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Deliberations of the Committee on Petitions in 2022
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Amendment 1
Ana Miranda

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Ana Miranda

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 3
Vlad Gheorghe

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas petitioners tend to be citizens engaged in safeguarding fundamental rights and in the improvement and future well-being of our societies; whereas the experience of these citizens in regard to the processing of their petitions is very influential in determining their perception of the EU institutions and respect for the right to petition as enshrined in EU law;

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Or. en

Amendment 4

Vlad Gheorghe

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 5
Vlad Gheorghe

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

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Amendment 6
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Motion for a resolution
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Or. en

Amendment 7

Peter Jahr

Motion for a resolution

Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas the European Parliament is the only EU institution directly elected by EU citizens; whereas Parliament has long been at the forefront of the development of the petitions process internationally and has the most open and transparent petitions process in Europe, ***allowing petitioners to participate fully in its activities***;

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Or. en

Amendment 8

Ana Miranda

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 9
Ana Miranda

Motion for a resolution
Recital M a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ma. whereas according to article 17 TEU the Commission must ensure the correct application of the Treaties and of measures adopted pursuant to them; whereas the Commission's strategic

approach in addressing issues raised in petitions must be fully consistent with the Treaties in order to guarantee their effective follow-up;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Kosma Zlotowski, Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution

Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. whereas the Committee on Petitions is *best suited to show citizens what the European Union does for them and what solutions can be provided* at European, national or local level;

Amendment

N. whereas the Committee on Petitions is *the only body which is in direct contact with EU citizens and thus able to inform them about action taken* at European, national or local level;

Or. pl

Amendment 11

Kosma Zlotowski, Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution

Recital O

Motion for a resolution

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play a role in the legislative process, **as they provide** other parliamentary committees with valuable input for their legislative work in their respective fields of competence;

may play a role in the legislative process **by providing** other parliamentary committees with valuable input for their legislative work in their respective fields of competence;

Or. pl

Amendment 12

Ana Miranda

Motion for a resolution

Recital Q

Motion for a resolution

Q. whereas the main subjects of concern raised in petitions **submitted in 2022** related to **the environment**, fundamental rights, justice and external relations;

Amendment

Q. whereas the **number of petitions received in 2022 asking for full compliance with the EU environmental law as well as effective and rapid measures, in line with the precautionary principle, in order to protect ecosystems and habitats of Union concern amounted to a total of 258 (21.2%), thus representing the main theme of concern for petitioners; whereas the other** main subjects of concern raised in petitions related to fundamental rights **(17.4%)**, justice **(15.6%)** and external relations **(10.4%)**;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Peter Jahr

Motion for a resolution

Recital R

Motion for a resolution

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*equitable geographical coverage of topics
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Or. en

Amendment 14

Vlad Gheorghe

Motion for a resolution

Recital R

Motion for a resolution

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whereas, in this regard there is a need to raise awareness on the right to petition the European Parliament in the Member States and areas from which originate statistically less petitions;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Kosma Złotowski, Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution

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Or. pl

Amendment 16

Kosma Zlotowski, Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution

Recital U

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. pl

Amendment 17

Vlad Gheorghe

Motion for a resolution

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which affect their lives;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Kosma Zlotowski, Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Reiterates the importance of a continuous public debate on the Union's fields of activity in order to ensure that citizens are correctly informed about the scope of the Union's competences and the different levels of decision-making; reiterates its call, in this regard, for broader awareness raising campaigns, through the active involvement of communications services, to help increase citizens' knowledge about their right to petition, as well as the scope of the Union's responsibilities and the competences of the Committee on Petitions, with a view to reducing the number of inadmissible petitions and better responding to citizens' concerns;

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Or. pl

Amendment 19

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Or. en

Amendment 20

Kosma Zlotowski, Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. *Reiterates that it is important that the Commission revises its strategic approach on the handling of petitions in order to ensure an adequate follow-up of all petitions denouncing violations of EU law, including those raised in individual petitions;*

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deleted

Or. pl

Amendment 21

Ana Miranda

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. *Underlines the strategic relevance of addressing individual petition issues in order to, inter alia, early detect systemic*

shortcomings undermining the correct application of EU law; considers of paramount importance that the Commission put in place a more timely and proactive dialogue with national authorities with a view to rapidly ending EU law's violations denounced by petitioners, thus guaranteeing full protection of citizens' rights and preventing irreversible damages from occurring;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Ana Miranda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. *Calls on the Commission to provide legal clarification on key concepts, which are regularly used in its follow-up given to petitions, like “issue of wider principle” and “systemic failure to enforce EU law” laid down in its strategic approach enshrined in its October 2022 Commission’s Communication titled “Enforcing EU law for a Europe that delivers”, which builds on earlier Communications, notably the 2016 Communication “EU law: Better results through better application”;*

Or. en

Amendment 23
Ana Miranda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3c. Stresses that in order to fully exploit the potential of the right to petition is key having timely and proactive Commission's investigations on all the very well drafted petitions, with a particular focus on those denouncing breaches of rights for a large number of citizens and residents in the EU or further violations of EU law linked to systemic shortcomings, which are investigated under ongoing infringement procedures; regrets that the Commission declined to act on the vast majority of petitions received, referring petitioners back at national level, notably to national courts, thus leaving the concerned persons no other option than pursuing lengthy and expensive administrative and judicial procedures, also in cases concerning those Member States, in which the Commission had already found serious flaws undermining the independence, quality and efficiency of their judiciary;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Vlad Gheorghe

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Points out that petitions constitute a unique opportunity for Parliament and the other EU institutions to directly connect with EU citizens and maintain a regular dialogue with them, particularly in cases where they are affected by the misapplication or breach of EU law; stresses the need for enhanced cooperation between the EU institutions and national, regional and local authorities on inquiries regarding the implementation of and compliance with EU law; believes that such cooperation is crucial to address and resolve citizens' concerns over the

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Or. en

Amendment 25
Peter Jahr

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Recalls the European dimension of the Committee on Petitions, which can be addressed by citizens from all 27 Member States on issues that fall within the scope of the EU Treaties and EU law; believes that the Committee has a special responsibility to uphold this European dimension and to demonstrate the added value of European unity and integration to citizens; ***is of the opinion that the treatment of petitions should be geographically balanced and proportionate to the size of each Member State***; believes, ***in this respect***, that the European Parliament should increase its efforts to promote the role and work of its Committee on Petitions and raise awareness among all EU citizens of the possibility to address a petition to the European Parliament; ***urges the political groups represented in the Committee on Petitions to seek consensus and balance with regard to selecting and treating petitions***;

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Amendment 28

Ana Miranda

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

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Amendment 29
Michał Wiezik, Vlad Gheorghe

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

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Or. en

Amendment 30

Kosma Zlotowski, Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Recalls that petitions contribute considerably to the Commission's role as guardian of the Treaties by providing citizens with an additional tool to notify alleged breaches of EU law; stresses that cooperation between the Committee on Petitions and the Commission through timely and detailed answers from the Commission, which are based on thorough examinations of the issues raised in petitions, are essential to ensure the successful treatment of petitions;

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Or. pl

Amendment 31

Emmanouil Fragkos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Regrets that 49 years after the illegal Turkish invasion and the forced expulsion from their properties, Cypriot citizens are unable to return to their homes and land, which are often sold by the illegal occupying regime, causing Cypriot citizens to lose hope in the EU's support for their efforts to obtain justice.

Or. el

Amendment 32

Kosma Złotowski, Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the Commission to raise awareness among its staff about the need to use plain, simple and empathetic language, in order to convey clearly understandable responses to the petitioners; encourages the Commission to delegate the role of presenting the Commission's positions in the meetings of the Committee on Petitions to more senior and high-ranking staff;

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Amendment 33

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Or. en

Amendment 34
Ana Miranda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Finds it worrying that the Commission does not provide **updated** information on ***petitions related to*** infringement procedures ***and on their state of play***; deplores, in this regard, the lack of systematic follow-up in the communication with the Committee on Petitions; reiterates its call on the Commission to regularly update the Committee on Petitions on developments in infringement proceedings ***and*** to ensure that the Committee on Petitions ***gets*** access to the ***relevant Commission*** documents ***on*** infringement procedures which were launched based on the petitions received, and on EU Pilot procedures; is of the opinion that ***increased*** transparency and regular feedback on the handling of ongoing infringement procedures by the Commission would be beneficial for the Committee's follow-up of open petitions;

Amendment

8. ***Regrets that both the infringement and the EU Pilot procedures are extremely lengthy and opaque; notes with concern that a vast amount of ongoing infringement procedures, including those related to issues raised in many petitions, are kept stalled for many years in the pre-contentious phase by the Commission, with no referral to the CJEU for the concerned Member States, despite their persistent failure to uphold the related EU law or to correctly transpose EU law's provisions within their respective national legal system; finds it worrying that, with the exception of a short press release, the Commission does not provide citizens and MEPs, as citizens' elected representatives, with any access to documents and information on the actions undertaken in the framework of*** infringement procedures; deplores, in this regard, the lack of systematic follow-up in the communication with the Committee on Petitions; reiterates its call on the Commission to regularly update the Committee on Petitions on developments in infringement proceedings; ***asks the Commission to engage with the Parliament and with Member States to revise all relevant provisions, including the ones of the Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission, in order to ensure full transparency on the handling of infringement procedures as well as on all their related documents; firmly believes that the Committee on Petitions must get access to the documents and detailed information on the exchanges between the Commission's services and Member States' authorities concerning*** infringement procedures which were

launched based on the petitions received, and on EU Pilot procedures; is of the opinion that **full** transparency and regular feedback on the handling of ongoing infringement procedures by the Commission would be beneficial for the Committee's follow-up of open petitions;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Peter Jahr

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. ***Finds it worrying that the Commission does not provide updated information on petitions related to infringement procedures and on their state of play; deplores, in this regard, the lack of systematic follow-up in the communication with the Committee on Petitions;*** reiterates its call on the Commission to regularly update the Committee on Petitions on developments in infringement proceedings and to ensure that the Committee on Petitions gets access to the relevant Commission documents on infringement procedures which were launched based on the petitions received, and on EU Pilot procedures; is of the opinion that increased transparency and regular feedback on the handling of ongoing infringement procedures by the Commission would be beneficial for the Committee's follow-up of open petitions;

Amendment

8. reiterates its call on the Commission to regularly update the Committee on Petitions on developments in infringement proceedings and to ensure that the Committee on Petitions gets access to the relevant Commission documents on infringement procedures which were launched based on the petitions received, and on EU Pilot procedures; is of the opinion that increased transparency and regular feedback on the handling of ongoing infringement procedures by the Commission would be beneficial for the Committee's follow-up of open petitions;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Vlad Gheorghe

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Finds it worrying that the Commission does not provide updated information on petitions related to infringement procedures and on their state of play; deplores, in this regard, the lack of systematic follow-up in the communication with the Committee on Petitions; reiterates its call on the Commission to regularly update the Committee on Petitions on developments in infringement proceedings and to ensure that the Committee on Petitions gets access to the relevant Commission documents on infringement procedures which were launched based on the petitions received, and on EU Pilot procedures; is of the opinion that increased transparency and regular feedback on the handling of ongoing infringement procedures by the Commission would be beneficial for the Committee's follow-up of open petitions;

Amendment

8. Finds it worrying that the Commission does not provide updated information on petitions related to infringement procedures and on their state of play; deplores, in this regard, the lack of systematic follow-up in the communication with the Committee on Petitions; reiterates its call on the Commission to regularly update the Committee on Petitions on developments in infringement proceedings and to ensure that the Committee on Petitions gets access to the relevant Commission documents on infringement procedures ***and legislative initiatives*** which were launched based on the petitions received, and on EU Pilot procedures; is of the opinion that increased transparency and regular feedback on the handling of ongoing infringement procedures by the Commission would be beneficial for the Committee's follow-up of open petitions;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Ana Miranda

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Considers it as a best practice the Commission's approach to set a target of 12 months to refer infringement cases to the CJEU if the failure by a Member State to transpose a legislative directive persists; believes that this approach can be the main benchmark to substantially improve the overall strategic approach on the enforcement of EU Law, given that a much shorter and well-defined timeframe and strengthening legal rules on infringement procedures as well as on the

deferral of a matter to the Court of Justice of the EU in case of persistent violation of EU law are paramount for an effective and rapid response of the EU's institutions aimed at safeguarding the integrity of EU law and protecting adequately citizens' rights;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Ana Miranda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. *Considers paramount to set-up a joint mechanism between the Commission and the Parliament in order to better address Member States' violations of EU law in pre-infringement cases; believes that this mechanism must be based on sincere mutual cooperation as well as full transparency and be built by revising the existing EU Pilot procedure;*

Or. en

Amendment 39
Vlad Gheorghe

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission to assess whether national authorities are taking the necessary measures to respond to citizens' concerns as expressed in their petitions where cases of failure to comply with EU law occur, and to launch infringement procedures where necessary; believes that early action by the Commission in cases of

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breaches of EU law is crucial to prevent such breaches from becoming systemic in nature;

breaches of EU law is crucial to prevent such breaches from becoming systemic in nature; *believes that it is essential for the national authorities to be aware of the consequences where there is no redress to the breach to the Union law demonstrated by the petition after its presentation in the committee on Petitions;*

Or. en

Amendment 40
Ana Miranda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Highlights that the CJEU's judgments must be implemented to the fullest extent by the Member States, as also pointed out in petitions received concerning denounced violations of Rule of Law and citizens' fundamental rights; considers that inadequate reforms put in place through the introduction of new laws and policies suffering the same deficits as identified earlier by the CJEU must be rejected and sanctioned; highlights that in assessing the degree of compliance of Member States with judgments of the CJEU, the Commission must refuse attempts by Member States to only partially implement the CJEU's judgments and refrain from negotiating compromise solutions implying their poor or incomplete implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Ana Miranda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the Commission's commitment to create an interinstitutional IT tool with Parliament, as a means of **increasing** the transparency and efficiency of the petitions' treatment which, in a wider context, would contribute to increasing citizens' trust in the EU institutions and European project;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the Commission's commitment to create an interinstitutional IT tool with Parliament, as a means of **sharing, in a cooperative way, information and documents on all follow-up actions taken on petitions, including EU Pilot and infringement procedures, legislative proposals, recordings of relevant meetings, replies by national authorities and Parliament's standing committees, and on any other related non-legislative action, thus enhancing** the transparency and efficiency of the petitions' treatment which, in a wider context, would contribute to increasing citizens' trust in the EU institutions and European project; **urges the Commission to speed up its work with the Parliament in order to adopt the necessary technical and budgetary solutions with a view to swiftly finalising the implementation of this key digital tool;**

Or. en

Amendment 42
Ana Miranda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Underlines the need to revise the Parliament's rules of procedure in order to enhance the strategic relevance of the Committee on Petitions, including in the Plenary's activities and in the framework of the legislative initiatives of the European Parliament pursuant article 225 TFEU, thus strengthening the overall follow-up action on petitions received as well as their use as an additional paramount tool to better address shortcomings in the current EU law

detrimental for citizens' rights;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Ana Miranda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. Regrets that the Commission is still failing to provide comprehensive information to the Committee on Petitions on legislative and non-legislative measures taken following petitions received; urges the Commission to improve its action by, inter alia, including in its annual report on monitoring the application of EU law an exhaustive analysis of the link between petitions and infringement and EU Pilot procedures, EU legislative acts as well as any other EU legal act;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Ana Miranda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Believes that the petitions network is a useful tool for facilitating the follow-up of petitions in parliamentary and legislative work; trusts that ***regular*** meetings of the petitions network are crucial in order ***to ensure more visibility for the Committee on Petition's activities and better understanding of its work and mission*** and to strengthen cooperation with the other parliamentary committees;

13. Believes that the petitions network is a useful tool for facilitating the follow-up of petitions in parliamentary and legislative work; trusts that ***more*** meetings of the petitions network are crucial in order to strengthen cooperation with the other parliamentary committees ***and ensure an improved and comprehensive action on addressing persistent lack of transposition and incorrect application of EU law by***

believes that the exchange of information **about** specific petitions relevant to ongoing legislative work could be improved;

Member States; believes that ***the use and*** the exchange of information ***concerning*** specific petitions relevant to ongoing legislative work could be improved;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Vlad Gheorghe

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses the huge increase in the number of petitions submitted on external relations issues compared to previous years; notes that this could be explained by the geopolitical context in 2022 and in particular the Russian aggression against Ukraine; notes that the Committee on Petitions took account of citizen's concerns about security, humanitarian aid, sanctions, security of food supply, military and financial support to Ukraine, conflict resolution, visa policy, energy supply and the integration of Ukraine in the EU, among other issues, putting a number of petitions dealing in particular with questions related to the situation of refugees, children's rights and food supply on the agenda;

Amendment

15. Stresses the huge increase in the number of petitions submitted on external relations issues compared to previous years; notes that this could be explained by the geopolitical context in 2022 and in particular the Russian aggression against Ukraine; notes that the Committee on Petitions took account of citizen's concerns about security, humanitarian aid, sanctions, security of food supply, military and financial support to Ukraine, conflict resolution, visa policy, energy supply and the integration of Ukraine in the EU, among other issues, putting a number of petitions dealing in particular with questions related to the situation of refugees, children's rights and food supply on the agenda; ***underlines that particularly the committee on Foreign Affairs and the committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, should take note of those petitions for their deliberations concerning Ukraine;***

Or. en

Amendment 46
Kosma Złotowski, Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Takes note that health, which was one of the main areas of concern for petitioners in 2021, mainly due to health concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, appeared to become less **important** in 2022 owing to the fact that the number of petitions on COVID-19 that the Committee on Petitions examined and replied to in 2022 decreased compared to 2021;

Amendment

16. Takes note that health, which was one of the main areas of concern for petitioners in 2021, mainly due to health concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, appeared to become less **frequently raised** in 2022 owing to the fact that the number of petitions on COVID-19 that the Committee on Petitions examined and replied to in 2022 decreased compared to 2021;

Or. pl

Amendment 47

Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Points out that petitions related to the rights of national minorities remained on the agenda of the Committee on Petitions, especially in the areas of discriminatory practices concerning their right to education in their mother tongue and the use of languages; points to the public hearing on cultural and linguistic diversity in the EU organised by the Committee on Petitions on 20 April 2022;

Amendment

18. Points out that petitions related to the rights of national minorities remained on the agenda of the Committee on Petitions, especially in the areas of discriminatory practices concerning their right to education in their mother tongue and the use of languages; points to the public hearing on cultural and linguistic diversity in the EU organised by the Committee on Petitions on 20 April 2022, ***which considered the problems of citizens belonging to a linguistic or autochthonous minority, when it comes to the use of minority language both in public and private sphere and discussed possibilities how to better safeguard and promote cultural and linguistic diversity in Europe;***

Or. en

Amendment 48

Vlad Gheorghe

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Notes that environmental issues remained an area of serious concern for petitioners in 2022; regrets that environmental rules are not always correctly implemented in the Member States, as described in numerous petitions raising complaints about air quality, noise pollution, waste management and the deterioration of natural ecosystems, among other things; points to the work the Committee on Petitions continued to carry out in 2022 on the impact of mining activities on the environment, putting a number of petitions received on this topic on the agenda; draws attention to citizens' concerns about the environmental impacts of renewable energy, especially relating to wind farms, and to the public hearing of 15 June 2022 on the social and environmental impacts of renewable energy;

Amendment

19. Notes that environmental issues remained an area of serious concern for petitioners in 2022, ***with more than 20% of petitions dedicated to environmental issues***; regrets that environmental rules are not always correctly implemented in the Member States, ***with some of them being under infringement procedures for the breach of the EU environmental legislation***, as described in numerous petitions raising complaints about ***conservation of big carnivores, protection of forest areas***, air quality, noise pollution, waste management and the deterioration of natural ecosystems, among other things; points to the work the Committee on Petitions continued to carry out in 2022 on the impact of mining activities on the environment, putting a number of petitions received on this topic on the agenda; draws attention to citizens' concerns about the environmental impacts of renewable energy, especially relating to wind farms, and to the public hearing of 15 June 2022 on the social and environmental impacts of renewable energy;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Ana Miranda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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correctly implemented in the Member States, as described in numerous petitions raising complaints about air quality, noise pollution, waste management and the deterioration of natural ecosystems, among other things; points to the work the Committee on Petitions continued to carry out in 2022 on the impact of mining activities on the environment, putting a number of petitions received on this topic on the agenda; draws attention to *citizens' concerns about the environmental impacts of renewable energy, especially relating to wind farms, and to the public hearing of 15 June 2022 on the social and environmental impacts of renewable energy*;

correctly implemented in the Member States, as described in numerous petitions raising complaints about air quality, noise pollution, waste management and the deterioration of natural ecosystems, among other things; points to the work the Committee on Petitions continued to carry out in 2022 on the impact of mining activities on the environment, putting a number of petitions received on this topic on the agenda; draws attention to the public hearing of 15 June 2022 on the social and environmental impacts of renewable energy;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Peter Jahr

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Notes that environmental issues remained an area of serious concern for petitioners in 2022; *regrets that environmental rules are not always correctly implemented in the Member States, as described in numerous petitions raising complaints* about air quality, noise pollution, waste management and the deterioration of natural ecosystems, among other things; points to the work the Committee on Petitions continued to carry out in 2022 on the impact of mining activities on the environment, putting a number of petitions received on this topic on the agenda; draws attention to citizens' concerns about the environmental impacts of renewable energy, especially relating to wind farms, and to the public hearing of 15 June 2022 on the social and environmental

Amendment

19. Notes that environmental issues remained an area of serious concern for petitioners in 2022; *highlights that numerous petitions describe alleged incorrect implementation by the Member States of EU legislation* about air quality, noise pollution, waste management and the deterioration of natural ecosystems, among other things; points to the work the Committee on Petitions continued to carry out in 2022 on the impact of mining activities on the environment, putting a number of petitions received on this topic on the agenda; draws attention to citizens' concerns about the environmental impacts of renewable energy, especially relating to wind farms, and to the public hearing of 15 June 2022 on the social and environmental impacts of renewable energy;

impacts of renewable energy;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Deplores recent discriminatory practices against EU citizens, particularly against children in education, who belong to a national or linguistic minority; reminds the Commission and the Member States that more should be done in order to uphold cultural and linguistic diversity in Europe and considers it necessary to strengthen the EU's support for teaching and use of regional and minority languages;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Vlad Gheorghe

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Draws attention to the public hearing of the Committee on Petitions of 25 March 2022 on an EU Green Prosecutor which assessed the shortcomings and challenges in the enforcement of EU environmental criminal law on the basis of petitions received, as well as new tools to tackle environmental crime, including the possible creation of a European Green Prosecutor's Office, and paved the way for the adoption of an opinion by the committee;

20. Draws attention to the public hearing of the Committee on Petitions of 25 March 2022 on an EU Green Prosecutor which assessed the shortcomings and challenges in the enforcement of EU environmental criminal law on the basis of petitions received, as well as new tools to tackle environmental crime, including the possible creation of a European Green Prosecutor's Office, and paved the way for the adoption of an opinion by the committee; **points out in this regard the**

Or. en

Amendment 53
Michał Wiezik, Vlad Gheorghe

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Stresses the importance of delivering on EU citizens' expectations regarding the protection of the environment, and in particular of taking action in the field of illegal logging; underlines, in this regard, the follow-up actions by Parliament of Petitions Nos 0289/2015, 0625/2018, 1248/2019, 0408/2020, 0722/2020 and 1056/2021, raising concerns over increasing illegal logging and specific cases of practices that are in breach of EU environmental legislation in *some* Member States; points, in this regard, to the European Parliament resolution of 23 June 2022 on illegal logging in the EU⁷ adopted on the basis of a motion for a resolution by the Committee on Petitions in addition to its question for oral answer and to a fact-finding visit concerning alleged breaches of EU environmental law;

⁷ OJ C 32, 27.1.2023, p. 20.

Amendment

21. Stresses the importance of delivering on EU citizens' expectations regarding the protection of the environment, and in particular of taking action in the field of illegal logging; underlines, in this regard, the follow-up actions by Parliament of Petitions Nos 0289/2015, 0625/2018, 1248/2019, 0408/2020, 0722/2020 and 1056/2021, raising concerns over increasing illegal logging and specific cases of practices that are in breach of EU environmental legislation in *number of* Member States; points, in this regard, to the European Parliament resolution of 23 June 2022 on illegal logging in the EU⁷ adopted on the basis of a motion for a resolution by the Committee on Petitions in addition to its question for oral answer and to a fact-finding visit concerning alleged breaches of EU environmental law;

⁷ OJ C 32, 27.1.2023, p. 20.

Or. en

Amendment 54
Michał Wiezik, Vlad Gheorghe

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Emphasizes that the petitions related to environment once again in 2022 made up the largest share of petitions received by the European Parliament expressing clear citizens' demands in the strict protection of unique ecosystems and species, including Europe's last old-growth and primary forests and invaluable wetlands and peatlands, as well as pointing out to the breaches of the EU legislation including the Water Framework Directive and the Birds and Habitats Directives and its provisions on protection of unique ecosystems and species including on the strict protection of large carnivores;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Michal Wiezik, Vlad Gheorghe

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. Stresses moreover the importance of reflecting on EU citizens' demands with regards to significant number of petitions received in 2022 calling for improvement of animal welfare standards including in live animal transports, restrictions to fast-growth broilers, negative impact of cages and other welfare conditions of farmed animals and reminds the Commission in this regard to implement without delay its commitment in line with its Communication in response to the ECI 'End the Cage Age' and propose a legislative proposal on animal welfare;

Amendment 56

Kosma Zlotowski, Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Urges the Commission, again, together with the Member States, to ensure the correct implementation of EU legislation in the environmental field;

deleted

Or. pl

Amendment 57

Vlad Gheorghe

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Urges the Commission, again, together with the Member States, to ensure the correct implementation of EU legislation in the environmental field;

22. Urges the Commission, again, together with the Member States, to ensure the correct implementation of EU legislation in the environmental field; *calls on the Commission to apply effective measures in cases where the infringement of the EU environmental legislation persists;*****

Or. en

Amendment 58

Michał Wiezik, Vlad Gheorghe

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Calls on the Commission to launch an infringement procedure without delay when the failure to implement EU environmental legislation has been detected and calls on the Commission to proceed with the ongoing infringements in reasonable timeframe in order to prevent further deterioration of the environment;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Points out the high number of petitions received and examined by the PETI Committee on the management and protection of large carnivores, such as the brown bear and wolf; particular attention should be paid to the important problems of co-existence between humans and large carnivores, including via comprehensive data collection and review of the legal framework; urges the Commission and the Member States to ensure a balanced coexistence in the regions, where the concentration of large carnivores became a real danger for livestock and also for humans;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Vlad Gheorghe

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Stresses the important contribution made by the Committee on Petitions to the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities, as revealed by its treatment of a number of petitions on this sensitive topic; points, in this regard, to the opinion of the Committee on Petitions entitled ‘Towards equal rights for people with disabilities’ adopted on 13 July 2022⁸ ; recalls the annual workshop of 30 November 2022 on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which the Committee on Petitions held to focus on disability assessment, mutual recognition and the EU Disability Card which shed light on the obstacles reported in petitions by persons with disabilities when they move across the EU;

⁸ Opinion adopted as part of procedure 2022/2026(INI), concluding with the adoption of the European Parliament resolution of 13 December 2022 towards equal rights for persons with disabilities. OJ C 177, 17.5.2023, p. 13.

23. Stresses the important contribution made by the Committee on Petitions to the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities, as revealed by its treatment of a number of petitions on this sensitive topic; points, in this regard, to the opinion of the Committee on Petitions entitled ‘Towards equal rights for people with disabilities’ adopted on 13 July 2022⁸ ; recalls the annual workshop of 30 November 2022 on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which the Committee on Petitions held to focus on disability assessment, mutual recognition and the EU Disability Card which shed light on the obstacles reported in petitions by persons with disabilities when they move across the EU; ***recalls that the Commission should address the cases where the national authorities refuse to recognise the rights for social security benefits for disabled people, thus leaving them without necessary means to cover their basic needs ;***

⁸ Opinion adopted as part of procedure 2022/2026(INI), concluding with the adoption of the European Parliament resolution of 13 December 2022 towards equal rights for persons with disabilities. OJ C 177, 17.5.2023, p. 13.

Or. en

Amendment 61

Peter Jahr

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Highlights the need to provide sign language interpretation ***services and easy-to-read language translations for committee meetings***, plenary meetings and ***all*** other ***Parliament*** meetings, in order to

Amendment

25. Highlights the need to ***punctually*** provide ***International*** sign language interpretation ***for*** plenary meetings and other ***major events and*** meetings, in order to make them accessible for persons with

make them accessible for persons with disabilities;

disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 62

Ana Miranda

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Acknowledges the European Ombudsman's regular contributions to the work of the Committee on Petitions throughout the year; firmly believes that the Union's institutions, bodies and agencies must ensure consistent and effective follow-up to *the* recommendations of the Ombudsman;

Amendment

28. Acknowledges the European Ombudsman's regular contributions to the work of the Committee on Petitions throughout the year; firmly believes that the Union's institutions, bodies and agencies must ensure **full**, consistent and effective follow-up to **all** recommendations of the Ombudsman;

Or. en

Amendment 63

Peter Jahr

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Acknowledges the European Ombudsman's regular contributions to the work of the Committee on Petitions throughout the year; firmly believes that the Union's institutions, bodies and agencies must ensure **consistent and effective** follow-up to the recommendations of the Ombudsman;

Amendment

28. Acknowledges the European Ombudsman's regular contributions to the work of the Committee on Petitions throughout the year; firmly believes that the Union's institutions, bodies and agencies must ensure **adequate** follow-up to **and discussions on** the recommendations of the Ombudsman;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Stresses that the ECI is an important instrument for active citizenship and public participation; welcomes the discussion in several meetings of some unsuccessful ECIs as petitions, which gave citizens the opportunity to present their ideas and hold a constructive debate, as well as facilitating the participation of EU citizens in the democratic process of the Union; takes note of the significant number of new ECIs registered by the Commission in 2022, which shows that citizens are seizing the opportunity to use participatory instruments to have a say in policy and law-making processes; calls on the Commission to better engage with citizens and give adequate follow-up to successful ECIs;

Amendment

29. Stresses that the ECI is an important instrument for active citizenship and public participation; ***underlines the Commission's commitments in its responses to valid ECIs in order not to undermine citizens' trust in the institute of ECI as the most significant instrument of participatory democracy***; welcomes the discussion in several meetings of some unsuccessful ECIs as petitions, which gave citizens the opportunity to present their ideas and hold a constructive debate, as well as facilitating the participation of EU citizens in the democratic process of the Union; takes note of the significant number of new ECIs registered by the Commission in 2022, which shows that citizens are seizing the opportunity to use participatory instruments to have a say in policy and law-making processes; calls on the Commission to better engage with citizens and give adequate follow-up to successful ECIs;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

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well as facilitating the participation of EU citizens in the democratic process of the Union; takes note of the significant number of new ECIs registered by the Commission in 2022, which shows that citizens are seizing the opportunity to use participatory instruments to have a say in policy and law-making processes; calls on the Commission to **give due consideration to the parliamentary resolutions adopted on the ECIs and** better engage with citizens, **especially with ensuring an** adequate follow-up to successful ECIs;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Kosma Złotowski, Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29 a. Draws attention to the particular role of the Committee on Petitions in safeguarding the rights of children and their parents; notes that in 2022, the Committee on Petitions devoted a great deal of attention to issues relating to child welfare, including a fact-finding visit to Palma in the Balearic Islands on the maltreatment of minors and a fact-finding visit to Germany on the activities of the German Jugendamt; Stresses that, although the majority of issues fall within national competence, the Committee on Petitions receives many dramatic petitions on children's rights which deserve special attention;

Or. pl

Amendment 67

Vlad Gheorghe

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Recalls that the petitioners should be able not only to take part in the deliberations on petitions which they have submitted, but also in the fact-finding visits which are based on those petitions; recalls in this regard the need to implement the possibility for petitioners to have their travel expenses reimbursed when they take part in a fact-finding visit of the Petitions committee;

Or. en