

Annual Report on Technical Support provided to European Political Parties by the European Parliament in 2021

Regulation (EU, EURATOM) Nr 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 authorises the European Parliament to grant technical support to European political parties. This assistance is based on the principle of equal treatment, shall be granted on conditions no less favourable than those granted to other external organisations and associations that may be accorded similar facilities according to the rules, shall be supplied against invoice and payment and should be subject to a regular public report.

In accordance with Article 32 of the Regulation (EU, EURATOM) Nr 1141/2014 *“the European Parliament shall make public, under the authority of its Authorising Officer or under that of the Authority, on a website created for that purpose, the following: (...) (i) a description of the technical support provided to European political parties”*.

As stated in Article 13 of the Decision of the Bureau of the European Parliament of 1 July 2019 laying down the procedures for implementing Regulation No 1141/2014: *“beneficiaries may apply for technical support from the European Parliament. The procedure, conditions and costs are laid down in the Bureau decision of 14 March 2000 governing the use of Parliament’s premises by outside bodies.”*

After having consulted Parliament’s Directors-General, it was established that none of the directorates-general were called upon to provide technical support for the European political parties in 2021.

Similarly, the political groups were consulted as to whether they provided technical support to European political parties in 2021. All the political groups declared that they had not provided such a support in 2021.

This might have been caused by the Covid-19 pandemics and related to the uncertainty as regards to travelling, access to the Parliament premises etc.

