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Amendment 209

Alain Lamassoure, Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Welcomes the overhaul of the state aid rules; reminds the Member States, nonetheless, that the aim was to better target aid measures towards economic growth, quality job creation and social cohesion; also reminds the Commission of the need to prevent certain governments from acting in bad faith as they do when misspending EU funds;

Amendment

12. Welcomes the overhaul of the state aid rules; reminds the Member States, nonetheless, that the aim was to better target aid measures towards economic growth, quality job creation and social cohesion; also reminds the Commission of the need to prevent certain governments from acting in bad faith as they do when misspending EU funds; ***stresses that the requirement for assessment of aid schemes introduced by the modernisation of state aid policy will serve to gather the information needed to better understand the impacts of notified schemes, improve the implementation of competition policy and inform future policy-making by Member States and the Commission; suggests that a specific annual report be sent to Parliament;***

Or. fr

Amendment 210

Sylvie Goulard

Motion for a resolution

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the need to prevent certain governments from acting in bad faith as they do when misspending EU funds;

all market stakeholders; calls on the Commission to scrutinize any last minute transaction made by a Member State without regard to political pressure applied by the latter; also reminds the Commission of the need to prevent certain governments from acting in bad faith as they do when misspending EU funds;

Or. en

Amendment 211
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Welcomes the overhaul of the state aid rules; reminds the Member States, nonetheless, that the aim was to better target aid measures towards economic growth, quality job creation and social cohesion; *also reminds the Commission of the need to prevent certain governments from acting in bad faith as they do when misspending EU funds*;

Amendment

12. Welcomes the overhaul of the state aid rules; reminds the Member States, nonetheless, that the aim was to better target aid measures towards economic growth, quality job creation and social cohesion; *calls on the Commission, in the Member States and at regional and local government levels, to actively promote compliance with EU competition policy, in particular with regard to the classification and granting of illegal state aid, especially when it is tantamount to anti-competitive and protectionist measures*;

Or. de

Amendment 212
Hugues Bayet

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aid rules; reminds the Member States, nonetheless, that the aim was to better target aid measures towards economic growth, quality job creation and social cohesion; ***also reminds the Commission of the need to prevent certain governments from acting in bad faith as they do when misspending EU funds;***

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Or. fr

Amendment 213
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

12. Welcomes the overhaul of the state aid rules; reminds the Member States, nonetheless, that the aim was to better target aid measures towards economic growth, quality job creation and social cohesion; ***reminds the Member States that they have increased responsibility to grant aid without prior notification to the Commission;*** also reminds the Commission of the need to prevent certain governments from acting in bad faith as they do when misspending EU funds;

Or. en

Amendment 214
Werner Langen

Motion for a resolution
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target aid measures towards economic growth, quality job creation and social cohesion; ***also reminds the Commission of the need to prevent certain governments from acting in bad faith as they do when misspending EU funds;***

target aid measures towards economic growth, quality job creation and social cohesion;

Or. de

Amendment 215
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Welcomes the overhaul of the state aid rules; ***reminds the Member States, nonetheless, that the aim was to better target aid measures towards economic growth, quality job creation and social cohesion;*** also reminds the Commission of the need to prevent certain governments from acting in bad faith as they do when misspending EU funds;

Amendment

12. Welcomes the overhaul of the state aid rules; also reminds the Commission of the need to prevent certain governments from acting in bad faith as they do when misspending EU funds;

Or. en

Amendment 216
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

12. ***Notes*** the overhaul of the state aid rules; ***stresses, however,*** that the aim to better target aid measures towards economic growth, quality job creation and social cohesion ***is far from being achieved;***

misspending EU funds;

Or. en

Amendment 217
Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Welcomes the overhaul of the state aid rules; reminds *the Member States*, nonetheless, that the *aim was to better target aid measures towards economic growth, quality job creation and social cohesion; also reminds the Commission of the need to prevent certain governments from acting in bad faith as they do when misspending EU funds;*

Amendment

12. Welcomes the overhaul of the state aid rules; reminds, nonetheless, that the *ultimate aim is more targeted state aid controls and less ex-ante state aid notifications, while ensuring equal level playing field and free functioning of social market economy;*

Or. en

Amendment 218
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Welcomes the overhaul of the state aid rules; reminds the Member States, nonetheless, that the aim was to better target aid measures towards economic growth, quality job creation and social cohesion; also reminds the Commission of the need to prevent certain governments from acting in bad faith as they do when misspending EU funds;

Amendment

12. Welcomes the overhaul of the state aid rules; reminds the Member States, nonetheless, that the aim was to better target aid measures towards *sustainable* economic growth, quality job creation and social cohesion; also reminds the Commission of the need to prevent certain governments from acting in bad faith as they do when misspending EU funds;

Or. en

Amendment 219

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. **Welcomes** the overhaul of the state aid rules; reminds the Member States, **nonetheless**, that the aim was to better target aid measures towards economic growth, quality job creation and social cohesion; also reminds the Commission of the need to prevent certain governments from acting in bad faith as they do when misspending EU funds;

Amendment

12. **Notes** the overhaul of the state aid rules; reminds the Member States that the aim was to better target aid measures towards economic growth, quality job creation and social cohesion **in the EU Member States**; also reminds the Commission of the need to prevent certain governments from acting in bad faith as they do when misspending EU funds;

Or. el

Amendment 220

Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Stresses that, according to a new European Court of Auditors report, there has been in the past a significant level of non-compliance with state aid rules by Member States; points out that that stems from the fact that, to reduce administrative burden and increase transparency, the Commission has simplified state aid legislation, but that, as a result, Member States have made many mistakes when designing and implementing state aid schemes; calls on the Commission to support Member State audit authorities in carrying out checks, having regard to the scope and quality thereof, on compliance with state aid rules;

Amendment 221
Burkhard Balz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Calls on the Commission to pay attention in particular to the legal uncertainty regarding the funding of public tourism organisations under the current state aid rules; reminds of the negative consequences the reduction or withdrawal of public funding due to this uncertainty could have for the regions across Europe in terms of economic growth and job creation; deems it necessary that therefore the funding of public tourism organisations should fall under a general GBER exemption;

Or. en

Amendment 222
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Considers that, in order to grant fair competition among companies, in line with the Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, companies located in regions experiencing temporary or permanent disadvantages should be supported and increased flexibility should be granted to Regions experiencing severe economic problems, such as the Regions included in the Convergence and in the Competitiveness Objective, and to insular

regions;

Or. en

Amendment 223

Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Welcomes the Commission Notice on the notion of State aid as part of the State Aid Modernization Initiative; acknowledges the benefits of the simplified rules that provides certainty to public authorities and companies as well; calls on the Commission at the same time to closer scrutinize prohibited state aids having great negative impact on the Single Market;

Or. en

Amendment 224

Pervenche Berès, Louis-Joseph Manscour, Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Asks the Commission, during the on-going revision of the General Block Exemption Regulation, to take fully account of the European Outermost Regions' (ORs) specificities as laid down in Article 349 TFUE, given that it is vital for local SMEs in the ORs and also the least likely to affect competition in the internal market;

Or. en

Amendment 225
Sylvie Goulard

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Calls on the Commission to put in place a guidance document on the notion of state aid in the light of important changes in case law and enforcement practice as soon as possible in order to ensure legal certainty and predictability;

Or. en

Amendment 226
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Calls for commission to launch a road map for less but better targeted state aid, aiming for a reduction of state aid opening up for lower taxes stimulating new businesses and fair competition rather than supporting old structures and incumbents;

Or. en

Amendment 227
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12b. Requests the Commission to take a constructive position on the issue of state aid keeping in mind that different Member States must respond to different policy imperatives on the basis of their situation, size, physical and other endowments, as well as their state of economic and social development;

Or. en

**Amendment 228
Gunnar Hökmark**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12b. Underlines that when using state aid in order to promote services of general interest it is the consumers and the citizens benefit that is crucial, not individual companies or public entities today;

Or. en

**Amendment 229
Tibor Szanyi**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12b. Calls on the Commission to closely monitor the renationalization of public utilities in EU Member States and prevent illegal state aid granted in form of public service compensation;

Amendment 230

Sylvie Goulard

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12b. Calls on the Commission to push within international competition organisations, such as the International Competition Network, for a harmonised definition of state aid;

Or. en

Amendment 231

Alfred Sant, Michela Giuffrida, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12c. Considers that isolated and/or peripheral regions and islands should be allowed wider margins for the implementation of state aid provisions than is currently being done, not least under conditions of double isolation or insularity, especially when such provisions would have limited to minimal effect on the wider European market, and when they are intended to help stimulate economic activity and social cohesion in ways that would not otherwise be feasible in the short to medium term;

Or. en

Amendment 232

Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12c. In order to grant a properly functioning Energy Union and to avoid not respecting state aid rules and also to avoid misuse of EU funds, stresses to be strictly monitored and investigated in depth all state aid cases and public procurement irregularities connected to energy and environmental investments, such as the controversial enlargement project of Hungary's Paks nuclear power plant;

Or. en

Amendment 233

Alfred Sant, Michela Giuffrida, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12d. Stresses that state aid is sometimes necessary in order to assure the delivery of services of general economic interest (SGEI) including energy, transport and telecommunication; Emphasises that state intervention is often the best possible policy tool to assure services crucial for the support of economic and social conditions in isolated, remote or peripheral regions and islands in the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 234

Alfred Sant, Michela Giuffrida, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12e. Welcomes the inclusion of social aid for transport residents of remote regions in the GBER where the problem of connectivity is being recognised; Stresses that the connectivity of peripheral island regions is also essential for sustaining and developing acceptable levels of economic and social initiative by maintaining vital business connections;

Or. en

Amendment 235

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

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Amendment

13. ***Stresses that – as*** the Commission has stated for the sixth time in its annual competition report – the temporary state aid granted in the financial sector was necessary for the stabilisation of the global financial system, ***but*** must quickly be reduced, or totally removed and scrutinised, ***once*** the Banking ***Union is completed;***

13. ***Notes that*** the Commission has stated for the sixth time in its annual competition report ***that*** the temporary state aid granted in the financial sector was necessary for the stabilisation of the global financial system, ***underlines that such aid*** must quickly be reduced, or totally removed and scrutinised ***ASAP so as to limit taxpayer involvement to the maximum extent possible, underlines in particular the need to abide to the BRRD legal requirement that state aid to the banking sector should as a general rule trigger the resolution of the beneficiaries;***

Or. en

Amendment 236
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. ***Stresses that – as the Commission has stated for the sixth time in its annual competition report – the temporary state aid granted in the financial sector was necessary for the stabilisation of the global financial system, but must quickly be reduced, or totally removed and scrutinised, once the Banking Union is completed;***

Amendment

13. ***Notes that the Commission has stated for the sixth time in its annual competition report that the temporary state aid granted in the financial sector must quickly be reduced, or totally removed and scrutinized, yet no effective action has been taken in the past or seems likely to be taken in the future to avoid the problem of too-big-to-fail financial institution -a problem that will be further aggravated through the Banking Union and the Capital Markets Union;***

Or. en

Amendment 237
Sander Loones

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. ***Stresses that – as the Commission has stated for the sixth time in its annual competition report – the temporary state aid granted in the financial sector was necessary for the stabilisation of the global financial system, but must quickly be reduced, or totally removed and scrutinised, once the Banking Union is completed;***

Amendment

13. ***Calls for the sixth consecutive year in its annual competition report for a swift end to the temporary state aid crisis regime for the banking sector;***

Or. en

Amendment 238
Jakob von Weizsäcker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses that – as the Commission has stated for the sixth time in its annual competition report – the temporary state aid granted in the financial sector was necessary for the stabilisation of the global financial system, but must quickly be reduced, or totally removed and scrutinised, once the Banking Union is completed;

Amendment

13. Stresses that – as the Commission has stated for the sixth time in its annual competition report – the temporary state aid granted in the financial sector was necessary for the stabilisation of the global financial system, but must quickly be reduced, or totally removed and scrutinised, once the Banking Union is completed; ***recommends a closer scrutiny of the problem of implicit state aid afforded to too-big-to-fail financial institutions during normal times;***

Or. en

Amendment 239
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses that – ***as the Commission has stated for the sixth time in its annual competition report – the temporary*** state aid ***granted in*** the financial sector was ***necessary for the stabilisation of the global financial system, but must quickly be reduced, or totally removed and scrutinised, once the Banking Union is completed;***

Amendment

13. Stresses that, ***in view of the problems the banking system has been experiencing as a result of the economic and financial crisis, which have been exacerbated by the new, distortionary rules introduced in this area,*** state aid for the financial sector ***is the only means of stabilising the financial system; believes that getting rid of state aid will require the introduction of a form of regulation that is based on efforts to prevent crises rather than to contain their impact once they have occurred;***

Or. it

Amendment 240
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses that – as the Commission has stated for the sixth time in its annual competition report – the temporary state aid granted in the financial sector was necessary for the stabilisation of the global financial system, but must quickly be **reduced, or totally removed and scrutinised, once the Banking Union is completed;**

Amendment

13. Stresses that – as the Commission has stated for the sixth time in its annual competition report – the temporary state aid granted in the financial sector was **deemed** necessary for the stabilisation of the global financial system, but must quickly be **totally removed; warns in that respect that the mistakes of the past must not be repeated and that state aid of any kind to stabilise banks should never be granted again;**

Or. en

Amendment 241
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

13. Stresses that – as the Commission has stated for the sixth time in its annual competition report – the temporary state aid granted in the financial sector was necessary for the stabilisation of the global financial system, but must quickly be reduced, or totally removed and scrutinised, once the Banking Union is completed; **stresses the importance of a restrictive approach to State aid;**

Or. en

Amendment 242
Bernard Monot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses that – as the Commission has stated for the sixth time in its annual competition report – the temporary state aid granted in the financial sector was necessary for the stabilisation of the global financial system, **but must quickly be reduced, or totally removed and scrutinised, once the Banking Union is completed;**

Amendment

13. Stresses that – as the Commission has stated for the sixth time in its annual competition report – the temporary state aid granted in the financial sector was necessary for the stabilisation of the global financial system **and that it will in future be unavoidable, whether directly or through guarantee mechanisms, given the fragility of the banking sector in some Member States;**

Or. fr

Amendment 243
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses that – as the Commission has stated for the sixth time in its annual competition report – the temporary state aid granted in the financial sector was necessary for the stabilisation of the global financial system, but must quickly be reduced, or totally removed and scrutinised, **once the Banking Union is completed;**

Amendment

13. Stresses that – as the Commission has stated for the sixth time in its annual competition report – the temporary state aid granted in the financial sector was necessary for the stabilisation of the global financial system, but must quickly be reduced, or totally removed and scrutinised;

Or. de

Amendment 244
Esther de Lange

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses that – as the Commission has stated for the sixth time in its annual competition report – the temporary state aid granted in the financial sector was necessary for the stabilisation of the global financial system, but must quickly be reduced, or totally removed and scrutinised, ***once the Banking Union is completed***;

Amendment

13. Stresses that – as the Commission has stated for the sixth time in its annual competition report – the temporary state aid granted in the financial sector was necessary for the stabilisation of the global financial system, but must quickly be reduced, or totally removed and scrutinised;

Or. en

Amendment 245
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses that – as the Commission has stated for the sixth time in its annual competition report – the temporary state aid granted in the financial sector was necessary for the stabilisation of the global financial system, but must ***quickly be reduced, or totally removed and scrutinised***, once the Banking Union is completed;

Amendment

13. Stresses that – as the Commission has stated for the sixth time in its annual competition report – the temporary state aid granted in the financial sector was necessary for the stabilisation of the global financial system, but must ***be gradually reduced and phased out*** once the Banking Union is completed;

Or. en

Amendment 246
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

13a. Believes it necessary, in order to avoid future bailouts by governments, to

Amendment

embark as quickly as possible on a genuine reform of the European banking sector that will result in a clear and compulsory separation between retail and investment activities; criticises the fact that the negotiations on structural reform of the banking sector were broken off, and calls accordingly on the EU institutions to resume the negotiations; draws attention once again to the need for a central bank that serves as a lender of last resort and provides full and unconditional support for the banking system at times of crisis; deplores, in this connection, the ECB's behaviour towards the Greek banks in the summer of 2015;

Or. it

Amendment 247

Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Considers it regrettable that no action was taken by the Commission to address the abuses committed in the restructuring of private banks, including those affecting small depositors and small owners of financial instruments such as preferred shares, which in many cases had been marketed without full compliance with EU legislation; calls on the Commission to address the widespread effects of mis-selling of financial products uncovered in the restructuring of banks affected by the economic crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 248

Fulvio Martusciello, Antonio Tajani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. *Welcomes the strengthened partnership approach between the Commission and Member States in the context of the State aid modernisation (SAM) initiative; calls on the Commission to reinforce cooperation with Member States as regards the design of growth-enhancing aid measures that promote the growth of key sectors for the re-industrialisation of Europe such as energy-intensive industries, in particular steel and aluminium;*

Or. en

Amendment 249
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. *Recalls its position as regards the current Commission inquiry regarding Deferred Tax Assets and Credits (DTA/DTCs) to the benefit of the banking sector in several Member States; is of the opinion that DTA/DTCs should be made retroactively authorised under State Aid provisions if they are tied to explicit conditions regarding financing targets for the real economy;*

Or. en

Amendment 250
Hugues Bayet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. *Calls for efforts to be maintained regarding the investigations into ‘illegal’ state aid to multinationals;*

Or. fr

Amendment 251
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. *Recalls its request to the Commission to examine whether the banking sector has benefited since the beginning of the crisis of implicit subsidies and State Aid by means of the provision of unconventional liquidity support;*

Or. en

Amendment 252
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. *Calls on the Commission to clarify the rules and procedures that apply to state aid in the financial sector by taking account of the difference in timing between the recent rules in the banking sector on burden-sharing and those on*

deleted

the full bail-in; invites the Commission, together with the SRB and the SRM, to conduct a careful assessment of the transition period and to ensure that, in line with the requirements of the legislation, the new rules are implemented with the necessary proportionality and fairness; calls on the Commission and the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) to guarantee appropriate investor protection;

Or. en

Amendment 253
Sander Loones

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls on the Commission to clarify the rules and procedures that apply to state aid in the financial sector *by taking account of the difference in timing between the recent rules in the banking sector on burden-sharing and those on the full bail-in; invites the Commission, together with the SRB and the SRM, to conduct a careful assessment of the transition period and to ensure that, in line with the requirements of the legislation, the new rules are implemented with the necessary proportionality and fairness; calls on the Commission and the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) to guarantee appropriate investor protection;*

Amendment

14. Calls on the Commission to clarify the rules and procedures that apply to State aid in the financial sector;

Or. en

Amendment 254
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls on the Commission to clarify the rules and procedures that apply to state aid in the financial sector by taking **account of** the difference in timing between the recent rules in the banking sector on **burden-sharing** and those on the full bail-in; invites the Commission, together with the SRB and the SRM, to conduct a careful assessment of the transition period and to ensure that, in line with the requirements of the legislation, the new rules are implemented with the necessary proportionality and fairness; calls on the Commission and the European Securities **and Markets** Authority (ESMA) to guarantee appropriate investor protection;

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14. Calls on the Commission to clarify the rules and procedures that apply to state aid in the financial sector by taking **into account** the difference in timing between the recent rules in the banking sector on **burden sharing** and those on the full bail-in; invites the Commission, together with the SRB and the SRM, to conduct a careful assessment of the transition period and to ensure that, in line with the requirements of the legislation, the new rules are implemented with the necessary proportionality and fairness; **recalls at the same time that a strong and independent State aid control is necessary to protect the taxpayers that carry the burden of bank rescues, and to ensure that competition between banks in the internal market is not distorted**; calls on the Commission and the European Securities **Market** Authority (ESMA) to guarantee appropriate investor protection;

Or. en

Amendment 255
Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls on the Commission to **clarify the** rules and procedures that apply to state aid in the financial sector **by taking account of the difference in timing between the recent rules in the banking sector on burden-sharing and those on the full bail-in**; invites the Commission, together with the SRB and the SRM, to conduct a careful assessment of the

Amendment

14. Calls on the Commission to **explain the present** rules and procedures that apply to state aid in the financial sector; **insists on the need of an effective and non-discriminatory application of BRRD when addressing the situations of banks in difficulties**; calls on the Commission and the **European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)** to ensure that **all**

transition period and to ensure that, in line with the requirements of the legislation, the new rules are implemented with the necessary proportionality and fairness; calls on the Commission and the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) to guarantee appropriate investor protection;

consumer protection legislation -such MIFID or IDD- is applied in a consistent manner across the Single Market;

Or. en

Amendment 256

Eva Paunova

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls on the Commission to clarify the rules and procedures that apply to state aid in the financial sector by taking account of the difference in timing between the recent rules in the banking sector on burden-sharing and those on the full bail-in; invites the Commission, together with the SRB and the SRM, to conduct a careful assessment of the transition period and to ensure that, in line with the requirements of the legislation, the new rules are implemented with the necessary proportionality and fairness; calls on the Commission and the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) to guarantee appropriate investor protection;

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14. Calls on the Commission to clarify the rules and procedures that apply to state aid in the financial sector by taking account of the difference in timing between the recent rules in the banking sector on burden-sharing and those on the full bail-in; invites the Commission, together with the SRB and the SRM, to conduct a careful assessment of the transition period and to ensure that, in line with the requirements of the legislation, the new rules are implemented with the necessary proportionality and fairness; **welcomes the steps undertaken by the Commission to clarify the scope of EU State aid rules, which will facilitate public investment;** calls on the Commission and the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) to guarantee appropriate investor protection;

Or. en

Amendment 257

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls on the Commission to clarify the rules and procedures that apply to state aid in the financial sector by taking account of the difference in timing between the recent rules in the banking sector on burden-sharing and those on the full bail-in; invites the Commission, together with the SRB and the SRM, to conduct a careful assessment of the transition period and to ensure that, in line with the requirements of the legislation, the new rules are implemented with the necessary proportionality and fairness; ***calls on the Commission and the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) to guarantee appropriate investor protection;***

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14. Calls on the Commission to clarify the rules and procedures that apply to state aid in the financial sector by taking account of the difference in timing between the recent rules in the banking sector on burden-sharing and those on the full bail-in; invites the Commission, together with the SRB and the SRM, to conduct a careful assessment of the transition period and to ensure that, in line with the requirements of the legislation, the new rules are implemented with the necessary proportionality and fairness;

Or. de

Amendment 258

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

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and Markets Authority (ESMA) to **guarantee** appropriate investor protection;

and Markets Authority (ESMA) to **foster** appropriate investor protection **without resorting to any form of taxpayer support with that respect**;

Or. en

Amendment 259

Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

14. ***Rejects the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive (BRRD) and the bail-in procedures it introduced, not only because the directive cannot, of itself, resolve a banking crisis but also because it is a source of great instability and uncertainty on financial markets; points out, furthermore, that the option of using state aid in exceptional circumstances provided for in Article 32(4) of the BRRD is itself damaging, as its inclusion tends to suggest that the bail-in procedures are less than effective; calls on the Commission to lose no time in revising the directive so as to ensure that EU investors and consumers are afforded genuine protection; stresses, furthermore, that the BRRD distorts competition between banks by favouring large financial institutions to the detriment of smaller ones;***

Or. it

Amendment 260

Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Points out that the banking union and the ECB supervision arrangements severely distort competition in the financial sector by favouring some banking business models (which have been shown over the years to be more risky) while penalising others;

Or. it

Amendment 261
Danuta Maria Hübner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Notes that the European Court of Auditors has detected State aid errors in approximately a fifth of the projects co-financed by cohesion programmes and deemed to have state aid relevance over the period 2010-2014 that it audited^{1a}; notes that one third of these errors were assessed to have financial impact and that they are considered to have contributed to the level of error in cohesion policy; considers therefore that there is scope for progress in addressing non-compliance with State aid rules in cohesion policy; considers that it is in particular necessary to improve the knowledge of State aid rules in the recipient countries to avoid errors made in good faith as well as to improve the recording of irregularities in order to have a better view of the issue;

^{1a} Special Report No 24/2016 of the European Court of Auditors: “More efforts needed to raise awareness of and enforce compliance with State aid rules in cohesion

Or. en

Amendment 262
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. *Welcomes the new Guidelines on State Aid to Airlines and Airports in the EU, as part of the Commission's State Aid Modernisation; calls on the Commission to urgently establish a similar set of rules for subsidised airlines operating from third countries to and from the EU in international agreements, in order to ensure fair competition between EU and third country carriers; calls on the Commission to urgently submit a proposal for the revision of EU Regulation 868/2004 for the protection against subsidisation and unfair pricing practices causing injury to Community air carriers in the supply of air services from countries not members of the European Community;*

Or. en

Amendment 263
Andreas Schwab, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. *Is of the opinion that a better understanding is needed at local and*

national level as regards classification of illegal state aid; welcomes the Commission's recent decisions clarifying which Member State public support measures can be carried out without a state aid assessment by the Commission; regards those decisions as providing helpful guidance for local and municipal projects, reducing administrative burden and at the same time increasing legal certainty;

Or. de

Amendment 264
Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Welcomes the fact that the Commission regards the opaque tax rulings awarded by some Member States to certain multinationals as illegal state aid, on the grounds that they distort competition in the internal market, and encourages the Commission to continue its efforts in this direction;

Or. es

Amendment 265
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Calls on the Commission to review the interpretation of the relevant competition provisions in connection with the Deposit Guarantee Schemes Directive

(DGSD) so that the early-stabilisation instruments provided for by the EU legislative authority can actually be brought into use;

Or. de

Amendment 266
Alain Lamassoure, Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Underlines the importance of the Commission's investigations into state aid of a fiscal nature, which provide necessary support for the European and international tax agenda, especially in the fight against aggressive tax planning;

Or. fr

Amendment 267
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Insists that any revision of the rules on deposit guarantee scheme would have to comply with state aid rules; insists that future banking crises have to be solved without burdening taxpayers, in order to comply with state aid rules;

Or. en

Amendment 268
Anneliese Dodds

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Welcomes the Commission's rulings on Apple, Fiat, Starbucks and others, and looks forward to the outcomes of investigations into preferential tax rulings for McDonalds, Amazon and GDF Suez;

Or. en

Amendment 269
Sander Loones, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Considers that it is a priority to ensure that State aid rules are adhered to when dealing with future banking crises, so that taxpayers are protected against the burden of bank rescues;

Or. en

Amendment 270
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. State aid and competition among airports
Notes that the European Court of Auditors Special Report Number 21/2014 "EU-funded airport infrastructures: poor value for money"^{1b} states that, besides the

specific cases of airports in remote areas, connectivity in Europe should be based on economic sustainability and all infrastructures such as airports must be supported by a positive Cost-Benefit-Analysis when they are submitted to the Commission for approval. Tax payers money should not be wasted in "ghost airports" that exist across Europe.

According to the European Court of Auditors (ECA) 'report : The EU spent over EUR 4.5 billion on air transport-related investments between 2000 and 2013 via the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the TEN-T programmes, of which 2.8 billion was directly spent on airport infrastructure. 75% of this sum went to four Member States: Spain (24%), Poland (21%), Italy (17%) and Greece (13%)^{1b}. These EU-funded investments in airports produced poor value for money; many airports (often in close proximity to each other) were funded and in many cases the infrastructures were larger than necessary. The investments did not lead to anticipated results; only 10 of 20 airports succeeded in increasing their passenger numbers between 2007 and 2013.

In the context of the new rules on state aid for airports, calls the European Commission to come up with a public list of ghost airports in Europe^{1a}; this would improve transparency of EU funded projects, contribute to limit the negative impact on the environment, avoid tax payers money is wasted and built trust with European citizens.^{1b}

Considering that the Commission is responsible for the supervision and monitoring of the TEN-T projects, calls on the Commission to give and Ex-ante prior approval to all infrastructure projects in order to verify the cost-benefit analysis and viability of such EU funded project.

1b

<http://www.eca.europa.eu/en/Pages/DocItem.aspx?did=30441>

1a

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getAllAnswers.do?reference=P-2015-011981&language=EN>

Or. en

Amendment 271
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Welcomes the ongoing revision of the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER); points out that, as regards funding for public tourism amenities, there is considerable legal uncertainty as to the action needed to bring the funding of economic activities into line with competition law and also to deal with ongoing competition complaints; underlines the fact therefore that the Commission must provide a sufficient legal basis in competition law in order to boost tourism as an important economic factor in the EU, and accordingly stresses the need to incorporate a new GBER exemption;

Or. de

Amendment 272
Anneliese Dodds

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. *Calls on the Commission to allocate greater resources to investigating tax rulings that create State aid concerns and to approach such investigations in a systematic manner, so as to ensure that all cases where illegal state aid has been granted are ultimately investigated, and governments and companies alike can be certain that any such case of illegal state aid will be discovered and overturned;*

Or. en

Amendment 273
Danuta Maria Hübner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. *Takes notes of the decisions issued by the Commission in recent cases where the distortionary effects of tax-related measures have been discussed; welcomes the increased awareness of the interlinkages between tax policies and administrative practices in the field of taxation on one side and competition policy on the other side; calls on the Commission to draw up clear guidelines on tax-related State aid;*

Or. en

Amendment 274
Sander Loones, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. *Recalls that according to the Deposit Guarantee Schemes Directive, the use of deposit guarantee schemes to prevent the failure of a credit institution should be carried out within a clearly defined framework and should in any event comply with State aid rules;*

Or. en

Amendment 275

Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14c. *Calls on the Commission to open up competition in those Member States that have port and airport public networks, particularly if their management is monopolised by the central government or if they persistently generate public deficits;*

Encourages the Commission to investigate whether certain practices with regard to the imposition of specific hub airports – based on the terms of the over 1000 existing bilateral air services agreements signed by Member States with non-EU countries – are detrimental to fair competition between carriers and airports, and are against European consumers' interests;

Or. en

Amendment 276

Danuta Maria Hübner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14c. *Underlines that, although approaching the issue of administrative tax practices and mismatches between tax legislations from a State aid perspective has led to useful progress in how taxation, in particular transfer pricing issues, is thought of and dealt with, the first-best option to tackle unfair tax competition is more effective and binding mechanisms for coordination and cooperation between Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 277
Anneliese Dodds

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14c. *Calls on the Commission to consider the introduction of sanctions in cases of illegal State Aid, in addition to the repayment of the original state aide; considers that such sanctions should be applied either against the state or company involved, or both, so as to avoid a situation whereby the member State found guilty of State Aid violation is punished by simply recouping its original payment;*

Or. en

Amendment 278
Sander Loones

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14c. *Emphasises that the notion of selectivity in State aid is an essential criterion that needs to be investigated thoroughly; notes that this concept is not free from discussion, especially not in tax cases; believes that an exception from a tax system is not selective if it is a priori open to all tax payers;*

Or. en

Amendment 279
Anneliese Dodds

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14d. *Calls on the Member States to publish information on their tax rulings in order to enhance transparency for citizens; calls on the Commission to publish a summary of the main tax rulings agreed in the previous year, based on information contained in a secure central directory, including at least a description of the issues addressed in the tax ruling, and a description of the criteria used to determine an advance pricing arrangement and identify the Member State(s) most likely to be affected;*

Or. en

Amendment 280
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14d. *Believes that the Commission should consider the possibility for state aid to banks to be linked to conditionality on credit to SMEs;*

Or. en

Amendment 281
Anneliese Dodds

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14e. *Stresses that State aid proceedings alone cannot put a permanent stop to the unfair tax competition in a number of Member States; believes that, following consecutive leaks from Luxembourg, Panama and the Bahamas, it is clear that further results are required, with progress needing to be made on the implementation of a common consolidated corporate tax base, on the obligation on large companies to report publically their turnover and profits on a 'country-by-country' basis, and on the introduction by Member States of greater transparency in their tax practices and mutual reporting requirements;*

Or. en

Amendment 282
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14e. Understands that the analysis of State aid for banks must take place on a case-by-case basis, but recalls that Member States and banks must be treated equally when implementing the State aid rules;

Or. en

Amendment 283
Fulvio Martusciello, Antonio Tajani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Underlines the importance to break up cartels in the interest of European citizens and European businesses, in particular SMEs; encourages the Commission to streamline administrative procedures to this regard in order to fast-track proceedings;

Or. en

Amendment 284
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to prepare guidance on its procedures and its continuous evaluation of the EU legal framework;

15. Awaits greater efforts by the Commission to prepare guidance on its procedures and its continuous evaluation of the EU legal framework;

Or. el

Amendment 285

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Is of the opinion that the proposed mergers between the world's biggest agro-chemical and seeds companies present the dangers of rising prices for seeds and less choice of adapted varieties to agro-ecological conditions; underlines that should these mergers proceed, 61 percent of the global seeds market and 65 percent of the global pesticides market would be controlled by only three companies;

Or. en

Amendment 286

Fulvio Martusciello, Antonio Tajani

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Calls on the Commission to strengthen its action at global level in order to ensure that third countries competition rules do not collide with EU provisions at the detriment of European businesses;

Or. en

Amendment 287

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15b. *Urges the Commission to deliver a clear view on the Commission timing as regards its decision on the Monsanto-Bayer merger as well as carefully consider the context that several mergers would be taking place simultaneously in the sector;*

Or. en

Amendment 288
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Calls on the Commission to keep its cartel enforcement record strong and effective in all cases where it has sufficient evidence of infringement; *welcomes last year's five decisions relating to a total of EUR 365 million in fines; also calls, however, for extra vigilance regarding airlines' 'anti-competitive cooperation practices'*;

16. Calls on the Commission to keep its cartel enforcement record strong and effective in all cases where it has sufficient evidence of infringement;

Or. de

Amendment 289
Alain Lamassoure, Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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effective in all cases where it has sufficient evidence of infringement; ***points out that competition policy enables competitors to cooperate in innovation without that cooperation being abused for anti-competitive ends***; welcomes last year's five decisions relating to a total of EUR 365 million in fines; also calls, however, for extra vigilance regarding airlines' 'anti-competitive cooperation practices';

Or. fr

Amendment 290
Werner Langen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

16. Calls on the Commission to keep its cartel enforcement record strong and effective in all cases where it has sufficient evidence of infringement; welcomes last year's five decisions relating to a total of EUR 365 million in fines;

Or. de

Amendment 291
Sander Loones, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Commission to keep its cartel enforcement record strong and effective in all cases where it has sufficient evidence of infringement; ***welcomes*** last

Amendment

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year's five decisions relating to a total of EUR 365 million in fines; *also calls, however, for extra vigilance regarding airlines' 'anti-competitive cooperation practices'*;

year's five decisions relating to a total of *approximately* EUR 365 million in fines, *as documented in the Commission staff working document accompanying its report on competition policy 2015*;

Or. en

Amendment 292
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Commission to keep its cartel enforcement record strong and effective in all cases where it has sufficient evidence of infringement; welcomes last year's five decisions *relating to a total of EUR 365 million in fines*; also calls, however, for extra vigilance regarding airlines' 'anti-competitive cooperation practices';

Amendment

16. Calls on the Commission to keep its cartel enforcement record strong and effective in all cases where it has sufficient evidence of infringement; welcomes last year's five decisions; also calls, however, for extra vigilance regarding airlines' 'anti-competitive cooperation practices';

Or. en

Amendment 293
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

16a. Considers that the existing rules relating to fines for infringements could be supplemented by on-going penalties against those responsible; Calls the Commission to consider the possibility to complement cartel fines with personal sanctions aimed at company decision makers, as well as individual penalties for those employees responsible for actually

leading their company to commit a violation of competition law. The Commission should, thus, be able to impose measures such as director disqualifications or personal pecuniary sanctions when necessary.

Or. en

Amendment 294
Sander Loones

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Believes that the use of ever higher fines as the sole antitrust instrument may be too blunt; emphasises that a policy of high fines should not be used as an alternative budget financing mechanism; favours a 'carrot-and-stick' approach with penalties that serves as an effective deterrent, in particular for repeat offenders, while encouraging compliance;

Or. en

Amendment 295
Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Notes that the number of notified mergers increased significantly in 2015; asks, therefore, for the relevant services to be provided with the necessary resources enabling them to continue to deal effectively with this situation;

17. Notes that the number of notified mergers increased significantly in 2015; asks, therefore, for the relevant services to be provided with the necessary resources (*via internal reallocation of staff*) enabling them to continue to deal effectively with this situation;

Amendment 296
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. *Notes that the number of notified mergers increased significantly in 2015; asks, therefore, for the relevant services to be provided with the necessary resources enabling them to continue to deal effectively with this situation;*

Amendment

17. *Calls for the services examining proposed mergers to be provided with the necessary resources to deal with the workload, thus enabling them to continue to deal effectively with this situation;*

Or. de

Amendment 297
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. *Notes that the number of notified mergers increased significantly in 2015; asks, therefore, for the relevant services to be provided with the necessary resources enabling them to continue to deal effectively with this situation;*

Amendment

17. *Notes that the number of notified mergers increased significantly in 2015; expects this number to go down in future, as the number of mergers is strongly correlated to the business cycle;*

Or. en

Amendment 298
Andreas Schwab, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. *Welcomes the Commission's recently launched consultation on certain procedural and legal aspects of EU merger control; calls on the Commission, in connection with the planned reform of the Merger Regulation, to examine carefully whether current assessment procedures take sufficient account of circumstances on digital markets and of the internationalisation of markets; considers that, above all within the digital economy, merger assessment criteria must be adapted;*

Or. de

Amendment 299
Pervenche Berès, Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. *Shares the European Commission's concerns over the current negotiations regarding the merger between Bayer AG and Monsanto Company Inc.; stresses that this merger would result in a monopoly situation in the seeds and pesticides markets which are important for the agricultural sector; asks therefore the Commission to deliver an ex-ante impact assessment of this merger on this sector;*

Or. en

Amendment 300
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. *Draws attention to the planned merger between Bayer and Monsanto, which would create an European and global oligopoly if allowed to proceed; stresses the need to send a clear signal by intervening to protect farmers' and consumers' interests;*

Or. en

Amendment 301
Werner Langen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. *Is of the opinion that EU merger control arrangements should take account of purchase price as a criterion, since mergers in digital markets have made it clear that turnover thresholds are not sufficient;*

Or. de

Amendment 302
Alain Lamassoure, Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. *Calls on the Commission to present a legislative proposal establishing a framework for EU coordination of national competition authorities on merger control;*

Amendment 303

Sander Loones

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Underlines that the application of competition rules to mergers must be evaluated from the perspective of the entire internal market;

Or. en

Amendment 304

Pervenche Berès, Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17b. Expresses its deep concerns over the merger project between of Deutsche Börse AG and the London Stock Exchange Group to merge; underlines that the consolidated group would be the biggest systemic exchange operator in Europe and the largest margin pool in the world; welcomes the in-depth investigation launched by the European Commission to assess whether such a deal is compatible with EU merger regulation; considers that this case should be dealt with in the perspective of the 'Brexit' to avoid any loophole in the application of EU financial regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 305
Andreas Schwab, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17b. Calls again on the Commission to verify carefully Member States' transposition of Anti-Trust Damages Directive 2014/104/EU; points out that that directive must be properly transposed by 27 December 2016; deplores the fact that progress with transposition has been slow so far and that many Member States have not yet tabled draft legislation; calls on the Commission, as guardian of the Treaties, to remind Member States of their obligation;

Or. de

Amendment 306
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Welcomes the Commission's Framework Strategy for a Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy, and agrees with its five interrelated policy dimensions; also stresses that the EU needs to move away from an economy driven by fossil fuels;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 307
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. *Welcomes the Commission's Framework Strategy for a Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy, and agrees with its five interrelated policy dimensions; also stresses that the EU needs to move away from an economy driven by fossil fuels;*

Amendment

18. *Stresses the need for an energy strategy in response to climate change;*

Or. el

Amendment 308
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. *Welcomes the Commission's Framework Strategy for a Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy, and agrees with its five interrelated policy dimensions; also stresses that the EU needs to move away from an economy driven by fossil fuels;*

Amendment

18. *Notes the Commission's Framework Strategy for a Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy; highlights, however, that under current conditions the integration of European energy markets and the increased reliance on market-based mechanisms will only enhance the power of oligopolistic energy companies against the general interest; also stresses that the EU needs to move away from an economy driven by fossil fuels;*

Or. en

Amendment 309
Anneliese Dodds, Theresa Griffin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the Commission's Framework Strategy for a Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy, and agrees with its five interrelated policy dimensions; also stresses that the EU needs to move away from an economy driven by fossil fuels;

Amendment

18. Welcomes the Commission's Framework Strategy for a Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy, and agrees with its five interrelated policy dimensions; also stresses that the EU needs to move away from an economy driven by fossil fuels ***and promote a sustainable energy model based on ambitious, binding targets on energy efficiency, renewables and decarbonisation;***

Or. en

Amendment 310
Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the Commission's Framework Strategy for a Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy, and agrees with its five interrelated policy dimensions; ***also stresses that the EU needs to move away from an economy driven by fossil fuels;***

Amendment

18. Welcomes the Commission's Framework Strategy for a Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy, and agrees with its five interrelated policy dimensions;

Or. en

Amendment 311
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
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Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy, and agrees with its five interrelated policy dimensions; *also stresses that **the EU needs to move away from an economy driven by fossil fuels***;

Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy, and agrees with its five interrelated policy dimensions; stresses that ***it is for Member States to take energy mix decisions***;

Or. de

Amendment 312
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. *Welcomes* the Commission's Framework Strategy for a Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy, *and agrees with its five interrelated policy dimensions; also stresses that **the EU needs to move away from an economy driven by fossil fuels***;

Amendment

18. *Stresses that* the Commission's Framework Strategy for a Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy *must continue to be subject to competition law and that state aid checks should also be carried out on measures involving, for example, subsidies for mature technologies*;

Or. de

Amendment 313
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Welcomes the different antitrust investigations, *in particular those into **against Gazprom and Bulgargaz***, aimed at ensuring market integration in the Energy Union; *regrets, however, the practice on the part of certain Member States of buying gas through offshore companies, as being a typical example of tax avoidance and an act that is contrary to a properly functioning Energy Union*;

Amendment

19. Welcomes the different antitrust investigations aimed at ensuring market integration in the Energy Union;

Amendment 314

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. ***Welcomes the different antitrust investigations, in particular those into against Gazprom and Bulgargaz, aimed at ensuring market integration in the Energy Union;*** regrets, ***however***, the practice on the part of certain Member States of buying gas through offshore companies, as being a typical example of tax avoidance and an act that is contrary to a properly functioning Energy Union;

Amendment

19. regrets the practice on the part of certain Member States of buying gas through offshore companies, as being a typical example of tax avoidance and an act that is contrary to a properly functioning Energy Union;

Or. el

Amendment 315

Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. ***Welcomes the different antitrust investigations, in particular those into against Gazprom and Bulgargaz, aimed at ensuring market integration in the Energy Union;*** regrets, ***however***, the practice on the part of certain Member States of buying gas through offshore companies, as being a typical example of tax avoidance and an act that is contrary to a properly functioning Energy Union;

Amendment

19. Regrets the practice on the part of certain Member States of buying gas through offshore companies, as being a typical example of tax avoidance and an act that is contrary to a properly functioning Energy Union;

Or. en

Amendment 316

Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Welcomes the different antitrust investigations, in particular those into against Gazprom and Bulgargaz, aimed at ensuring market integration in the Energy Union; regrets, however, the practice on the part of certain Member States of buying gas through offshore companies, as being a typical example of tax avoidance and an act that is contrary to a properly functioning Energy Union;

Amendment

19. Welcomes the different antitrust investigations, in particular those into against Gazprom and Bulgargaz, aimed at ensuring market integration in the Energy Union; regrets, however, the practice on the part of certain Member States of buying gas through offshore companies, as being a typical example of tax avoidance and an act that is contrary to a properly functioning Energy Union; ***also stresses the importance to prevent the creation of market structures which could impede effective competition on the energy sector;***

Or. en

Amendment 317

Eva Paunova, Vladimir Urutchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Welcomes the different antitrust investigations, ***in particular those into against Gazprom and Bulgargaz***, aimed at ensuring market integration in the Energy Union; regrets, however, the practice on the part of certain Member States of buying gas through offshore companies, as being a typical example of tax avoidance and an act that is contrary to a properly functioning Energy Union;

Amendment

19. Welcomes the different antitrust investigations, aimed at ensuring market integration in the Energy Union; regrets, however, the practice on the part of certain Member States of buying gas through offshore companies, as being a typical example of tax avoidance and an act that is contrary to a properly functioning Energy Union;

Or. en

Amendment 318
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Welcomes the different antitrust investigations, ***in particular those into against Gazprom and Bulgargaz***, aimed at ensuring market integration in the Energy Union; ***regrets, however***, the practice ***on the part*** of certain Member States of buying gas through offshore companies, ***as being a typical example of tax avoidance and an act that is contrary to*** a properly functioning Energy Union;

Amendment

19. Welcomes the different antitrust investigations aimed at ensuring market integration in the energy sector; ***welcomes*** the practice of certain Member States of buying gas through offshore companies ***as an effective way to ease the burden energy prices have on consumers, which should be the aim of*** a properly functioning Energy Union;

Or. en

Amendment 319
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

19a. Takes note of the adoption by the Commission in 2014 of the new Guidelines on State aid for environmental protection and energy and its implementation of this as the general block exemption regulation; is of the opinion that any guidelines in the field of state aid and energy, can no longer exclude from their scope the phasing out of nuclear and fossil fuel energy, sectors among the greatest beneficiaries of state subsidies;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 320
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. *Welcomes the efforts of the Commission to promote the market integration of renewable energy sources in order to avoid distortions of competition; underlines, however, the responsibility of Member States in promoting and financing the production and use of renewable energy;*

Amendment

20. *Expresses concern at the forced market integration of renewable energy sources, as it may harm the installation of new capacity or fail to ensure an adequate renewable energy mix; regrets that certain governments have used competition policy to block the development of renewable energy, through retroactive dismantlement of existing support schemes; underlines, in this sense, the responsibility of Member States in promoting and financing the production and use of renewable energy;*

Or. en

Amendment 321
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. *Welcomes the efforts of the Commission to promote the market integration of renewable energy sources in order to avoid distortions of competition; underlines, however, the responsibility of Member States in promoting and financing the production and use of renewable energy;*

Amendment

20. *Takes note the efforts of the Commission to promote the market integration of renewable energy sources in order to avoid distortions of competition; Underlines, however, the legally binding commitments undertaken by Member States in the COP21 climate conference, that cannot be materialized without concrete (state) measures for promoting and financing the production and use of renewable energy;*

Or. en

Amendment 322
Anneliese Dodds, Theresa Griffin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Welcomes the efforts of the Commission to promote the market integration of renewable energy sources in order to avoid distortions of competition; underlines, *however*, the responsibility of Member States in promoting and financing the production and use of renewable energy;

Amendment

20. Welcomes the efforts of the Commission to promote the market integration of renewable energy sources in order to avoid distortions of competition; underlines the responsibility of Member States in promoting and financing the production and use of renewable energy; *recalls Article 194 of the Treaty outlining that Union policy shall aim to promote the development of renewable energy;*

Or. en

Amendment 323
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. *Welcomes the efforts* of the Commission to promote *the* market integration of renewable energy sources *in order to avoid distortions of* competition; underlines, *however, the responsibility of* Member States *in* promoting *and* financing the production and use of renewable energy;

Amendment

20. *Deplores the actions* of the Commission to promote *so called* market integration of renewable energy sources, *which in the end is detrimental to* competition; underlines *that* Member States *should neither be* promoting *nor* financing the production and use of renewable energy, *because any governmental intervention in the energy market hurts consumers as well as producers;*

Or. en

Amendment 324
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Welcomes the efforts of the Commission to promote the market integration of renewable energy sources *in order to avoid* distortions of competition; *underlines, however, the responsibility of Member States in promoting and financing the production and use of renewable energy;*

Amendment

20. Welcomes the efforts of the Commission to promote the market integration of renewable energy sources, *but looks to the Commission also to take measures to prevent* distortions of competition *arising out of Member State support programmes;*

Or. de

Amendment 325
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Commission to promote the market integration of renewable energy sources in order to avoid distortions of competition; *underlines*, however, the responsibility of Member States in promoting and financing the production and use of renewable energy;

Amendment

20. *Underlines* the efforts of the Commission to promote the market integration of renewable energy sources in order to avoid distortions of competition; *stresses*, however, the responsibility of Member States in promoting and financing the production and use of renewable energy;

Or. en

Amendment 326
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. **Welcomes** the efforts of the Commission to promote the market integration of renewable energy sources ***in order to avoid*** distortions of competition; underlines, however, the responsibility of Member States in promoting and financing the production and use of renewable energy;

Amendment

20. **Stresses that** the efforts of the Commission to promote the market integration of renewable energy sources ***must not lead to*** distortions of competition; underlines, however, the responsibility of Member States in promoting and financing the production and use of renewable energy;

Or. el

Amendment 327

Tibor Szanyi, Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

*20a. **Highlights that European competition policy has a great potential to promote higher environmental and social standards; notes with regret that the Hungarian government distorts competition in the renewable energy sector by imposing high taxes and preventing the deployment of energy efficient and renewable energy technologies; calls on the Commission to continue to support the use of renewable energies in Europe in order to achieve the environmental goals set in the European Union's ten-year, Europe 2020 growth strategy; asks the Commission to continue to support the integration of environmental, social and labour requirements into public procurement procedures;***

Or. en

Amendment 328
Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Calls on the Commission to overhaul Commission Regulation (EU) No 267/2010 exempting certain agreements in the insurance sector, given that the exchange of information required for risk calculation purposes and joint risk cover increase legal certainty and competitiveness in the sector, thus facilitating market entry for new firms, enhancing consumer choice and improving economic conditions;

Or. it

Amendment 329
Alain Lamassoure, Angélique Delahaye, Michel Dantin, Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Recalls that Article 42 TFEU accords the agricultural sector a special status as regards competition law that is specified in the latest reform of the common agricultural policy by strengthening the position of farmers in the food supply chain and allowing for general or specific derogations to Article 101 TFEU;

Or. fr

Amendment 330
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. *Welcomes the Commission's steps to evaluate excessive remuneration of private operators through capacity mechanisms and calls for further investigation of excessive regulated costs, for instance as a compensation for the phase-out of nuclear energy or in the operation of large hydroelectric dams;*

Or. en

Amendment 331
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. *Points out the need to differentiate conceptually and policy-wise between competition rules and social policy of the respective Member state; recognises it is every government's obligation to intervene in order to avoid energy poverty on its citizens;*

Or. en

Amendment 332
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. *Calls on the Commission and Member States to cut taxes on energy products and take effective measures to*

counter energy poverty;

Or. el

Amendment 333

Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Points out that the energy grid is a network-based infrastructure requiring special treatment, to enable and foster self-consumption;

Or. es

Amendment 334

Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Highlights the fact that each Member State has the right to choose its own energy mix policy;

Or. en

Amendment 335

Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. Notes that existing government monopolies, such as gambling

monopolies, can lead to unfair and anticompetitive practices; Draws attention to the risk that by providing licences without, or through untransparent, questionable concession tenders, Member State governments have the possibility to favour certain companies over others, thus can create an highly anticompetitive environment; Calls on the Commission to strictly monitor existing government monopolies and the lawfulness of concession tenders in order to prevent any excessive distortion of competition;

Or. en

Amendment 336
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. Whereas the most recent reform of the common agricultural policy (CAP) sought to strengthen the position of farmers in the food supply chain through a series of derogations and exemptions from the provisions of Article 101 TFEU, notwithstanding this, the reform failed to address the anti-competitive elements of the Common Agricultural Policy inherent in itself where farmers receive vastly differing levels of payments based on historic criteria which are no longer justified;

Or. en

Amendment 337
Alain Lamassoure, Angélique Delahaye, Michel Dantin, Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. *Notes that the increased volatility of agricultural prices and the crises in the agricultural markets, especially in the dairy sector, accentuate the structurally weak position of farmers in the food supply chain;*

Or. fr

Amendment 338

Michel Dantin, Paolo De Castro, Bas Belder, José Bové, Luke Ming Flanagan, Ulrike Müller

**Motion for a resolution
Subheading 5 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Agriculture and the Agri-food sector

Or. en

Amendment 339

Michel Dantin, Tibor Szanyi, Paolo De Castro, Bas Belder, José Bové, Luke Ming Flanagan, Ulrike Müller

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. *Emphasizes that Article 42 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) accords a special status to the agricultural sector with regard to the application of competition law;*

Or. en

Amendment 340
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20c. Believes that the current crisis situation in farming calls a better understanding of agricultural markets, acknowledging that the overarching EU policy of "cheap food" coupled with direct income supports resulting in below cost production where farmers are not remunerated from the market place creates a situation unlike other sectors of the economy, which must be taken into consideration by competition policy;

Or. en

Amendment 341
Alain Lamassoure, Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye, Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20c. Considers that the lack of clarity as to the scope of these derogations, difficulties in implementation and the lack of uniform application by national competition authorities do not provide sufficient legal certainty for farmers and their organisations wishing to apply the right of derogation;

Or. fr

Amendment 342
Michel Dantin, Tibor Szanyi, Paolo De Castro, Bas Belder, James Nicholson, José Bové, Luke Ming Flanagan, Ulrike Müller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. *Recalls that the most recent reform of the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) sought to strengthen the position of farmers in the food supply chain through a series of derogations and exemptions from the provisions of Article 101 TFEU;*

Or. en

Amendment 343
Tibor Szanyi, Doru-Claudian Frunzulică

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20c. *Calls on the Commission to propose changes in the Regulation (EC) No 261/2004 to ensure the same protection for air travellers on flights from third country, regardless the fact that the carrier is EU or non-EU carrier;*

Or. en

Amendment 344
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20d. *Finds it regrettable that the scope of the current derogations are not maximized by the Member States in order to strength the position of the primary producer, further regrets that the Commission is unwilling to take*

regulatory action to combat the clearly identified and recognized unfair trading practices in the food chain, calls on the Commission to now act on the parliaments call for binding regulatory action in this area;

Or. en

Amendment 345

Alain Lamassoure, Angélique Delahaye, Michel Dantin, Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20d. Calls on the European Commission to adopt new initiatives to take better account of the specific nature of agriculture in the application of competition policy and to ensure a complete and satisfactory implementation of the general derogation for agriculture and the specific derogations for the dairy, olive oil, beef and veal, and arable crops sectors;

Or. fr

Amendment 346

Michel Dantin, Tibor Szanyi, Paolo De Castro, Bas Belder, James Nicholson, José Bové, Luke Ming Flanagan, Ulrike Müller

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20c. Believes that the current crisis situation in farming worsens the already weak position of farmers in the food supply chain and calls for fresh initiatives to ensure that competition policy takes better account of the specific nature of

agriculture;

Or. en

Amendment 347

Michel Dantin, Paolo De Castro, Bas Belder, José Bové, Luke Ming Flanagan, Ulrike Müller

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 d (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20d. Finds it regrettable that, despite the publication of guidelines on the application of the specific rules set out in Articles 169, 170 and 171 of the Single CMO regulation^{1b}, the scope of the current derogations remains unclear, difficult to implement and unevenly applied by national competition authorities;

^{1b} Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007.

Or. en

Amendment 348

Alain Lamassoure, Angélique Delahaye, Michel Dantin, Alain Cadec

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 e (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20e. Calls on the Commission and the national competition authorities to

address the concerns raised by the cumulative impact at the upper end of the food supply chain of national-level concentration in the distribution sector and the development of European-level alliances of distributors;

Or. fr

Amendment 349
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20e. Believes that market share at input, processing and retail level must be capped to allow competition to develop, is also of the opinion that the final beneficial ownership of companies operating in the sector must be scrutinized to ensure that there is adequate genuine competition;

Or. en

Amendment 350
Michel Dantin, Paolo De Castro, Bas Belder, James Nicholson, José Bové, Luke Ming Flanagan, Ulrike Müller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20e. Calls on the Commission to broaden its approach in terms of criteria for determining whether an agricultural undertaking, or a number of such undertakings linked by a horizontal agreement, is deemed to be in a 'dominant position', taking into consideration the degree of concentration and the

constraints resulting from bargaining power from upstream and downstream sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 351
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20f. Believes that the cumulative effect of trade deals such as TTIP, CETA and Mercosur will further undermine the position of the EU primary producer and will encourage additional uncompetitive practices by providing the retail sector with the tool of cheaper imports;

Or. en

Amendment 352
Michel Dantin, Tibor Szanyi, Paolo De Castro, Bas Belder, James Nicholson, José Bové, Luke Ming Flanagan, Ulrike Müller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20f. Considers that the collective activities of producer organisations and their associations, such as production planning and sales negotiation, are necessary for achieving the aims of the CAP and that they should benefit from a presumption of compatibility with Articles 39 and 101 TFEU;

Or. en

Amendment 353

Michel Dantin, Paolo De Castro, Bas Belder, James Nicholson, Luke Ming Flanagan, Ulrike Müller

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20g. Believes that full and satisfactory implementation of the 'Milk Package'^{1a} is essential in order to strengthen the dairy sector and asks the Commission to propose that the 'Milk Package' should continue to apply beyond mid-2020 and to examine whether its rules could be extended to other sectors of agriculture;

^{1a} Regulation (EU) No261/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2012 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards contractual relations in the milk and milk products sector.

Or. en

Amendment 354

Michel Dantin, Tibor Szanyi, Paolo De Castro, Bas Belder, James Nicholson, José Bové, Luke Ming Flanagan, Ulrike Müller

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20h. Calls on the Commission and the national competition authorities to address the concerns raised by the cumulative impact – particularly at the upper end of the food supply chain – of, on the one hand, national-level concentration in the retail sector and, on the other, the development of European-level alliances of major distributors;

Amendment 355

Michel Dantin, Paolo De Castro, Bas Belder, José Bové, Luke Ming Flanagan, Ulrike Müller

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20i. Takes note of the conclusions of the study "Economic impact of modern retail on choice and innovation in the EU food sector" of the Directorate General Competition, including the existence of a negative relationship that may exist between innovation and penetration of products under private labels on the food market; calls on the Commission to submit to Parliament the extent of the ongoing discussions to determine whether this negative relationship does reduce innovation and variety of products available to consumers and what would be their long-term consequences for the supply chain and on the situation of farmers;

Or. en

Amendment 356

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Stresses that excessive taxation of the agri-food industry could easily destroy competition and would be against the interests of consumers;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 357
Werner Langen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Stresses that excessive taxation of the agri-food industry could easily destroy competition and would be against the interests of consumers;

Amendment

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 358
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Stresses that excessive taxation of the agri-food industry could easily destroy competition and would be against the interests of consumers;

Amendment

21. Stresses that excessive taxation of the agri-food industry could easily destroy competition and would be against the interests of consumers; *points out, however, that tax policy remains exclusively a Member State matter, so that the Commission should confine itself to issuing recommendations;*

Or. de

Amendment 359
Esther de Lange

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Stresses that *excessive taxation of*

Amendment

21. Stresses that *the competition*

the agri-food *industry could easily destroy competition and would be against* the interests of consumers;

framework applied to the agri-food sector should reflect the strategic importance of food production in the EU and balance the interests of both consumers and producers;

Or. en

Amendment 360
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Stresses that excessive taxation of the agri-food industry could easily destroy competition and would be against the interests of consumers;

Amendment

21. Stresses that excessive taxation of the agri-food industry could, *just like any inappropriate taxation*, easily destroy competition and would be against the interests of consumers;

Or. en

Amendment 361
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. *Stresses that excessive taxation of the agri-food industry could easily destroy competition and would be against the interests of* consumers;

Amendment

21. *Recalls its demand for binding action in the food supply chain against retailers harming farmers and* consumers;

Or. en

Amendment 362
Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Stresses that excessive taxation of **the agri-food** industry could easily destroy competition and would be against the interests of consumers;

Amendment

21. Stresses that excessive taxation of **any** industry could easily destroy competition and would be against the interests of consumers;

Or. en

Amendment 363
Sylvie Goulard

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Recalls its resolution of 21 November 2013 on the European Defence Technological and Industrial Base which states that an operational Common Security and Defence Policy needs a strong European defence technological and industrial base (EDTIB), constituting a key element for Europe's capacity to ensure the security of its citizens, protect its values and promote its interests; points out that the European defence sector is a major source of growth and innovation, key features for stability and security; believes that the establishment and development of a competitive EDTIB should be part of the strategic priorities of the EU; calls on the Commission to examine the impact of competition rules on the establishment of the EDTIB and how they can promote it;

Or. en

Amendment 364
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. *Notes that the Commission has not been pursuing retail price maintenance cases for more than a decade. Yet it is quite obvious that, instead of disappearing, this sort of anticompetitive practices is expanding in certain sectors such as fast food: for a given brand a given product is everywhere at the same price, regardless whether the outlet is operated by the brand or by a licensee;*

Urges the Commission to start investigating retail price maintenance issues again;

Or. en

Amendment 365
Kosma Złotowski, Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. *Stresses that the need to guarantee more effective protection of transport workers' rights from abuse should not be used as a pretext to restrict free competition between entities from different Member States; calls on the Commission to respect the principles of proportionality and subsidiarity when drawing up laws that will have a significant impact on the functioning of the single transport market;*

Or. pl

Amendment 366
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Reiterates the need to develop progressively the EU competition framework to include in the monitoring of the food supply chain in Europe the Sustainability Assessment of Food and Agriculture systems (SAFA) indicators of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), including indicators under the headings of Fair Pricing and Transparent Contracts (S.2.1.1) and Right of Suppliers (S.2.2.1);

Or. en

Amendment 367
Anneliese Dodds, Mady Delvaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Calls on the Commission to investigate the nature and substance of distortions in the retail market, to include considering the potential of territorial supply constraints on retailers to lead to market fragmentation and the potential for large supermarkets which dominate the market to distort competition within supply chains; emphasises the importance of all stakeholders disclosing relevant information;

Or. en

Amendment 368

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Calls on the Commission to launch an encompassing State Aid investigation on the EU car sector and in particular regarding the VW scandal with a view of controlling whether car undertakings have benefited from illegal State Aid as a consequence of product eligibility to tax rebates and credits to the purchasers following fraudulent claims on clean technologies;

Or. en

Amendment 369

Alain Lamassoure, Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Encourages the Commission to provide analytical methods for the definition of new relevant markets with the digitalisation of the economy and in particular with the phenomenon of convergence of technologies and the commercial use of personal data on a large scale;

Or. fr

Amendment 370

Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. *Calls on the Member States, with a view to ensuring genuine competition between EU road haulage firms, to put an end to the granting of any concessions on roads around urban areas that result in the payment of tolls;*

Or. it

Amendment 371
Pervenche Berès, Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. *Asks the Commission to investigate the alleged cases of VAT fraud in the pork industry; regrets that the Commission has not yet launched an inquiry on this issue, despite the complaints it received from farmers associations;*

Or. en

Amendment 372
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. *Takes the view that current and savings accounts should not incur commission for users unless they are linked to specific services;*

Amendment 373

Anneliese Dodds

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. Reiterates its concern (as expressed in its resolution of 11 June 2013 on social housing in the European Union) about the restrictive definition of social housing given by the Commission within the field of competition policy; calls on the Commission to clarify this definition on the basis of an exchange of best practice and experience between the Member States, taking into account the fact that social housing is conceived of, and managed, in different ways in different Member States, regions and local communities;

Or. en

Amendment 374

Kosma Złotowski, Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. Regrets the Commission's failure to react quickly and decisively to attempts by some Member States to restrict free competition in the transport sector; calls for these practices to be abolished and for all possible measures to be taken to guarantee equal access to the single market under the same conditions for entities operating in that sector from all Member States;

Amendment 375
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. Calls for further development of the European Food Prices Monitoring Tool to improve the detection of crisis in the agri-food sector in the direction of better and more disaggregated data; highlights, in this respect, the need to engage farmers' organisations in the definition and collection of data;

Or. en

Amendment 376
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. Calls the Commission to investigate more thoroughly the effects of banking consolidation for competition; particularly, believes that it should be analysed taking into account the effects for credit in case of a new economic crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 377
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. *Considers it important to guarantee competition in the intra-European market in financial services, including insurance, which entails safeguarding the possibility of cross-border acquiring;*

Or. es

Amendment 378
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. *Recalls on the Commission to release the findings of current investigations into competitive practices in the food supply, energy, transport and media sectors;*

Or. en

Amendment 379
Kosma Złotowski, Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21c. *Expresses concern at the impact the Commission's proposed changes to Directive 96/71/EC could have on the road transport sector; stresses that attempts to harmonise minimum wage laws are at odds with the principle of*

subsidiarity, would lead to discrimination against entities from certain Member States on the single market and could seriously undermine the freedom to provide services within the EU;

Or. pl

Amendment 380
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21c. *Rejects the requirement for users to be based in the Member State in which the financial institution or insurance company is domiciled for the purposes of service provision, since this is incompatible with the goal of an internal market in retail financial services;*

Or. es

Amendment 381
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21c. *Reiterates the call for binding action in the food supply chain against retailers harming farmers and consumers; stresses that the current levels of concentration in this chain are a root cause of the price volatility and falling incomes suffered by farmers;*

Or. en

Amendment 382
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21c. Calls the Commission to propose measures to tear down existing regulatory barriers in the cross-border activities of the banking system and financial markets in order to deepen and make more effective the single market;

Or. en

Amendment 383
Anneliese Dodds

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21c. Calls for an immediate investigation into competition concerns arising from the Formula One Motorsport industry;

Or. en

Amendment 384
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21d. Calls the Commission to fully take into account the possible market distortions of trade agreements with third countries for the agricultural producers in Europe given their delicate financial

situation and their fundamental role in our society; believes that the Commission should pay particular attention to those deals with countries that have notably less agricultural and health regulations than the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 385
Anneliese Dodds

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21d. Calls on the Commission, when developing and implementing competition policy, to take into account the fact that micro, small and medium-sized enterprises constitute the vast majority of companies in the EU; stresses, in that context, the need for user-friendly competition rules for smaller businesses who wish to operate online and cross-border within the single market;

Or. en

Amendment 386
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21d. Reminds the Commission, likewise, that financial institutions continue to cancel payment cards if the holder moves to another Member State, and calls for action to be taken in this respect, including by alerting national authorities;

Amendment 387
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21d. *Stresses the need to ensure access to medicines by fighting the abuses of the pharmaceutical industry; notes the need to encourage the use of generic medicines, where available, in the health systems of Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 388
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21e. *Stresses that access to cash via ATMs is an essential public service that must be provided without any discriminatory, anti-competitive or unfair practices and must not, therefore, incur excessive costs;*

Or. es

Amendment 389
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21f. *Takes the view that the continued existence of bank commission for services that have not been provided demonstrates that the level of competition in the financial sector is insufficient, and this needs to be specifically addressed;*

Or. es

Amendment 390
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21g. *Expresses its concern since growing concentration in the financial sector may reduce the degree of competition in the sector, and is also concerned at the lack of a genuine internal banking market and continuing fragmentation into national markets;*

Or. es

Amendment 391
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21h. *Deplores the discriminatory and anti-competitive practice of rejecting cash payments, since the euro and the national currencies of the Member States that have not yet adopted the single currency are the only payment instruments that are legal tender;*

Amendment 392
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes the decentralised enforcement of EU competition rules in Europe, but considers that the effectiveness of the protection of citizens and companies from anti-competitive practices should not depend only on the Member State in which they are resident;

Amendment

22. Welcomes the decentralised enforcement of EU competition rules in Europe, but considers that the effectiveness of the protection of citizens and companies from anti-competitive practices should not depend only on the Member State in which they are resident; ***takes the view that the cartel procedure regulation (Regulation 1/2003) has done much to create a level playing field for businesses throughout the internal market; emphasises, however, that there are still differences between national systems and national competition authorities, in particular as regards independence, the setting of fines and leniency programmes; takes the view that effective, uniform procedural provisions are essential if EU cartel law is to be enforced and legal certainty guaranteed for consumers and businesses;***

Or. de

Amendment 393
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. ***Welcomes*** the decentralised enforcement of EU competition rules in Europe, but considers that the effectiveness of the protection of citizens and companies from anti-competitive practices should not

Amendment

22. ***Notes*** the decentralised enforcement of EU competition rules in Europe, but considers that the effectiveness of the protection of citizens and companies from anti-competitive practices should not

depend only on the Member State in which they are resident;

depend only on the Member State in which they are resident; ***highlights, however, that all steps should be taken to avoid regulatory capture by national private companies; expresses its concern, in this regard, at the high number of "revolving doors" scandals affecting some Member States;***

Or. en

Amendment 394
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes the decentralised enforcement of EU competition rules in Europe, but considers that the effectiveness of the protection of citizens and companies from anti-competitive practices should not depend only on the Member State in which they are resident;

Amendment

22. Welcomes the decentralised enforcement of EU competition rules in Europe, but considers that the effectiveness of the protection of citizens and companies from anti-competitive practices should not depend only on the Member State in which they are resident; ***calls on the competition authorities in the Member States to make full use of the possibilities offered by European cooperation in the context of the European Competition Network (ECN);***

Or. de

Amendment 395
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes the decentralised enforcement of EU competition rules in Europe, ***but considers that the***

Amendment

22. Welcomes the decentralised enforcement of EU competition rules in Europe;

effectiveness of the protection of citizens and companies from anti-competitive practices should not depend only on the Member State in which they are resident;

Or. en

Amendment 396
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes the decentralised enforcement of EU competition rules in Europe, *but considers that the effectiveness of the protection of citizens and companies from anti-competitive practices should not depend only on the Member State in which they are resident;*

Amendment

22. Welcomes the decentralised enforcement of EU competition rules in Europe;

Or. el

Amendment 397
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Considers it essential, therefore, that the national competition authorities in the EU have the *means and* instruments they need to be effective enforcers of EU competition rules, including the tools to detect, tackle and sanction infringements and the leniency programmes that will be essential if companies are to come clean about cartels across Europe;

Amendment

23. Considers it essential, therefore, that the national competition authorities in the EU have the instruments they need to be effective enforcers of EU competition rules, including the tools to detect, tackle and sanction infringements and the leniency programmes that will be essential if companies are to come clean about cartels across Europe;

Or. el

Amendment 398
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Considers it essential, therefore, that the national competition authorities in the EU have the means and instruments they need to be effective enforcers of *EU* competition rules, including the tools to detect, tackle and sanction infringements and the leniency programmes that will be essential if companies are to come clean about cartels across Europe;

Amendment

23. Considers it essential, therefore, that the national competition authorities in the EU have the means and instruments they need to be effective enforcers of competition rules, including the tools to detect, tackle and sanction infringements and the leniency programmes that will be essential if companies are to come clean about cartels across Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 399
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Reiterates that the independence of national competition authorities is of paramount importance, and that this includes ensuring that they have the resources they need to perform their tasks;

Amendment

24. Reiterates that the independence of national competition authorities is of paramount importance, and that this includes ensuring that they have the resources they need to perform their tasks; ***stresses, however, that competition authorities should not jeopardize the democratic right to regulate national markets; is concerned, in this respect, by the increasing power of national competition authorities over democratically-elected national bodies;***

Or. en

Amendment 400
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. *Calls on the Commission to put forward a proposal for EU action to ensure that the national competition authorities are more effective enforcers, so that the full potential of the decentralised system of EU competition enforcement can be realised;* *deleted*

Or. el

Amendment 401
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. *Calls on the Commission to put forward a proposal for EU action to ensure that the national competition authorities are more effective enforcers, so that the full potential of the decentralised system of EU competition enforcement can be realised;* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 402
Andreas Schwab, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. *Calls on the Commission to put forward a proposal for EU action to ensure*

25. *Welcomes, in that connection, the consultation procedure launched by the*

that the national competition authorities are more effective enforcers, so that the full potential of the decentralised system of EU competition enforcement can be realised;

Commission, which is likely to lead to a legislative proposal on strengthening the enforcement and sanctioning tools available to the national competition authorities, the so-called ECN+; Calls on the Commission to put forward a proposal for EU action to ensure that the national competition authorities are more effective enforcers, so that the full potential of the decentralised system of EU competition enforcement can be realised; calls for the European Parliament to be fully involved under the codecision procedure;

Or. de

Amendment 403

Eva Paunova

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Calls on the Commission to put forward a proposal for EU action to ensure that the national competition authorities are more effective enforcers, so that the full potential of the decentralised system of EU competition enforcement can be realised;

Amendment

25. ***Reiterates that enforcement by multiple authorities in the same or related cases creates a risk of overlapping and potentially inconsistent action that reduces legal certainty and creates unnecessary costs for businesses; therefore, calls on the Commission to put forward a proposal for EU action to ensure that the national competition authorities are more effective enforcers, so that the full potential of the decentralised system of EU competition enforcement can be realised;***

Or. en

Amendment 404

Alain Lamassoure, Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Calls on the Commission to put forward a proposal for EU action to ensure that the national competition authorities are more effective enforcers, so that the full potential of the decentralised system of EU competition enforcement can be realised;

Amendment

25. Calls on the Commission to put forward a proposal for EU action to ensure that the national competition authorities are more effective enforcers ***and act in a coherent and convergent fashion***, so that the full potential of the decentralised system of EU competition enforcement can be realised;

Or. fr

Amendment 405
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Calls on the Commission to put forward a proposal for ***EU*** action to ensure that the national competition authorities are more effective enforcers, so that the full potential of the decentralised system of EU competition enforcement can be realised;

Amendment

25. Calls on the Commission to put forward a proposal for ***an EU pro-active action in order*** to ensure that the national competition authorities are more effective enforcers, so that the full potential of the decentralised system of EU competition enforcement can be realised;

Or. en

Amendment 406
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Calls on the Commission to put forward a proposal ***for EU action*** to ensure that the national competition authorities are more effective enforcers, so that the full potential of the decentralised system of EU

Amendment

25. Calls on the Commission to put forward a proposal to ensure that the national competition authorities are more effective enforcers, so that the full potential of the decentralised system of EU

competition enforcement can be realised;

competition enforcement can be realised;

Or. de

Amendment 407

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Emphasises that international cooperation between competition authorities is essential in a globalised world; calls on the Commission, therefore, to examine the scope for concluding with more third countries competition agreements which facilitate exchanges of information between investigating authorities; emphasises that in this regard the competition agreements already concluded with Switzerland and Canada can serve as models for future agreements of this kind;

Or. de

Amendment 408

Esther de Lange

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Invites the Commission, without foregoing the independence of national competition authorities, to assess between the Member States the different levels of national sanctions after infringements and to assess the possibility and desirability of streamlining these differences;

Amendment 409

Sander Loones, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Highlights the importance of global cooperation on competition enforcement; supports an active participation of the Commission and the national competition authorities in the International Competition Network;

Or. en

Amendment 410

Anneliese Dodds

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Considers it essential for the Commission to continue to promote better cooperation among national competition authorities in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 411

Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Reiterates, in that connection, its

call to the Commission to incorporate the guidelines on the setting of fines into binding legal provisions;

Or. de

Amendment 412
Sander Loones, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25b. Considers that international trade and investment agreements should have a strong competition section;

Or. en

Amendment 413
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

International dimension of competition policy

Or. de

Amendment 414
Andreas Schwab, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25b. Emphasises that international cooperation is essential in the age of

globalisation; calls on the Commission, therefore, to foster closer international cooperation on competition-related issues; welcomes the agreement on the application of competition law recently concluded with Canada; takes the view the agreements such as these make a significant contribution to international cooperation;

Or. de

Amendment 415

Sander Loones

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25c. Would like to see restraint exercised in the next Commission's overall budget; recognises moreover that resources for the Commission's Directorate General for Competition should be made adequate to its increased workload and range of tasks by shifting away resources from other Directorates with less European added value;

Or. en

Amendment 416

Sander Loones, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25d. Welcomes the Commission's more economic approach in competition law, also in the field of services of general economic interest (SGEI); shares the Commission's view that market failure is

an inherent condition for the existence of a service of general economic interest; notes, however, the on-going debate in academic circles on what kind of market failure can justify a qualification as SG EI;

Or. en

Amendment 417

Sander Loones

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25e. Observes that the Treaty rules on competition know different varieties of the notion of 'the common European interest', which are equally vague; calls on the Commission to work on a better understanding and, where appropriate, a better alignment of these concepts;

Or. en

Amendment 418

Sander Loones

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25f. Notes the efforts of the European Commission to clarify the notions of 'undertaking' and 'economic activity'; observes nonetheless that it remains difficult, especially in the field of social affairs, to draw the line between economic and non-economic activities; believes, furthermore, that it is not clear to what extent the Poucet-case law applies to matters other than social security and

what the relation is between the general Höfner-rule and the Poucet-line;

Or. en

Amendment 419
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Believes that the independence of DG Competition is of the uttermost importance to achieve its goals in a successful manner. Calls the Commission to re-allocate sufficient financial and human resources to DG competition from other less priority or overcrowded services in order to cope with the growing number of important cases they have to deal with;

Or. en

Amendment 420
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25b. Requests the EC to be sufficiently equipped with technically skilled engineers when investigating high techs companies for complex abuses of dominant positions, in particular in cases involving operating systems or complicated algorithms such as Google search. This weakness resulted for instance in the disastrous series of settlements negotiated with Google in the years 2013 and 2014.

Next to a lack of human resources, which is the main problem, it appears that EC's case teams consist mainly of lawyers, with some economists. High tech engineers are lacking as well as specialists of cutting edge technologies such as artificial intelligence.

Or. en

Amendment 421
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25c. Notes the growing revolving door problem around the Chief Economist Team (CETs) of EC's Directorate general for competition. Too many economists, including CETs themselves, end up working as consultants for dominant companies. It is concerned that this affects the objectivity of their appraisal of abuses of dominant positions while working for the EC.

Ethical rules on CETs and their teams need to be brought in line with practices for other EC officials. They also need to be properly monitored, including vis-à-vis CET economists who have already left the EC.

Urges the Commission to remedy this situation as a matter of grave urgency.

Or. en

Amendment 422
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Calls for the continuation of the regular structured dialogue between the Commissioner responsible for competition and the European Parliament, and in particular the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Working Group on Competition Policy;

Amendment

26. Calls for the continuation of the regular structured dialogue between the Commissioner responsible for competition and the European Parliament, and in particular the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Working Group on Competition Policy; ***asks the Commission to deliver more comprehensive feedback on the specific requests made in the European Parliament annual competition report; deems that a dedicated structured dialogue could contribute to a more thorough follow-up process of the respective annual competitions reports;***

Or. en

Amendment 423
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Calls for the continuation of the regular structured dialogue between the Commissioner responsible for competition and the European Parliament, and in particular the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Working Group on Competition Policy;

Amendment

26. Calls for the continuation of the regular structured dialogue between the Commissioner responsible for competition and the European Parliament, and in particular the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Working Group on Competition Policy; ***calls on the Commission to involve Parliament more closely during investigations, and to that end calls on it to forward the findings at the earliest opportunity, in order to enhance transparency and interinstitutional cooperation;***

Or. it

Amendment 424
Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. *Calls for the continuation of the regular structured dialogue between the Commissioner responsible for competition and the European Parliament, and in particular the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Working Group on Competition Policy;*

Amendment

26. *Welcomes the efforts of Mrs Vestager, the current Commissioner responsible for competition, to have a regular structured dialogue with the European Parliament, in particular with the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Working Group on Competition Policy;*

Or. en

Amendment 425
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

26a. *Calls on the Commission to publish the antitrust decision of December 2013 imposing an exemplary fine of more than EUR 1.7 billion on eight banks for having infringed competition law by taking part in illegal cartels that manipulated the Euribor rate in interest rate derivative markets; calls, in this connection, for stiffer penalties to be imposed on anyone manipulating financial markets;*

Amendment

26a. *Calls on the Commission to publish the antitrust decision of December 2013 imposing an exemplary fine of more than EUR 1.7 billion on eight banks for having infringed competition law by taking part in illegal cartels that manipulated the Euribor rate in interest rate derivative markets; calls, in this connection, for stiffer penalties to be imposed on anyone manipulating financial markets;*

Or. it

Amendment 426
Alain Lamassoure, Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Welcomes the Commission's initiatives for public consultation in applying merger control and invites it to discuss the results with the European Parliament;

Or. fr

Amendment 427
Alain Lamassoure, Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26b. Calls for extension of the dialogue between European institutions and national competition authorities, in particular to include exchanges of views with the parliamentary committees of the European Parliament;

Or. fr

Amendment 428
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27. Stresses that Parliament should also be granted codecision powers in the field of competition policy, and regrets that this area of Union policy has not been strengthened in its democratic dimension in recent treaty amendments; calls for the treaties to be amended accordingly;

deleted

Amendment 429

Esther de Lange

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27. Stresses that Parliament should also be granted codecision powers in the field of competition policy, and regrets that this area of Union policy has not been strengthened in its democratic dimension in recent treaty amendments; calls for the treaties to be amended accordingly;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 430

Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27. Stresses that Parliament should also be granted codecision powers in the field of competition policy, and regrets that this area of Union policy has not been strengthened in its democratic dimension in recent treaty amendments; calls for the treaties to be amended accordingly;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 431

Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Stresses that Parliament should also be granted codecision powers in the field of competition policy, and regrets that this area of Union policy has not been strengthened in its democratic dimension in recent treaty amendments; calls for the treaties to be amended accordingly;

Amendment

27. Stresses that Parliament should also be granted codecision powers in the field of competition policy, and regrets that this area of Union policy has not been strengthened in its democratic dimension in recent treaty amendments; calls, ***therefore***, for the treaties to be amended accordingly ***and for the ordinary legislative procedure under the Lisbon Treaty to apply to competition law too***;

Or. de

Amendment 432
Andreas Schwab, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Stresses that Parliament should also be granted codecision powers in the field of competition policy, and regrets that this area of Union policy has not been strengthened in its democratic dimension in recent treaty amendments; calls for ***the treaties to be amended accordingly***;

Amendment

27. Stresses that Parliament should also be granted codecision powers in the field of competition policy, and regrets that this area of Union policy has not been strengthened in its democratic dimension in recent treaty amendments; calls for ***future legislative acts which affect the internal market to be based on Article 114 TFEU, should no Treaty amendment be likely in the immediate future***;

Or. de

Amendment 433
Sander Loones

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Stresses that Parliament should ***also*** be granted codecision powers ***in the field of competition policy, and regrets that this area of Union policy has not been strengthened in its democratic dimension in recent treaty amendments***; calls for the treaties to be amended accordingly;

Amendment

27. Stresses that Parliament should be granted codecision powers ***for fundamental legislative Regulations and Directives in the field of competition*** policy; calls for the treaties to be amended accordingly;

Or. en

Amendment 434
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment 435
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Welcomes that the Commission is committed to an open and constructive exchange on competition issues globally; Welcomes the progress was made on competition provisions in some of the FTAs, but also stresses the Commission to continue its work on including competition and State aid provisions in the negotiations on all Free Trade Agreements (FTAs);

Or. en

Amendment

27a. Calls in particular for a strict separation between the departments that draw up guidelines and those that have

the responsibility to apply those guidelines in specific cases avoiding a situation in which the Competition DG acts as the prosecutor, jury, judge and executioner;

Or. en

Amendment 436
Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. For what concerns concerted practices, encourages the Commission to fight against collective boycotts as restrictions of competition by object; this is irrespective of the reasons leading to collective boycotts.

Or. en

Amendment 437
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Calls for the involvement of relevant stakeholders, including national and local public authorities and the social partners, in the decision-making process of competition authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 438
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27b. Expresses its concern at the "revolving door" scandals affecting EU competition authorities, and in particular, the case of former Commission of Competition Nellie Kroes, who will not only lobby for Uber but is also affected by the revelations of Bahamas Leaks;

Or. en

Amendment 439
Sander Loones, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council **and** the Commission.

28. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, **the national and where applicable regional competition authorities.**

Or. en