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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on protecting local crafts

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on protecting local crafts

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas statistics show that the crisis is continuing month after month to dog the European production system in general and small craft businesses in particular;
- B. whereas, purely as regards the European craft sector, the total number of closures has shot up enormously since 2011 and whereas hundreds of thousands of businesses ceased trading in 2015 alone;
- C. whereas because tax pressure is increasing unremittingly and bank loans are still not very easy to obtain, many small businesses are being forced to close down, with the result that urban centres are emptying and the social fabric is thus being directly impoverished;
- 1. Believes that greater attention needs to be paid to this matter, which should be treated as a priority;
- 2. Proposes that the Commission take legislative action and lay down programmes and sources of funding to protect the European craft sector as a whole.