicating with and engaging citizens from all Member States; highlights its importance in all communication channels, including social media, in order to better connect with citizens; welcomes the guidelines published by the Ombudsman instructing the institutions on how to develop their language policy in the most citizen-friendly manner;

39. Recalls that the EU's multilingual communication policy **and the publication of information and documents in all the official languages of the EU** is a crucial element in communicating with and engaging citizens from all Member States; highlights its importance in all communication channels, including social media, in order to better connect with citizens; welcomes the guidelines published by the Ombudsman instructing the institutions on how to develop their language policy in the most citizen-friendly manner;

Or. fr

Amendment 140

Ádám Kósa, Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Recalls that the EU's multilingual communication policy is a crucial element in communicating with and engaging citizens from all Member States; highlights its importance in all communication channels, including social media, in order to better connect with citizens; welcomes the guidelines published by the Ombudsman instructing the institutions on how to develop their language policy in the most citizen-friendly manner;

Amendment

39. Recalls that the EU's multilingual communication policy is a crucial element in communicating with and engaging citizens from all Member States, ***with particular regard to the special needs of persons with disabilities (sign language, Braille)***; highlights its importance in all communication channels, including social media, in order to better connect with citizens; welcomes the guidelines published by the Ombudsman instructing the institutions on how to develop their language policy in the most citizen-friendly manner;

Or. hu

Amendment 141

Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Recalls that the EU's multilingual communication policy is a crucial element in communicating with and engaging citizens from all Member States; highlights its importance in all communication channels, including social media, in order to better connect with citizens; welcomes the guidelines published by the Ombudsman instructing the institutions on how to develop their language policy in the most citizen-friendly manner;

Amendment

39. Recalls that the EU's multilingual communication policy is a crucial element in communicating with and engaging citizens from all Member States, ***which needs to be strengthened***; highlights its importance in all communication channels, including social media, in order to better connect with citizens; welcomes the guidelines published by the Ombudsman instructing the institutions on how to develop their language policy in the most citizen-friendly manner;

Or. en

Amendment 142

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39a. Insists on the need to discuss the role and the dimension of the Committee on Petitions by the Parliament; points out that more consideration to citizen's demands can be given only if a competent body makes the follow-up; highlights that currently the Committee on Petitions does not have the proper dimension and powers in order to satisfy citizen's demand;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Ádám Kósa, Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40. Stresses the need to address the shortcomings of the EU petition system, in order to ensure its full democratic potential and agenda-setting role; calls on the EU institutions to use their resources to increase the attractiveness of this tool and promote citizens' participation in EU law-making; in this regard, stresses the need for more EU funding to be allocated to the promotion of the participatory mechanisms;

40. Stresses the need to address the shortcomings of the EU petition system, **taking into consideration the special needs of persons with disabilities**, in order to ensure its full democratic potential and agenda-setting role; calls on the EU institutions to use their resources to increase the attractiveness of this tool and promote citizens' participation in EU law-making; in this regard, stresses the need for more EU funding to be allocated to the promotion of the participatory mechanisms;

Or. hu

Amendment 144
Agnès Evren

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

41. With a view to improving public participation, emphasises the need for citizens to have clear guidance to help them choose the most appropriate participatory tool; takes the view that there is a need to understand and overcome the obstacles *people* encounter when they are drawing up petitions to Parliament, complaints to the Ombudsman and initiatives for the Commission;

Amendment

41. With a view to improving public participation, emphasises the need for citizens to have clear guidance to help them choose the most appropriate participatory tool; takes the view that there is a need to understand and overcome the obstacles *citizens, particularly Europeans with disabilities*, encounter when they are drawing up petitions to Parliament, complaints to the Ombudsman and initiatives for the Commission;

Or. fr

Amendment 145
Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

41. With a view to improving public participation, emphasises the need for citizens to have clear guidance to help them choose the most appropriate participatory tool; takes the view that there is a need to understand and overcome the obstacles people encounter when they are drawing up petitions to Parliament, complaints to the Ombudsman and initiatives for the Commission;

Amendment

41. With a view to improving public participation, emphasises the need for citizens to have clear guidance to help them choose the most appropriate participatory tool *to respond to their concerns*; takes the view that there is a need to understand and overcome the obstacles people encounter when they are drawing up petitions to Parliament, complaints to the Ombudsman and initiatives for the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

42. Emphasises, furthermore, that where ECIs and petitions have an impact – especially involving mass media coverage or consideration by the Commission or Parliament – they should be examined to pinpoint successful strategies and best practices;

Amendment

42. Emphasises, furthermore, that where ECIs and petitions have an impact – especially involving mass media coverage or consideration by the Commission or Parliament – they should be examined to pinpoint successful strategies and best practices ***that could be used as learning in the future***;

Or. en

Amendment 147

Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

43. Emphasises how important transparency is in the process of dealing with citizens' initiatives and complaints; calls on the Commission to take the necessary steps to guarantee transparency; expresses its support for the European Ombudsman's efforts to make all the EU institutions and bodies more transparent;

Amendment

43. Emphasises how important transparency is in the process of dealing with citizens' initiatives and complaints; calls on the Commission to take the necessary steps to guarantee ***full*** transparency; expresses its support for the European Ombudsman's efforts to make all the EU institutions and bodies ***much*** more transparent ***and accountable to EU citizens***;

Or. en

Amendment 148

Anne-Sophie Pelletier, Sira Rego

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 43 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43a. 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 149

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Ibán García Del Blanco, Alex Agius Saliba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 43 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43a. Stresses that the debate on the future of the EU should result in improvement of the instruments for citizen participation that will make it possible to achieve a Union which is more democratic, transparent and open to its citizens;

Or. en