



TEXTS ADOPTED

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Statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations *I**

Amendments adopted by the European Parliament on 15 September 2022 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations (recast) (COM(2021)0734 – C9-0432/2021 – 2021/0375(COD))¹

(Ordinary legislative procedure – recast)

¹ The matter was referred back for interinstitutional negotiations to the committee responsible, pursuant to Rule 59(4), fourth subparagraph (A9-0223/2022).

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation Recital 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) Article 8 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) establishes the principle of gender mainstreaming, by which the Union aims to eliminate inequalities, and to promote equality between men and women in all its activities.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) Article 21 of the Charter establishes the right to gender equality in all areas.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation Recital 12 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12a) Differentiated levels of affiliation and a category of ‘research partners’ should be recognised for European political foundations, in order to allow more flexibility and to facilitate freedom of research.

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(23) The European legal status granted to European political parties and their

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Amendment 144

Proposal for a regulation Recital 30

Text proposed by the Commission

(30) European political parties **and** their member parties should lead by example in closing the gender gap in the political domain. If they wish to benefit from EU funding, European political parties should have internal rules promoting gender **balance and they** should be transparent about the gender balance of their member parties. **European political parties** should provide evidence **on their internal policy on gender balance and** on their member parties' gender representation as regards candidates to and Member of the European Parliament . The European political parties are also encouraged to provide information in relation to their member parties' on inclusiveness and representation of minorities.

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Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

(38) Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 acknowledges only two categories of revenues for European political parties and foundations apart from contributions from the budget of the European Union, namely contributions from members and donations. A number of revenue sources generated from own economic activities (such as sales of publications or conference fees) fall outside the scope of *these* two categories, creating accounting and transparency problems. A third category of revenues ('own resources') should therefore be created. The proportion of own resources in the total budget of a European political party or *foundations* should be capped at **5% to avoid** that it *becomes overdimensioned in relation* to the overall budget of these entities.

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Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 39

Text proposed by the Commission

(39) In order to reach out to their members and constituencies across the Union, European political parties should have the right to use their funding for cross-border political campaigns. The funding and limitation of election expenses for parties and candidates in those campaigns should be governed by the rules applicable in each Member State.

Amendment

(39) In order to reach out to their members and constituencies across the Union, European political parties should have the right to use their funding for cross-border political campaigns, **such as referendum campaigns and campaigns conducted in the context of elections to the European Parliament, including by setting up and promoting Union-wide lists of candidates in such elections.** The funding and limitation of election expenses for parties and candidates in those campaigns should be governed by the rules

applicable in each Member State.

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 41

Text proposed by the Commission

(41) European political parties should not ***fund, directly or indirectly***, other political ***parties*** and, in particular, national ***parties or candidates***. ***European political foundations should not fund, directly or indirectly, European or national political parties or candidates***. The prohibition of indirect funding should however not prevent European political parties from publicly supporting and engaging with their member parties in the Union on issues of relevance for the Union, ***or to support political activities in the common interest, to be able to fulfil their mission under Article 10(4) TEU***. Moreover, European political parties ***and their affiliated European political foundations*** should only finance activities in the context of national referendum campaigns when they concern ***the implementation of the TEU and the TFEU***. These principles reflect Declaration No 11 on Article 191 of the Treaty establishing the European Community annexed to the Final Act of the Treaty of Nice.

Amendment

(41) European political parties ***and European political foundations*** should not ***use funding received from the general budget of the European Union for the direct or indirect funding of*** other political ***entities*** and, in particular, national parties or candidates. The prohibition of indirect funding should however not prevent European political parties ***or European political foundations*** from publicly supporting and engaging with their member parties ***or member organisations*** in the Union on issues of relevance for the Union, ***from supporting political activities in the common interest, or from engaging in educational activities, in order to be able to fulfil their mission under Article 10(4) TEU and to reinforce the European demos***. ***The prohibition of indirect funding should not prevent representatives and staffers of political parties, or of potentially politically active persons, from participating in events of European political foundations***. ***However, European political foundations should not engage in the training of political candidates in the six months before national or European elections***. Moreover, European political parties should only finance activities in the context of national referendum campaigns when they concern ***issues directly related to the Union***. These principles reflect Declaration No 11 on Article 191 of the Treaty establishing the European Community annexed to the Final Act of the Treaty of Nice.

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 50

Text proposed by the Commission

(50) It is necessary to establish a common repository for the disclosures of European political parties. Given its specific role in the implementation of this Regulation, the Authority should establish and manage such repository as a part of the Registry for European political parties. The information contained in the repository should be transmitted by European Political Parties to the Authority using a standard format and may be automated. European political parties should make available in the Authority's repository information to enable the wider context of the political advertisement *and its aims* to be understood. The information on the amount allocated to political advertising in the context of a specific campaign to be included in the repository may be based on *an estimated allocation* of funding. The amounts to be mentioned in the repository include donations for specific purposes *or* benefits in kind.

Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 61

Text proposed by the Commission

(61) In order to facilitating the monitoring of the implementation of this Regulation, single points of contact in charge of coordination with the European level should be designated by each Member *State*. Such contact points should be adequately resourced to be able to ensure effective coordination, including on issues related to the monitoring of political

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(61) In order to facilitating the monitoring of the implementation of this Regulation, single points of contact in charge of coordination with the European level should be designated by each Member *State*. Such contact points should be adequately resourced to be able to ensure effective coordination, including on issues related to the monitoring of political advertising. *The Authority should*

advertising,

regularly convene the single points of contact designated by the Member States in order to exchange best practices on matters of common concern.

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) it is either recognised by, or established in accordance with, the legal order of at least one Member State;

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(b) it is either recognised by, or established in accordance with, the legal order of at least one Member State ***or of a third country that belongs to the Council of Europe and has full rights of representation therein;***

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) ‘European political party’ means a political alliance which pursues political objectives, aims to pursue those objectives across the Union, and is registered with the Authority for European political parties and foundations referred to in Article 7, in accordance with this Regulation;

Amendment

(3) ‘European political party’ means a political alliance which pursues political objectives, ***which*** aims to pursue those objectives across the ***Union, and of which a majority of its member parties are either recognised by, or established in accordance with, the legal order of at least one Member State, and have their seat within the European*** Union, and ***which*** is registered with the Authority for European political parties and foundations referred to in Article 7, in accordance with this Regulation;

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) 'donation' means any **cash offering**, any offering in kind, the provision below market value of any goods, services (including loans) or works, and any other transaction which constitutes an economic advantage for the European political party or the European political foundation concerned, with the exception of contributions **from members** and usual political activities carried out on a voluntary basis by individuals;

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(7) 'donation' means any **payment**, any offering in kind, the provision below market value of any goods, services (including loans) or works, and any other transaction which constitutes an economic advantage for the European political party or the European political foundation concerned, with the exception of **contributions, association fees, ancillary own resources** and usual political activities carried out on a voluntary basis by individuals;

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) 'contribution **from members**' means any payment **in cash**, including membership fees, or any contribution in kind, or the provision below market value of any goods, services (including loans) or works, and any other transaction which constitutes an economic advantage for the European political party or the European political foundation concerned, when provided to that European political party or to that European political foundation by one of its members, with the exception of usual political activities carried out on a voluntary basis by individual members;

Amendment

(8) 'contribution' means any payment, **except where it is clearly indicated that the contribution comes from the general budget of the European Union**, including membership fees, or any contribution in kind, or the provision below market value of any goods, services (including loans) or works, and any other transaction which constitutes an economic advantage for the European political party or the European political foundation concerned, when provided to that European political party or to that European political foundation by one of its members **that has its seat or his or her place of residence within the Union**, with the exception of usual political activities carried out on a voluntary basis by individual members;

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8 a) 'association fees' means any payment provided to the European political party or European political foundation by one of its member parties or member organisations that has its seat in a third country that belongs to the Council of Europe and has full rights of representation therein.

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 9

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9) 'own resources' means income generated by own economic activities, such as **conference fees and** sales of publications;

(9) '**ancillary** own resources' means income generated by own economic activities, such as **from joint activities with other political entities**, sales of publications, **participation fees for conferences or workshops, or other activities directly linked to political activities**;

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 10

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10) 'indirect funding' means funding from which the member party derives a financial advantage, even where no funds are directly transferred; this should include cases which allow the member party to avoid expenditure which it would otherwise have had to incur for activities, other than **political activities in the common interest**, organised for its own and sole benefit;

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Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) ‘political advertising’ means advertising *within the meaning of* Article 2, point (2), of Regulation (EU) 2022/xx [on the transparency and targeting of political advertising];

Amendment

(16) ‘political advertising’ means ‘advertising’ *as defined in* Article 2, point (2), of Regulation (EU) 2022/xx [on the transparency and targeting of political advertising];

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) ‘political advertisement’ means advertisement *within the meaning of* Article 2, point (3) of Regulation (EU) 2022/xx [on the transparency and targeting of political advertising];

Amendment

(17) ‘political advertisement’ means ‘advertisement’ *as defined in* Article 2, point (3), of Regulation (EU) 2022/xx [on the transparency and targeting of political advertising];

Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) ‘political advertising services’ means services *within the meaning of* Article 2 point (5) of Regulation (EU) 2022/xx [on the transparency and targeting of political advertising].

Amendment

(18) ‘political advertising services’ means ‘services’ *as defined in* Article 2, point (5), of Regulation (EU) 2022/xx [on the transparency and targeting of political advertising/].

Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

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programme and in its activities, the values on which the Union is founded, as expressed in Article 2 TEU, namely respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality the rule of law **and** respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities . It provides a written declaration **using** the template in Annex I ;

programme and in its activities, the values on which the Union is founded, as expressed in Article 2 TEU, namely respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality **and** the rule of law, **as well as** respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities, **and** it provides a written declaration **to that effect in the form of** the template in Annex I ;

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) it **also** ensures that its member parties **having** their seat in the Union observe the values expressed in Article 2 TEU and that its member parties **having** their seat **outside the Union** observe equivalent values. It provides a written declaration **using** the template in Annex I;

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(e) it ensures that its member parties **which have** their seat in the Union observe the values expressed in Article 2 TEU and that its member parties **which have** their seat **in a third country that belongs to the Council of Europe and has full rights of representation therein** observe equivalent values, **and** it provides a written declaration **to that effect in the form of** the template in Annex I;

Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) it observes , in particular in its programme and in its activities, the values on which the Union is founded, as expressed in Article 2 TEU, namely respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities . It provides a written declaration **using** the template in Annex I ;

Amendment

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Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) it also ensures that its member organisations **having** their seat in the Union observe the values expressed in Article 2 TEU and that its member organisations **having** their seat **outside the Union** observe equivalent values. It provides a written declaration **using** the template in Annex I;

Amendment

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Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) **a requirement that member parties display the European political party's logo in a clearly visible and user-friendly manner, specifying that it is to be located in the top section of the front page of the member party's website and in an equally visible manner as the member party's own logo;**

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Amendment 131

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point j

Text proposed by the Commission

(j) its internal rules regarding gender balance.

Amendment

(j) its **own** internal rules regarding gender **equality**.

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 4a

Transparency obligations with regard to use of logos, publication of political programme and gender balance

1. Each European political party shall ensure that member parties publish on their websites the political programme and logo of the European political party. The European political party's logo shall be displayed in the top section of the front page of the member party's website, in a clearly visible manner.

2. Each European political party and its member parties shall publish on their websites information on the gender balance among the candidates at the elections to the European Parliament that take place after ...[date of entry into force of this Regulation], along with updated information on gender representation among their Members of the European Parliament. Each European political party shall ensure that its member parties publish such information concerning their respective candidates in the European elections and concerning their Members of European Parliament on their websites.

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Each European political party shall transmit ***within five working days of the first dissemination*** to the Authority information concerning each political advertisement that it sponsors or publishes

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Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Authority shall ***immediately*** publish the information referred to in paragraph 2 in the repository provided for in Article 8. ***The information shall be presented in a form which is easily accessible, clearly visible and user friendly, and using plain language.***

Amendment

3. The Authority shall publish the information referred to in paragraph 2 in the repository provided for in Article 8 ***without undue delay.***

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. ***Member States shall designate one or more national regulatory authorities competent to supervise compliance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 and notify the Authority thereof. Such national regulatory authorities or bodies shall exercise their powers impartially and transparently and be legally distinct from the government and functionally independent of their respective governments and of any other public or private body. The Authority shall publish on its website and keep updated a list of Member States' national regulatory authorities. Decisions of national regulatory authorities shall be subject to effective legal remedies. Member States shall ensure that upon request of any***

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interested party appropriate redress can be sought requiring the European Political Party to put an end to any violation of the obligations laid down in paragraphs 1, 2 or 4.

Amendment 133

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point i a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ia) its own internal rules regarding gender equality.

Amendment 134

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 6a

Requirements for gender equality rules

1. Collegiate governing bodies of European political parties and European political foundations shall be gender-balanced.

2. European political parties and European political foundations shall adopt a gender equality plan including mechanisms to ensure the active participation of women in all their diversity and European political parties shall invite their member parties to do the same.

3. European political parties and European political foundations shall have a protocol to prevent, detect and combat sexual harassment and harassment on the grounds of gender. They shall ensure the independence and expertise of the experts conducting investigations and shall take appropriate measures towards perpetrators of those acts. European

political parties and European political foundations shall incorporate the prohibition of acts of sexual harassment and harassment on the grounds of gender into their internal rules.

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Authority shall decide on the registration and de-registration of European political parties and European political foundations in accordance with the procedures and conditions laid down in this Regulation. In addition, the Authority shall regularly verify that the registration conditions laid down in Article 3 and the governance provisions set out in **accordance with** Article 4(1), points (a), (b), (d), (e) **and (f)**, and in Article 6(1), points (a) to (e), and (g), continue to be complied with by the registered European political parties and European political foundations.

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Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. Any amendments to the documents or statutes submitted as part of the application for registration in accordance with Article 9(2) shall be notified to the Authority, **which** shall update the registration **in accordance with** the procedures set out in Article 18(2) and (4), *mutatis mutandis*.

Amendment

5. Any amendments to the documents or statutes submitted as part of the application for registration in accordance with Article 9(2) shall be notified to the Authority **within two months**. **The Authority shall update the registration in the light of such amendments, applying** the procedures set out in Article 18(2) and (4) *mutatis mutandis*.

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. The updated list of member parties of a European political party, annexed to the party statutes in accordance with Article 4(2), shall be sent to the Authority each year. Any changes following which the European political party might no longer satisfy the condition laid down in Article 3(1), point (b), shall be communicated to the Authority within four weeks of any such change.

Amendment

6. The updated list of member parties of a European political party, annexed to the party statutes in accordance with Article 4(2), shall be sent to the Authority **by 30 September** each year. Any changes following which the European political party might no longer satisfy the condition laid down in Article 3(1), point (b), shall be communicated to the Authority within four weeks of any such change.

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Verification of compliance with registration conditions and requirements

Amendment

Verification of compliance with registration conditions and requirements **and examination of grounds of removal from the Register by the Authority**

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Without prejudice to the procedure laid down in **paragraph 3 of this** Article , the Authority shall regularly verify that the conditions for registration laid down in Article 3, and the governance provisions set out in Article 4(1), points (a), (b), (d), (e) **and (f)**, and Article 6(1), points (a) to (e) and (g) , continue to be complied with by registered European political parties and European political foundations.

Amendment

1. Without prejudice to the procedure laid down in Article **11a**, the Authority shall regularly verify that the conditions for registration laid down in Article 3, and the governance provisions set out in Article 4(1), points (a), (b), (d), (e), **(f) and (h)**, and **in** Article 6(1), points (a) to (e) and (g), continue to be complied with by registered European political parties and European political foundations.

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. ***If the Authority finds that any of the conditions for registration or governance provisions referred to in paragraph 1, with the exception of the conditions in Article 3(1), point (d), and Article 3(2), point (c), are no longer complied with, it shall notify the European political party or foundation concerned.***

Amendment

2. ***Where, following a verification conducted under paragraph 1 of this Article, the Authority considers that one of the grounds for deregistration under Article 19(1), point (a)(i) or (ii), might apply to a European political party or European political foundation, the Authority shall, without undue delay, inform the European political party or European political foundation concerned thereof.***

Where the Authority has knowledge of circumstances indicating that one of the grounds for deregistration under Article 19(1), point (a), or under Article 19(2) might apply to a European political party or European political foundation, the Authority shall without undue delay inform the European political party or European political foundation concerned thereof.

When informing a European political party or European political foundation in accordance with the first or second subparagraph, the Authority shall invite that European political party or European political foundation to submit its observations within one month from receipt of the information concerned.

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

3. ***1 The European Parliament, acting on its own initiative or following a reasoned request from a group of citizens, submitted in accordance with the relevant provisions of its Rules of Procedure, or***

Amendment

3. ***In the event of non-compliance with Article 3(1), point (c), (f) or (g), Article 3(2), point (e), (f) or (g), or the governance provisions referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the Authority***

the Council or the Commission may lodge with the Authority a request for verification of compliance by a specific European political party or European political foundation with the conditions laid down in Article 3(1), point (d), and Article 3(2), point (c) . In such cases, and in the cases referred to in Article 19(3), point (a), the Authority shall ask the committee of independent eminent persons referred to in Article 14 for an opinion on the subject. The committee shall give its opinion within two months.

shall give the European political party or European political foundation concerned the opportunity to introduce the measures required to remedy the situation within the deadline provided for by paragraph 2 of this Article. The deadline may be extended by the Authority upon the reasoned request of the European political party or European political foundation concerned if and in so far as such an extension is necessary and appropriate with regard to the corrective measures envisaged by the European political party or European political foundation.

Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Where the Authority becomes aware of facts which may give rise to doubts concerning compliance by a specific European political party or European political foundation with the conditions laid down in Article 3(1), point (d), and Article 3(2), point (c), it shall inform the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission with a view to allowing any of them to lodge a request for verification as referred to in the first subparagraph. Without prejudice to the first subparagraph, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission shall indicate their intention within two months of receiving that information.

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Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The procedures laid down in the first and second subparagraphs shall not be initiated within a period of two months prior to elections to the European Parliament. That time limit shall not apply with regard to the procedure set out in Article 12.

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Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Having regard to the committee's opinion, the Authority shall decide whether to de-register the European political party or European political foundation concerned. The decision of the Authority shall be duly reasoned.

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Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

A decision of the Authority to de-register on grounds of non-compliance with the conditions set out in Article 3(1), point (d), or Article 3(2), point (c), may only be adopted in the event of manifest and serious breach of those conditions. It shall be subject to the procedure set out in paragraph 4.

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Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

4. ***A decision of the Authority to de-register a European political party or foundation on the ground of a manifest and serious breach as regards compliance with the conditions set out in Article 3(1), point (d), or Article 3(2), point (c), shall be communicated to the European Parliament and the Council. The decision shall enter into force only if no objection is expressed by the European Parliament and the Council within a period of three months of the communication of the decision to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Authority that they will not object. In the event of an objection by the European Parliament and by the Council, the European political party or foundation shall remain registered.***

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4. ***Upon the expiry of the periods referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3, or upon receipt of any observations or information concerning corrective measures from the European political party or European political foundation concerned within that period, the Authority shall, without undue delay and in the light of any such observations submitted by the European political party or European political foundation, assess whether any of the grounds for deregistration under Article 19(1), point (a), or under Article 19(2), apply to the European political party or European political foundation.***

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The European Parliament and the Council may object to the decision only on grounds related to the assessment of compliance with the conditions for registration set out of Article 3(1), point (d), and Article 3(2), point (c).

Amendment

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Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

The European political party or European political foundation concerned shall be

Amendment

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informed that objections have been raised to the decision of the Authority to de-register it.

Amendment 44

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The European Parliament and the Council shall adopt a position in accordance with their respective decision-making rules as established in conformity with the Treaties. Any objection shall be duly reasoned and shall be made public.

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Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5. A decision of the Authority to de-register a European political party or a European political foundation, to which no objections have been raised under the procedure laid down in paragraph 4, together with the detailed grounds for de-registration, shall be notified to the European political party or foundation concerned and published in the Official Journal of the European Union. The decision shall take effect upon notification in accordance with Article 297 TFEU.

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Amendment 46

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6. A European political foundation shall automatically forfeit its status as such if the European political party with which it is affiliated is removed from the Register.

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Amendment 47

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 11a

Verification of the registration conditions relating to the values upon which the Union is founded

1. The European Parliament, acting on its own initiative or following a reasoned request from a group of citizens, submitted in accordance with the relevant provisions of its Rules of Procedure, or the Council or the Commission, may lodge with the Authority a request to verify whether a specific European political party or European political foundation complies with the conditions laid down in Article 3(1), points (d) and (e), and Article 3(2), points (c) and (d). In such cases, and in the cases referred to in Article 11b(2), the Authority shall inform the European political party or European political foundation concerned without undue delay, invite it to submit its observations and give it the opportunity to introduce measures to remedy the situation within one month.

The period may be extended by the Authority upon the reasoned request of the European political party or European political foundation concerned if an extension is necessary and appropriate with regard to the corrective measures envisaged by the European political party

or European political foundation.

Upon the expiry of the period mentioned in the first and second subparagraphs or upon receipt of any observations and information concerning corrective measures from the European political party or European political foundation concerned within that period, the Authority shall submit the observations made by the European political party or European political foundation concerned and, where applicable, the description of the corrective measures taken by that party or foundation to the committee of independent eminent persons referred to in Article 14, and shall ask this committee for an opinion on the subject. The committee shall give its opinion within two months.

Where facts which cast doubt on the compliance by a specific European political party or European political foundation with the conditions laid down in Article 3(1), points (d) and (e), and Article 3(2), points (c) and (d), come to the attention of the Authority, the Authority shall inform the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission with a view to allowing any of them to lodge a request for verification as referred to in the first subparagraph. Without prejudice to the first subparagraph, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission shall declare their intention to lodge a request for verification within two months of receiving that information.

2. The procedures laid down in paragraph 1 shall not be initiated within a period of two months prior to elections to the European Parliament.

3. The Authority shall decide whether to deregister the European political party or European political foundation concerned, taking into account the opinion of the committee of independent eminent persons referred to in Article 14. The decision of the Authority shall be

duly reasoned.

4. A decision of the Authority to deregister on grounds of non-compliance with the conditions set out in Article 3(1), point (d) or (e), or Article 3(2), point (c) or (d), shall only be adopted in the event of a manifest and serious breach of those conditions. The decision shall be subject to the procedure set out in paragraph 5.

5. A decision of the Authority to deregister a European political party or European political foundation on the ground of a manifest and serious breach of the conditions set out in Article 3(1), point (d) or (e), or Article 3(2), point (c) or (d), shall be communicated to the European Parliament and the Council. The decision shall enter into force only if no objection is made by the European Parliament and the Council within a period of three months of the communication of the decision to them or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Authority that they will not object. In the event of an objection by the European Parliament and by the Council, the European political party or European political foundation shall remain registered.

6. The European Parliament and the Council may only object to a decision of the Authority to deregister a European political party or European political foundation on grounds related to the assessment of compliance with the conditions for registration set out in Article 3(1), point (d) or (e), or Article 3(2), point (c) or (d).

7. Where an objection has been raised to a decision of the Authority to deregister a European political party or European political foundation, the European political party or European political foundation concerned shall be informed by the Authority of such objection.

8. The European Parliament and the Council shall adopt a position in

accordance with their respective decision-making rules established in conformity with the Treaties. Any objection raised to a decision of the Authority to deregister a European political party or European political foundation shall be duly reasoned, and shall be made public.

Amendment 48

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 11b

Verification of obligations under national law

1. If a European political party or a European political foundation has failed to fulfil relevant obligations under national law applicable pursuant to Article 17(2), first subparagraph, and if, in the light of the freedom of association enshrined in Article 12 of the Charter and the need to ensure pluralism of political parties in Europe, that failure is serious enough to justify its deregistration, the Member State of the seat of the European political party or European political foundation may address a request for deregistration to the Authority. That request shall be duly reasoned. In particular, it shall identify precisely and exhaustively the illegal actions and the specific national requirements that have not been complied with.

If the subject matter of the Member States' request relates exclusively or predominantly to elements affecting respect for the values upon which the Union is founded, enshrined in Article 2 TEU, the Authority shall initiate a verification procedure in accordance with Article 11a.

For any other matter, where, in its request pursuant to the first subparagraph, the

Member State confirms that an effective remedy against such a request exists at national level and all remedies concerning such a request have been exhausted, the Authority shall, after hearing the representative of the European political party or European political foundation concerned, assess whether the deregistration ground under Article 19(1), point (d), applies to the European political party or European political foundation concerned.

2. If a European political party or a European political foundation has seriously failed to fulfil relevant obligations under national law applicable pursuant to Article 17(2), second subparagraph, and if the matter relates exclusively or predominantly to elements affecting respect for the values upon which the Union is founded, enshrined in Article 2 TEU, the Member State concerned may address a request to the Authority in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1, first subparagraph. The Authority shall proceed in accordance with paragraph 1, second subparagraph.

3. In all cases, the Authority shall act without undue delay. The Authority shall inform the Member State concerned and the European political party or European political foundation concerned of the effect that was given to the reasoned request for deregistration.

Amendment 49

Proposal for a regulation Article 12 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. *If* the Authority *is* informed of a decision *of a* national supervisory authority *within the meaning of* Article 4, point (21), of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 finding that a natural or legal person has infringed

Amendment

2. The Authority *shall be* informed of *any* decision *at national level of a* supervisory authority *as defined in* Article 4, point (21), of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 finding that a natural or legal person has

applicable rules on the protection of personal data, and if it follows from that decision, or if there are otherwise reasonable grounds to believe, that the infringement is linked to political activities by a European political party or a European political foundation in the context of elections to the European Parliament, the Authority shall refer this matter to the committee of independent eminent persons referred to in Article 14 of this Regulation. The Authority may, if necessary, liaise with the *national* supervisory authority concerned.

Amendment 50

Proposal for a regulation Article 12 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Having regard to the committee's opinion, the Authority shall decide, pursuant to Article **30(2)**, point (a)(vii), whether to impose financial sanctions on the European political party or European political foundation concerned. The decision of the Authority shall be duly reasoned, in particular with regard to the committee's opinion, and shall be published expeditiously.

Amendment 51

Proposal for a regulation Article 12 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. The procedure set out in this Article is without prejudice to the procedure set out in *Article 11*.

infringed applicable rules on the protection of personal data, and if it follows from that decision, or if there are otherwise reasonable grounds to believe, that the infringement is linked to political activities by a European political party or a European political foundation in the context of elections to the European Parliament, the Authority shall refer this matter to the committee of independent eminent persons referred to in Article 14 of this Regulation. The Authority may, if necessary, liaise with the supervisory authority concerned.

Amendment

4. Having regard to the committee's opinion, the Authority shall decide, pursuant to Article **30(1)**, point (a)(vii), whether to impose financial sanctions on the European political party or European political foundation concerned. The decision of the Authority shall be duly reasoned, in particular with regard to the committee's opinion, and shall be published expeditiously.

Amendment

5. The procedure set out in this Article is without prejudice to the procedure set out in *Articles 11, 11a and 11b*. ***The period referred to in Article 11a(2) shall not apply to the procedure set out in this Article.***

Amendment 52

Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Authority shall annually prepare and publish a report on the political advertising activity of European political parties. This report shall include ***a factual summary of the reports for the relevant reporting year published by European political parties according to Article 5(4), as well as any decisions of the national regulatory authorities designated under Article 5(6) or of the supervisory authorities referred to in Article 5(7) finding that a European political party has violated Article 5 of this Regulation.***

Amendment

The Authority shall annually prepare and publish a report on the political advertising activity of European political parties. This report shall include the reports for the relevant reporting year published by European political parties ***in accordance with Article 5(4).***

Amendment 53

Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. A European political party or a European political foundation shall lose its European legal personality upon ***the notification of*** a decision ***pursuant to Article 11(5)***.

Amendment

1. A European political party or a European political foundation shall lose its European legal personality upon ***its removal from the Register by*** a decision of ***the Authority:***

(a) if, in the context of the procedure laid down in Article 11, the Authority finds that

(i) one of the conditions for registration laid down in Article 3(1), point (a),(b), (c), (f) or (g), or in Article 3(2), point (a), (b), (e), (f) or (g), is not complied with by the European political party or European political foundation in question;

(ii) one of the governance provisions set out in Article 4(1), point (a), (b), (d), (e), (f), (h), or (i), or in Article 6(1), points (a) to (e) or (g), is not complied with by the European political party or European political foundation in question;

(iii) the European political party or European political foundation in question is in one of the exclusion situations referred to in Article 136(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046;

(iv) the decision to register the European political party or European political foundation in question is based on information of a decisive nature for the registration decision that was incorrect or misleading or the decision was obtained by deceit;

(b) if, in the context of the procedure laid down in Article 11a, the Authority finds that the conditions for registration laid down in Article 3(1), point (d) or (e), or Article 3(2), point (c) or (d), concerning respect for the values enshrined in Article 2 TEU, have been manifestly and seriously breached by the European political party in question, or by its member parties, or by the European political foundation in question, or by its member organisations;

(c) at the request of the European political party or European political foundation concerned; or

(d) at the request of a Member State that fulfils the requirements laid down in Article 11b(1) and (3).

Amendment 54

Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. A European political party *or* a European political foundation ***shall be removed*** from the Register ***by a decision of the Authority:***

(a) as a consequence of a decision adopted pursuant to Article 11(2) to (5);

(b) in the circumstances provided for in

Amendment

2. ***If the Authority decides to remove*** a European political party ***from the Register,*** ***it shall also remove*** a European political foundation ***affiliated to it*** from the Register.

Article 11(6);

(c) at the request of the European political party or European political foundation concerned;

(d) in the cases referred to in paragraph 3, first subparagraph, point (b), .

Amendment 55

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. *If a European political party or a European political foundation has seriously failed to fulfil relevant obligations under national law applicable by virtue of the first subparagraph of Article 17(2), the Member State of the seat may address to the Authority a duly reasoned request for de-registration which shall identify precisely and exhaustively the illegal actions and the specific national requirements that have not been complied with. In such cases, the Authority shall*

(a) for matters relating exclusively or predominantly to elements affecting respect for the values on which the Union is founded, as expressed in Article 2 TEU, initiate a verification procedure in accordance with Article 11(3) of this Regulation . Article 11(4), (5) and (6) of this Regulation shall also apply;

(b) for any other matter, and when the reasoned request of the Member State concerned confirms that all national remedies have been exhausted, decide to remove the European political party or European political foundation concerned from the Register.

If a European political party or a European political foundation has seriously failed to fulfil relevant obligations under national law applicable by virtue of the second subparagraph of

Amendment

3. *The Authority's decision to remove a European political party or European political foundation from the Register shall be addressed, and notified, to the European political party or European political foundation concerned. The decision shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.*

Article 17(2), and if the matter relates exclusively or predominantly to elements affecting respect of the values on which the Union is founded, as expressed in Article 2 TEU, the Member State concerned may address a request to the Authority in accordance with the provisions of the first subparagraph of this paragraph. The Authority shall proceed in accordance with the first subparagraph, point (a), of this paragraph.

In all cases, the Authority shall act without undue delay. The Authority shall inform the Member State concerned and the European political party or European political foundation concerned of the follow-up given to the reasoned request for de-registration.

Amendment 56

Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. *The Authority shall fix the date of the publication referred to in paragraph 1 after consultation with the Member State in which the European political party or European political foundation **has** its seat.*

Amendment

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Amendment 57

Proposal for a regulation Article 20 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. A European political party which is registered in accordance with the conditions and procedures laid down in this Regulation, which is represented in the European Parliament by at least one of its members, and which is not in one of the situations of exclusion referred to in

Amendment

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Article 136(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 may apply for funding from the general budget of the European Union, in accordance with the terms and conditions published by the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament in a call for contributions.

Article 136(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 may apply for funding from the general budget of the European Union, in accordance with the terms and conditions published by the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament in a call for contributions ***from the general budget of the European Union.***

Amendment 58

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Direct membership of the European Parliament shall be accepted in cases where a Member of the European Parliament is not a member of a national or regional party affiliated to a European political party.

Amendment 59

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5. Within the limits set out in Articles 24 and 25, the expenditure reimbursable through a financial contribution shall include administrative expenditure and expenditure linked to technical assistance, meetings, research, cross-border events, studies, information and publications, as well as expenditure linked to campaigns.

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Amendment 60

Proposal for a regulation

Article 21 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In order to receive funding from the general budget of the European Union, a European political party or European political foundation which satisfies the conditions of Article 20(1) or (2) shall file an application with the European Parliament following a call for contributions *or* proposals.

Amendment

1. In order to receive funding from the general budget of the European Union, a European political party or European political foundation which satisfies the conditions of Article 20(1) or (2) shall file an application with the European Parliament following a call for contributions ***from the general budget of the European Union or a call for*** proposals.

Amendment 61

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 – paragraph 2**

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The European political party and the European political foundation shall , at the time of its application, comply with the obligations listed in Article 26 From the date of its application until the end of the financial year or of the action covered by the contribution or grant, it shall remain registered in the Register and shall not be the subject of any of the sanctions provided for in Article 30(1) and in Article 30(2) , points (a) ***(v) to (ix)*** .

Amendment

2. The European political party and the European political foundation shall , at the time of its application, comply with the obligations listed in Article 26. From the date of its application until the end of the financial year or of the action covered by the contribution or grant ***from the general budget of the European Union***, it shall remain registered in the Register and shall not be the subject of any of the sanctions provided for in Article 30(1) and in Article 30(2), points (a) (v) ***and (vi)***.

Amendment 62

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 – paragraph 3**

Text proposed by the Commission

3. ***A European political party shall include in its application evidence demonstrating that its EU member parties have, as a rule, published on their websites, in accordance with Article 4(1), point (i), , throughout the 12 months preceding the final date for submission of***

Amendment

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applications, the political programme and logo of the European political party.

Amendment 63

Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. A European political party shall include in its application evidence demonstrating its compliance with Article 4(1), point (j), and that its member parties have continuously published on their websites, during 12 months preceding the moment at which the application is made, information on the gender representation among the candidates at the last elections to the European Parliament and on the evolution of gender representation among their Members of the European Parliament.

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Amendment 64

Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5. A European political party shall include in its application evidence demonstrating its compliance with Article 5, that it maintains an up to date policy for the use of political advertising and that it has implemented it throughout the 12 months preceding the final date for submission of applications.

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Amendment 65

Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. The Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall adopt a decision within three months after closure of the call for contributions or call for proposals, and shall authorise and manage the corresponding appropriations in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 .

Amendment

7. The Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall adopt a decision within three months after closure of the call for contributions ***from the general budget of the European Union*** or the call for proposals, and shall authorise and manage the corresponding appropriations in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.

Amendment 66

Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Donations, contributions and own resources

Amendment

Donations, contributions, ***association fees*** and ***ancillary*** own resources

Amendment 67

Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

2. European political parties and European political foundations shall, at the time of the submission of their annual financial statements in accordance with Article 26, also transmit a list of all donors with their corresponding donations, indicating both the nature and the value of the individual donations. This paragraph shall also apply to contributions made by member parties of European political parties and member organisations of European political foundations.

Amendment

2. European political parties and European political foundations shall, at the time of the submission of their annual financial statements in accordance with Article 26, also transmit a list of all donors with their corresponding donations, indicating both the nature and the value of the individual donations. This paragraph shall also apply to contributions ***and association fees*** made by member parties of European political parties and member organisations of European political foundations ***and to contributions exceeding EUR 1 500 made by individual members of European political parties and European political foundations.***

Amendment 68

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

For donations from natural persons the value of which exceeds EUR 1500 and is below or equal to EUR 3000, the European political party or European political foundation concerned shall indicate whether the corresponding *donors* have given their prior written consent to publication in accordance with Article 36(1), point (e).

Amendment

For donations *and contributions* from natural persons the value of which exceeds EUR 1 500 and is below or equal to EUR 3 000, the European political party or European political foundation concerned shall indicate whether the corresponding *natural persons* have given their prior written consent to publication in accordance with Article 36(1), point (e).

Amendment 69

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Donations received by European political parties and European political foundations *and expenditure funded from those donations* within six months prior to elections to the European Parliament shall be reported on a weekly basis to the Authority in writing and in accordance with paragraph 2.

Amendment

3. Donations received by European political parties and European political foundations within six months prior to elections to the European Parliament shall be reported on a weekly basis to the Authority in writing and in accordance with paragraph 2.

Amendment 70

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

5. *For* all donations *the* value of *which exceeds* EUR 3000, European political parties and European political foundations shall request donors *to* provide the necessary information *for their proper identification*. European political parties and European political foundations shall transmit the information received to the

Amendment

5. *In respect of* all donations *from a single donor with a cumulative annual* value of *more than* EUR 3 000, European political parties and European political foundations shall request *that such* donors provide the necessary information *so that they can be properly identified*. European political parties and European political

Authority upon its request.

foundations shall transmit the information received to the Authority upon its request.

Amendment 71

Proposal for a regulation Article 23 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Authority shall establish a form to be used for ***purposes of*** the first subparagraph.

Amendment

The Authority shall establish a form to be used for ***the purpose of identifying the donors referred to in*** the first subparagraph.

Amendment 72

Proposal for a regulation Article 23 – paragraph 6 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) anonymous donations ***or*** contributions;

Amendment

(a) anonymous donations, contributions ***or association fees***;

Amendment 73

Proposal for a regulation Article 23 – paragraph 6 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) donations from any private entities based ***in a third country*** or from individuals from ***a third country*** who are not entitled to vote in elections to the European Parliament.

Amendment

(d) donations from any private entities based ***outside the Union*** or from individuals from ***outside the Union*** who are not entitled to vote in elections to the European Parliament.

Amendment 74

Proposal for a regulation Article 23 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

8. The Authority shall carry out

Amendment

8. The Authority shall carry out ***checks***

verifications where it has grounds to believe that any donation has been **granted** in breach of this Regulation. It may for that purpose request additional information from the European political party or European political foundation and its donors.

where it has grounds to believe that any donation has been **accepted** in breach of this Regulation. It may for that purpose request additional information from the European political party or European political foundation and its donors.

Amendment 75

Proposal for a regulation Article 23 – paragraph 9

Text proposed by the Commission

9. Contributions **from members of a European political party that have their seat in, or are citizens of, a Member State or from member parties that have their seat in a country belonging to the Council of Europe shall be permitted. The total value of contributions from members shall not exceed 40 % of the annual budget of a European political party. The value of contributions from member parties that have their seat in a country outside the Union shall not exceed 10% of the total contributions from members.**

Amendment

9. **The total value of the** contributions to a European political party shall not exceed 40 % of **its** annual budget.

Amendment 76

Proposal for a regulation Article 23 – paragraph 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

9a. The total value of association fees to a European political party shall not exceed 20 % of the total value of contributions to that party. Any payment of association fees can be made only within the framework of generally applicable rules and rates established by the European political party.

Amendment 77

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23 – paragraph 10 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

10. Contributions ***from members of a European political foundation that have their seat in, or are citizens of, a Member State or from member organisations that have their seat in a country belonging to the Council of Europe , and from the European political party with which it is affiliated, shall be permitted. The total value of contributions from members*** shall not exceed 40 % of the annual budget of a European political foundation and shall not derive from funds received by a European political party pursuant to this Regulation from the general budget of the European Union. ***The value of contributions from member organisations that have their seat in a country outside the Union shall not exceed 10% of the total contributions from members.***

Amendment

10. ***The total value of the contributions to European political foundations from members and financing by the European political party to which it is affiliated shall not exceed 40 % of the annual budget of a European political foundation and shall not derive from funds received by a European political party pursuant to this Regulation from the general budget of the European Union.***

Amendment 78

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23 – paragraph 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

10a. The total value of association fees to a European political foundation shall not exceed 20 % of the total contributions to that foundation.

Amendment 79

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23 – paragraph 12

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

12. Any contribution that is not permitted under this Regulation shall be returned in accordance with paragraph 7.

12. Any contribution ***or association fee*** that is not permitted under this Regulation shall be returned in accordance with paragraph 7.

Amendment 80

Proposal for a regulation Article 23 – paragraph 13

Text proposed by the Commission

13. The value of own resources of a European political party or of a European political foundation generated from own economic activities shall not exceed **5%** of the **annual budget** of that European political party or European political foundation.

Amendment

13. The value of **ancillary** own resources of a European political party or of a European political foundation generated from own economic activities shall not exceed **10 %** of the **amount generated by contributions to, and association fees** of, that European political party or European political foundation.

Amendment 81

Proposal for a regulation Article 24 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The funding of European political parties **and European political foundations** from the general budget of the European Union or from any other source may be used to finance referendum campaigns when those campaigns concern **the implementation of the Treaties of the** Union.

Amendment

2. The funding of European political parties from the general budget of the European Union or from any other source may be used to finance referendum campaigns when those campaigns concern **issues directly related to the European** Union.

Amendment 82

Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Notwithstanding Article 24(1), the funding of European political parties from the general budget of the European Union or from any other source shall not be used for the direct or indirect funding of other political **parties**, and in particular national parties or candidates. Those national

Amendment

1. Notwithstanding **Article 23(10) and** Article 24(1), the funding of European political parties from the general budget of the European Union or from any other source shall not be used for the direct or indirect funding of other political **entities**, and in particular national parties or

political parties and candidates shall continue to be governed by national rules.

candidates. Those national political parties and candidates shall continue to be governed by national rules.

Amendment 83

Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The funding of European political foundations from the general budget of the European Union or from any other source shall not be used for any other purpose than for financing their tasks as listed in Article 2, point (4), and to meet expenditure directly linked to the objectives set out in their statutes in accordance with Article 6. It shall in particular not be used for the direct or indirect funding of elections, political parties, or candidates or other foundations.

Amendment

2. The funding of European political foundations from the general budget of the European Union or from any other source shall not be used for any other purpose than for financing their tasks as listed in Article 2, point (4), and to meet expenditure directly linked to the objectives set out in their statutes in accordance with Article 6. It shall in particular not be used for the direct or indirect funding of elections, political parties, or candidates ***in the six months before national or European elections***, or ***of*** other foundations.

Amendment 84

Proposal for a regulation Article 26 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 - introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. At the latest within six months following the end of the financial year, European political parties and European political foundations shall submit to the ***Authority, with a copy to the*** Authorising Officer of the European Parliament ***and to the competent National Contact Point of the Member State of their seat***.

Amendment

1. At the latest within six months following the end of the financial year, European political parties and European political foundations shall submit to the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament, ***in an open, machine readable format***, the ***following***:

Amendment 85

Proposal for a regulation Article 26 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 - point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the list of donors and contributors and their corresponding donations **or** contributions reported in accordance with Article 23(2), (3) and (4).

Amendment

(c) the list of donors and contributors and their corresponding donations, contributions **or association fees** reported in accordance with Article 23(2), (3) and (4).

Amendment 86

Proposal for a regulation

Article 26 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The European political parties and European political foundations shall also send a copy of any submission referred to in the first subparagraph to the Authority and to the competent national contact point of the Member State of their seat. That copy shall be in an open and machine readable format.

Amendment 87

Proposal for a regulation

Article 27 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The Authority shall control compliance by European political parties and European political foundations with their obligations under this Regulation, in particular in relation to Article 3, Article 4(1), points (a), (b), (d), (e) **and (f), of** Article 6(1), points (a) to (e) and (g), Article 10(5) and (6), and **Articles 23, 24 and 25.**

2. The Authority shall control compliance by European political parties and European political foundations with their obligations under this Regulation, in particular in relation to Article 3, Article 4(1), points (a), (b), (d), (e), **(f) and (h), Article 4a, Article 5,** Article 6(1), points (a) to (e) and (g), Article 10(5) and (6), and **Article 23. In cases where no funding from the general budget of the European Union is involved, it shall also control compliance by European political parties with their obligations under Article 25(1).**

Amendment 88

Proposal for a regulation Article 27 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall control compliance by European political parties and European political foundations with the obligations relating to Union funding under this Regulation ***in accordance with*** Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 . In carrying out such controls, the European Parliament shall take the necessary measures in the fields of the prevention of and the fight against fraud affecting the financial interests of the Union.

Amendment

The Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall control compliance by European political parties and European political foundations with the obligations relating to Union funding under this Regulation ***and under*** Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 . In carrying out such controls, the European Parliament shall take the necessary measures in the fields of the prevention of and the fight against fraud affecting the financial interests of the Union.

Amendment 89

Proposal for a regulation Article 30 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In accordance with Article 19, the Authority shall decide to remove a European political party or a European political foundation from the Register by way of sanction in any of the following situations:

(a) where the party or foundation in question is in one of the situations of exclusion referred to in Article 136(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 ;

(b) where it is established, in accordance with the procedures set out in Article 11(2) to (5), that it no longer fulfils one or more of the conditions set out in Article 3(1) or (2);

(c) where a decision to register the party or foundation in question is based on incorrect or misleading information for which the applicant is responsible, or where such a decision has been obtained

Amendment

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by deceit;

(d) where a request by a Member State for de-registration on grounds of serious failure to fulfil obligations under national law meets the requirements set out in Article 19(3), point (b).

Amendment 90

Proposal for a regulation

Article 30 – paragraph 2 – point a – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) in the event of non-compliance with the commitments entered into and the information provided by a European political party or European political foundation in accordance with Article 4(1), points (a), (b), (d), (e), (f), ***(i) and (j)*** and with Article 6(1), points (a), (b), (d) and (e);

Amendment

(ii) in the event of non-compliance with the commitments entered into and the information provided by a European political party or European political foundation in accordance with Article 4(1), points (a), (b), (d), (e), (f) ***and (h)***, and with Article 6(1), points (a), (b), (d) and (e);

Amendment 91

Proposal for a regulation

Article 30 – paragraph 2 – point a – point ii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iia) in the event of non-compliance with the obligations under Article 4a(1);

Amendment 92

Proposal for a regulation

Article 30 – paragraph 2 – point a – point ii b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iib) in the event of non-compliance with the obligations under Article 4a(2);

Amendment 93

Proposal for a regulation
Article 30 – paragraph 2 – point a – point ii c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iic) in the event of non-compliance with the obligations under Article 5(1) to (5);

Amendment 94

Proposal for a regulation
Article 30 – paragraph 2 – point a – point viii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(viii) in the event of failure to provide evidence on the use of logos and publication of political programmes in accordance with Article 21(3);

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Amendment 95

Proposal for a regulation
Article 30 – paragraph 2 – point a – point ix

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ix) in the event of failure to provide evidence on gender representation in accordance with Article 21(4).

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Amendment 96

Proposal for a regulation
Article 30 – paragraph 2 – point b – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) where a European political party or a European political foundation has accepted donations **and** contributions that are not permitted under Article 23(1) or **(5)**, unless the conditions laid down in Article 23(7) are met;

(i) where a European political party or a European political foundation has accepted donations, contributions **or association fees** that are not permitted under Article 23(1) or **(6)**, unless the conditions laid down in Article 23(7) are met;

Amendment 97

Proposal for a regulation

Article 30 – paragraph 4 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

4. For the purposes of paragraphs **2 and 3**, the following financial sanctions shall be imposed on a European political party or a European political foundation:

Amendment

4. For the purposes of paragraphs **1 and 2**, the following financial sanctions shall be imposed on a European political party or a European political foundation:

Amendment 98

Proposal for a regulation

Article 30 – paragraph 4 – point b – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) in cases of quantifiable infringements, a fixed percentage of the amount of the irregular sums received or not reported in accordance with the following scale, up to a maximum of 10 % of the annual budget of the European political party or European political foundation concerned:

Amendment

(b) in cases of quantifiable infringements, a fixed percentage of the amount of the irregular sums received or not reported ***or of the sums used for funding activities that are prohibited under Article 25***, in accordance with the following scale, up to a maximum of 10 % of the annual budget of the European political party or European political foundation concerned:

Amendment 99

Proposal for a regulation

Article 30 – paragraph 4 – point b – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

For the application of the percentages indicated in the first subparagraph, each donation ***or*** contribution shall be considered separately.

Amendment

For the application of the percentages indicated in the first subparagraph, each donation, contribution, ***association fee or sum used for funding activities that are prohibited under Article 25*** shall be considered separately.

Amendment 100

Proposal for a regulation
Article 30 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5a. The Authority shall recover the corresponding amounts from the European political party or European political foundation on which financial sanctions have been imposed.

Amendment 101

Proposal for a regulation
Article 33 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. With a view to fully comply with the obligations referred to in Article 38, before the Authority's final decision relating to any of the sanctions referred to in Article 30, the Authority or the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall give the European political party or the European political foundation concerned an opportunity to introduce the measures required to remedy the situation within a reasonable period of time, which shall not normally exceed one month. In particular, the Authority or the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall allow the possibility of correcting clerical and arithmetical errors, providing additional documents or information where necessary or correcting minor mistakes.

1. With a view to fully comply with the obligations referred to in Article 38, before the Authority's final decision relating to any of the sanctions referred to in Article **30(1), points (a)(i) to (iv)**, the Authority or the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall give the European political party or the European political foundation concerned an opportunity to introduce the measures required to remedy the situation within a reasonable period of time, which shall not normally exceed one month. In particular, the Authority or the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall allow the possibility of correcting clerical and arithmetical errors, providing additional documents or information where necessary or correcting minor mistakes.

Amendment 102

Proposal for a regulation
Article 33 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Where a European political party or a European political foundation has failed to take corrective measures within the period

2. Where a European political party or a European political foundation has failed to take **sufficient** corrective measures within

of time referred to in paragraph 1, the appropriate sanctions referred to in Article 30 shall be decided.

the period of time referred to in paragraph 1, the appropriate sanctions referred to in Article 30 shall be decided.

Amendment 103

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply in relation to the conditions set out Article 3(1), points (b) to (f) and in Article 3(2), point (c).

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Amendment 104

Proposal for a regulation Article 34 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Recovery

Termination of a funding decision with future effect

Amendment 105

Proposal for a regulation Article 34 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. On the basis of a decision of the Authority removing a European political party or a European political foundation from the Register, the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall withdraw or terminate any ongoing decision or agreement on Union funding, except in the cases provided for in Article 19(2), point (c), and in Article 3(1), points (b) and (f). They shall also recover any Union funding, including any unspent Union funds from previous years.

1. The Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall terminate *an* ongoing *funding* decision *addressed to a European political party or a European political foundation with future effect on the basis of the following grounds:*

(a) *a decision by the Authority to*

remove the party or foundation from the Register, with the exception of a decision based on the ground for deregistration laid down in Article 19(1), point (a) (iv);

(b) a sanction decision based on Article 30(1), points (a)(v) and (vi).

Other grounds for the termination of a funding decision with future effect may be provided for in the contribution or grant agreement.

Amendment 106

Proposal for a regulation Article 34 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. 1 A European political party or European political foundation on which a sanction has been imposed for any of the infringements listed in Article 30(1) and Article 30(2), points (a) (v) and (vi), shall for that reason no longer be in compliance with Article 21(2). As a result, the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall terminate the contribution or grant agreement or decision on Union funding received under this Regulation and shall recover amounts unduly paid under the contribution or grant agreement or decision, including any unspent Union funds from previous years. The Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall also recover amounts unduly paid under the contribution or grant agreement or decision from a natural person in respect of whom a decision pursuant to Article 31 has been taken, taking into account, where applicable, exceptional circumstances relating to that natural person.

In the event of such termination, payments by the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall be limited to the reimbursable expenditure incurred by the European political party or the

Amendment

2. A decision to terminate the funding decision with future effect shall take effect on the day specified in the decision to terminate or, if no day is specified therein, on the day on which the decision to terminate is notified to the European political party or European political foundation.

eligible costs incurred by the European political foundation up to the date when the termination decision takes effect.

This paragraph shall also be applicable to the cases referred to in Article 19(2), point (c), and in Article 3(1), points (b) and (f).

Amendment 107

Proposal for a regulation Article 34 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. The termination of the funding decision with future effect shall have the following consequences:

(a) the contribution or grant agreement shall be terminated from the date referred to in paragraph 2;

(b) payments by the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall be limited to the reimbursable expenditure actually incurred by the European political party or the eligible costs actually incurred by the European political foundation up to the date referred to in paragraph 2;

(c) expenditure or costs incurred by the European political party or European political foundation from the day referred to in paragraph 2 shall be qualified as non-reimbursable expenditure or ineligible costs;

(d) the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall recover all Union funds unduly paid, including:

(i) Union funds that have been spent for non-reimbursable expenditure or ineligible costs; and

(ii) any unused Union pre-financing that has not been spent before the date referred to in paragraph 2, including unspent Union funds from previous years; and

(e) the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall recover any amounts unduly paid from a natural person in respect of whom a decision pursuant to Article 31 has been taken.

Amendment 108

Proposal for a regulation Article 34 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 34a

Withdrawal of the funding decision with retroactive effect

1. On the basis of a decision taken by the Authority removing a European political party or European political foundation from the Register, based on the ground for deregistration laid down in Article 19(1), point (a)(iv), the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall withdraw funding decisions addressed to the European political party or European political foundation concerned with retroactive effect from the date of the adoption of those decisions.

2. The withdrawal of the funding decision with retroactive effect shall have the following consequences:

(a) the contribution or grant agreement shall be terminated from the day of the notification of that termination to the European political party or European political foundation concerned;

(b) all expenditure or costs incurred by the European political party or European political foundation shall be qualified as non-reimbursable expenditure or ineligible costs; and

(c) any amount paid under the contribution or grant agreement, along with any unspent Union funds from previous years, shall be considered to be undue payments and shall be recovered

*under Regulation (EU, Euratom)
2018/1046.*

Amendment 109

Proposal for a regulation

Article 36 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The European Parliament, *under* the authority *of its Authorising Officer or under that of the Authority*, shall make public *the following* on a website created for that purpose, *in an open, machine readable format* :

Amendment

1. The European Parliament, *or* the Authority, *in accordance with the distribution of their responsibilities*, shall make public *in an open, machine readable format* on a website created for that purpose, *the following*:

Amendment 110

Proposal for a regulation

Article 36 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

(f) the contributions referred to in Article 23(9) and (10) and reported by European political parties and European political foundations in accordance with Article 23(2), including the identity of the member parties or organisations which made those contributions;

Amendment

(f) the *contributions and association fees* referred to in Article 23(9) and (10) and reported by European political parties and European political foundations in accordance with Article 23(2), including the identity of the *individual members*, member parties or organisations which made those contributions, *with the exception of contributions above EUR 1 500 up to and including EUR 3 000 per year from natural persons where those persons have not given their written consent to such publication*;

Amendment 111

Proposal for a regulation

Article 36 – paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fa) the association fees referred to in Article 23(9a) and (10a) and reported by

European political parties and European political foundations in accordance with Article 23(2), including the identity of the parties or organisations which made those payments;

Amendment 112

Proposal for a regulation Article 36 – paragraph 1 – point f b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fb) the ancillary own resources referred to in Article 23(13) and reported by European political parties and European political foundations in accordance with Article 23(2);

Amendment 113

Proposal for a regulation Article 36 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The **European Parliament** shall make public the list of legal persons who are members of a European political party, as annexed to the party statutes in accordance with Article 4(2) and updated in accordance with Article 10(6), as well as the total number of individual members.

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Amendment 114

Proposal for a regulation Article 37 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

8. European political parties and European political foundations, the Member States and the independent bodies or experts authorised to audit accounts under this Regulation shall be liable in accordance with applicable national law for

8. European political parties and European political foundations, the Member States and the independent bodies or experts authorised to audit accounts under this Regulation shall be liable in accordance with applicable national law for

any damage they cause in the processing of personal data pursuant to this Regulation. The Member States shall ensure that effective, proportionate and dissuasive sanctions are applied for infringements of this Regulation, ***of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and of the national provisions adopted pursuant thereto, and in particular for the fraudulent use of personal data.***

Amendment 115

Proposal for a regulation Article 44 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

any damage they cause in the processing of personal data pursuant to this Regulation. The Member States shall, ***without prejudice to Regulation (EU) 2016/679,*** ensure that effective, proportionate and dissuasive sanctions are applied for infringements of this Regulation.

Amendment

2a. Any procedural steps and decisions previously taken by the European Parliament, the Council or the Commission, the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament or the Authority in accordance with, or on the basis of, Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 shall remain applicable and be construed in light of this Regulation.

Amendment 117

Proposal for a regulation Annex II – Part 2 – indent 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- in cases where targeting techniques are used, any information required pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679.