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[Amending the rules governing the statute and funding of European political parties \(recast\)](#)

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Summary Ahead of the 2024 European elections, the European Commission has presented a proposal to amend Regulation 1141/2014 governing the statute and funding of European political parties (EUPPs) and foundations. The proposed amendments concern, inter alia, the funding provisions, transparency requirements and enforcement of the rules. This briefing examines the quality of the supporting impact assessment (IA), which outlines the problems encountered in applying the regulation, as identified in recent EU-level reports and through stakeholder input. The range of policy options presented in the IA to address the identified shortcomings is rather limited, although under each option, and for each problem, several alternative measures are considered. Elements of the parallel initiative on political advertising - also part of the European democracy action plan - were integrated into the amending EUPP proposal; however, the IA remains vague on the link between these two initiatives.

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[The shrinking space for civil society in Europe](#)

Publication type At a Glance

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Keyword administrative formalities | civil society | democracy | executive power and public service | freedom of association | freedom of expression | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | LAW | non-governmental organisation | non-governmental organisations | political framework | POLITICS | politics and public safety | rights and freedoms | rule of law | social affairs | social participation | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary During its first March 2022 plenary session, Parliament is due to vote on an own-initiative report of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE), advocating new measures to protect and boost civil society organisations' participation in the democratic life of the European Union. Acknowledging the contribution civil society organisations (CSOs) make to promoting the EU values enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU), and in particular fundamental rights, the report recognises the challenges CSOs are facing, not least in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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[European political parties: Statute and funding](#)

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Summary During the November I plenary session, Parliament is due to vote on an implementation report concerning the Regulation on the statute and funding of European political parties and foundations. Parliament has to report on the application of the Regulation, and propose modifications where appropriate, by 31 December 2021, and every five years thereafter. The Commission is also required to present a parallel implementation report and a legislative proposal to amend the current regulation, if appropriate, and is expected to do so in November 2021.

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[European political parties and political foundations – Statute and funding](#)

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Keyword co-financing | EC Regulation | EU Charter of Fundamental Rights | EU finance | EU financing | European construction | European party | European treaties | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | FINANCE | financing and investment | freedom of association | freedom of expression | LAW | party financing | political party | POLITICS | proposal (EU) | rights and freedoms

Summary On 13 September 2017, the European Commission adopted a proposal to amend the rules on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations. The proposal aimed to revise the existing, 2014, regulation ahead of the 2019 European elections, to address specific loopholes. The limited number of proposed amendments focus on providing more transparency, improving democratic legitimacy and strengthening enforcement. However, a more thorough revision will be considered at a later date. Stakeholders shared the view that the 2014 regulation needs revising in advance of the 2019 European elections. Furthermore, the proposal came as a direct response to the European Parliament resolution of 15 June 2017, which called for the revision of the current legislation. Following agreement in trilogue in March 2018, the new regulation entered into force on 4 May 2018. Second edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

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[Statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations](#)

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Summary European political parties and European political foundations are currently regulated by a 2014 EU regulation, which establishes European political parties as legal entities, allowing them access to funding from the EU budget. In September 2017, the European Commission adopted a proposal to amend the existing regulation and address certain shortcomings ahead of the 2019 European elections. The European Parliament is due to vote on the proposal during its April plenary session.

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[Tunisia: Progress achieved and prospects for the social dimension](#)

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Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword access to education | Africa | civil society | democratisation | economic conditions | economic geography | economic situation | ECONOMICS | education | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | employment | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | equal pay | executive power and public service | female worker | freedom of assembly | freedom of association | GEOGRAPHY | health | interparliamentary relations | labour law and labour relations | labour market | LAW | organisation of work and working conditions | parliament | personnel management and staff remuneration | political geography | POLITICS | politics and public safety | position of women | public hygiene | right to demonstrate | rights and freedoms | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | trade union | Tunisia | women's rights | working conditions | youth unemployment

Summary In 2011, following the outbreak of protests – known as the Jasmine Revolution – which toppled President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali's regime, Tunisia embarked on a path to democratic transition and socio-economic transformation, emulating the reforms and governance practices of established liberal democracies. Nearly eight years on, the country has made significant progress, including in the social sphere, and has emerged as a regional leader in institutional reform. However, to avoid jeopardising the stability and progress achieved, further reforms are needed.

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[Peru: Human rights situation](#)

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Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice | Foreign Affairs | Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity | Human Rights

Keyword America | criminal law | cruel and degrading treatment | economic geography | equal treatment | freedom of assembly | freedom of association | GEOGRAPHY | homicide | LAW | Peru | political geography | POLITICS | politics and public safety | right to justice | rights and freedoms | rights of minorities | sexual minority | torture | women's rights

Summary Although Peru has ratified most international human rights instruments, there remain some serious problems, such as violent repression of civil demonstrations, attacks on journalists, corruption and impunity, and even torture. However, significant measures have been taken to tackle violence against women and sexual minorities.

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[Organised civil society in Russia](#)

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Summary Russian President Vladimir Putin recently described civil society organisations as 'indispensable partners of the state' in providing social services and building a modern economy. However, Russian NGOs lack public support; in addition, their independence is being steadily undermined by repressive new laws and growing state control.

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[Shrinking legal space for civil society in Russia](#)

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Policy area Human Rights

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Summary Since Vladimir Putin's return to the presidency in May 2012, several federal laws have been amended, restricting core fundamental rights in Russia. These changes have been widely criticised as an unprecedented crackdown on civil society and an attempt to create a general climate of intimidation and censorship mainly based on the protection of 'traditional values'.

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[Egypt - A Strategic Partner for the EU](#)

Publication type [In-Depth Analysis](#)

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Summary In the most populous Arab nation, Egypt's newly elected officials are working to recapture their country's old role of regional leader, tarnished under the previous regime. The country's political and economic potential is still constrained by the complexity of its transition from authoritarian rule to democracy. After decades of government largely influenced by the military, a new era of political leaders are seeking their political direction. These politicians— for the most part Islamists — enjoy a clear mandate, garnered in a series of free and fair elections. It is essential that the political transition process continue, and that new democratic institutions be established. Egypt's fledgling democracy must be consolidated in a new constitution, also approved by the Egyptian people. Fundamental human rights and the equality of all citizens must be guaranteed, and economic growth jump-started. The EU is Egypt's first trading partner, and the EU would benefit from a greater political alliance with Egypt. Egypt's success in mediating a cease-fire between Hamas and Israel has underscored its role as a principal power in a region profoundly altered by the Arab Awakening. Egypt is a strategic partner for the European Union, and the Union should assume a more palpable presence in the country, deepen its political dialogue and support Egypt's democratic transition and socio-economic development.

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[Social Dialogue and its Contribution to Social Cohesion in Turkey](#)

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Policy area [Employment](#) | [Foreign Affairs](#) | [Social Policy](#)

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Trends in the eu-27 Regarding Participation of Third-Country Nationals in the Host Country's Political Life

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Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

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Summary Participation of third country nationals in the host country's political life has been a core issue for international organisations at European level. The Council of Europe as well as EU institutions, notably the European Parliament and the Commission, have constantly and for quite some time supported the idea of opening up "civic participation" to nonnationals. The ultimate decision in this matter, however, lies in the hands of member states. This Briefing Paper looks at recent developments on this issue at member state level and seeks to identify trends in the EU-27. It casts a closer look at voting rights, access to citizenship, advisory councils and arenas of dialogue as well as the extent to which freedom of association is granted. The author is able to observe that while progress towards more participation is made, this progress is not only slow, but often does not meet the previous standards established by pioneer northern member states and the Council of Europe. With regard to access to citizenship there are signs that European member states are on the verge of imposing more restrictive criteria. Concerning the other assessed elements, trends are more difficult to identify, however, it seems as though there is still more than enough room for further development.

In-Depth Analysis [EN](#), [FR](#)

Civil Society under threat: comon legal barriers and potential responses

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Trade Union Rights in the EU Member States

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Keyword collective agreement | collective bargaining | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | freedom of association | labour dispute | labour law and labour relations | LAW | right to strike | rights and freedoms | social dialogue (EU) | trade union rights | worker participation | workers' representation

Summary The study is divided into two parts. Part I outlines the law on trade union rights in the Member States, indicates common ground among them and identifies deficiencies on the part of individual Member States. Part II explains how Member State laws on trade union rights are affected by EC law harmonisation and the European social dialogue.

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