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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the consequences of over-consumption of alcohol among young people

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the consequences of over-consumption of alcohol among young people**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the average European consumption is equivalent to 11 litres of pure alcohol each year, or approximately double the global average (2006), and over-consumption of alcohol affects 55 million Europeans;
- B. whereas 29% of young people aged 15 drink alcohol every week, the average age at which people first get drunk is 14 (2006), and consumption of alcohol among young people is increasing;
- C. whereas the consumption of alcohol involves specific risks for young people, and a study carried out by the University of Eastern Finland and Kuopio University Hospital (19 November 2016) revealed atrophy of grey matter in the anterior cingulate cortex in subjects aged 13 to 18 who consumed between six and nine units of alcohol per week;
  1. Stresses that this study shows that consumption of alcohol causes irreversible damage in young people;
  2. Takes note of the European and national programmes on alcohol consumption;
  3. Encourages the Commission and the Member States to step up their information campaigns on the consumption of alcohol among young people.