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Title:	**AM-69-2 to Res 2.: A budget for a sovereign Europe**
Tabled by:	Miljøpartiet De Grønne

Demands

Insert after line 69:

- **The next MFF must strengthen financial support for independent civil society organisations, including safeguarding and expanding multiannual operating grants alongside project-based funding, also under under LIFE or its successor provisions. The relevant sectoral regulations, including the European Competitiveness Fund and the EU Facility, must explicitly provide for financial support for civil society organisations and their European networks.**
- **EU funding must safeguard the independence of civil society organisations, including their ability to participate in democratic decision-making, contribute to policymaking, scrutinise public authorities and advocate in the public interest. Transparency and accountability requirements must be proportionate, non-discriminatory and applied consistently across all beneficiaries of EU funding.**

Explanation / Comment

At a time of shrinking civic space, explicit legal provisions and structural funding are essential to protect independent civil society and its contribution to European

democracy and the implementation of EU legislation.