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Following the agreement reached by the Permanent Representatives Committee at its meeting of 9 July 2025, delegations will find in Annex to this note, the offer letter from the Chair of the Permanent Representative Committee to the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCCO) including, as its annex, the final compromise text as agreed.



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Subject: Proposal for a 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) [2021/0375 (COD)]

Dear Mr SIMON,

Following the informal negotiations on this proposal between the representatives of the three institutions, today the Permanent Representatives agreed with the final compromise text.

I am therefore now in a position to inform you that, should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading, in accordance with Article 294(3) TFEU, in the exact form of the text set out in the Annex to this letter (subject to revision by the lawyer-linguists of the two institutions), the Council, in accordance with Article 294(4) TFEU, will approve the European Parliament's position and the act shall be adopted in the wording which corresponds to the position of the European Parliament.

On behalf of the Council, I also wish to thank you for your close cooperation which should enable us to reach agreement on this file at first reading.

Yours sincerely


Carsten GRONBECH-JENSEN
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REGULATION (EU) 2025/...
OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

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on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations
(recast)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 224 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 106a thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee⁷,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions⁸,

Having regard to the opinion of the Court of Auditors⁹,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative

procedure,

7 OJ C [...], [...], p. [...].
8 OJ C [...], [...], p. [...].
9 OJ C [...], [...], p. [...].

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁰ has been substantially amended several times¹¹. Since further amendments are to be made, that Regulation should be recast in the interests of clarity.
- (2) Article 10(4) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and Article 12(2) of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (the Charter) state that political parties at European level contribute to forming European political awareness and to expressing the political will of citizens of the Union.

(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.

- (3) Articles 11 and 12 of the Charter state that the right to freedom of association at all levels, for example in political and civic matters, and the right to freedom of expression, which includes the freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers, are fundamental rights of every citizen of the Union.

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

- (4) European citizens should be enabled to use those rights in order to participate fully in the democratic life of the Union.
- (5) Truly transnational European political parties and their affiliated European political foundations have a key role to play in articulating the voices of citizens at European level by bridging the gap between politics at national level and at Union level.

¹⁰ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations (OJ L 317, 4.11. 2014, p. 1).

¹¹ See Annex III.

- (6) European political parties and their affiliated European political foundations should be encouraged and assisted in their endeavour to provide a strong link between European civil society and the Union institutions, in particular the European Parliament.
- (7) As a recognition of the mission attributed to European political parties in the TEU and in order to facilitate their work, a specific European legal status should be laid down for European political parties and their affiliated European political foundations.
- (8) The Authority for European political parties and foundations ('Authority') is a body of the Union within the meaning of Article 263 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) whose purpose is to register, control and impose sanctions on European political parties and European political foundations. Registration should be necessary in order to obtain European legal status, which entails a series of rights and obligations. To avoid any possible conflict of interests, the Authority should be independent.
- (9) The procedures to be followed by European political parties and their affiliated European political foundations in order to obtain European legal status pursuant to this Regulation should be laid down, as should the procedures and criteria to be respected in arriving at a decision on whether to grant such European legal status. It is also necessary to lay down the procedures for cases in which a European political party or a European political foundation forfeits, loses or gives up its European legal status.
- (10) In order to facilitate the oversight of legal entities that will be subject to both Union and national law, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 TFEU should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the functioning of a register of European

political parties and foundations to be managed by the Authority ('the Register'), in particular as regards the information and supporting documents held in the Register. It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level, and that those consultations be conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of

13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making¹². In particular, to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the European Parliament and the Council receive all documents at the same time as Member States' experts, and their experts systematically

¹² OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 1.

have access to meetings of Commission expert groups dealing with the preparation of delegated acts.

- (11) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission as regards provisions on the registration number system and on standard extracts to be made available from the Register by the Authority to third parties upon request. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹³.
- (12) European political parties and their affiliated European political foundations wishing to obtain recognition as such at Union level by virtue of European legal status and to receive public funding from the general budget of the European Union should respect certain principles and fulfil certain conditions. In particular, it is necessary for European political parties, their affiliated European political foundations and their respective members ■ to observe the values on which the Union is founded, as expressed in Article 2 TEU. European political parties and their affiliated European political foundations should also ensure that their member parties and member organisations observe such values.

(12a) ‘Co-operation partners’ of European political foundations could include universities, NGOs, training institutes, research partners and think tanks.

- (13) For the purpose of its decisions to register, in order to ascertain that a European political party or a European political foundation complies with its obligations to observe the values on which the Union is founded, as expressed in Article 2 TEU, and that it ensures that its members observe such values, the Authority should rely on a written declaration to be issued by the European political party or European political foundation by using a template attached to this Regulation. ■
- (14) Decisions to de-register a European political party or a European political foundation on the ground of non-compliance with the values on which the Union is founded, as expressed

¹³ Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by the Member States of the Commission’s exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13).

in Article 2 TEU, should be taken only in the event of a manifest and serious breach of those values. When taking a decision to de-register, the Authority should fully respect the Charter.

- (15) In order to protect the financial interests of the Union, ■ the decisions to de-register should take effect upon notification.
- (16) The statutes of a European political party or a European political foundation should contain a series of basic provisions. Member States should be allowed to impose additional requirements for the statutes of European political parties and European political foundations which have established their seat on their respective territories, provided those additional requirements are not inconsistent with this Regulation.
- (17) The Authority should regularly verify that the conditions and requirements relating to the registration of European political parties and European political foundations continue to be met. Decisions relating to the respect for the values on which the Union is founded, as expressed in Article 2 TEU, should only be taken in accordance with a procedure specifically designed to that effect, following consultation of the committee of independent eminent persons established by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014.
- (18) The independence and transparency of the committee of independent eminent persons should be guaranteed.
- (19) The unlawful use of personal data can expose democracies and electoral processes to potential risks. It is therefore necessary to protect the integrity of the European democratic process by providing for financial sanctions in situations where European political parties or European political foundations take advantage of infringements of rules on protection of personal data with a view to influencing the outcome of elections to the European Parliament.
- (20) To that end, a verification procedure should be laid down whereby the Authority is required, in certain circumstances, to ask the committee of independent eminent persons to assess whether a European political party or a European political foundation has deliberately influenced or attempted to influence the outcome of elections to the European Parliament by taking advantage of an infringement of the applicable rules on protection of

personal data. Where that is found to be the case, the Authority should impose effective, proportionate and dissuasive sanctions.

- (21) Where the Authority imposes a sanction on a European political party or foundation [in accordance with the verification procedure], it should take due account of the *ne bis in idem* principle, whereby sanctions cannot be imposed twice for the same offence. The Authority should also ensure that the principle of legal certainty is respected and that the European political party or European political foundation concerned has been given the opportunity to be heard.
- (22) Since the **verification** procedure should be triggered by a decision of a competent national data protection supervisory authority, it should be possible for the European political party or European political foundation concerned to request that the sanction be reviewed if the decision of that national supervisory authority is repealed, or a remedy against that decision has been granted, provided that all national remedies have been exhausted.
- (23) The European legal status granted to European political parties and their affiliated foundations should provide them with legal capacity and recognition in all the Member States. Such legal capacity and recognition do not entitle them to nominate candidates in national elections or elections to the European Parliament ***or to participate in referendum campaigns***. Any such or similar entitlement remains under the competence of Member States.
- (24) The activities of European political parties and European political foundations should be governed by this Regulation, and, for matters not governed by this Regulation, by the relevant provisions of national law in the Member States. The legal status of a European political party or of a European political foundation should be governed by this Regulation and by the applicable provisions of national law in the Member State where it has its seat ('Member State of the seat'). The Member State of the seat should be able to define *ex ante* the applicable law or to leave optionality for European political parties and European political foundations. The Member State of the seat should also be able to impose requirements other than, or additional to, those laid down in this Regulation, including provisions on the registration and integration of European political parties and foundations as such into national administrative and control systems and on their organisation and

statutes, including on liability, provided that such provisions are not inconsistent with this Regulation.

(25) As a key element of possessing European legal status, European political parties and European political foundations should have European legal personality. The acquisition of European legal personality should be subject to requirements and procedures to protect the interests of the Member State of the seat, of the applicant for European legal status ('the applicant') and of any third parties concerned. In particular, any pre-existing national legal personality should be converted into a European legal personality and any individual rights and obligations that have accrued to the former national legal entity should be transferred to the new European legal entity. Moreover, in order to facilitate continuity of activity, safeguards should be put in place to prevent the Member State concerned from applying prohibitive conditions to such conversion. The Member State of the seat should be able to specify which types of national legal persons may be converted into European legal persons, and to withhold its agreement to the acquisition of European legal personality under this Regulation until adequate guarantees are provided, in particular, for the legality of the applicant's statutes under the laws of that Member State or for the protection of creditors or holders of other rights in respect of any pre-existing national legal personality.

(26) The termination of European legal personality should be subject to requirements and procedures to protect the interests of the Union, of the Member State of the seat, of the European political party or European political foundation and of any third parties concerned. In particular, if the European political party or European political foundation acquires legal personality under the law of the Member State of its seat, this should be considered as a conversion of the European legal personality and any individual rights and obligations that the former European legal entity has respectively acquired or incurred should be transferred to the national legal entity. Moreover, in order to facilitate continuity of activity, safeguards should be put in place to prevent the Member State concerned from applying prohibitive conditions to such conversion. If the European political party or European political foundation does not acquire legal personality in the Member State of its seat, it should be wound up in accordance with the law of that Member State and in accordance with the condition requiring it not to pursue profit goals. The Authority and the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament should be able to agree modalities with the Member State concerned regarding the termination of the European legal personality, in

particular in order to ensure the recovery of funds received from the general budget of the European Union and any financial sanctions.

- (27) If a European political party or a European political foundation seriously fails to comply with relevant national law and if the matter relates to elements affecting respect of the values on which the Union is founded, as expressed in Article 2 TEU, the Authority should decide, upon request by the Member State concerned, to apply the procedures laid down by this Regulation. Moreover, the Authority should decide, upon request from the Member State of the seat, to remove from the Register a European political party or European political foundation which has seriously failed to comply with relevant national law on any other matter.
- (28) Eligibility for funding from the general budget of the European Union should be limited to European political parties and their affiliated European political foundations that have been recognised as such and have obtained European legal status. While it is crucial to ensure that the conditions applicable to becoming a European political party are not excessive but can readily be met by organised and serious transnational alliances of political parties or natural persons or both, it is also necessary to lay down proportionate criteria in order to allocate limited resources from the general budget of the European Union which criteria objectively reflect the European ambition and genuine electoral support of a European political party. Such criteria are best based on the outcome of elections to the European Parliament, in which the European political parties or their members are required to participate under this Regulation, providing a precise indication of the electoral recognition of a European political party. These should reflect the European Parliament's role of directly representing the Union's citizens, assigned to it by Article 10(2) TEU, as well as the objective for European political parties to participate fully in the democratic life of the Union and to become actors in Europe's representative democracy, in order effectively to express the views, opinions and political will of the citizens of the Union. Eligibility for funding from the general budget of the European Union should therefore be limited to European political parties which are represented in the European Parliament by at least one of their members and to European political foundations which apply through a European political party that is represented in the European Parliament by at least one of its members.

(29) For reasons of transparency and in order to strengthen the scrutiny and the democratic accountability of European political parties, access to funding from the general budget of the European Union should be made conditional on the provision of certain information. In particular, European political parties should ensure that their member parties ■ publish, in a clearly visible and user-friendly manner, the political programme and logo of the European political party concerned. ***The logo should be located in the top section of the home page of the member party's website.***

(30) European political parties and ***European political foundations*** should lead by example in closing the gender gap in the political domain. ***Their governing bodies should therefore be gender balanced.*** European political parties ***and European political foundations*** should have internal rules ***in place*** promoting gender balance, ***encouraging active participation of women in all its activities, and should invite their member parties to do the same.*** In addition, ***European political parties*** should be transparent about the gender ***representation*** of their member parties ***and*** should provide evidence 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.

(30a) European political parties and European political foundations should promote an internal work environment of fair treatment and equal opportunities. To this end, European Political parties and European Political Foundations should put in place a protocol in their internal rules in order to prevent, detect and work continuously against sexual harassment, as well as discrimination on the basis of gender.

(31) In order to increase the transparency of European political party funding, and to avoid potential abuse of the funding rules, a member of the European Parliament should, for the purposes of funding only, be regarded as a member of only one European political party, which should, where relevant, be the one to which their national or regional political party is affiliated on the final date for the submission of applications for funding.

(32) The procedures to be followed by European political parties and their affiliated European political foundations when they apply for funding from the general budget of the European Union should be laid down, as well as the procedures, criteria and rules to be respected in arriving at a decision on the grant of such funding. In that context, the European political

parties and foundations should in particular comply with the principle of sound financial management.

- (33) In order to address the difficulties that European political parties, in particular small ones, face in achieving the 10 % co-financing rate required by Regulation (EU, Euratom)

No 1141/2014, the co-financing rate for European political parties should be reduced to 5 %, in line with the rate for European political foundations.

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- (35) In order to enhance the independence, accountability and responsibility of European political parties and European political foundations, certain types of donations and contributions from sources other than the general budget of the European Union should be prohibited or subject to limitations. Any restriction on free movement of capital which such limitations might entail is justified on grounds of public policy and is strictly necessary for the attainment of those objectives.
- (36) A due diligence mechanism should be introduced to improve the transparency of large donations and to minimise the risk of foreign interference from this source. To that end, European political parties and European political foundations should request detailed identification information from their donors. The Authority should be empowered to request additional information from donors where it has grounds to believe that a donation has been granted in breach of this Regulation.

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- (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 ***exercised within the framework of their political 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 (***‘self-generated resources’***) should therefore be created. The proportion of ***self-generated resources*** in the total budget of a European political party ***should be capped at 3 % and of a European political foundation*** should be capped at 5 % to avoid that it becomes overdimensioned in relation to the overall budget of these entities.

(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 ■ campaigns ***conducted in the context of elections to the European Parliament***. 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.

(40) In order to help raise the European political awareness of citizens and to promote the transparency of political affiliation, European political parties may inform citizens of the ties between them and their affiliated national political parties and candidates.

(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 ***or other foundations***. The prohibition of indirect funding should however not prevent European political parties ***and foundations*** from ■ supporting and engaging with their member parties ***and member organisations including through joint European political activities***. ***Moreover, European political parties and their affiliated European political foundations should not finance referendum campaigns.***

(41a) Joint European political activities, including activities the participation to which is limited to the members of the European Political Party and of its member parties, and European political foundation and of its member organisations, such as trainings and workshops, should contribute to the formation of European political awareness or expression of the political will of the citizens of the Union.

(41b) European political parties and their affiliated foundations should be allowed to maintain cooperation with political partners in third countries, notably to promote Union values.

(41c) According to Article 8 TEU, the Union shall develop a special relationship with neighbouring countries, aiming to establish an area of prosperity and good neighbourliness, founded on the values of the Union and characterised by close and peaceful relations based on cooperation. European political parties and European political foundations play an important role in fostering this goal in their political work and relationships with parties in third countries. The statutes of a European political party or a European political foundation could allow for membership of political parties and organisations from third countries. This should however be limited to those

countries enjoying a closer and special relationship with the Union; a member in EFTA, a former EU Member State, a candidate country, a country entitled to use the euro as official currency on the basis of a monetary agreement with the EU, partners having a stabilisation and association agreement with the EU as well as European countries with whom the EU has concluded Association Agreements comprising a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area. Such parties or organisations could be granted the possibility of a more formalised and structured cooperation with European political parties and European political foundations through associated membership. Associated member parties and organisations should enjoy an active role, contributing to and participating in the inner life of a European political party and foundation, for example through the right of initiative, membership in governing bodies, attending and participating in meetings and other activities, including meetings of the governing bodies and performing joint outreach activities and events. Associated member organisations should also have the right to participate in research projects. In order to counter the risk of foreign interference, European political parties and foundations allowing for associated membership should ensure that their statutes provide adequate safeguards against foreign interference. In particular, European political parties allowing for associated membership should ensure that all votes gather the support of a majority of members which have their seat in the European Union or who are citizens of the Union in order to pass. Votes cast by associated members shall not be decisive towards a majority. Associated members parties should also not be able to individually or collectively impose a course of action against, or block, a majority of the voting of European Union citizens. Representatives of associated member parties should not receive executive power by delegation in the governing bodies.

- (42) Specific rules and procedures should be laid down for distributing the appropriations available each year from the general budget of the European Union, taking into account, on the one hand, the number of beneficiaries and, on the other, the share of elected members in the European Parliament of each beneficiary European political party and, by extension, its respective affiliated European political foundation. Those rules should provide for strict transparency, accounting, auditing and financial control of European political parties and their affiliated European political foundations, as well as for the imposition of proportionate sanctions, including in the event of a breach by a European political party or

a European political foundation of the values on which the Union is founded, as expressed in Article 2 TEU.

- (43) In order to ensure compliance with the obligations laid down by this Regulation regarding the funding and expenditure of European political parties and European political foundations and regarding other matters, it is necessary to provide for effective control mechanisms. To that end, the Authority, the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament and the Member States should cooperate and exchange all necessary information. Mutual cooperation amongst Member States' authorities should be also encouraged in order to ensure the effective and efficient control of obligations stemming from applicable national law.
- (44) With a view to increasing legal certainty provided by this Regulation and to ensure its coherent implementation, the Authority and the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament should cooperate closely, including through regular exchange of views and information on the interpretation and concrete application of this Regulation. In addition, in full respect of the independence of the Authority, cooperation between the Authority, the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament and European political parties and European political foundations should facilitate the correct implementation of the Regulation by the European political parties and European political foundations and prevent legal disputes. The obligation of the Authority to hear European political parties or European political foundations before taking any decisions having adversary effects should also help facilitating the correct implementation of the Regulation by the European political parties and European political foundations and, at the same time, help preventing legal disputes.
- (45) It is necessary to provide for a clear, dissuasive and proportionate system of sanctions in order to ensure effective, proportionate and uniform compliance with the obligations regarding the activities of European political parties and European political foundations. Such a system should also respect the ne bis in idem principle whereby sanctions cannot be imposed twice for the same offence. It is also necessary to define the respective roles of the Authority and of the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament in controlling and verifying compliance with this Regulation as well as the mechanisms for cooperation between them and the Member States' authorities.

- (55) For reasons of transparency, and in order to strengthen the scrutiny and the democratic accountability of European political parties and European political foundations, information considered to be of substantial public interest, relating in particular to their statutes, membership, financial statements, donors and donations, contributions and grants received from the general budget of the European Union, as well as information relating to decisions taken by the Authority and the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament on registration, funding and sanctions, should be published in a user-friendly, open and machine readable format. Laying down a regulatory framework to ensure that this information is publicly available is the most effective means of promoting a level playing field and fair competition between political forces, and of upholding open, transparent and democratic legislative and electoral processes, thereby strengthening the trust of citizens and voters in European representative democracy and, more broadly, preventing corruption and abuses of power.
- (56) In compliance with the principle of proportionality, the obligation to publish the identity of donors who are natural persons should not apply to donations equal to or below EUR 1 500 per year and per donor. Furthermore, such obligation should not apply to donations the annual value of which exceeds EUR 1 500 and is below or equal to EUR 3 000 unless the donor has given prior written consent to the publication. These thresholds strike an appropriate balance between, on the one hand, the fundamental right to the protection of personal data and, on the other hand, the legitimate public interest in transparency regarding the funding of European political parties and foundations, as reflected in international recommendations to avoid corruption in relation to the funding of political parties and foundations. The disclosure of donations exceeding EUR 3 000 per year and per donor should allow effective public scrutiny and control over the relations between donors and European political parties. Also in compliance with the principle of proportionality, information on donations should be published annually, except during election campaigns to the European Parliament or for donations exceeding EUR 12 000, in respect of which publication should take place expeditiously.
- (57) This Regulation respects the fundamental rights and observes the principles enshrined in the Charter, in particular Articles 7 and 8 thereof, which state that everyone has the right to

respect for their private life and to the protection of personal data concerning him or her, and it must be implemented in full respect of those rights and principles.

- (58) Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁴ applies to the processing of personal data carried out by the Authority, the European Parliament and the committee of independent eminent persons in application of this Regulation.
- (59) Regulation (EU) 2016/679 applies to the processing of personal data carried out in application of this Regulation.
- (60) For the sake of legal certainty, it is appropriate to clarify that the Authority, the European Parliament, the European political parties and European political foundations, the national authorities competent to exercise control over aspects related to the financing of European political parties and European political foundations, and other relevant third parties referred to or provided for in this Regulation are data controllers within the meaning of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 or Regulation (EU) 2016/679. It is also necessary to specify the maximum period for which they may retain personal data collected for the purposes of ensuring the legality, regularity and transparency of the funding of European political parties and European political foundations and the membership of European political parties. In their capacity as data controllers, the Authority, the European Parliament, the European political parties and European political foundations, the competent national authorities and the relevant third parties must take all the appropriate measures to comply with the obligations imposed by Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 or Regulation (EU) 2016/679, in particular those relating to the lawfulness of the processing, the security of the processing activities, the provision of information, and the rights of data subjects to have access to their personal data and to procure the correction and erasure of their personal data.

¹⁴ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39).

- (62) Regulation (EU) 2016/679 applies as regards the data processing carried out in application of this Regulation. The competent national authorities or relevant third parties should be liable in accordance with applicable national law for any damage that they cause. In addition, Member States should ensure that the competent national authorities or relevant third parties are liable to appropriate sanctions for infringements of this Regulation.
- (63) Technical support afforded by the European Parliament to European political parties should be guided by the principle of equal treatment, should be supplied against invoice and payment and should be subject to a regular public report.
- (64) Key information on the application of this Regulation should be available to the public on a dedicated website.
- (65) Judicial control by the Court of Justice of the European Union will help to ensure the correct application of this Regulation. Provision should also be made to allow European political parties or European political foundations to be heard and to take corrective measures before a sanction is imposed on them.

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- (67) Member States should ensure that national provisions that are conducive to the effective application of this Regulation are in place.
- (68) European political parties and foundations should be given sufficient time to adopt provisions to ensure the smooth and effective application of this Regulation. Provision should therefore be made for a transitional period between the entry into force of this Regulation and the application of some of its articles.

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Subject matter

This Regulation lays down the conditions governing the statute and funding of political parties at European level ('European political parties') and political foundations at European level ('European political foundations').

Article 2 Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions apply:

(1) 'political party' means an association of citizens which fulfils the following conditions:

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

(1a) 'Associated member parties' are parties having their seat in an EFTA country, in a former EU Member State, in a candidate country, in a country entitled to use the euro as official currency on the basis of a monetary agreement with the EU, partners having a stabilisation and association agreement with the EU¹⁵ and European countries with whom the EU has concluded Association Agreements comprising a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area.

(2) 'political alliance' means structured cooperation, irrespective of its form, between members, whether political parties (***"member parties from the EU"***), citizens ***of the European Union and, where applicable, associated member parties; Member parties***

¹⁵ ***This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.***

from the EU and associated member parties together shall be referred to as “member parties”;

- (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;

(3a) ‘Associated member organisations’ means organisations having their seat in an EFTA country, in a former EU Member State, in a candidate country, in a country entitled to use the euro as official currency on the basis of a monetary agreement with the EU, partners having a stabilisation and association agreement with the EU¹⁶ and European countries with whom the EU has concluded Association Agreements comprising a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area. Member organisations having their seat in the EU (“member organisation from the EU”) and associated members together shall be referred to as “member organisations”;

- (4) ‘European political foundation’ means an entity which is formally affiliated with a European political party, which is registered with the Authority for European political parties and foundations referred to in Article 7 in accordance with this Regulation, and which through its activities, within the aims and fundamental values pursued by the Union, underpins and complements the objectives of the European political party by performing one or more of the following tasks:
- (a) observing, analysing and contributing to the debate on European public policy issues and on the process of European integration;
 - (b) developing activities linked to European public policy issues, such as organising and supporting seminars, training, conferences and studies on such issues between relevant stakeholders, including youth organisations and other representatives of civil society, *and co-operation partners*, and capacity building to support the formation of future political leadership in the Union;

¹⁶ *This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.*

- (c) developing cooperation in order to promote democracy, including in third countries;
- (d) serving as a framework for national political foundations, academics, and other relevant actors to work together at European level;
- (5) ‘regional parliament’ or ‘regional assembly’ means a body whose members either hold a regional electoral mandate or are politically accountable to an elected assembly;
- (6) ‘funding from the general budget of the European Union’ means a grant awarded in accordance with Title VIII of Part One or a contribution awarded in accordance with Title XI of Part One of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁷;
- (7) ‘donation’ means any **financial transfer**, any offering in kind, the provision below market value of any goods, services (including loans) or works, and/or any other transaction which constitutes an economic advantage for the European political party or the European political foundation concerned, with the exception of contributions, **self-generated resources** and usual political activities carried out on a voluntary basis by individuals;
- (8) ‘contribution ■’ 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/or 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, **whether member parties from the EU, member organisations from the EU or citizens of the European Union**, with the exception of usual political activities carried out on a voluntary basis by individual members;
- (9) ‘**Self-generated resources**’ means income generated by **non-profit oriented** own economic activities **in the framework of the political activities exercised by a European political**

¹⁷ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.07.2018, p. 1).

party or its affiliated foundation, carried out either individually or jointly with their members, such as participation fees for conferences and workshops, or sales of publications;

- (10) ‘indirect funding’ means funding from which the member party *or member organisation* derives a financial advantage, even where no funds are directly transferred; *these are* cases which allow the member party *or member organisation* to avoid expenditure which it would otherwise have had to incur for activities, **■** organised for its own and sole benefit, *but exclude joint European political activities;*

(10a) ‘Joint European political activities’ means activities organised by the European political party or foundation jointly with one or more member parties or member organisations where they concern activities in one or more Member States that contribute to the formation of European political awareness and expression of the political will of the citizens of the Union, as long as the involvement of the European political party or foundation is clearly visible, the level of ownership of the activity by the European political party or foundation is clear, and the financial contribution of the European political party or foundation corresponds to the overall level of involvement of the European political party or foundation compared to the involvement of the member parties or member organisations concerned;

- (11) ‘annual budget’ for the purposes of Articles 23 and 30 means the total amount of expenditure in a given year as reported in the annual financial statements of the European political party or of the European political foundation concerned;
- (12) ‘National Contact Point’ means any person or persons specifically designated by the relevant authorities in the Member States for the purpose of exchanging information in the application of this Regulation;
- (13) ‘seat’ means, unless otherwise specified in this Regulation, the location where the European political party or the European political foundation has its central administration;
- (14) ‘concurrent infringements’ means two or more infringements committed as part of the same unlawful act;
- (15) ‘repeated infringement’ means an infringement committed within five years of a sanction having been imposed on its perpetrator for the same type of infringement;

CHAPTER II

STATUTE FOR EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES AND EUROPEAN POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS

Article 3 Conditions for registration

1. A political alliance may apply to register as a European political party subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) it has its seat in a Member State as indicated in its statutes;
 - (b) at least one of the following applies:
 - (i) its member parties are represented by, in at least one quarter of the Member States, members of the European Parliament, of national parliaments, of regional parliaments or of regional assemblies,
 - (ii) it or its member parties have received, in at least one quarter of the Member States, at least three per cent of the votes cast in each of those Member States at the most recent elections to the European Parliament;
 - (c) its member parties are not members of another European political party;
 - (d) 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, **and** it provides a written declaration using the template in Annex I;
 - (e) it also ensures that its member parties **observe, in particular in their programmes and activities, the values on which the Union is founded, as expressed in Article 2 TEU, and it provides a written declaration using the template in Annex I;**

(ea) it ensures that its member parties or their individual members are not subject to restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU.

- (f) it or its members have participated in elections to the European Parliament, or have expressed publicly the intention to participate in the next elections to the European Parliament;
- (g) it does not pursue profit goals.

2. An entity shall be entitled to apply to register as a European political foundation subject to the following conditions:

- (a) it is affiliated with a European political party registered in accordance with [the conditions and procedures laid down in] this Regulation;
- (b) it has its seat in a Member State as indicated in its statutes;
- (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, **and** provides a written declaration using the template in Annex I;
- (d) it also ensures that its member organisations **■** observe the values expressed in Article 2 TEU, and **it** provides a written declaration **to that effect** using the template in Annex I;

(da) it ensures that its member organisations or their individual members, are not subject to restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU.

- (e) its objectives complement the objectives of the European political party with which it is formally affiliated;
- (f) its governing body is composed of members from at least one quarter of the Member States;
- (g) it does not pursue profit goals.

3. A European political party may have only one formally affiliated European political foundation. Each European political party and the affiliated European political foundation

shall ensure a separation between their respective day-to-day management, governing structures and financial accounts.

Article 4

Governance of European political parties

1. The statutes of a European political party shall comply with the applicable law of the Member State in which it has its seat and shall include provisions covering at least the following:
 - (a) its name and logo, which shall be clearly distinguishable from those of any existing European political party or European political foundation;
 - (b) the address of its seat;
 - (c) a political programme setting out its purpose and objectives;
 - (d) a statement, in conformity with Article 3(1), point (g), that it does not pursue profit goals;
 - (e) where relevant, the name of its affiliated political foundation and a description of the formal relationship between them;
 - (f) its administrative and financial organisation and procedures, specifying in particular the bodies and offices holding the powers of administrative, financial and legal representation and the rules on the establishment, approval and verification of annual accounts;
 - (g) the internal procedure to be followed in the event of its voluntary dissolution as a European political party;
- (j) its internal rules regarding gender balance.
2. The statutes of a European political party shall include provisions on internal party organisation covering at least the following:

- (a) the modalities for the admission, resignation and exclusion of its members, the list of its member parties being annexed to the statutes;
- (b) the rights and duties associated with all types of membership and the relevant voting rights;
- (c) the powers, responsibilities and composition of its governing bodies, specifying for each the criteria for the selection of candidates and the modalities for their appointment and dismissal;
- (d) its internal decision-making processes, in particular the voting procedures and quorum requirements;
- (e) its approach to transparency, in particular in relation to bookkeeping, accounts and donations, privacy and the protection of personal data;
- (f) the internal procedure for amending its statutes.

2a. *The statutes of European political parties shall ensure that:*

- (a) *All votes shall gather the support of a majority of members having their seat in, or are citizens of the European Union in order to pass;***
- (b) *Votes cast by associated member parties shall not be decisive towards a majority;***
- (c) *Furthermore, associated member parties cannot, individually or collectively, impose a course of action against, or block, a majority of the voting European Union citizens or members of the European political party concerned;***
- (d) *Representatives of Associated member parties cannot receive executive powers by delegation in the governing bodies.***

- 3. The Member State of the seat may impose additional requirements for the statutes, provided that those additional requirements are not inconsistent with this Regulation.

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 its Member parties publish on their website 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 member party's homepage, in a clearly visible manner.*
- 2. Each European political party shall publish on its website 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 from the EU publish such information concerning their respective candidates in the European elections and concerning their Members of European Parliament on their websites.



Article 6

Governance of European political foundations

- 1. The statutes of a European political foundation shall comply with the applicable law of the Member State in which it has its seat and shall include provisions covering at least the following:*
 - (a) its name and logo, which shall be clearly distinguishable from those of any existing European political party or European political foundation;*
 - (b) the address of its seat;*
 - (c) a description of its purpose and objectives, which shall be compatible with the tasks listed in Article 2, point (5);*
 - (d) a statement, in conformity with Article 3(2), point (g), that it does not pursue profit goals;*

- (e) the name of the European political party with which it is directly affiliated, and a description of the formal relationship between them;
- (f) a list of its bodies, specifying for each its powers, responsibilities and composition, and including the modalities for the appointment and dismissal of the members and managers of such bodies;
- (g) its administrative and financial organisation and procedures, specifying in particular the bodies and offices holding the powers of administrative, financial and legal representation and the rules on the establishment, approval and verification of annual accounts;
- (h) the internal procedure for amending its statutes;
- (i) the internal procedure to be followed in the event of its voluntary dissolution as a European political foundation;

(ia) *its internal rules regarding gender balance;*

(ib) *the rules regulating the rights and obligations of associated member organisations in the governance structures and in the decision making processes of the European political foundation ensuring adequate safeguards against foreign interference and preventing that associated member organisations impose a course of action or block a majority of the members from the Union.*

2. The Member State of the seat may impose additional requirements for the statutes, provided that those additional requirements are not inconsistent with this Regulation.

Article 6a Requirements for gender balance rule

- 1. Governing bodies of European political parties and European political foundations shall be gender-balanced.***
- 2. European political parties and European political foundations shall have internal mechanisms in place promoting gender balance and encouraging active participation of women in all their activities.***

3. ***European political parties and European political foundations shall have a protocol in place to prevent, detect and work continuously against sexual harassment as well as discrimination on the basis of gender.***

Article 7

Authority for European political parties and European political foundations

1. An Authority for European political parties and European political foundations ('Authority') is established for the purpose of registering, controlling and imposing sanctions on European political parties and European political foundations in accordance with this Regulation.
2. The Authority shall have legal personality. It shall be independent and shall exercise its functions in full compliance with this Regulation.

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), **Article 4(2a)** and in Article 6(1), points (a) to (e), and (g), **and Article 6(1), point (ib)**, continue to be complied with by the registered European political parties and European political foundations.

In its decisions, the Authority shall give full consideration to the fundamental right of freedom of association and to the need to ensure pluralism of political parties in Europe.

The Authority shall be represented by its Director who shall take all decisions of the Authority on its behalf.

3. The Director of the Authority shall be appointed for a five-year non-renewable term by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission (jointly referred to as the 'appointing authority') by common accord, on the basis of proposals made by a selection committee composed of the Secretaries-General of those institutions following an open call for candidates.

The Director of the Authority shall be selected on the basis of their personal and professional qualities. They shall not be a member of the European Parliament, hold any

electoral mandate or be a current or former employee of a European political party or a European political foundation. The Director selected shall not have a conflict of interests between their duty as Director of the Authority and any other official duties, in particular in relation to the application of the provisions of this Regulation.

A vacancy caused by resignation, retirement, dismissal or death shall be filled in accordance with the same procedure.

In the event of a normal replacement or voluntary resignation the Director shall continue their functions until a replacement has taken up their duties.

If the Director of the Authority no longer fulfils the conditions required for the performance of their duties, they may be dismissed by common accord by at least two of the three institutions referred to in the first subparagraph and on the basis of a report drawn up by the selection committee referred to in the first subparagraph on its own initiative or following a request from any of the three institutions.

The Director of the Authority shall be independent in the performance of their duties. When acting on behalf of the Authority, the Director shall neither seek nor take instructions from any institution or government or from any other body, office or agency. The Director of the Authority shall refrain from any act which is incompatible with the nature of their duties.

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission shall exercise jointly, with regard to the Director, the powers conferred on the appointing authority by the Staff Regulations of Officials (and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the Union) laid down in Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68¹⁸. Without prejudice to decisions on appointment and dismissal, the three institutions may agree to entrust the exercise of some or all of the remaining powers conferred on the appointing authority to any one of them.

¹⁸ Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68 of 29 February 1968 laying down the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities and instituting special measures temporarily applicable to officials of the Commission (OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p. 1).

The appointing authority may assign the Director to other tasks provided that such tasks are not incompatible with the workload resulting from their duties as Director of the Authority and are not liable to create any conflict of interests or to jeopardise the full independence of the Director.

4. The Authority shall be physically located in the European Parliament, which shall provide the Authority with the necessary offices and administrative support facilities.
5. The Director of the Authority shall be assisted by staff in respect of whom they shall exercise the powers conferred on the appointing authority by the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union and the powers conferred on the authority empowered to conclude contracts of employment of other servants by the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the Union, laid down in Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC)

No 259/68 ('the appointing authority's powers'). The Authority may make use in any areas of its work of seconded national experts or of other staff not employed by the Authority.

The Staff Regulations and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants and the rules adopted by agreement between the institutions of the Union for giving effect to those Staff Regulations and Conditions of Employment of Other Servants shall apply to the staff of the Authority.

The selection of the staff shall not be liable to result in a conflict of interests between their duties at the Authority and any other official duties, and they shall refrain from any act which is incompatible with the nature of their duties.

6. The Authority shall conclude agreements with the European Parliament and, if appropriate, with other institutions on any administrative arrangements necessary to enable it to carry out its tasks, in particular agreements regarding the staff, services and support provided pursuant to paragraphs 4, 5 and 8.
7. The appropriations for the expenditure of the Authority shall be provided under a separate Title in the Section for the European Parliament in the general budget of the European Union. The appropriations shall be sufficient to ensure the full and independent operation of the Authority. A draft budgetary plan for the Authority shall be submitted to the European Parliament by the Director, and shall be made public. The European Parliament

shall delegate the duties of Authorising Officer with respect to those appropriations to the Director of the Authority.

8. Council Regulation No 1¹⁹ shall apply to the Authority.

The translation services required for the functioning of the Authority and the Register shall be provided by the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union.

9. The Authority and the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall share all information necessary for the execution of their respective responsibilities under this Regulation.
10. The Director shall submit annually a report to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the activities of the Authority. The Authority shall make the reports public on its website.
11. The Court of Justice of the European Union shall review the legality of the decisions of the Authority in accordance with Article 263 TFEU and shall have jurisdiction in disputes relating to compensation for damage caused by the Authority in accordance with

Articles 268 and 340 TFEU. Should the Authority fail to take a decision where it is required to do so by this Regulation, proceedings for failure to act may be brought before the Court of Justice of the European Union in accordance with Article 265 TFEU.

Article 8

Register of European political parties and foundations

1. The Authority shall establish and manage a Register of European political parties and European political foundations. ■ Information from the Register shall be available online in accordance with Article 36.
2. In order to ensure the proper functioning of the Register, the Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 40 and within the scope of the relevant provisions of this Regulation concerning:

¹⁹ Council Regulation No 1 of 15 April 1958 determining the languages to be used by the European Economic Community (OJ 17, 6.10.1958, p. 385/58).

- (a) the information and supporting documents held by the Authority for which the Register is to be the competent repository, which shall include the statutes of a European political party or European political foundation, any other documents submitted as part of an application for registration in accordance with Article 9(2), any documents received from the Member State of the seat as referred to in Article 18(2), and information on the identity of the persons who are members of bodies or hold offices that are vested with powers of administrative, financial and legal representation, as referred to in Article 4(1), point (f), and Article 6(1),

point (g);

- (b) materials from the Register as referred to in point (a) of this paragraph for which the Register is to be competent to certify legality as established by the Authority pursuant to its competences under this Regulation. The Authority shall not be competent to verify compliance by a European political party or European political foundation with any obligation or requirement imposed on the party or foundation in question by the Member State of the seat pursuant to Articles 4 and 6, and

Article 17(2) which is additional to the obligations and requirements laid down by this Regulation.

- 3. The Commission shall by implementing acts specify the details of the registration number system to be applied for the Register and standard extracts from the Register to be made available to third parties upon request, including the content of letters and documents. Such extracts shall not include personal data other than the identity of the persons who are members of bodies or hold offices that are vested with powers of administrative, financial and legal representation, as referred to in Article 4(1), point (f), and Article 6(1), point (g). Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 41.

Article 9 Application for registration

- 1. An application for registration shall be filed with the Authority. An application for registration as a European political foundation shall be filed only through the European political party with which the applicant is formally affiliated.
- 2. The application shall be accompanied by:

- (a) documents proving that the applicant satisfies the conditions laid down in Article 3, including a standard formal declaration in the form set out in Annex I;
 - (b) the statutes of the party or foundation, containing the provisions required by Articles 4 and 6, including the relevant annexes and, where applicable, the statement of the Member State of the seat referred to in Article 18(2).
3. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 40 and within the scope of the relevant provisions of this Regulation concerning:
- (a) the identification of any supplementary information or supporting document in relation to paragraph 2 necessary to allow the Authority to fully discharge its responsibilities under this Regulation in relation to the operation of the Register;
 - (b) the amendment of the standard formal declaration in Annex I in respect of the particulars to be filled in by the applicant where necessary, in order to ensure that sufficient information is being held in relation to the signatory, their mandate and the European political party or European political foundation which they *are* mandated to represent for the purposes of the declaration.
4. Documentation submitted to the Authority as part of the application shall be published immediately on the website referred to in Article 36.

Article 10

Examination of the application and decision of the Authority

1. The application shall be examined by the Authority in order to determine whether the applicant satisfies the conditions for registration laid down in Article 3 and whether the statutes contain the provisions required by Articles 4 and 6.
2. The Authority shall adopt a decision to register the applicant, unless it establishes that the applicant does not satisfy the conditions for registration laid down in Article 3 or that the statutes do not contain the provisions required by Articles 4 and 6.

The Authority shall publish its decision to register the applicant within one month following receipt of the application for registration or, where the procedures set out in Article 18(4) are applicable, within four months following receipt of the application for registration.

Where an application is incomplete, the Authority shall ask the applicant without delay to submit any additional information required. For the purposes of the deadline laid down in the second subparagraph, time shall only start to run from the date of receipt by the Authority of a complete application.

3. The standard formal declaration referred to in Article 9(2), point (a), shall be considered sufficient for the Authority to ascertain that the applicant complies with the conditions specified in Article 3(1), points (d) and (e), or Article 3(2), points (c) and (d), whichever is applicable.
4. A decision of the Authority to register an applicant shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, together with the statutes of the party or foundation concerned. A decision not to register an applicant shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, together with the detailed grounds for rejection.
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.
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, **together with the declaration using the template in Annex I, if a new member party has joined.** 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.

Article 11

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

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) and (f), **in Article 4(2a), in** Article 6(1), points (a) to (e), (g) **and (ib)**, continue to be complied with by registered European political parties and European political foundations.

2. *Where the Authority considers 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, it 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, 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.*

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

4. *Upon 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.*

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.*

Article 11b

Verification of obligations under national law

- 1. 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), first subparagraph, 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 follow-up that was given to the reasoned request for deregistration.*

Article 12

Verification procedure related to infringements of rules on the protection of personal data

1. No European political party or European political foundation shall deliberately influence, or attempt to influence, the outcome of elections to the European Parliament by taking advantage of an infringement by a natural or legal person of the applicable rules on the protection of personal data.
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 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.
3. The committee referred to in paragraph 2 shall give an opinion as to whether the European political party or European political foundation concerned has deliberately influenced or attempted to influence the outcome of elections to the European Parliament by taking advantage of that infringement. The Authority shall request the opinion without undue delay, and no later than one month after being informed of the decision of the national supervisory authority. The Authority shall set a short, reasonable deadline for the committee to give its opinion. The committee shall comply with that deadline.
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.
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.**

Article 14

Committee of independent eminent persons

1. The committee of independent eminent persons established by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 shall consist of six members, with the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission each appointing two members. The members of the committee shall be selected on the basis of their personal and professional qualities. They shall neither be members of the European Parliament, the Council or the Commission, nor hold any electoral mandate, be officials or other servants of the European Union or be current or former employees of a European political party or a European political foundation.

Members of the committee shall be independent in the performance of their duties. They shall neither seek nor take instructions from any institution or government or from any other body, office or agency, and shall refrain from any act which is incompatible with the nature of their duties.

The committee shall be renewed within six months after the end of the first session of the European Parliament following each election to the European Parliament. The mandate of the members shall not be renewable.

2. The committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure. The chair of the committee shall be elected by its members from amongst their number in accordance with those rules. The secretariat and funding of the committee shall be provided by the European Parliament. The secretariat of the committee shall act under the sole authority of the committee.
3. When requested by the Authority, the committee shall give an opinion on:
 - (a) any possible manifest and serious breach of the values on which the Union is founded, as referred to in Article 3(1), point (d) **and (e)**, and Article 3(2), point (c) **and (d)**, by a European political party or a European political foundation;
 - (b) whether a European political party or a European political foundation has deliberately influenced or attempted to influence the outcome of elections to the European Parliament by taking advantage of an infringement of the applicable rules on the protection of personal data;

In the cases referred to in the first subparagraph, points (a) and (b), the committee may request any relevant document or evidence from the Authority, the European Parliament, the European political party or European political foundation concerned, other political parties, political foundations or other stakeholders, and it may request to hear their representatives. In the case referred to in the first subparagraph, point (b), the national supervisory authority referred to in Article 12 shall cooperate with the committee in accordance with applicable law.

In its opinions, the committee shall give full consideration to the fundamental right of freedom of association and to the need to ensure pluralism of political parties in Europe.

The opinions of the committee shall be made public without delay.

CHAPTER III

LEGAL STATUS OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES AND EUROPEAN POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS

Article 15 Legal personality

European political parties and European political foundations shall have European legal personality.

Article 16

Legal recognition and capacity

European political parties and European political foundations shall enjoy legal recognition and capacity in all Member States.

Article 17 Applicable law

1. European political parties and European political foundations shall be governed by this Regulation.
2. For matters not regulated by this Regulation or, where matters are only partly regulated by it, for those aspects which are not covered by it, European political parties and European political foundations shall be governed by the applicable provisions of national law in the Member State in which they have their respective seats.

Activities carried out by European political parties and European political foundations in other Member States shall be governed by the relevant national laws of those Member States.

3. For matters not regulated by this Regulation or by the applicable provisions pursuant to paragraph 2 or, where matters are only partly regulated by them, for those aspects which are not covered by them, European political parties and European political foundations shall be governed by the provisions of their respective statutes.

Article 18

Acquisition of European legal personality

1. A European political party or a European political foundation shall acquire European legal personality on the date of publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* of the decision of the Authority to register it, pursuant to Article 10.
2. If the Member State in which an applicant for registration as a European political party or a European political foundation has its seat so requires, the application submitted pursuant to Article 9 shall be accompanied by a statement issued by that Member State, certifying that the applicant has complied with all relevant national requirements for application, and that its statutes are in conformity with the applicable law referred to in the first subparagraph of Article 17(2).
3. Where the applicant enjoys legal personality under the law of a Member State, the acquisition of European legal personality shall be regarded by that Member State as a conversion of the national legal personality into a successor European legal personality. The latter shall fully maintain any pre-existing rights and obligations of the former national legal entity, which shall cease to exist as such. The Member States concerned shall not apply prohibitive conditions in the context of such conversion. The applicant shall maintain its seat in the Member State concerned until a decision in accordance with

Article 10 has been published.

4. If the Member State in which the applicant has its seat so requires, the Authority shall fix the date of the publication referred to in paragraph 1 only after consultation with that Member State.

Article 19

Termination of European legal personality

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), (ea), (f) or (g), or in Article 3(2), point (a), (b), (da), (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) and (f), in Article 4(2a) or in Article 6(1), points (a) to (e), (g) or (ib), 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).

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***

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 a European political foundation concerned. The decision shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.***

5. If the European political party or European political foundation concerned acquires legal personality under the law of the Member State of its seat, such acquisition shall be regarded by that Member State as a conversion of the European legal personality into a national legal personality that fully maintains the pre-existing rights and obligations of the former European legal entity. The Member State in question shall not apply prohibitive conditions in the context of such conversion.

6. If the European political party or European political foundation does not acquire legal personality under the law of the Member State of its seat, it shall be wound up in accordance with the applicable law of that Member State. The Member State concerned may require that such winding-up be preceded by the acquisition by the party or foundation concerned of national legal personality in accordance with paragraph 5.

7. In all situations referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6, the Member State concerned shall ensure that the not-for-profit condition laid down in Article 3 is fully respected. The Authority and the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament may agree with the Member State concerned the modalities for termination of the European legal personality, in particular in order to ensure the recovery of any funds received from the general budget of the European Union and the payment of any financial sanctions imposed in accordance with Article 30.

CHAPTER IV FUNDING PROVISIONS

Article 20 political provisions

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 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***.
2. A European political foundation which is affiliated with a European political party eligible to apply for funding under paragraph 1, which is registered in accordance with the conditions and procedures laid down in this Regulation, and which is not in one of the situations of exclusion referred to in 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 proposals.
3. For the purposes of determining eligibility for funding from the general budget of the European Union in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article and Article 3(1), point (b), and for the application of Article 22(1), a member of the European Parliament shall be considered as a member of only one European political party, which shall, where relevant, be the one to which their national or regional political party is affiliated on the final date for the submission of applications for funding.

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

4. Financial contributions or grants from the general budget of the European Union shall not exceed 95 % of the annual reimbursable expenditure indicated in the budget of a European

political party and **95 %** of the eligible costs incurred by a European political foundation. European political parties may use any unused part of the Union contribution awarded to cover reimbursable expenditure within the financial year following its award. Amounts unused after that financial year shall be recovered in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.

5. Within the limits set out in Articles 24 and 25, the expenditure reimbursable through a financial contribution ***from the general budget of the European Union*** 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.

Article 21 Application for funding

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***.
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), points (a)(v) to ***(vii)***.

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6. A European political foundation shall include in its application its annual work programme or action plan.
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.

8. A European political foundation may apply for funding from the general budget of the European Union only through the European political party with which it is affiliated.

Article 22

Award criteria and distribution of funding

1. The respective appropriations available to those European political parties and European political foundations which have been awarded contributions or grants in accordance with Article 21 shall be distributed annually on the basis of the following distribution key:
 - (a) 10 % shall be distributed among the beneficiary European political parties in equal shares;
 - (b) 90 % shall be distributed among the beneficiary European political parties in proportion to their share of elected members of the European Parliament.

The same distribution key shall be used to award funding to European political foundations, on the basis of their affiliation with a European political party.

2. The distribution referred to in paragraph 1 shall be based on the number of elected members of the European Parliament who are members of the applicant European political party on the final date for the submission of applications for funding, taking into account Article 20(3).

After that date, any changes to the number shall not affect the respective share of funding between European political parties or European political foundations. This is without prejudice to the requirement in Article 20(1) for a European political party to be represented in the European Parliament by at least one of its members.

Article 23

*Donations, contributions and **self-generated** resources*

1. European political parties and European political foundations may accept donations from natural or legal persons of up to a value of EUR 18 000 per year and per donor.
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 *from* member parties *from the EU and member organisations from the EU and to contributions exceeding EUR 1 500 made by individual members* of European political parties and
■ European political foundations.

For donations *and contributions* from natural persons the value of which exceeds EUR 1 500 *per year and per donor* 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).

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.
4. Single donations the value of which exceeds EUR 12 000 that have been accepted by European political parties and European political foundations shall be immediately reported to the Authority in writing and in accordance with paragraph 2.
5. For all donations the value of which exceeds *EUR 3 000 per year and per donor*, 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 foundations shall transmit the information received to the Authority upon its request.

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

6. European political parties and European political foundations shall not accept any of the following:
 - (a) anonymous donations or contributions;
 - (b) donations from the budgets of political groups in the European Parliament;
 - (c) donations from any public authority from a Member State or a third country, or from any undertaking over which such a public authority may exercise, directly or

indirectly, a dominant influence by virtue of its ownership of it, its financial participation therein, or the rules which govern it; or

- (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.

7. Any donation that is not permitted under this Regulation shall within 30 days following the date of its receipt by a European political party or a European political foundation:

- (a) be returned to the donor or to any person acting on the donor's behalf;
- (b) where it is not possible to return it, be reported to the Authority and the European Parliament.

Where a donation is reported, pursuant to the first subparagraph, point (b), the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall establish the amount receivable and authorise the recovery in accordance with the provisions laid down in Articles 98 to 100 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046. The funds shall be entered as general revenue in the European Parliament section of the general budget of the European Union.

8. The Authority shall carry out *checks* 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 *and cooperate with the relevant authorities of the Member States*.

9. Contributions *to* a European political party *from its members, whether member parties from the EU or citizens of the European Union*, shall be permitted. The value of *such* contributions shall not exceed 40 % of the annual budget of *that* European political party.

10. Contributions *to a* European political foundation *from its members, whether member organisations from the EU or citizens of the European Union*, and from the European political party with which it is affiliated, shall be permitted. The value of *such* contributions shall not exceed 40 % of the annual budget of *that* European political foundation and *may* not derive from funds received by a European political party pursuant to this Regulation from the general budget of the European Union.

The burden of proof shall rest with the European political party concerned, which shall clearly indicate in its accounts the origin of funds used to finance its affiliated European political foundation.

11. Without prejudice to paragraphs **9** and **10**, European political parties and European political foundations may accept from citizens who are their members contributions up to a value of EUR 18 000 per year and per member, where such contributions are made by the member concerned on his or her own behalf.

The ceiling laid down in the first subparagraph shall not apply where the member concerned is also an elected member of the European Parliament, of a national parliament or of a regional parliament or regional assembly.

12. Any contribution that is not permitted under this Regulation shall be returned in accordance with paragraph 7.
13. The value of **self-generated** resources of a European political party or of a European political foundation generated from own economic activities shall not exceed **3 %** of the annual budget of that European political party **and 5 % of the annual budget of that** European political foundation.

Article 24

Financing of campaigns in the context of elections to the European Parliament

1. Subject to the second subparagraph, the funding of European political parties from the general budget of the European Union or from any other source may be used to finance campaigns conducted by the European political parties in the context of elections to the European Parliament in which they or their members participate as required by

Article 3(1), point (f), **including joint European political activities in the meaning of Article 2(10a).**

In accordance with Article 8 of the Act concerning the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage²⁰, the funding and possible limitation of election expenses for all political parties, candidates and third parties in, in addition to their

²⁰ OJ L 278, 8.10.1976, p. 5.

participation in, elections to the European Parliament is governed in each Member State by national provisions.

3. Expenditure linked to the campaigns referred to in **paragraph 1** shall be clearly identified as such by the European political parties in their annual financial statements.

Article 25 Prohibition of funding

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

This prohibition shall not prevent European political foundations from providing capacity building to support the formation of future political leadership in the Union or training to persons up to the date that they become a candidate in accordance with national rules or up to the date of their nomination in the national party, whichever is earlier.

3. ***The funding of European political parties and European political foundations from the general budget of the European Union or from any other source shall not be used to finance referendum campaigns.***

Article 26

Accounts, reporting and audit obligations

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:***
 - (a) their annual financial statements and accompanying notes, covering their revenue and expenditure, assets and liabilities at the beginning and at the end of the financial year, in accordance with the law applicable in the Member State in which they have their seat;
 - (b) an external audit report on the annual financial statements, covering both the reliability of those financial statements and the legality and regularity of their revenue and expenditure, carried out by an independent body or expert;
 - (c) the list of donors and contributors and their corresponding donations or contributions reported in accordance with Article 23(2), (3) and (4).

At the latest within six months following the end of the financial year, 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.

2. Where expenditure is implemented by European political parties jointly with national political parties or by European political foundations jointly with national political foundations, or with other organisations, evidence of the expenditure incurred by the European political parties or by the European political foundations directly or through those third parties shall be included in the annual financial statements referred to in paragraph 1.
3. The independent external bodies or experts referred to in paragraph 1, point (b), shall be selected, mandated and paid by the European Parliament. They shall be duly authorised to

audit accounts under the law applicable in the Member State in which they have their seat or establishment.

4. European political parties and European political foundations shall provide any information requested by the independent bodies or experts for the purpose of their audit.
5. The independent bodies or experts shall inform the Authority and the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament of any suspected illegal activity, fraud or corruption which may harm the financial interests of the Union. The Authority and the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall inform the National Contact Points concerned thereof.

Article 27 General rules on control

1. Control of compliance by European political parties and European political foundations with their obligations under this Regulation shall be exercised, in cooperation, by the Authority, by the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament and by the competent Member States.
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), **Article 4a, Article 4(2a),**

Article 6(1), points (a) to (e), (g) **and (ib)**, Article 10(5) and (6), and Articles 23, 24 and 25.

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.

3. The control by the Authority and by the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament referred to in paragraph 2 shall not extend to compliance by European political parties and European political foundations with their obligations under applicable national law as referred to in Article 17.

4. European political parties and European political foundations shall provide any information requested by the Authority, the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament, the Court of Auditors, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) or Member States which is necessary for the purpose of carrying out the controls for which they are responsible under this Regulation.

Upon request and for the purpose of controlling compliance with Article 23, European political parties and European political foundations shall provide the Authority with information concerning contributions made by individual members and the identity of such members. Moreover, where appropriate, the Authority may require European political parties to provide signed confirmatory statements from members holding elected mandates for the purpose of controlling compliance with the condition laid down in Article 3(1), point (b)(i).

Article 28

Implementation and control in respect of Union funding

1. Appropriations for the funding of European political parties and European political foundations shall be determined under the annual budgetary procedure and shall be implemented in accordance with this Regulation and Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.

The terms and conditions for contributions and grants shall be laid down by the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament in the call for contributions and the call for proposals.

2. Control of funding received from the general budget of the European Union and its use shall be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.

Control shall also be exercised on the basis of annual certification by an external and independent audit, as provided for in Article 26(1).

3. The Court of Auditors shall exercise its audit powers in accordance with Article 287 TFEU.

4. Any document or information required by the Court of Auditors in order to enable it to carry out its task shall be supplied to it at its request by the European political parties and the European political foundations that receive funding in accordance with this Regulation.
5. The contribution and grant decision or agreement shall expressly provide for auditing by the European Parliament and the Court of Auditors, on the basis of records and on the spot, of the European political party which has received a contribution or the European political foundation which has received a grant from the general budget of the European Union.
6. The Court of Auditors and the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament, or any other external body authorised by the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament, may carry out the necessary checks and verifications on the spot in order to verify the legality of expenditure and the proper implementation of the provisions of the contribution and grant decision or agreement, and, in the case of European political foundations, the proper implementation of the work programme or action. The European political party or European political foundation in question shall supply any document or information needed to carry out this task.
7. OLAF may carry out investigations, including on-the-spot checks and inspections, in accordance with the provisions and procedures laid down in Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council²¹ and Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96²², with a view to establishing whether there has been fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity affecting the financial interests of the Union in connection with contributions or grants under this Regulation. If appropriate, its findings

may give rise to recovery decisions by the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament.

²¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1074/1999 (OJ L 248, 18.9.2013, p. 1).

²² Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 2).

Article 29 Technical support

All technical support provided by the European Parliament to European political parties shall be based on the principle of equal treatment. It shall be granted on conditions no less favourable than those granted to other external organisations and associations that may be accorded similar facilities and shall be supplied against invoice and payment.

Article 30 Sanctions

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1. The Authority shall impose financial sanctions in the following situations:

(a) non-quantifiable infringements:

- (i) in the event of non-compliance with the requirements of Article 10(5) or (6);
- (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) **and** (f), **Article 4(2a)** and with Article 6(1), points (a), (b), (d), (e) **and (ib)**;

iiia) in the event of non-compliance with the obligations under Article

4a(1); (iib) in the event of non-compliance with the obligations under Article 4a(2);

- (iii) in the event of failure to transmit the list of donors and their corresponding donations in accordance with Article 23(2) or to report donations in accordance with Article 23(3) and (4);
- (iv) where a European political party or a European political foundation has infringed the obligations laid down in Article 26(1) or Article 27(4);

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

- (vi) where the European political party or the European political foundation concerned has at any time intentionally omitted to provide information or has intentionally provided incorrect or misleading information;
- (vii) where, in accordance with the verification procedure provided for in Article 12, it is established that a European political party or a European political foundation has deliberately influenced or attempted to influence the outcome of elections to the European Parliament by taking advantage of an infringement of the applicable rules on the protection of personal data;

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- (b) quantifiable infringements:
 - (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 **(6)**, unless the conditions laid down in Article 23(7) are met;
 - (ii) in the event of non-compliance with the requirements laid down in Articles 24 and 25.
- 2. The Authorising Officer of the European Parliament may exclude a European political party or a European political foundation from future Union funding for up to five years, or up to 10 years in cases of an infringement repeated within a five-year period, when it has been found guilty of any of the infringements listed in paragraph 2, points (a)(v) and (vi). This is without prejudice to the powers of the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament as set out in Article 231 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- 3. 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:
 - (a) in cases of non-quantifiable infringements, a fixed percentage of the annual budget of the European political party or European political foundation concerned as follows:
 - (i) up to 5 %;
 - (ii) from 5 % to 10 % if there are concurrent infringements;

- (iii) from 10 % to 15 % if the infringement in question is a repeated infringement;
- (iv) from 15 % to 20 % in the case of further repeated infringements;
- (v) a third of the percentages set out in points (i) to (iv) if the European political party or European political foundation concerned has voluntarily declared the infringement before the Authority has officially opened an investigation, even in the case of a concurrent infringement or a repeated infringement, and the party or foundation concerned has taken the appropriate corrective measures;
- (vi) 50 % of the annual budget of the European political party or European political foundation concerned for the preceding year, ***if the European political party or European political foundation concerned*** is in one of the situations of exclusion referred to in Article 136(1) of Regulation

(EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.

- (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:
 - (i) 100 % of the irregular sums received or not reported ***or of the sums used for funding activities that are prohibited under Article 25*** where those sums do not exceed EUR 50 000;
 - (ii) 150 % of the irregular sums received or not reported ***or of the sums used for funding activities that are prohibited under Article 25*** where those sums exceed EUR 50 000 but do not exceed EUR 100 000;
 - (iii) 200 % of the irregular sums received or not reported ***or of the sums used for funding activities that are prohibited under Article 25*** where those sums exceed EUR 100 000 but do not exceed EUR 15 0000;
 - (iv) 250 % of the irregular sums received or not reported ***or of the sums used for funding activities that are prohibited under Article 25*** where those sums exceed EUR 150 000 but do not exceed EUR 200 000;

- (v) 300 % of the irregular sums received or not reported ***or of the sums used for funding activities that are prohibited under Article 25*** where those sums exceed EUR 200 000;
- (vi) one third of the percentages indicated in points (i) to (v) if the European political party or European political foundation concerned has voluntarily declared the infringement before the Authority and/or the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament has officially opened an investigation and the party or foundation concerned has taken the appropriate corrective measures.

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

- 4. Whenever a European political party or a European political foundation has committed ***an infringement justifying the adoption of a sanction and the same behaviour justifies the de-registration of that European political party or European political foundation, the Authority shall only proceed to the de-registration of the European political party or European political foundation concerned.***
- 5. ***The Authority shall recover the corresponding amounts from the European political party or European political foundation on which financial sanctions have been imposed.***
- 6. The sanctions laid down in this Regulation shall be subject to a limitation period of ten years from the date of commission of the infringement concerned or, in the case of continuing or repeated infringements, from the date on which those infringements ceased.
- 7. Where a decision of the national supervisory authority as referred to in Article 12 has been repealed, or where a remedy against such decision has been granted, provided that all national remedies have been exhausted, the Authority shall review any sanction imposed pursuant to paragraph 2, point (a)(vii), at the request of the European political party or European political foundation concerned.

Article 31 Responsibility of natural persons

Where the Authority imposes a financial sanction in the situations referred to in Article 30(1), points (a)(v) or (a)(vi), it may, for the purpose of recovery pursuant to Article 34(2), establish that a natural person who is a member of the administrative, management or supervisory body of the European political party or European political foundation, or who has powers of representation, decision or control with regard to the European political party or European political foundation is also responsible for the infringement, in the following cases:

- (a) in the situation referred to in Article 30(1), point (a)(v), where, in the judgment referred to in that provision, the natural person has been found to be also responsible for the illegal activities in question;
- (b) in the situation referred to in Article **30**(1), point (a)(vi), where the natural person is also responsible for the conduct or inaccuracies in question.

Article 32

Cooperation between the Authority, the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament and the Member States

1. The Authority, the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament and the Member States via the National Contact Points shall share information and keep each other regularly informed of matters related to funding provisions, controls and sanctions.
2. They shall also agree on practical arrangements for such exchange of information, including the rules regarding the disclosure of confidential information or evidence and the cooperation among Member States.
3. The Authority and the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall regularly exchange views and information on the interpretation and implementation of this Regulation.
4. The Authorising Officer of the European Parliament shall inform the Authority of any findings which might give rise to the imposition of sanctions under Article 30(1) to (3), with a view to allowing the Authority to take appropriate measures. The Authority shall make a decision on the imposition of sanctions within [6 months].

5. The Authority shall inform the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament of any decision it has taken in relation to sanctions, in order to enable him or her to draw the appropriate consequences under Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.

Article 33

Corrective measures and principles of good administration

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.
2. Where a European political party or a European political foundation has failed to take corrective measures within the period of time referred to in paragraph 1, the appropriate sanctions referred to in Article 30 shall be decided.

Article 34

Termination of a funding decision with future effect

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.

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. ■*

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, taking into account where applicable, exceptional circumstances relating to that natural person.*

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.***

CHAPTER VI FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 35

Provision of information to citizens

Subject to Articles 24 and 25 and to their own statutes and internal processes, European political parties may, in the context of elections to the European Parliament, take all appropriate measures to inform citizens of the Union of the affiliations between national political parties and candidates and the European political parties concerned.

Article 36 Transparency

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*:

- (a) the names and statutes of all registered European political parties and European political foundations, together with the documents submitted as part of their applications for registration in accordance with Article 9, at the latest four weeks after the Authority has adopted its decision and, thereafter, any amendments notified to the Authority pursuant to Article 10(5) and (6);
- (b) a list of applications that have not been approved, together with the documents submitted as part thereof, together with the application for registration in accordance with Article 9 and the grounds for rejection, at the latest four weeks after the Authority adopted its decision;
- (c) an annual report with a table of the amounts paid to each European political party and European political foundation, for each financial year for which contributions have been received or grants have been paid from the general budget of the European Union;
- (d) the annual financial statements and external audit reports referred to in Article 26(1), and, for European political foundations, the final reports on the implementation of the work programmes or actions;
- (e) the names of donors and their corresponding donations reported by European political parties and European political foundations in accordance with Article 23(2),

(3) and (4), with the exception of donations from natural persons the value of which does not exceed EUR 1 500 per year and per donor, which shall be reported as ‘minor donations’.

Donations from natural persons the annual value of which exceeds EUR 1 500 and is below or equal to EUR 3 000 shall not be published

without the corresponding donor’s prior written consent to their publication. If no such prior consent has been given, such donations shall be reported as ‘minor

donations'. The total amount of minor donations and the number of donors per calendar year shall also be published;

- (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)

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(fa) the self-generated resources referred to in Article 23(13) and reported by European political parties and European political foundations in accordance with Article 23(2);

- (g) in the 6-month period prior to the elections to the European Parliament, the weekly reports received pursuant to Article 23(3);
 - (h) the details of and reasons for any final decisions taken by the Authority pursuant to Article 30, including, where relevant, any opinions adopted by the committee of independent eminent persons in accordance with Articles 11 and 14, having due regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1725;
 - (i) the details of and reasons for any final decision taken by the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament pursuant to Article 30;
 - (j) a description of the technical support provided to European political parties;
 - (k) the evaluation report of the European Parliament on the application of this Regulation and on the funded activities referred to in Article 42;
 - (l) an updated list of Members of the European Parliament who are members of a European political party.
2. The **Authority** shall make public the list of **member parties** 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.
 3. Personal data shall be excluded from publication on the website referred to in paragraph 1 unless those personal data are published pursuant to paragraph 1, points (a), (e), or (h).

4. European political parties and European political foundations shall, in a publicly available privacy statement, provide potential members and donors with the information required by Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, and shall inform them that their personal data will be processed for auditing and control purposes by the European Parliament, the Authority, OLAF, the Court of Auditors, Member States, or external bodies or experts authorised thereby, and that their personal data will be made public on the website referred to in paragraph 1 under the conditions set out in this Article. The Authorising Officer of the European Parliament, in application of Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, shall include the same information in calls for contributions or proposals as referred to in Article 21(1) of this Regulation.

Article 37 Protection of personal data

1. In processing personal data pursuant to this Regulation, the Authority, the European Parliament and the committee of independent eminent persons referred to in Article 14 shall comply with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. For the purposes of the processing of personal data, they shall be considered data controllers in accordance with Article 3, point (8), of that Regulation.
2. In processing personal data pursuant to this Regulation, European political parties and European political foundations, Member States when exercising control over aspects relating to the financing of European political parties and European political foundations in accordance with Article 27, and the independent bodies or experts authorised to audit accounts in accordance with Article 26(1) shall comply with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and with the national provisions adopted pursuant thereto. For the purposes of the processing of personal data, they shall be considered data controllers in accordance with Article 4, point (7) of that Regulation.
3. The Authority, the European Parliament and the committee of independent eminent persons referred to in Article 14 shall ensure that personal data collected by them pursuant to this Regulation are not used for any purpose other than to ensure the legality, regularity and transparency of the funding of European political parties and European political foundations and the membership of European political parties. They shall erase all personal

data collected for that purpose at the latest 24 months after the publication of the relevant parts in accordance with Article 36.

4. The Member States and independent bodies or experts authorised to audit accounts shall use the personal data they receive only in order to exercise control over the financing of European political parties and European political foundations. They shall erase those personal data in accordance with applicable national law after transmission pursuant to Article 32.
5. Personal data may be retained beyond the time limits laid down in paragraph 3 or provided for by the applicable national law as referred to in paragraph 4 where such retention is necessary for the purposes of legal or administrative proceedings relating to the funding of a European political party or a European political foundation or the membership of a European political party. All such personal data shall be erased at the latest one week after the date of conclusion of the said proceedings by a final decision, or after any audits, appeals, litigation or claims have been disposed of.
6. The data controllers referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect personal data against accidental or unlawful destruction, accidental loss, alteration or unauthorised disclosure or access, in particular where the processing of such data involves their transmission over a network, and against all other unlawful forms of processing.
7. The European Data Protection Supervisor shall be responsible for monitoring and ensuring that the Authority, the European Parliament and the committee of independent eminent persons referred to in Article 14 respect and protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of natural persons in the processing of personal data pursuant to this Regulation. Without prejudice to any judicial remedy, any data subject may lodge a complaint with the European Data Protection Supervisor if they considers that their right to the protection of their personal data has been infringed as a result of the processing thereof by the Authority, the European Parliament or the committee.
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, *without*

prejudice to Regulation (EU) 2016/679, ensure that effective, proportionate and dissuasive sanctions are applied for infringements of this Regulation ■ .

Article 38 Right to be heard

Before the Authority or the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament takes a decision which may adversely affect the rights of a European political party, a European political foundation, an applicant as referred to in Article 9 or a natural person as referred to in Article 31, it shall hear the representatives of the European political party, European political foundation or applicant, or the natural person concerned. The Authority or the European Parliament shall duly state the reasons for its decision.

Article 39 Right of appeal

Decisions taken pursuant to this Regulation may be the subject of court proceedings before the Court of Justice of the European Union, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the TFEU.

Article 40 Exercise of the delegation

1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article.
2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in ■ Article 8(2) and Article 9(3) shall be conferred on the Commission for an undetermined period of time from ... [date of entry into force of the Regulation].
3. The delegation of power referred to in ■ Article 8(2) and Article 9(3) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the *Official Journal of the European Union* or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making.
5. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.
6. A delegated act adopted pursuant to ■ Article 8(2) or Article 9(3) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act 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 Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.

Article 41 Committee procedure

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the ... [name of the committee] established by ... [reference to the legal act which created the committee]. That committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.
2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.

Article 42 Evaluation

The European Parliament shall, after consulting the Authority, publish by ... [one year after the elections to the European Parliament] a report on the application of this Regulation and on the activities funded. The report shall indicate, where appropriate, possible amendments to be made to the statute and funding systems.

No more than one year after the publication of the report by the European Parliament, the Commission shall present a report on the application of this Regulation accompanied, if appropriate, by a proposal to amend this Regulation. The Commission's report shall pay particular attention to the implications of this Regulation for the position of small European political parties

and European political foundations *and for the rules governing the financing of European political foundations.* ■

Article 43 Effective application

Member States shall make such provision as is appropriate to ensure the effective application of this Regulation.

Article 44 Transitional provision

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2a. *Procedural steps taken under Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 shall continue to have effect for the purposes of applying this Regulation.*

2b. *By way of derogation from the first subparagraph of Article 42, regarding the elections to the European Parliament in 2024, the European Parliament shall publish the report referred to therein six months after the entry into force of this regulation.*

Article 45 Repeal

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 is repealed.

References to the repealed Regulation shall be construed as references to this Regulation and shall be read in accordance with the correlation table in Annex IV.

Article 46 Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the European Parliament
The President

For the Council
The President

ANNEX I

STANDARD DECLARATION TO BE FILLED IN BY EACH APPLICANT

The undersigned, who is fully mandated by [name of the European political party or European political foundation], hereby certifies that:

[name of the European political party or European political foundation] and its members having their seat inside the European Union are committed to comply with the conditions for registration laid down in Article 3(1), points (d) and (e), or Article 3(2), points (c) and (d), of [this Regulation], i.e. to observe, in particular in its programme and in its activities, the values on which the Union is founded, as expressed in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union, 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.

[Name of the European political party or European political foundation] is also committed to ensure that the same applies to its member parties or member organisations having their seat in the Union and that its member parties or member organisations having their seat in a third country observe equivalent values.

Authorised signatory:

Title (Ms, Mr, ...), surname and forename:	
Function in the organisation applying for registration as a European political party/European political foundation:	
Place/date:	
Signature:	

ANNEX II

(1) Information on political advertising to be made available in the repository for disclosures by European political parties

- links to the advertisement as published or where necessary, examples of other audio or visual advertising campaign materials;
- provisional statement of the amounts spent or allocated by the European political party for the preparation, placement, publication and dissemination of the political advertisement as well as the actual amounts once known;
- the source of the funds being used for the specific advertisement campaign including for the preparation, placement, publication and dissemination of a political advertisement.
- in case targeting techniques are used, meaningful information on the techniques used, including the points provided under Annex II to Regulation 2022/xx [on the transparency and targeting of political advertising].

(2) Information to be made available by European political parties in their website

- annually aggregated information on its use of targeted political advertising;
- a list of the specific campaigns with which political advertising was used;
- the amounts yearly spent on political advertising during the last 5 years;
- the distribution channels used;
- a link to the information made available in the repository for disclosure by European political parties.

ANNEX III

Repealed Regulation with list of the successive amendments thereto

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 of the
European Parliament and of the Council

Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/673 of the European
Parliament and of the Council

Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2019/493 of the European
Parliament and of the Council

ANNEX IV

CORRELATION TABLE

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014	This Regulation
Article 1	Article 1
Article 2, introductory wording	Article 2, introductory wording
Article 2, points 1 to 8	Article 2, points 1 to 8
Article 2, point 8a	Article 2, point 9
Article 2, point 9	Article 2, point 10
[...]	[...]
Annex	Annex I
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