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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure  
on the European Year of Wine

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the European Year of Wine**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the EU is by far the biggest producer, exporter and importer of wine in the world; whereas Europe is home to the world's greatest wines and offers the largest selection;
- B. whereas wine has been a part of European life and culture since time immemorial; whereas wine production is an element of European identity and heritage and is an essential economic activity in many European regions, involving more than 3 million producers and employees;
- C. whereas the EU wine sector, with exports worth around EUR 8.9 billion every year, contributes over EUR 6.4 billion to the EU's trade balance;
- D. whereas a recent study carried out by COGEA in 2014 shows a decrease in the competitiveness of EU wines compared with third countries; whereas the decline of the EU vineyard, together with the unfavourable position of the EU compared with third countries, has led to a significant decrease in the market share of European wines;
- E. whereas there is an urgent need to enhance the marketing and promotion of European wines;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to propose the European Year of Wine.