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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report
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(2017/2191(INI))

Amendment 1

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), in particular Articles 39, 42 and 101 to 109 thereof,

Amendment

– having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), in particular Articles 39, 42 and 101 to 109 **as well as Article 174** thereof,

Or. en

Amendment 2

Sander Loones

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– **having regard to the Commission Notice of 19 July 2016 on the notion of State aid as referred to in Article 107(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union^{3a},**

^{3a} *OJ C 262, 19.7.2016, p. 1*

Or. en

Amendment 3

Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution

Citation 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– **having regard to the Parliament’s Resolution on the Green Paper on Retail Financial Services of 17 October 2016;**

Or. en

Amendment 4
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Citation 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– **having regard to the Parliament’s Resolution on the Action Plan on Retail Financial Services of 23 October 2017;**

Or. en

Amendment 5
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Citation 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to **its resolution of 19 January 2016** on the Annual report on EU Competition Policy (2014)⁴ **and its resolution of 10 March 2015 on the Annual Report on EU Competition Policy (2013)**⁵,

– having regard to **the report of the European Parliament (A8-0001/2017) on the 14 February 2017** on the Annual Report on EU Competition Policy **and the reports of the previous years,**

⁴ *Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0004.*

⁵ *Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0051.*

Or. en

Amendment 6

Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution
Citation 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the Report on Competition Policy 2016;*

Or. en

Amendment 7
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Citation 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the European Parliament resolution of 4 February 2016 on the special situation of islands (2015/3014(RSP));*

Or. en

Amendment 8
Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Citation 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *whereas competition policy is in itself a means of safeguarding European democracy, in that it prevents the over-concentration of economic and financial power in the hands of a few, which would undermine the ability of Europe's political authorities to act independently*

of major industrial and banking groups;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the Report on Competition Policy 2016 of 31 May 2017 (COM(2017)0285);

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Report on Competition Policy 2016 of 31 May 2017 (COM(2017)0285), *which can help restore a sufficient level of investment and innovation by creating a fair competitive environment; points out, moreover, that the future of Europe should be based on innovation; notes that, as a rule, the European Parliament is only involved in competition law through the consultation procedure and its influence therefore remains very limited compared to that of the Commission;*

Or. en

Amendment 10
Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. *Welcomes* the Report on Competition Policy 2016 of 31 May 2017 (COM(2017)0285);

Amendment

1. *Notes* the Report on Competition Policy 2016 of 31 May 2017 (COM(2017)0285);

Or. en

Amendment 11
Bernard Monot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. **Welcomes** the Report on Competition Policy 2016 of 31 May 2017 (COM(2017)0285);

Amendment

1. **Notes** the Report on Competition Policy 2016 of 31 May 2017 (COM(2017)0285);

Or. fr

Amendment 12
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Stresses that Parliament should also be given co-decision powers in competition policy and regrets that this area of Union policy in its democratic dimension has not been strengthened in recent treaty changes; calls, therefore, for the treaties to be amended accordingly and for the ordinary legislative procedure under the Lisbon Treaty to be introduced for competition law as well;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Stresses that it is the consumer who chiefly benefits from functional

competition in the European single market;

Or. de

Amendment 14
Bernard Monot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Strongly supports the independence of the Commission in its mission of shaping and enforcing the EU competition rules for the benefit of EU consumers;

Amendment

2. Strongly supports the ***actions of the Commission in its fight against tax avoidance by multinationals, especially in the digital sector, including tax avoidance that is directly facilitated and legalised by EU Member States; endorses in this connection the*** independence of the Commission in its mission of shaping and enforcing the EU competition rules for the benefit of EU consumers;

Or. fr

Amendment 15
Brian Hayes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Strongly supports the independence of the Commission in its mission of shaping and enforcing the EU competition rules for the benefit of EU consumers;

Amendment

2. Strongly supports the independence of the Commission in its mission of shaping and enforcing the EU competition rules for the benefit of EU consumers; ***stresses that competition policy should be evidence-based and should be applied consistently in all Member States;***

Or. en

Amendment 16
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Strongly supports the independence of the Commission in its mission of shaping and enforcing the EU competition rules for the benefit of EU *consumers*;

Amendment

2. Strongly supports the independence of the Commission in its mission of shaping and enforcing the EU competition rules for the benefit of EU *citizens, especially those in a weak consumer position*;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Strongly supports the independence of the Commission *in its* mission of shaping and enforcing the EU competition rules for the benefit of EU consumers;

Amendment

2. Strongly supports the independence of the Commission *and national competition authorities in their* mission of shaping and enforcing the EU competition rules for the benefit of EU consumers;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Strongly supports the independence of the Commission in its mission of

Amendment

2. Strongly supports the independence of the Commission in its mission of

shaping and enforcing the EU competition rules for the benefit of EU consumers;

shaping and *effectively* enforcing the EU competition rules for the benefit of EU consumers *and undertakings operating in the EU*;

Or. de

Amendment 19
Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. *Strongly supports the independence of the Commission in its mission of shaping and enforcing the EU competition rules for the benefit of EU consumers;*

Amendment

2. *Stresses that the Commission should ensure the democratic accountability of its actions when shaping and enforcing EU competition rules;*

Or. en

Amendment 20
Sander Loones
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

2a. *Believes that a strict and impartial enforcement of competition policy can make a significant contribution to key political priorities such as a deeper and fairer internal market, a connected Digital Single Market, and an integrated and climate-friendly Energy Union;*

Or. en

Amendment 21

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the efforts of the Commission to maintain regular contact with the members of Parliament's competent committee;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the efforts of the Commission to maintain regular contact with the members of Parliament's competent committee; ***Asks the Commission to deliver more comprehensive feedback on the specific requests made in the European Parliament annual competition report;***

Or. en

Amendment 22

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the efforts of the Commission to maintain regular contact with the members of Parliament's competent committee;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the efforts of the Commission to maintain regular contact with the members of Parliament's competent committee ***and of the Working Group on Competition Policy of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs;***

Or. de

Amendment 23

Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the efforts of the Commission to maintain regular contact with the members of Parliament's competent committee;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the efforts of the Commission to maintain regular contact with the members of Parliament's competent committee ***in addition to the Structured Dialogue with Commissioner for Competition;***

Or. en

Amendment 24
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the efforts of the Commission to maintain regular contact with the members of Parliament's competent committee;

Amendment

3. Welcomes ***and further encourages*** the efforts of the Commission to maintain regular contact with the members of Parliament's competent committee;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the Commission to ensure regular information and exchanges with Parliament on the preparation and implementation of EU legislation, international agreements and other soft law concerning competition policy;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to ensure regular information and exchanges with Parliament on the preparation and implementation of EU legislation, international agreements and other soft law concerning competition policy; ***notes that this is not happening in a satisfactory manner, for example, in the consultations on the EU-Canada agreement on the exchange of information in competition***

proceedings; calls on the Council to ratify the agreement as soon as possible;

Or. de

Amendment 26
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the Commission to ensure regular information and exchanges with Parliament on the preparation and implementation of EU legislation, international agreements and other soft law concerning competition policy;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to ensure regular information and exchanges with Parliament on the preparation and implementation of EU legislation, international agreements and other soft law concerning competition policy; ***would welcome equally regular exchanges with the national competition authorities, which enact the vast majority of decisions involving the application of EU competition rules;***

Or. de

Amendment 27
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

4a. Maintains that international cooperation is essential for the effective enforcement of competition-law principles in the era of globalisation; calls on the Commission, therefore, to vigorously promote international cooperation on competition-related issues;

Or. de

Amendment 28
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to monitor the implementation of directives linked to the completion of the single market, particularly in the energy and transport sector, and to enhance the enforcement of EU competition rules in order to avoid uneven application thereof in the Member States;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to monitor the implementation of directives linked to the completion of the single market, particularly in the energy, **banking**, and transport sector, and to enhance the enforcement of EU competition rules in order to avoid uneven application thereof in the Member States; ***points out nonetheless that the energy grid is a network-based infrastructure requiring special treatment, also in order to enable and foster self-consumption;***

Or. en

Amendment 29
Bernard Monot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to monitor the implementation of directives linked to the completion of the single market, particularly in the energy and transport sector, ***and to enhance the enforcement of EU competition rules in order to avoid uneven application thereof in the Member States;***

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to monitor the implementation of directives linked to the completion of the single market, particularly in the energy and transport sector;

Or. fr

Amendment 30
Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. ***Calls on the Commission to monitor the implementation of directives linked to the completion of the single market, particularly in the energy and transport sector, and to enhance the enforcement of EU competition rules in order to avoid uneven application thereof in the Member States;***

Amendment

5. ***Notes that tackling anti-competitive practices such as social and tax dumping in the EU is a pre-requisite for a fair single market;***

Or. en

Amendment 31
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. ***Calls on the Commission to monitor the implementation of directives linked to the completion of the single market, particularly in the energy and transport sector, and to enhance the enforcement of EU competition rules in order to avoid uneven application thereof in the Member States;***

Amendment

5. ***Calls on the Commission to monitor the implementation of directives linked to the completion of the single market and to enhance the enforcement of EU competition rules **where applicable;*****

Or. en

Amendment 32
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to monitor the implementation of directives linked to the completion of the single market, particularly in the energy and transport sector, and to **enhance** the enforcement of EU competition rules in order to **avoid uneven** application thereof in the Member States;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to monitor the implementation of directives linked to the completion of the single market, particularly in the energy **sector, the digital single market,** and transport sector, and to **improve** the enforcement of EU competition rules in order to **achieve a consistent** application thereof in the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Olle Ludvigsson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to monitor the implementation of directives linked to the completion of the single market, particularly in the energy and transport sector, **and** to enhance the enforcement of EU competition rules **in order** to avoid uneven application thereof in the Member States;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to monitor the implementation of directives linked to the completion of the single market, particularly in the energy and transport sector, **as well as in retail financial services, in order** to enhance the enforcement of EU competition rules to avoid uneven application thereof in the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Sander Loones
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to

monitor the implementation of directives linked to the completion of the single market, particularly in the energy and transport *sector*, and to *enhance the* enforcement of EU competition rules in order to avoid uneven application thereof in the Member States;

monitor the implementation of directives linked to the completion of the single market, particularly in the *digital*, energy and transport *sectors*, and to *ensure a strict and impartial* enforcement of EU competition rules in order to avoid uneven application thereof in the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 35 **Tibor Szanyi**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 5**

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to monitor the implementation of *directives* linked to the completion of the single market, particularly in the energy *and* transport *sector*, and to enhance the enforcement of EU competition rules in order to avoid uneven application thereof in the Member States;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to monitor the implementation of *legislation* linked to the completion of the single market, particularly in the *taxation*, energy, transport *and digital sectors*, and to enhance the enforcement of EU competition rules in order to avoid uneven application thereof in the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 36 **Ivana Maletić**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 5**

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to monitor the implementation of directives linked to the completion of the single market, *particularly in the energy and transport sector*, and to enhance the enforcement of EU competition rules in

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to monitor the implementation of directives linked to the completion of the single market, and to enhance the enforcement of EU competition rules in order to avoid uneven application thereof in the Member

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in the Member States;

States;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Stresses the need to deepen the single market, opening up for new completion and freedom of establishment in all sectors, underlines the need for structural reforms and fiscal consolidation in the framework of the Stability and Growth Pact, calls upon Commission that the credibility of the SGP is restored by securing that all member states follow the rules instead of calling for new rules and new institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Notes that State aid can be a necessary tool to ensure the needed infrastructure and supply for both the energy and transport sectors, particularly in regards to the situation in Europe where a transition towards cleaner and more climate friendly energy supply and transportation systems is taking place;

Amendment 39
Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Takes the view that current and savings accounts should not incur commissions for users unless they are linked to specific services;

Amendment 40
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Notes that State aid can be necessary to ensure the delivery of services of general economic interest (SGEI) including energy, transport and telecommunication; emphasises that state intervention is often the best policy tool to ensure services crucial for the support of isolated, remote or peripheral regions and islands in the Union;

Amendment 41
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. *Considers it important to guarantee competition in the intra-European market in financial services, including insurance, which entails safeguarding the possibility of cross-border acquisitions of the said services;*

Or. en

Amendment 42
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5c. *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. en

Amendment 43
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5c. *Emphasises that the connectivity of peripheral island or regions is essential for sustaining and developing acceptable levels of economic and social initiative by maintaining vital business connections;*

Or. en

Amendment 44
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5d. Reminds the Commission, likewise, that financial institutions continue to cancel payment cards if the holder moves to another Member State, and calls once again for action to be taken in this respect, including by alerting national authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5e. 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. en

Amendment 46
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to **reallocate adequate** financial and human resources to its Directorate-General for Competition in order to cope with this DG's increasing workload;

6. ***Welcomes the efforts of DG Competition to continue building a sustainable and balanced workforce throughout 2016; welcomes the fact 2016 saw an improvement on the main human resource management issues facing the DG; welcomes the fact that staff turnover, which had been identified as a major point of concern, fell to its lowest level since measurement began (from 13.9% in 2015 to 10.8% in 2016);*** Calls on the Commission to ***continue optimizing*** financial and human resources to its Directorate-General for Competition in order to cope with this DG's increasing workload; ***recalls that DG Competition has assessed the cost-effectiveness and reached a positive conclusion;***

Or. en

Amendment 47
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to reallocate adequate financial and human resources to its Directorate-General for Competition in order to cope with this DG's increasing workload;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to reallocate adequate financial and human resources to its Directorate-General for Competition in order to cope with this DG's increasing workload; ***notes that such an increase should go hand-in-hand with a strict separation of the DG's organisational structures, 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 48

Sander Loones

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to **reallocate adequate** financial and human resources **to** its Directorate-General for Competition **in order to cope with** this DG's increasing workload;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to **make** financial and human resources **for** its Directorate-General for Competition **adequate to** this DG's increasing workload **and range of tasks by shifting away resources from other Directorates with less European added value;**

Or. en

Amendment 49

Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Underlines again that corruption in public procurement has serious market-distorting effects on European competitiveness; reiterates that public procurement is one of the government activities most vulnerable to corruption; highlights that in certain Member States, EU-funded procurement carries higher corruption risks than nationally funded procurement; calls on the Commission to continue its effort to prevent the misuse of EU funds and stimulate accountability in public procurement; also welcomes the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. *In the context for next EU budget discussions, calls the EU Institutions to consider a separate operational budget to increase the efficiency and management of DG competition, modernizing its electronic and informatics tools for example;*

Or. en

Amendment 51
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. *Welcomes the advances made by DG Competition in the field of equal opportunities, including 36% of female representation in middle management;*

Or. en

Amendment 52
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6b. *Calls on DG COMP to finalize the review of its financial circuits, in order to*

further improve the efficiency of its financial operations, in 2017 and present its findings before the competent committee in the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Takes note that EU rules do not establish target time frames for ***antitrust investigations*** as is the case for formal merger review deadlines and the common practice of many national competition authorities; ***notes that this implies that decisions are sometimes made too late, after competitors have been obliged to exit the market;***

Amendment

7. Takes note that EU rules do not establish target time frames for ***merger cases*** as is the case for formal merger review deadlines and the common practice of many national competition authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Takes note that EU rules do not establish target time frames for antitrust investigations as is the case for formal merger review deadlines and the common practice of many national competition authorities; notes that this implies that decisions are sometimes ***made too late, after competitors have been obliged to exit the market;***

Amendment

7. Takes note that EU rules do not establish target time frames for antitrust investigations as is the case for formal merger review deadlines and the common practice of many national competition authorities; notes that this implies that decisions are sometimes ***not made within due time;***

Amendment 55
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Takes note that EU rules do not establish target time frames for antitrust investigations as is the case for formal ***merger review deadlines and the common practice*** of many national competition authorities; notes that this implies that decisions are sometimes made too late, after competitors have been obliged to exit the market;

Amendment

7. Takes note that EU rules do not establish target time frames for antitrust investigations as is the case for formal ***revisions and investigations*** of many national competition authorities; notes that this implies that decisions are sometimes made too late, after competitors have been obliged to exit the market;

Amendment 56
Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to adopt guidelines to limit the duration of antitrust investigations, in order to avoid uncertainty or excessive burden for businesses and shape a competitive landscape which is not detrimental to consumers;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to adopt guidelines to limit the duration of antitrust investigations, in order to avoid uncertainty or excessive burden for businesses and shape a competitive landscape which is not detrimental to consumers, ***while ensuring that this does not jeopardize the ability of the Commission to scrutinize the cases under investigation; stresses in particular that the adoption of clear time frames should include appropriate safeguards in order to discourage the use of dilatory tactics by the undertakings under investigation;***

Amendment 57
Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to adopt guidelines to limit the duration of antitrust investigations, in order to avoid uncertainty or excessive burden for businesses and shape a competitive landscape which is not detrimental to consumers;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to adopt guidelines to limit the duration of antitrust investigations, in order to avoid uncertainty or excessive burden for businesses and shape a competitive landscape which is not detrimental to consumers; ***longer and more flexible timeframes should only be allowed in complex cases where investigations are to be extended with regard to other undertakings;***

Amendment 58
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to adopt guidelines to limit the duration of antitrust investigations, in order to avoid uncertainty or excessive burden for businesses and shape a competitive landscape which is not detrimental to consumers;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to adopt guidelines to limit the duration of antitrust investigations ***and of proceedings for abuse of a dominant market position***, in order to avoid uncertainty or excessive burden for businesses and shape a competitive landscape which is not detrimental to consumers;

Amendment 59

Jonás Fernández

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8**

Motion for a resolution

8. *Calls on the Commission to adopt guidelines to limit the duration of antitrust investigations, in order to avoid uncertainty or excessive burden for businesses and shape a competitive landscape which is not detrimental to consumers;*

Amendment

8. *(Does not affect English version.)*

Or. es

**Amendment 60
Barbara Kappel**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8**

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to adopt guidelines to **limit** the duration of antitrust investigations, in order to avoid uncertainty or excessive burden for businesses and shape a competitive landscape which is not detrimental to consumers;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to adopt guidelines to **optimise** the duration of antitrust investigations, in order to avoid uncertainty or excessive burden for businesses and shape a competitive landscape which is not detrimental to consumers;

Or. en

**Amendment 61
Pervenche Berès, Alfred Sant**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8**

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to adopt guidelines to **limit** the duration of antitrust

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to adopt guidelines to **reduce** the duration of

investigations, in order to avoid uncertainty or excessive burden for businesses and shape a competitive landscape which is not detrimental to consumers;

antitrust investigations, in order to avoid uncertainty or excessive burden for businesses and shape a competitive landscape which is not detrimental to consumers;

Or. en

Amendment 62

Sander Loones

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to ***adopt guidelines to limit the duration of*** antitrust investigations, in order to avoid uncertainty or excessive burden for businesses and shape a competitive landscape which is ***not detrimental*** to consumers;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to ***consider ways to accelerate*** antitrust investigations, in order to avoid uncertainty or excessive burden for businesses and shape a competitive landscape which is ***beneficial*** to consumers;

Or. en

Amendment 63

Sander Loones

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Underlines ***that while*** the speed of investigations ***has to be balanced with*** the need to ***adequately*** preserve the rights of defence, ***clear time frames would help the antitrust authorities to make more efficient use of their resources***;

Amendment

9. Underlines ***the policy objective to find an adequate balance between*** the speed of investigations ***and*** the need to preserve the rights of defence;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Underlines that while the speed of investigations has to be balanced with the need to adequately preserve the rights of defence, *clear* time frames *would* help the antitrust authorities to make more efficient use of their resources;

Amendment

9. Underlines that while the speed of investigations has to be balanced with the need to adequately preserve the rights of defence, *as well as quality of investigations*, time frames *may* help the antitrust authorities to make more efficient use of their resources;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Underlines that while the speed of investigations has to be balanced with the need to adequately preserve the rights of defence, *clear* time frames would help the antitrust authorities to make more efficient use of their resources;

Amendment

9. Underlines that while the speed of investigations has to be balanced with the need to adequately preserve the rights of defence, *indicative* time frames would help the antitrust authorities to make more efficient use of their resources;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Underlines that while the speed of investigations has to be balanced with the need to adequately preserve the rights of defence, *clear* time frames would help the antitrust authorities to make more efficient use of their resources;

9. Underlines that while the speed of investigations has to be balanced with the need to adequately preserve the rights of defence, *indicative* time frames would help the antitrust authorities to make more efficient use of their resources;

Or. es

Amendment 67
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Notes that in order to improve speed of major Antitrust investigations, EC and stakeholders could increase the use of streamlined antitrust proceedings, for instance by making more use of confidentiality rings for lawyers and data rooms to allow companies to have access to the evidence against them; Antitrust authorities should be strict about the delays by companies in responding to the European Commission requests for information;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Believes that the Commission could be more efficient if it organised pre-trial meetings, separately or collectively, with the parties under investigation, the

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complainants and other interested third parties in order to agree on targeted timetables and key issues of the file to be investigated;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. *Believes that the Commission could be more efficient if it organised pre-trial meetings, separately or collectively, with the parties under investigation, the complainants and other interested third parties in order to agree on targeted timetables and key issues of the file to be investigated;*

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Or. en

Amendment 70
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. *Believes that the Commission could be more efficient if it organised pre-trial meetings, separately or collectively, with the parties under investigation, the complainants and other interested third parties in order to agree on targeted timetables and key issues of the file to be investigated;*

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Or. en

Amendment 71
Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Believes that the Commission could be more efficient if it organised pre-trial meetings, separately or collectively, with the parties under investigation, the complainants and other interested third parties in order to agree on targeted timetables and key issues of the file to be investigated;

Amendment

10. Believes that the Commission could be more efficient if it organised pre-trial meetings, separately or collectively, with the parties under investigation, the complainants and other interested third parties, ***including workers' representatives and public authorities***, in order to agree on targeted timetables and key issues of the file to be investigated;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Takes note that most of the decisions concerning antitrust issues and State aid are taken at national level, and believes that the Commission should guarantee the global consistency and independence of competition policy measures within the internal market, with the support of the European Competition Network (ECN);

Amendment

11. Takes note that most of the decisions concerning antitrust issues and State aid are taken at national level, and believes that the Commission should guarantee the global consistency and independence of competition policy measures within the internal market, with the support of the European Competition Network (ECN); ***notes that in revising the implementation of competition policy, due account should be taken of the importance of the public sector in providing and managing goods and services where there are externalities that the market cannot properly account for;***

Amendment 73
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Takes note that most of the decisions concerning antitrust issues and State aid are taken at national level, and believes that the Commission should guarantee the global consistency and independence of competition policy measures within the internal market, with the support of the European Competition Network (ECN);

Amendment

11. Takes note that most of the decisions concerning antitrust issues and State aid are taken at national level, and believes that the Commission should guarantee the global consistency and independence of competition policy measures within the internal market, with the support of the European Competition Network (ECN); ***welcomes the Commission's proposal for strengthening national competition authorities with a view to the more effective enforcement of EU competition law;***

Amendment 74
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Takes note that most of the decisions concerning antitrust issues and State aid are taken at national level, and believes that the Commission should guarantee the global consistency and independence of competition policy measures within the internal market, with the support of the European Competition Network (ECN);

Amendment

11. Takes note that most of the decisions concerning antitrust issues and State aid are taken at national level, and believes that the Commission should guarantee the global consistency and independence of competition policy measures within the internal market, with the support of the European Competition Network (ECN); ***without disregarding the competences of the National Competition***

Amendment 75

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Takes note that most of the decisions concerning antitrust issues and State aid are taken at national level, and believes that the Commission should guarantee the global consistency and independence of competition policy measures within the internal market, with the support of the European Competition Network (ECN);

Amendment

11. Takes note that most of the decisions concerning antitrust issues and State aid are taken at national level, and believes that, *while respecting the principle of subsidiarity*, the Commission should guarantee the global consistency and independence of competition policy measures within the internal market, with the support of the European Competition Network (ECN);

Amendment 76

Sander Loones

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Takes note that most of the decisions concerning antitrust issues *and State aid* are taken at national level, *and believes that* the Commission *should guarantee* the global consistency and independence of competition policy *measures* within the internal market, with the support of the European Competition Network (ECN);

Amendment

11. Takes note that most of the decisions concerning antitrust issues are taken at national level; *calls on* the Commission *to monitor* the global consistency and independence of competition policy *enforcement* within the internal market, with the support of the European Competition Network (ECN);

Amendment 77
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Welcomes the Commission proposal for a “Directive to empower the competition authorities of the Member States to be more effective enforcers and to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market”; considers that effective tools to tackle distortions of competition are crucial for the functioning of the internal single market, and that it is imperative to ensure that consumers and businesses can rely on the consistent application of EU competition rules throughout the Union; underlines that EU legislation should be equally enforced in all Member States; considers that the proposal is an important step in the right direction as it addresses the most problematic and divergent areas in EU competition law across Member States, namely the independence of national competition authorities, powers of investigation, the setting of fines, and leniency;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. Reiterates that the removal of obstacles present on national level significantly contributes to the effective and efficient enforcement of EU competition law; stresses that the independence of NCAs is especially important in maintaining the focus of competition law;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Bernard Monot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Believes that the Commission should verify that national competition authorities (NCAs) are sufficiently equipped in terms of financial and human resources to guarantee their independence, and that it should submit an annual report to Parliament regarding this key point;

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Or. fr

Amendment 80
Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Believes that the Commission should verify that national competition authorities (NCAs) are sufficiently equipped in terms of financial and human resources to guarantee their independence, and that it should submit an annual report

12. Believes that the Commission should verify that national competition authorities (NCAs) are sufficiently equipped in terms of financial and human resources to guarantee their independence, and that it should submit an annual report

to Parliament regarding this key point;

to Parliament regarding this key point;
stresses that in order to avoid potential conflicts of interest, staff of NCAs should be forbidden to take up employment in the sectors or undertakings which it has investigated for a "cooling period" of at least two years;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Believes that the Commission should verify that national competition authorities (NCAs) are sufficiently equipped in terms of financial and human resources to guarantee their independence, and that it should submit an annual report to Parliament regarding this key point;

Amendment

12. Believes that the Commission should verify that national competition authorities (NCAs) are sufficiently equipped in terms of financial and human resources to guarantee their independence, and that it should submit an annual report to Parliament regarding this key point;
calls on the Commission to consider seriously when NCAs question the Commission's findings and opposes its decision and to inform the Parliament about these cases;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

12. Believes that the Commission should verify that national competition authorities (NCAs) are sufficiently

equipped in terms of financial and human resources to guarantee their independence, and that it should submit an annual report to Parliament regarding this key point;

equipped in terms of financial and human resources *as well as that the election or nomination of the leadership is transparent and not politically influenced in order to be able* to guarantee their independence, and that it should submit an annual report to Parliament regarding this key point;

Or. en

Amendment 83

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Believes that the Commission should verify that national competition authorities (NCAs) are sufficiently equipped in terms of financial and human resources to guarantee their independence, and that it should submit an annual report to Parliament regarding this key point;

Amendment

12. Believes that the Commission should verify that national competition authorities (NCAs) are sufficiently equipped in terms of financial and human resources to guarantee their independence and *provide the needed assistance where otherwise; requests* that it should submit an annual report to Parliament regarding this key point;

Or. en

Amendment 84

Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Believes that the Commission should verify that national competition authorities (NCAs) are *sufficiently* equipped in terms of financial *and* human resources to guarantee their independence,

Amendment

12. Believes that the Commission should verify that national competition authorities (NCAs) are *adequately* equipped in terms of financial, human *and technical* resources to guarantee their

and that it should submit an annual report to Parliament regarding *this key point*;

independence, *autonomy, efficiency and effectiveness*, and that it should submit an annual report to Parliament regarding *these key points*;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Believes that the Commission should verify that national competition authorities (NCAs) are sufficiently equipped in terms of financial and human resources *to guarantee* their independence, *and that it should* submit an annual report to Parliament regarding *this key point*;

Amendment

12. Believes that the Commission should verify that national competition authorities (NCAs) are sufficiently equipped in terms of financial and human resources *and that they are able to perform* their *work in complete independence; asks that the Commission* submit an annual report to Parliament regarding *these key points*;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Believes that the Commission should verify that national competition authorities (NCAs) are sufficiently equipped in terms of financial and human resources to guarantee their independence, and that it should submit an annual report to Parliament regarding this key point;

Amendment

12. Believes that the Commission should verify that national competition authorities (NCAs) are sufficiently equipped in terms of financial and human resources to guarantee their independence *from political influence*, and that it should submit an annual report to Parliament regarding this key point;

Amendment 87
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Welcomes the strong emphasis on the independence of national competition authorities as an essential tool and prerequisite in ensuring that such authorities become effective enforcers of EU law, reiterates that the removal of obstacles present on national level significantly contributes to the attainment of this objective, stresses that the independence of NCAs is especially important in maintaining the focus of competition law and its enforcement;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12b. Considers that the emphasis on budgetary independence should be strengthened to ensure that NCAs have complete independence in the conduct of their activities, which would ensure more efficient and effective conduct of cases;

Or. en

Amendment 89

Sander Loones

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Commission to *send* Parliament *regular information* on the activities of the ECN *and to include in its* annual *report* statistics and a reasoned synthesis of *the* activities *conducted by the NCAs*;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to *regularly inform* Parliament on the activities of the ECN; *calls on the Member States to ensure that NCAs make public* annual *reports containing* statistics and a reasoned synthesis of *their* activities;

Or. en

Amendment 90

Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Takes the view that a study on the awareness and understanding among undertakings, particularly SMEs, of EU competition law and state aid rules, could be useful in order to step up the enforcement of EU competition law and could also be helpful for guidance purposes;

Or. de

Amendment 91

Sander Loones

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Highlights that global cooperation on competition enforcement helps to avoid inconsistencies in remedies and outcomes of enforcement actions and helps businesses to reduce their costs of compliance; supports an active participation of the Commission, national and where applicable regional competition authorities in the International Competition Network;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Stresses the need to apply competition policy in a manner that is consistent with the European social acquis, including respect for the rights defined in the European Social Charter and the European Social Pillar and the relevant ILO Conventions;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. Takes the view that interim measures can be an important tool, particularly in the digital economy, to ensure that contraventions in the course of an investigation do not severely and

irreparably damage competition; calls on the Commission to examine the available options either to speed up proceedings before the competition authorities for the application of Articles 101 and 102, or to simplify the adoption of interim measures; in this connection, calls on the Commission to carry out a study and submit its conclusions, and where appropriate a legislative proposal, to the European Parliament and the Council;

Or. de

Amendment 94

Sander Loones

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. Reiterates its support for international trade and investment agreements to include strong competition sections;

Or. en

Amendment 95

Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13c. Calls on the Commission, in connection with a possible reform of the Merger Regulation, to examine carefully whether current assessment procedures take sufficient account of circumstances on digital markets; takes the view that an

adjustment of the assessment criteria for mergers in the digital economy might be necessary; further emphasises that the independence of the national competition authorities should be guaranteed not only in the application of Articles 101 and 102 TFEU, but also in the enforcement of the European merger rules; therefore stresses the need for equivalent EU-level rules in this area;

Or. de

Amendment 96
Sander Loones
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13c. Welcomes the constant efforts of the Commission to clarify the different aspects of the definition of state aid, as demonstrated in its Notice on the notion of State aid as referred to in Article 107(1) of the TFEU which constitutes an important building block of the State Aid Modernisation initiative; notes in particular the efforts 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; further points out that is the role of the European Court of Justice to ensure the proper interpretation of the Treaty;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Bernard Monot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages and excess profit ruling systems; stresses that the reduction of tax fraud and tax avoidance is fundamental in order to consolidate sound public budgets;

Amendment

14. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages and excess profit ruling systems; stresses that the reduction of tax fraud and tax avoidance is fundamental in order to consolidate sound public budgets ***and that Member States promoting tax avoidance by multilateral companies cannot continue to shelter with impunity behind Council unanimity rule on matters relating to taxation; calls on the Commission's Competition DG to step up its efforts in this direction, taking particular account of all the means afforded by the Treaties to combat distortions in the internal market, including those stemming from the tax rules of the Member States;***

Or. fr

Amendment 98
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages and excess profit ruling systems; stresses that the reduction of tax fraud and tax avoidance is fundamental in order to

Amendment

14. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages and excess profit ruling systems; stresses that the ***Commission must have access to all relevant information exchanged***

consolidate sound public budgets;

between the national tax authorities, in order to ensure the effective analysis, from a competition law point of view, of questionable tax arrangements; stresses that the reduction of tax fraud and tax avoidance is fundamental in order to consolidate sound public budgets;

Or. de

Amendment 99
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages and excess profit ruling systems; stresses that the reduction of tax fraud and tax avoidance is fundamental in order to consolidate sound public budgets;

Amendment

14. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; *according to the principle that requires that a tax should be paid at the place where an economic activity has been carried out and a new value has been created*; welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages and excess profit ruling systems; stresses that the reduction of tax fraud and tax avoidance is fundamental in order to consolidate sound public budgets;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax;

Amendment

14. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax;

welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages and excess profit ruling systems; stresses that the reduction of tax fraud and tax avoidance *is fundamental* in order to *consolidate sound public budgets*;

welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages and excess profit ruling systems; stresses that the reduction of tax fraud and tax avoidance in order to *reduce inequality, but notes that this also requires decisive action against profit-shifting schemes and practices that do not allow effective taxation of wealth and production where they are really located*;

Or. en

Amendment 101

Sander Loones

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; *welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into* anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages and *excess profit ruling systems*; stresses that *the reduction of* tax fraud and tax avoidance is fundamental in order to *consolidate sound public budgets*;

Amendment

14. Reiterates *that fair tax competition is essential for the integrity of the internal market and* that all market players should pay their fair share of tax *to compete on equal terms; emphasises the need to eliminate distortive* anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages and *welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations in this regard*; stresses that *tackling* tax fraud and *aggressive* tax avoidance is fundamental in order to *ensure a level playing field*;

Or. en

Amendment 102

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages and excess profit ruling systems; stresses that the reduction of tax fraud and tax avoidance is fundamental in order to consolidate sound public budgets;

Amendment

14. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages and excess profit ruling systems; stresses that the reduction of tax fraud and tax avoidance is fundamental in order to consolidate sound public budgets;
Underlines, therefore, the need to ensure broad access to information in order to trigger more investigations on suspicious cases;

Or. en

Amendment 103

Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages ***and*** excess profit ruling systems; stresses that the reduction of tax fraud and tax avoidance is fundamental in order to consolidate sound public budgets;

Amendment

14. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax ***in the country where profits are generated;*** welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages, excess profit ruling systems ***and aggressive tax planning;*** stresses that the reduction of tax fraud and tax avoidance is fundamental in order to consolidate sound public budgets ***and to ensure fair competition across the single market;***

Or. en

Amendment 104

Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages and excess profit ruling systems; stresses that the reduction of tax fraud and tax avoidance is fundamental in order to consolidate sound public budgets;

Amendment

14. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax ***and the state aid rules apply tax exemptions just as much as to any other type of aid;*** welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages and excess profit ruling systems; stresses that the reduction of tax fraud and tax avoidance is fundamental in order to consolidate sound public budgets;

Or. en

Amendment 105

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages and excess profit ruling systems; stresses that the reduction of tax fraud and tax avoidance is fundamental in order to consolidate sound public budgets;

Amendment

14. Reiterates that all market players should ***respect the relevant international, EU, and national tax legislation and*** pay their fair share of tax ***accordingly;*** welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages and excess profit ruling systems; stresses that the reduction of tax fraud and tax avoidance is fundamental in order to consolidate sound public budgets;

Or. en

Amendment 106

Barbara Kappel

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14**

Motion for a resolution

14. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages and excess profit ruling systems; stresses that ***the reduction of*** tax fraud and tax avoidance ***is fundamental in order to consolidate sound public budgets;***

Amendment

14. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages and excess profit ruling systems; stresses that tax fraud and tax avoidance ***can constitute anti-competitive practices;***

Or. en

**Amendment 107
Paloma López Bermejo**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Expresses its concern at the lack of action of competition authorities against the retroactive elimination of support schemes to renewable energy; underlines that this inaction has further distorted competition, since international investors have been able to obtain redress while local investors have not; calls on the Commission to investigate the distorting effects of existing capacity payments and nuclear moratorium payments in electricity markets;

Or. en

**Amendment 108
Sander Loones**

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. *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 109
Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. *Points out that the harmonisation of the common consolidated corporate tax base(CCCTB) is vital in order to eliminate distortions of competition and reduce the appeal of concluding opaque tax agreements between certain multinationals and Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 110
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Underlines that corporate tax base harmonisation is a key element in eliminating distortion of competition and will contribute to the fight against opaque tax agreements between some multinationals and Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Calls on the Commission to promote convergence of competition policy instruments and practices across jurisdiction as well as protecting the global level playing field through free trade agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Recommends an increased sharing of information between national authorities in order to ensure that taxes are paid in EU when this shall be the case and in the relevant Member state;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. *Stresses that excessive tax burdens and tax rates hamper economic innovations and can constitute significant barriers to entry for new and small players;*

Or. en

Amendment 114
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. *Calls for the revision of State aid guidelines on taxation to cover cases of unfair competition going beyond tax rulings and transfer pricing;*

Or. en

Amendment 115
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. *Stresses that a comprehensive, transparent and effective exchange of tax information is essential to avoid aggressive tax planning; stresses at the same time that simplification of taxation*

systems at Member State level can be an essential step in order to create transparency and clarity;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Calls for a European minimum corporate tax rate in order to stop tax competition and a race to the bottom between Member States leading to unfair competition and which often benefits transnational groups only;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Highlights the need to revise collective redress mechanisms in the EU, in order to ensure that consumers hurt by anticompetitive practices are appropriately compensated;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. *Considers that sales tax on digital companies could improve competition conditions and contribute to a level play field within the single market;*

Or. en

Amendment 119
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. *Underlines the need for simple and transparent tax policies and regulations;*

Or. en

Amendment 120
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14c. *Underlines however that taxation is a national competence, dependent on the political view and actions of governments and parliaments, based upon fiscal policies and political aspirations regarding public spending;*

Or. en

Amendment 121
Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14c. Urges the Council to swiftly adopt the Commission proposal on the harmonisation of the consolidated corporate tax base (CCCTB) after taking into account the Parliament's opinion;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14c. Invites the Commission to make full use of its competition law powers to help Member States effectively tackle harmful tax practices;

Or. en

Amendment 123
Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14d. 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. en

Amendment 124
Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. *Welcomes the Commission decision taken against Luxembourg on the illegal tax benefits granted to Amazon (around EUR 250 million);*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 125
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Welcomes the Commission decision taken against Luxembourg on the illegal tax benefits granted to Amazon (around EUR 250 million);

15. ***Strongly*** welcomes the Commission decision taken against Luxembourg on the illegal tax benefits granted to Amazon (around EUR 250 million) ***as well as its previous landmark decisions on illegal selective tax advantages in Ireland, Belgium and the Netherlands; calls on the Commission to claw back any illegal state in all comparable cases in order to guarantee equal treatment and restore a level playing field;***

Or. en

Amendment 126
Bernard Monot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Welcomes the Commission decision taken against Luxembourg on the illegal tax benefits granted to Amazon (around EUR 250 million);

Amendment

15. Welcomes the Commission decision taken against Luxembourg on the illegal tax benefits granted to Amazon (around EUR 250 million); ***calls for active steps to be taken to increase to a fair level Apple's effective tax rate in the EU, which is currently close to zero.***

Or. fr

Amendment 127
Jakob von Weizsäcker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Welcomes the Commission decision taken against Luxembourg on the illegal tax benefits granted to Amazon (around EUR 250 million);

Amendment

15. ***Welcomes efforts by the Commission to make large digital companies pay their fair share of taxes in EU Member States; further*** welcomes the Commission decision taken against Luxembourg on the illegal tax benefits granted to Amazon (around EUR 250 million);

Or. en

Amendment 128
Sander Loones
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Welcomes the Commission decision taken against Luxembourg on the illegal tax benefits granted to Amazon (around EUR 250 million);

Amendment

15. Welcomes the Commission decision taken against Luxembourg on the illegal tax benefits granted to Amazon (around EUR 250 million); ***notes that both Luxembourg and Amazon could appeal the decision;***

Or. en

Amendment 129

Pervenche Berès, Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Recalls that Commissioner Vestager stated during a structured dialogue with the economic and monetary affairs committee (ECON) on Tuesday 21 November that the Google case represented potentially 4,2 terabytes of data to analyse; believes that this case clearly highlights the importance of having sufficient resources and adequate equipment allocated to competition authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 130

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. *Stresses that the timely recovery of illegal aid is indispensable for an effective state aid regime, capable of enforcing fair competition in the single market; supports the relevant actions taken by the Commission in relation to the Ireland/Apple case;*

Or. en

Amendment 131
Jakob von Weizsäcker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. *Underlines the need to tax digital companies according to their genuine activity in Member States by capturing turnover generated through digital platforms, thus avoiding a competitive disadvantage for companies carrying out business by means of a permanent physical presence;*

Or. en

Amendment 132
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15b. *Considers that fair competition within the internal market can be hampered by tax planning as, new entrants and SMEs doing business only in one country are penalised as compared to MNCs, which can shift profits or*

implement other forms of aggressive tax planning through a variety of decisions and instruments, available to them only; notes with concern that, the resulting lower tax liabilities leave the latter with a higher post-tax profit and create an uneven playing field with their competitors on the single market, which do not have recourse to aggressive tax planning and keep the connection between where they generate profit and their place of taxation;

Or. en

Amendment 133

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15c. Underlines the importance of the establishment of CCCTB, the public disclosure of tax rulings, the review of the VAT Directive, the obligation on large international companies to report publicly their turnover and profits on a ‘country-by-country’ basis, for preventing distortions of competition by aggressive tax planning and tax evasion;

Or. en

Amendment 134

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15d. *Welcomes the investigations of the Commission on selective tax advantages in Madeira; calls on the Commission to investigate in tax advantages provided in special economic zones or other regionally limited tax advantages and to report its findings to the Parliament;*

Or. en

Amendment 135

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15e. *Asks the Commission to enter into negotiations with all states and territories having a strong access to the common market and lack effective state aid controls against unfair tax competition, including Switzerland;*

Or. en

Amendment 136

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15f. *Stresses 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;*

Amendment 137
Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Underlines that the bailout of Veneto Banca and Banca Popolare di Vicenza was based on the assumption that these were systemic banks in their region, and calls on the Commission to develop this line of thinking in compliance with EU rules and the bail-in principle;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 138
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Underlines that the bailout of Veneto Banca and Banca Popolare di Vicenza was based on the assumption that these were systemic banks in their region, and calls on the Commission to develop this line of thinking in compliance with EU rules and the bail-in principle;

16. Underlines that the bailout of Veneto Banca and Banca Popolare di Vicenza was based on the assumption that these were systemic banks in their region, and calls on the Commission to develop this line of thinking in compliance with EU rules and the bail-in principle; ***points out that in the case of Veneto Banca and Banca Popolare di Vicenza, albeit the SRB had concluded that resolution was not warranted in the public interest, the Commission indicated that it approved state aid on the basis that it mitigates economic disturbance at regional level, thus leading to the application of two different definitions of "public interest"***

one at the EU and one at regional level; stresses that such interpretation of state aid rules entrenches the limits set by Article 107 paragraph 3b TFEU, circumvents the rules set by the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive, violates the spirit and letter of the banking communication which was meant for preserving financial stability and ignores that the purpose of the banking communication existed in a time when mechanisms allowing for the resolution of credit institutions without threatening financial stability were absent; urges, therefore, the Commission to reconsider its interpretation of the relevant state aid rules in a way consistent with the BRRD resolution framework and to revise its 2013 Banking Communication accordingly, including the area of “liquidation aid”;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Underlines that the bailout of Veneto Banca and Banca Popolare di Vicenza was based on the assumption that these were systemic banks in their region, and calls on the Commission to develop this line of thinking in compliance with EU rules and the bail-in principle;

Amendment

16. Underlines that the bailout of Veneto Banca and Banca Popolare di Vicenza was based on the assumption that these were systemic banks in their region, and calls on the Commission to develop this line of thinking in compliance with EU rules and the bail-in principle; ***regrets that aid to the banking sector since the beginning of the financial crisis has been insufficiently scrutinized and that current rules have not been effective in protecting tax-payers or in guaranteeing a level-playing field in the banking sector;***

Amendment 140
Pirkko Ruohonen-Lerner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Underlines that the bailout of Veneto Banca and Banca Popolare di Vicenza was based on the assumption that these were systemic banks in their region, **and** calls on the Commission to **develop this line of thinking in** compliance with EU rules and the bail-in principle;

Amendment

16. Underlines that the bailout of Veneto Banca and Banca Popolare di Vicenza was based on the assumption that these were systemic banks in their region; **notes that in future such examples may be relied on for obtaining state aid**; calls on the Commission to **split such banks into smaller units or find other ways to prevent systemic risks and to secure** compliance with EU rules and the bail-in principle;

Or. fi

Amendment 141
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Underlines that the bailout of Veneto Banca and Banca Popolare di Vicenza was based on the assumption that these were systemic banks in their region, and calls on the Commission to develop this line of thinking in compliance with EU rules and the bail-in principle;

Amendment

16. Underlines that the bailout of Veneto Banca and Banca Popolare di Vicenza was based on the assumption that these were systemic banks in their region, and calls on the Commission to develop **proposals for a fair conflict resolution regarding banks of systematic importance** this line of thinking in compliance with EU rules and the bail-in principle;

Or. en

Amendment 142
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Underlines that the bailout of Veneto Banca and Banca Popolare di Vicenza was based on the assumption that these were systemic banks in their region, and calls on the Commission to develop this line of thinking ***in compliance with EU rules and the bail-in principle***;

Amendment

16. Underlines that the bailout of Veneto Banca and Banca Popolare di Vicenza was based on the assumption that these were systemic banks in their region, and calls on the Commission to develop this line of thinking;

Or. it

Amendment 143
Sander Loones
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Underlines that the bailout of Veneto Banca and Banca Popolare di Vicenza was based on the assumption that these were systemic banks in their region, and calls on the Commission to ***develop*** this line of thinking in compliance with EU rules and the bail-in principle;

Amendment

16. Underlines that the bailout of Veneto Banca and Banca Popolare di Vicenza was based on the assumption that these were systemic banks in their region, and calls on the Commission to ***explain*** this line of thinking in compliance with EU rules and the bail-in principle;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Sander Loones
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. *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 145
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. *Expresses its concern that 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. en

Amendment 146
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. *Regrets the lack of transparency on state aid decisions; requests the Commission to proceed to their timely publication;*

Amendment 147

Sander Loones

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Calls on the Commission to re-evaluate on an annual basis whether the requirements for the application of Article 107(3)(b) TFEU in the financial sector continue to be fulfilled;

Or. en

Amendment 148

Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Rejects the discriminatory and anti-competitive practice observed in some Member States of rejecting cash payments for small retail transactions:

Or. en

Amendment 149

Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. *Believes that the financial crisis has increased concentration in the banking sector and calls on the Commission to carry out a region-by-region study at European level to examine this phenomenon and its effects on competition;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 150
Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Believes that the financial crisis has increased concentration in the banking sector and calls on the Commission to carry out a region-by-region study at European level to examine this phenomenon and its effects on competition;

Amendment

17. Believes that the financial crisis has increased concentration in the banking sector and calls on the Commission to carry out a region-by-region study at European level to examine this phenomenon and its effects on competition; ***highlights that the deepening of the Banking Union and the Capital Markets Union is also a key factor in the concentration of financial activity in a few larger players and calls on the Commission to monitor these developments closely;***

Or. en

Amendment 151
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Believes that the financial crisis ***has*** increased concentration in the banking

Amendment

17. Believes that the ***EMU architecture, certain ECB decisions, the***

sector and calls on the Commission to carry out a region-by-region study at European level to examine this phenomenon and its effects on competition;

approach to banking supervision and the management thereof at European level and measures that tackle the effects rather than the causes of the financial crisis ***have*** increased concentration in the banking sector and calls on the Commission to carry out a region-by-region study at European level to examine this phenomenon and its effects on competition;

Or. it

Amendment 152
Pirkko Ruohonen-Lerner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Believes that the financial crisis has increased concentration in the banking sector ***and*** calls on the Commission to ***carry out a region-by-region study at European level to examine this phenomenon and its effects on competition;***

Amendment

17. Believes that the financial crisis has increased concentration in the banking sector, ***and that this is being deliberately encouraged with a view to the resolution of non-performing credits;*** calls on the Commission to ***ensure competition in the event of mergers and, as regards systemic risk, to guard against the emergence of over-large banks;***

Or. fi

Amendment 153
Sander Loones
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Believes that the financial crisis ***has increased*** concentration in the banking

Amendment

17. Believes that ***following*** the financial crisis concentration in the

sector *and* calls on the Commission to *carry out a region-by-region study at European level* to examine *this phenomenon and* its effects on competition;

banking sector *has increased in some Member States and regions*; calls on the Commission to *monitor this phenomenon* region-by-region *and* to examine its effects on competition;

Or. en

Amendment 154
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Believes that the financial crisis has increased concentration in the banking sector and calls on the Commission to carry out a *region-by-region* study at *European level* to examine this phenomenon and its effects on competition;

Amendment

17. Believes that the financial crisis has increased concentration in the banking sector and calls on the Commission to carry out a study to examine this phenomenon and its effects on competition;

Or. es

Amendment 155
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Believes that the financial crisis has increased concentration in the banking sector and calls on the Commission to carry out a *region-by-region* study at European level to examine this phenomenon and its effects on competition;

Amendment

17. Believes that the financial crisis has increased concentration in the banking sector and calls on the Commission to carry out a *country-by-country* study at European level to examine this phenomenon and its effects on competition;

Or. en

Amendment 156

Sander Loones

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Welcomes the commitments made by the Commissioner for Competition in the structured dialogue with the Committee for Economic and Monetary Affairs on 21 November 2017 to reflect on possible distortions of competition arising from the European Central Bank's Corporate Sector Purchase Programme and to report back with a qualitative answer; emphasises in this regard that the notion of selectivity in State aid is an essential criterion that needs to be investigated thoroughly; further points in this regard to Article 4(3) TEU which contains the so-called principle of loyalty;

Or. en

Amendment 157

Pervenche Berès, Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Encourages the Commission to be even more vocal on competition policies in international fora; believes that on top of mergers and acquisitions, the EU should further develop its benchmarks regarding state aids in the WTO but also in bilateral agreements; believes that competition should be part of the negotiations between the EU and third

countries and that the best way to improve competition rules and practices worldwide is to engage in fair and transparent discussions;

Or. en

Amendment 158
Brian Hayes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Calls on the Commission to closely monitor activities in the retail banking sector and financial services sector for any breaches of antitrust rules and cartel activity and to work closely with national competition authorities to enforce EU antitrust rules; notes the recent tracker mortgage scandal in Ireland and invites the Commission to investigate potential cartel activity and breaches of EU competition law;

Or. en

Amendment 159
Alfred Sant, Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Welcomes the opening of the dialogue between the Commission and China on state aid control and follows carefully China's adoption of a Fair Competition Review System designed to ensure State measures do not adversely affect market entry and exit and the free

movement of goods; asks the Commission to keep the EP updated on the negotiations taking place between the two economic blocks;

Or. en

Amendment 160

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Recalls its request to the Commission to examine whether the banking sector has benefited since the beginning of the crisis from implicit subsidies and state aid by means of the provision of unconventional liquidity support;

Or. en

Amendment 161

Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Emphasises the crucial role of competition policy in the further development of the Digital Single Market;

Or. en

Amendment 162

Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17b. *Reiterates that traditional market models of competition policy may not always be suitable for the digital market, as platform-based business models, multi-sided markets; calls on greater attention to be focused on the new business models used by digital companies;*

Or. en

Amendment 163
Pervenche Berès, Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17b. *Asks the Commission to include a chapter on competition in every Free Trade Agreement or Economic Partnership, and invites DG TRADE to liaise with DG COMP in this view, taking into account the specific economic conditions of the least developed economies;*

Or. en

Amendment 164
Sander Loones
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17b. Considers that it is a priority to ensure that State aid rules are strictly and impartially adhered to when dealing with future banking crises, so that taxpayers are protected against the burden of bank rescues;

Or. en

Amendment 165
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17c. Supports the finding of the Commission’s “Sector inquiry into e-commerce” that cross-border e-commerce can contribute to the further integration of the single market, has competitive advantages for businesses and increase consumer choice, but geo-blocking measures constitute a significant impediment to this. Reiterates that this may be found to be contrary to Article 101 in certain circumstances, welcomes the Commission’s commitment to target enforcement of EU competition rules which emerged or became more widespread as a result of the emergence and growing significance of the digital economy, and its aim to broaden dialogue with national competition authorities in order to ensure consistent application of EU competition rules with regards to e-commerce practices;

Or. en

Amendment 166
Pervenche Berès, Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17c. Invites the EU chief negotiator for the Brexit, in cooperation with Commissioner Vestager, to start as soon as possible a fair and transparent discussion on the future of the EU-UK relation in terms of competition;

Or. en

Amendment 167
Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17d. Believes that every on-going investigations^{1a} for a potential breach of the EU competition law by the UK or by a company based in the UK should not be threatened by the Brexit agenda and that any final decision taken by the Commission after 29 March 2019 should still be binding;

^{1a} For example, the Commission's in-depth investigation into a potential state aid scheme regarding UK CFC Group Financing Exemption (SA.44896).

Or. en

Amendment 168
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17d. *Reiterates that competition in the internet search and telecommunications sectors is essential to driving innovation and investment in networks and the digital economy, and encourages affordable prices and choice of services for consumers;*

Or. en

Amendment 169
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17e. *Asks for enhanced vigilance regarding fair competition in the single market digital sector; underlines in particular issues of unfair competition conditions imposed by certain dominant on-line platforms on suppliers;*

Or. en

Amendment 170
Sander Loones
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. *Notes that, following the Commission decision, Google's shopping comparison service has been judged illegal and the company is now a dominant player subject to specific obligations;*

18. *Takes note of the Commission's antitrust decision to fine Google EUR 2.42 billion for abusing its dominance as search engine by giving illegal advantages to another Google product, i.e. its shopping comparison service; notes that*

Google appealed the decision but meanwhile implements the remedies requested by the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 171
Eva Kaili

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Notes that, ***following the Commission decision, Google's shopping comparison service has been judged illegal and the company is now a dominant player subject to specific obligations;***

Amendment

18. Notes that ***an effective and credible EU competition policy supportive of the Digital Single Market strategy must bring down prices for consumers and also be conducive to the competitiveness and innovativeness of the internal market;***

Or. en

Amendment 172
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission to ensure that Google implements this remedy effectively; believes that the greatest danger now would be if the Commission were to settle for a partially effective remedy, failing to truly restore the level playing field required for competition and innovation to thrive;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to ensure that Google implements this remedy effectively; believes that the greatest danger now would be if the Commission were to settle for a partially effective remedy, failing to truly restore the level playing field required for competition and innovation to thrive; ***notes that following the opportunity to test this remedy, competitors are claiming that the solution proposed by Google will prove insufficient to restore a level playing field in the sector;***

Amendment 173
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission to ensure that Google implements this remedy effectively; *believes that the greatest danger now would be if the Commission were to settle for a partially effective remedy, failing to truly restore the level playing field required for competition and innovation to thrive;*

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to ensure that Google implements this remedy effectively;

Amendment 174
Brian Hayes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission to ensure that Google implements this remedy effectively; *believes that the greatest danger now would be if the Commission were to settle for a partially effective remedy, failing to truly restore the level playing field required for competition and innovation to thrive;*

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to ensure that Google implements this remedy *to its shopping comparison service* effectively;

Amendment 175
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission to ensure that Google implements this remedy effectively; believes that the greatest danger now would be if the Commission were to settle for a partially effective remedy, failing to truly restore the level playing field required for competition and innovation to thrive;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to ensure that Google implements this remedy effectively ***and promptly so as to prevent further abuse of a dominant position***; believes that the greatest danger now would be if the Commission were to settle for a partially effective remedy, failing to truly restore the level playing field required for competition and innovation to thrive;

Or. en

Amendment 176
Eva Kaili

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission to ensure that ***Google implements this remedy*** effectively; ***believes that the greatest danger now would be if the Commission were to settle for a partially effective remedy, failing to truly*** restore the level playing field required for competition and innovation to thrive;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to ensure that ***remedies on antitrust cases are implemented fully and*** effectively ***aiming to*** restore the level playing field required for competition and innovation to thrive;

Or. en

Amendment 177
Sander Loones
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to ensure that *Google implements this remedy* effectively; *believes that the greatest danger now would be if the Commission were to settle for a* partially effective *remedy, failing* to truly restore the level playing field required for competition and innovation to thrive;

19. Calls on the Commission to ensure that *remedies are implemented fully and* effectively; *warns in particular against* partially effective *remedies that fail* to truly restore the level playing field required for competition and innovation to thrive;

Or. en

Amendment 178
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Calls on the Commission to take more ambitious steps to eliminate illegitimate obstacles to online competition, in order to ensure barrier-free online shopping for EU consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State, while at the same time not creating new barriers caused by existing variations in consumer law;

Or. en

Amendment 179
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Notes that, without full-blown structural separation between Google's general and specialised search services, an auction-based approach cannot deliver equal treatment, since in the context of an

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auction, Google's proposed functional separation would simply transfer profit from one Google business unit to another;

Or. en

Amendment 180

Sander Loones

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. *Notes that, without full-blown structural separation between Google's general and specialised search services, an auction-based approach cannot deliver equal treatment, since in the context of an auction, Google's proposed functional separation would simply transfer profit from one Google business unit to another;*

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Or. en

Amendment 181

Brian Hayes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. *Notes that, without full-blown structural separation between Google's general and specialised search services, an auction-based approach cannot deliver equal treatment, since in the context of an auction, Google's proposed functional separation would simply transfer profit from one Google business unit to another;*

20. *Notes that remedies on antitrust cases should restore a level playing field so that all companies in the EU are playing by the same rules;*

Or. en

Amendment 182
Eva Kaili

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. *Notes that, without full-blown structural separation between Google's general and specialised search services, an auction-based approach cannot deliver equal treatment, since in the context of an auction, Google's proposed functional separation would simply transfer profit from one Google business unit to another;*

Amendment

20. *Stresses that competition policy should be evidence-based and investigations should be based on a thorough economic assessment of the relevant markets;*

Or. en

Amendment 183
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. *Notes that, without full-blown structural separation between Google's general and specialised search services, an auction-based approach cannot deliver equal treatment, since in the context of an auction, Google's proposed functional separation would simply transfer profit from one Google business unit to another;*

Amendment

20. *Requests the Commission to carry an in-depth analysis on how the Google proposal would work, as without full-blown structural separation between Google's general and specialised search services, an auction-based approach might not deliver equal treatment, since in the context of an auction, Google's proposed functional separation would simply transfer profit from one Google business unit to another;*

Or. en

Amendment 184

Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. *Notes that, without full-blown structural separation between Google's general and specialised search services, an auction-based approach cannot deliver equal treatment, since in the context of an auction, Google's proposed functional separation would simply transfer profit from one Google business unit to another;*

Amendment

20. *Is of the opinion that* an auction-based approach cannot deliver equal treatment, since in the context of an auction, Google's proposed functional separation would simply transfer profit from one Google business unit to another;

Or. en

Amendment 185

Sander Loones

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. *Calls on the Commission to intervene in the other sectors, such as travel search and local search, where Google is allegedly abusing its dominance;*

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 186

Eva Kaili

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. *Calls on the Commission to intervene in the other sectors, such as*

Amendment

21. *Calls on the Commission to **provide a comprehensive legal and economic***

travel search and local search, where Google is allegedly abusing its dominance;

assessment of fast-moving markets;

Or. en

Amendment 187
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the Commission to intervene in the other sectors, such as travel search and local search, where Google is allegedly abusing its dominance;

Amendment

21. Calls on the Commission *again* to intervene in the other sectors, such as travel search and local search, where Google is allegedly abusing its dominance;

Or. en

Amendment 188
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the Commission to *intervene in* the other sectors, such as travel search and local search, where Google is allegedly abusing its dominance;

Amendment

21. Calls on the Commission to *look into* the other sectors, such as travel search and local search, where Google is allegedly abusing its dominance;

Or. en

Amendment 189
Brian Hayes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the Commission to intervene in *the other sectors, such as travel search and local search*, where *Google is allegedly abusing its dominance*;

Amendment

21. Calls on the Commission to intervene in *any sector* where *companies are deemed to be abusing their dominant market position*;

Or. en

Amendment 190

Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

21a. Calls on the European Commission to be well prepared and equipped for the first bid data case. The utilisation by big tech companies of personal data is unprecedented and consumers often are not aware and informed to the extent their data is being used for super profiling's used for advertising purposes for example;

Or. en

Amendment 191

Sander Loones

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Warmly invites the *Commission and the Google CEO to attend a joint public hearing of the Committees on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) and the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO)*;

Amendment

22. Warmly invites the *information and communications technology sector to closely cooperate with the European Parliament, inter alia by attending public hearings*;

Amendment 192
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. ***Warmly*** invites the Commission and the Google CEO to attend a joint public hearing of the Committees on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) and the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO);

Amendment

22. Invites the Commission and the Google CEO to attend a joint public hearing of the Committees on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) and the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO);

Amendment 193
Eva Kaili

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Calls on the Commission to speed up ***and conclude the Android investigation by the spring of 2018; stresses that Google is accused of abusing its dominant position by imposing restrictions on Android device manufacturers and mobile network operators, and that Google Search is pre-installed and set as the default or the only search engine on most Android devices sold in Europe;***

Amendment

23. Calls on the Commission to speed up ***proceedings so that results can be achieved as soon as possible;***

Amendment 194
Sander Loones
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. ***Calls on the Commission to speed up and conclude the Android investigation by the spring of 2018; stresses that Google is accused of abusing its dominant position by imposing restrictions on Android device manufacturers and mobile network operators, and that Google Search is pre-installed and set as the default or the only search engine on most Android devices sold in Europe;***

Amendment

23. ***Takes note of the Commission's Statement of Objections of 20 April 2016 and its preliminary conclusion that Google has abused its dominant position as a search engine by imposing restrictions on Android device manufacturers and mobile network operators;***

Or. en

Amendment 195
Brian Hayes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. ***Calls on the Commission to speed up and conclude the Android investigation by the spring of 2018; stresses that Google is accused of abusing its dominant position by imposing restrictions on Android device manufacturers and mobile network operators, and that Google Search is pre-installed and set as the default or the only search engine on most Android devices sold in Europe;***

Amendment

23. ***Calls on the Commission to speed up and conclude the Android investigation as quickly as possible; calls on the Commission to diligently conduct and conclude any other pending antitrust investigation and to ensure a level playing field for all companies;***

Or. en

Amendment 196
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Calls on the Commission to ***speed up and*** conclude the Android investigation by the spring of 2018; stresses that Google is accused of abusing its dominant position by imposing restrictions on Android device manufacturers and mobile network operators, and that Google Search is pre-installed and set as the default or the only search engine on most Android devices sold in Europe;

Amendment

23. Calls on the Commission to conclude the Android investigation by the spring of 2018; stresses that Google is accused of abusing its dominant position by imposing restrictions on Android device manufacturers and mobile network operators, and that Google Search is pre-installed and set as the default or the only search engine on most Android devices sold in Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 197
Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Regrets the decision of the Irish Government in the Apple Case; recalls that the Commission has been forced to refer Ireland to Court for failure to recover illegal tax benefits from Apple worth up to €13 billion; believes that the new revelations on Apple from the so-called 'Paradise Papers' and the use of illegal student labour to assemble iPhones are other proofs that this company is clearly and repeatedly seeking to take advantage of the multiple loopholes in taxation and social policies, which results in competition distortion;

Or. en

Amendment 198

Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. *Calls on the Commission to closely monitor Google’s practices following the AdSense investigation; notes that Google is accused of reducing consumer choice by preventing third-party websites from sourcing search ads from Google’s competitors, and that these practices have allowed Google to protect its dominant position in online search advertising, at the expense of existing and potential competitors whom have been prevented from entering and growing in this area;*

Or. en

Amendment 199

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. *Encourages the Commission’s efforts to focus on the broader issue of competition enforcement in digital markets; strongly welcomes its coordinated actions on forcing “tech giants” to pay their “fair share” of tax;*

Or. en

Amendment 200

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23b. *Is concerned over the potential misuse of the large market share of online trading platforms; fears that a lack of competition can lead to excessively high fees harming small and medium sized enterprises and touristic regions; calls, in this respect, for a special investigation in trading platforms, considering the degree of concentration in the different submarkets and potentially abusive ranking criteria; asks in this respect to look into dominant hotel online booking platforms, in particular Booking.com;*

Or. en

Amendment 201
Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Encourages the Commission to ensure that it has a full complement of high-tech engineers and specialists in cutting-edge technologies available to resolve specific digital economy cases;

24. ***Highlights that the digital and platform economy is increasingly concentrated, and calls on the Commission to take swift action against anti-competitive practices in this field;*** encourages the Commission, ***in this regard,*** to ensure that it has a full complement of high-tech engineers and specialists in cutting-edge technologies available to resolve specific digital economy cases;

Or. en

Amendment 202

Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Encourages the Commission to **ensure** that it has a full complement of high-tech engineers and specialists in cutting-edge technologies available to resolve specific digital economy cases;

Amendment

24. Encourages the Commission to **develop policy and enforcement instruments dealing with the emergence of digital economies, ensuring** that it has a full complement of high-tech engineers and specialists in cutting-edge technologies available to resolve specific digital economy cases;

Or. en

Amendment 203

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Encourages the Commission to ensure that it has a full complement of high-tech engineers and specialists in cutting-edge technologies available to resolve specific digital economy cases;

Amendment

24. Encourages the Commission to ensure that it has a full complement of **in-house** high-tech engineers and specialists in cutting-edge technologies available to resolve specific digital economy cases **as contracting out in this area might lead to implicit conflicts of interests**;

Or. en

Amendment 204

Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Welcomes that in 2016, competition policy and enforcement actions continued to contribute to the implementation of the Digital Market Strategy; stresses that a single digital single market could create hundreds of thousands of new jobs and generate € 415 billion per year; notes at the same time that traditional market models of competition policy are often inadequate for the digital single market; calls, therefore, for greater attention to be paid to the new business models of digital companies and the adoption of new criteria for the assessment of digital companies; also calls for greater attention to be paid to the specific market structures in the digital economy;

Or. en

Amendment 205
Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Highlights the importance of current investigations in the pharmaceutical sector, given the accumulating evidence of market distortions in this field, including quantity restrictions, manipulated prices and barriers to the availability of generic medicines;

Or. en

Amendment 206
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. *Calls on the Commission to examine the viability in the digital era of existing competition law instruments and concepts, particularly in the field of mergers;*

Or. de

Amendment 207

Pervenche Berès, Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24b. *Welcomes the "unannounced inspections concerning access to bank account information by competing services" announced by the Commission on 6 October 2017; invites the Commission to remain vigilant on this issue, especially when the Regulatory Technical Standards on strong customer authentication and secure communication will enter into force;*

Or. en

Amendment 208

Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24b. *Believes that digital companies might represent a particular challenge for competition authorities, notably when it comes to algorithms, artificial intelligence*

or the value of data; asks the Commission to evaluate what are the main challenges and how to respond to them in the field of digital competition;

Or. en

Amendment 209
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Welcomes the EUR 880 million fine imposed by the Commission on Scania for participating in a trucks cartel; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 210
Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Welcomes the EUR 880 million fine imposed by the Commission on Scania for participating in a trucks cartel; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 211
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. *Stresses the importance of granting the same rights to all air carriers when flying to or from the EU; acknowledges that this is not always the case for EU airlines operating outside the EU which are subject to unfair practices affecting competition; regards investment in EU airlines crucial to growth in a competitive environment;*

Or. en

Amendment 212
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25b. *Welcomes the Commission's continued efforts regarding investigations into the aviation industry and calls on the Commission to tackle anti-competitive practices undermining consumer protection legislation;*

Or. en

Amendment 213
Bernard Monot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. *Asks the Commission to apply State aid rules strictly and uniformly to European airlines such as Alitalia and Air Berlin; believes that restructuring aid is one of the most distortive forms and*

deleted

that the same rules should be applied to national and low-cost carriers;

Or. fr

Amendment 214

Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Asks the Commission to apply State aid rules strictly and uniformly to European airlines such as Alitalia and Air Berlin; believes that restructuring aid is one of the most distortive forms and that the same rules should be applied to national and low-cost carriers;

Amendment

26. Asks the Commission to apply State aid rules strictly and uniformly to European airlines such as Alitalia and Air Berlin; believes that restructuring aid is one of the most distortive forms and that the same rules should be applied to national and low-cost carriers; ***Moreover, in the Lufthansa-Air Berlin acquisition deal, the Commission should carefully assess the impact on competition and potential harm to consumers, notably through higher prices in accordance to the EU's merger control process with particular attention to percentage of market share by incumbent operator on certain routes;***

Or. en

Amendment 215

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Asks the Commission to ***apply*** State aid rules ***strictly and uniformly to*** European airlines ***such as Alitalia and Air Berlin;*** believes that restructuring aid ***is***

Amendment

26. Asks the Commission to ***clarify*** State aid rules ***for*** European ***and non-European*** airlines ***with a view to establish a level playing field between their***

one of the most distortive *forms and* that the same rules should be applied to national and low-cost carriers;

operations directed towards European and non-European markets; believes that restructuring aid *could in certain scenarios be* distortive; *believes* that the same *competition* rules should be applied to national and low-cost carriers *while taking into account the situation of carriers whose operations have no significant impact on the market*;

Or. en

Amendment 216
Neena Gill

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Asks the Commission to apply State aid rules strictly and uniformly to European airlines *such as Alitalia and Air Berlin*; *believes that restructuring aid is one of the most distortive forms* and that the same rules should be applied to national and low-cost carriers;

Amendment

26. Asks the Commission to apply State aid rules strictly and uniformly to European airlines and that the same rules should be applied to national and low-cost carriers;

Or. en

Amendment 217
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Asks the Commission to apply State aid rules strictly and uniformly *to European airlines such as Alitalia and Air Berlin*; believes that restructuring aid is one of the most distortive forms and that the same rules should be applied to

Amendment

26. Asks the Commission to apply State aid rules strictly and uniformly; believes that restructuring aid is one of the most distortive forms and that the same rules should be applied to national and low-cost carriers;

national and low-cost carriers;

Or. en

Amendment 218

Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Asks the Commission to apply State aid rules strictly and uniformly to European airlines *such as Alitalia and Air Berlin*; believes that restructuring aid is one of the most distortive forms and that the same rules should be applied to national and low-cost carriers;

Amendment

26. Asks the Commission to apply State aid rules strictly and uniformly to *all* European airlines *regardless of its ownership and business model*; believes that restructuring aid is one of the most distortive forms and that the same rules should be applied to national and low-cost carriers;

Or. en

Amendment 219

Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Asks the Commission to apply State aid rules strictly and uniformly to European airlines *such as Alitalia and Air Berlin*; believes that restructuring aid is one of the most distortive forms and that the same rules should be applied to national and low-cost carriers;

Amendment

26. Asks the Commission to apply State aid rules strictly and uniformly to European airlines; believes that restructuring aid is one of the most distortive forms and that the same rules should be applied to national and low-cost carriers;

Or. en

Amendment 220

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. *Asks the Commission to investigate the dominant status low-cost airlines often hold on different air routes in Europe and the pricing patterns for the said routes; notes that such a position is often obtained through aggressive predatory market behaviour which eliminates competition from the market and ends up burdening consumers with higher tariffs and costs;*

Or. en

Amendment 221
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. *Calls on the Commission to strictly apply state aid rules to railway undertakings as well; in particular those which have already benefited from restructuring aid in the past;*

Or. en

Amendment 222
Alfred Sant, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26b. Requests that the Commission carefully assesses all airline merger deals in accordance with the EU's merger control procedure, including the impact of these deals on market competition and potential harm to consumers, most notably through higher prices and restrictions to direct access of destinations;

Or. en

Amendment 223
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26b. Urges the Commission to complete the implementation of the Single European Railway Area, ensure full transparency in the flows of money between infrastructures managers and railway undertakings, and verify that each Member State has a strong and independent national Antitrust regulator;

Or. en

Amendment 224
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26c. Is concerned by the anti-competitive effects of common ownership by large institutional investors; believes that the fact that these investors hold a significant part of the shares of direct

competitors in a same sector, among airlines companies for example, creates a quasi-oligopoly having adverse effects on consumers and the economy as a whole by limiting competition;

Calls on the Commission to take all necessary measures to deal with possible anti-competitive effects of common ownership; furthermore, calls on the Commission to investigate into common ownership and to draw up a report to be presented to Parliament about the effects of common ownership on European markets, particularly on prices and innovation;

Or. en

Amendment 225

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26c. Stresses the importance of safeguarding the transparency of flight information, ensuring a level playing field in the market and ultimately protecting European consumers' ability to make informed choices;

Or. en

Amendment 226

Alfred Sant, Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27. Welcomes the revision of

27. Welcomes the revision of

Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 on safeguarding fair competition, aimed at ensuring reciprocity and eliminating unfair practices, including alleged State aid to airlines from certain third countries; believes that transparency in the fair competition clause is an essential element to guarantee a level playing field;

Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 on safeguarding fair competition, aimed at ensuring reciprocity and eliminating unfair practices, including alleged State aid to airlines from certain third countries *as well as regulatory issues such as labour conditions and environmental issues*; *agrees with the Commission that the best course of action would be the adoption of a new comprehensive legal instrument to address market distortion in international transport, the encouragement of ICAO involvement on regional airline competition, and fair competition based on air service agreements^{1a}*; believes that transparency in the fair competition clause is an essential element to guarantee a level playing field; *is of the opinion that this Regulation or other appropriate legislative vehicles should prevent anticompetitive behaviour in ticket distribution*;;

^{1a} Commission Staff Working Document Executive Summary of the Impact Assessment: Accompanying the document proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on safeguarding competition in air transport, repealing Regulation (EC) N° 868/2004, pp.55 - 57

Or. en

Amendment 227
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Welcomes the revision of Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 *on safeguarding* fair competition, *aimed at*

Amendment

27. Welcomes the revision of Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 *in order to safeguard* fair competition *in Union*

ensuring reciprocity and *eliminating* unfair practices, including alleged State aid to airlines from certain third countries; *believes that transparency in the fair competition clause is an essential element to guarantee a level playing field;*

external aviation relations and to ensure reciprocity and *the elimination of* unfair practices, including alleged *subsidies and* State aid *awarded* to airlines from certain third countries *that could distort the market, it is necessary for* fair competition *clauses to require full financial transparency. Such transparency is necessary in order to enable the Commission to confirm or dismiss the alleged subsidies. Moreover this Regulation or other appropriate legislative vehicles should prevent anticompetitive behaviour in ticket distribution, such as the imposition by certain airlines of surcharges or restricted access to information for those using booking channels other than their own;*

Or. en

Amendment 228
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Welcomes the revision of Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 on safeguarding fair competition, aimed at ensuring reciprocity and eliminating unfair practices, including alleged State aid to airlines from certain third countries; believes that transparency in the fair competition clause is an essential element to guarantee a level playing field;

Amendment

27. Welcomes the revision of Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 on safeguarding fair competition, aimed at ensuring reciprocity and eliminating unfair practices, including alleged State aid to airlines from certain third countries; believes that transparency in the fair competition clause is an essential element to guarantee a level playing field; ***and that this Regulation or other appropriate legislative vehicles should prevent anticompetitive behaviour in ticket distribution, such as the imposition by certain airlines of surcharges or restricted access to airline information for those using booking channels other than their own;***

Amendment 229

Brian Hayes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Welcomes the revision of Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 on safeguarding fair competition, aimed at ensuring reciprocity and eliminating unfair practices, including alleged State aid to airlines from certain third countries; believes that transparency in the fair competition clause is an essential element to guarantee a level playing field;

Amendment

27. Welcomes the revision of Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 on safeguarding fair competition, aimed at ensuring reciprocity and eliminating unfair practices, including alleged State aid to airlines from certain third countries; believes that transparency in the fair competition clause is an essential element to guarantee a level playing field; ***and that this Regulation or other appropriate legislative vehicles should prevent anti-competitive behaviour in ticket distribution, such as the imposition by certain airlines of surcharges or restricted access to information for those using booking channels other than their own;***

Amendment 230

Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Welcomes the revision of Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 on safeguarding fair competition, aimed at ***ensuring reciprocity and*** eliminating unfair practices, including alleged State aid ***to airlines from certain third countries;*** believes that transparency in the fair competition clause is an essential element

Amendment

27. Welcomes the revision of Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 on safeguarding fair competition, aimed at eliminating unfair practices, including ***through*** alleged State aid; believes that transparency in the fair competition clause is an essential element to guarantee a level playing field; ***and that this Regulation or***

to guarantee a level playing field;

other appropriate legislative initiative should prevent anticompetitive behaviour in ticket distribution, such as the imposition by certain airlines of surcharges or restricted access to information for those using booking channels other than their own;

Or. en

Amendment 231
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Welcomes the revision of Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 on safeguarding fair competition, aimed at ensuring reciprocity and eliminating unfair practices, including alleged State aid to airlines from certain third countries; believes that transparency in the fair competition clause is an essential element to guarantee a level playing field;

Amendment

27. Welcomes the revision of Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 on safeguarding fair competition *between EU air carriers and third country air carriers*, aimed at ensuring reciprocity and eliminating unfair practices, including alleged State aid to airlines from certain third countries; believes that transparency in the fair competition clause is an essential element to guarantee a level playing field;

Or. en

Amendment 232
Sander Loones

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Welcomes the *revision of* Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 *on safeguarding fair competition, aimed at ensuring reciprocity and eliminating*

Amendment

27. Welcomes the *Commission's proposal to revise* Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 *addressing* unfair *current* practices, *such as selective* State aid,

unfair practices, *including alleged* State aid to airlines from certain third countries; *believes that transparency in the fair competition clause is an essential element to guarantee a level playing field;*

which are neither adequate nor effective, thus shedding light on major concerns surrounding potential distortions of competition;

Or. en

Amendment 233

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Stresses that environmental externalities produced by the air transport industry should be carefully considered in the shaping of the EU aviation policy and legislation as well in the application of EU competition rules, in particular in the framework of the “advantage” and “compatibility” analysis of state aid measures; underlines in this respect that by internalising the “polluter pays principle”, the EU and Member States should achieve fair competition within the air transport sector as well as in the entire inter-modal transport sector;

Or. en

Amendment 234

Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Reiterates that aviation makes a vital contribution to the connectivity of

the EU both internally between Member States and with third countries; it plays a crucial role in EU integration and competitiveness and makes a vital contribution to economic growth and employment; Notes that the EU's overall connectivity relies to a great extent on air services performed by EU air carriers;

Or. en

Amendment 235

Sander Loones

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Stresses, however, that neither an unacceptable trend towards protectionism, nor, on their own, measures to ensure fair competition can guarantee the competitiveness of the EU aviation sector;

Or. en

Amendment 236

Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28. Stresses that, in line with the current Commission Guidelines, all airports financed by the EU budget should be based on a positive cost-benefit analysis to avoid the financing of ghost airports in Europe; calls on the Commission to come up with a public list of such potential ghost airports;

deleted

Amendment 237
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Stresses that, in line with the current Commission Guidelines, all airports financed by the EU budget should be based on a positive cost-benefit analysis to avoid the financing of ghost airports in Europe; calls on the Commission to come up with a public list of such potential ghost airports;

Amendment

28. ***Welcomes the Commission's simplification of rules for public investment in ports and airports, culture and the outermost regions***; stresses that, in line with the current Commission Guidelines, all airports financed by the EU budget ***or the European Investment Bank*** should be based on a positive cost-benefit analysis ***and medium to long term operational and economic viability*** to avoid the financing of ghost airports in Europe ***keeping in mind exceptional cases of insular and sparsely populated regions in the EU***; calls on the Commission to come up with a public list of such potential ghost airports;

Or. en

Amendment 238
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Stresses that, in line with the current Commission Guidelines, all airports financed by the EU budget should be based on a positive cost-benefit analysis to avoid the financing of ghost airports in Europe; calls on the Commission to come up with a public list of such potential ghost

Amendment

28. Stresses that, in line with the current Commission Guidelines, ***and taking into account the need of connectivity of outermost and peripheral regions***, all airports financed by the EU budget should be based on a positive cost-benefit analysis to avoid the financing of ghost airports in Europe; calls on the

airports;

Commission to come up with a public list of such potential ghost airports;

Or. en

Amendment 239
Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Stresses that, in line with the current Commission Guidelines, all airports financed by the EU budget should be based on a positive cost-benefit analysis to avoid the financing of ghost airports in Europe; ***calls on the Commission to come up with a public list of such potential ghost airports;***

Amendment

28. Stresses that, in line with the current Commission Guidelines, all airports financed by the EU budget should be based on a positive cost-benefit analysis to avoid the financing of ghost airports in Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 240
Gabriel Mato, Luis de Grandes Pascual

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Stresses that, in line with the current Commission Guidelines, all airports financed by the EU budget should be based on a positive cost-benefit analysis to avoid the financing of ghost airports in Europe; ***calls on the Commission to come up with a public list of such potential ghost airports;***

Amendment

28. Stresses that, in line with the current Commission Guidelines, all airports financed by the EU budget should be based on a positive cost-benefit analysis to avoid the financing of ghost airports in Europe;

Or. es

Amendment 241
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Stresses that, in line with the current Commission Guidelines, all airports financed by the EU budget should be based on a positive cost-benefit analysis to *avoid* the financing of ghost airports in Europe; calls on the Commission to come up with a public list of such potential ghost airports;

Amendment

28. Stresses that, in line with the current Commission Guidelines, all airports financed by the EU budget should be based on a positive cost-benefit analysis to *eliminate* the financing of ghost airports in Europe; calls on the Commission to come up with a public list of such potential ghost airports;

Or. en

Amendment 242
Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Notes that the Commission should account for the externalities that justify an integrated management of public infrastructure, such as airports or ports; stresses that the forced liberalization of transport services and infrastructures has often led to chaotic results, lowering social conditions of employment and the quality of transport services available to the final consumer;

Or. en

Amendment 243
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. *Stresses the importance of safeguarding the transparency and neutrality of flight information, ensuring a level playing field in the market and ultimately protecting European consumers' ability to make informed choices and therefore calls on the European Commission to abide by these principles when reviewing the Code of Conduct on CRS and the Air Services Regulation;*

Or. en

Amendment 244

Brian Hayes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. *Stresses the importance of safeguarding the transparency of flight information, ensuring a level playing field in the market and ultimately protecting European consumers' ability to make informed choices and therefore calls on the European Commission to abide by these principles when reviewing the Code of Conduct on CRS and the Air Services Regulation;*

Or. en

Amendment 245

Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. *Stresses the importance of safeguarding the transparency of flight information, ensuring a level playing field in the market and ultimately protecting European consumers' ability to make informed choices and therefore calls on the European Commission to abide by these principles when reviewing the Code of Conduct on CRS and the Air Services Regulation;*

Or. en

Amendment 246
Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. *Stresses the importance of safeguarding the transparency of flight information, ensuring a level playing field in the market and ultimately protecting European consumers ability to make informed choices and therefore calls on the European Commission to abide by these principles when reviewing the Code of Conduct on CRS and the Air Services regulation;*

Or. en

Amendment 247
Gabriel Mato, Luis de Grandes Pascual

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29. Calls on the Commission to open up competition in the transport sector in order to complete the single market, in particular in those Member States where public port and airport networks are managed and monopolised by the central government or where such networks persistently generate public deficits;

deleted

Or. es

**Amendment 248
Jonás Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29. Calls on the Commission to open up competition in the transport sector in order to complete the single market, in particular in those Member States where public port and airport networks are managed and monopolised by the central government or where such networks persistently generate public deficits;

deleted

Or. es

**Amendment 249
Bernard Monot**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29. Calls on the Commission to open up competition in the transport sector in order to complete the single market, in particular in those Member States where public port and airport networks are managed and monopolised by the central

deleted

*government or where such networks
persistently generate public deficits;*

Or. fr

Amendment 250
Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29. *Calls on the Commission to open up competition in the transport sector in order to complete the single market, in particular in those Member States where public port and airport networks are managed and monopolised by the central government or where such networks persistently generate public deficits;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 251
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29. *Calls on the Commission to open up competition in the transport sector in order to complete the single market, in particular in those Member States where public port and airport networks are managed and monopolised by the central government or where such networks persistently generate public deficits;*

29. *Calls on the Commission to analyse the options to open up competition in the transport sector in order to complete the single market where necessary, keeping as a priority the safeguarded connection of insular and peripheral regions;*

Or. en

Amendment 252
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Calls on the Commission to open up competition in the transport sector in order to complete the single market, in particular in those Member States where public port and airport networks are managed and monopolised by *the* central government or where such networks persistently generate public deficits;

Amendment

29. Calls on the Commission to open up competition in the transport sector in order to complete the single market, in particular in those Member States where public port and airport networks are managed and monopolised by *a* central *or regional* government or where such networks persistently generate public deficits *and operate at losses*;

Or. en

Amendment 253
Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Calls on the Commission to *open up competition in the transport sector in order to complete the single market, in particular in those Member States where public port and airport networks are managed and monopolised by the central government or where such networks persistently generate public deficits*;

Amendment

29. Calls on the Commission to *ensure the environmental and economic efficiency of the transport sector in full respect of the right of Member States to regulate transport according to general public policy goals; regrets that social dumping is particularly prevalent in the transport sector*;

Or. en

Amendment 254
Sander Loones
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30. *Calls on the Commission to assess whether the imposition of specific hubs, based on the 1 000-plus bilateral agreements between Member States and third countries, is detrimental to competition and consumers' interests;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 255

Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30. *Calls on the Commission to assess whether the imposition of specific hubs, based on the 1 000-plus bilateral agreements between Member States and third countries, is detrimental to competition and consumers' interests;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 256

Sander Loones

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. *Notes the importance of a favourable regulatory framework for airports to attract and mobilise private investment; considers that the Commission's evaluation of the Airport Charges Directive, in conjunction with*

effective airline/airport consultation, should help clarify whether the current provisions are an effective tool to promote competition and to further the interests of European consumers, or whether a reform is needed;

Or. en

Amendment 257
Gabriel Mato, Luis de Grandes Pascual

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31. Invites the Commission to look at the bilateral aviation agreement between Spain and Russia which obliges all flights going through Siberia to depart from or land at the Madrid hub airport, giving an unfair advantage to the Iberia national carrier;

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 258
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31. Invites the Commission to look at the bilateral aviation agreement between Spain and Russia which obliges all flights going through Siberia to depart from or land at the Madrid hub airport, giving an unfair advantage to the Iberia national carrier;

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 259
Bernard Monot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31. Invites the Commission to look at the bilateral aviation agreement between Spain and Russia which obliges all flights going through Siberia to depart from or land at the Madrid hub airport, giving an unfair advantage to the Iberia national carrier;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 260
Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31. Invites the Commission to look at the bilateral aviation agreement between Spain and Russia which obliges all flights going through Siberia to depart from or land at the Madrid hub airport, giving an unfair advantage to the Iberia national carrier;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 261
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Invites the Commission to ***look at the*** bilateral aviation agreement between ***Spain and Russia which obliges all flights going through Siberia to depart from or land at the Madrid hub airport, giving an unfair advantage to the Iberia national carrier;***

Amendment

31. Invites the Commission to ***examine*** bilateral aviation agreement between ***Member States and third countries in order to ensure fair competition;***

Or. en

Amendment 262
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Invites the Commission to look at ***the*** bilateral aviation ***agreement between Spain and Russia which obliges all flights going through Siberia to depart from or land at the Madrid hub airport, giving an unfair advantage to the Iberia national carrier;***

Amendment

31. Invites the Commission to look at bilateral aviation ***agreements where there is evidence that such agreements are distorting the single market;***

Or. en

Amendment 263
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

31a. Calls on the Commission to consider and address the potential effects of Brexit on competition in the aviation sector, particularly where UK membership to the ECAA Agreement would be affected, consequently restricting access

Amendment

to all EU destinations and vice versa;

Or. en

Amendment 264

Sander Loones

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31a. *Considers that ensuring a level playing field for companies in the internal market also depends on decisively combating social dumping;*

Or. en

Amendment 265

Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31b. *Calls on the Commission to further address the long-term effects of the disrupted discussions on future legislation under the EU Aviation Strategy;*

Or. en

Amendment 266

Sander Loones

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31b. *Underlines that the application of competition rules to mergers must be evaluated from the perspective of the entire internal market;*

Or. en

Amendment 267

Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31c. *Welcomes the inception impact assessment and the public consultation on the food supply chain launched by the Commission;*

Or. en

Amendment 268

Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31d. *Calls on the Commission to take further action against unfair trading practices by larger commercial partners, particularly those which hamper farmers and consumers, to increase transparency and to enhance legal certainty in the food supply chain; considers it essential to empower farmers in the food supply chain through transparency measures to enable them to make well informed decisions which will offer serious benefits both to farmers and consumers; calls on the*

Commission to ensure competition policy takes into account agricultural producers' and producers' organisations' interests, by ensuring that competition and access to the internal market are fair;

Or. en

Amendment 269

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32. Calls on the Commission to analyse how lack of competition in certain parts of the food supply chain could be affecting prices and the viability of many agricultural producers;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 270

Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32. Calls on the Commission to analyse how *lack of competition in certain parts of the food supply chain could be affecting* prices and *the viability of many* agricultural producers;

32. Calls on the Commission to analyse how competition *policy should be adapted in order to ensure stable* prices and *decent incomes for* agricultural producers, *including the extension of existing derogations in the agricultural sector and the extension of competition tools to act against companies down the agricultural supply chain, such as distributors and supermarkets, that distort farming markets; expresses its concern at the increasing concentration of agricultural*

input producers, including the planned merger between Bayer and Monsanto;

Or. en

Amendment 271

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Calls on the Commission to analyse how lack of competition in certain parts of the food supply chain could be affecting prices *and* the viability of many agricultural producers;

Amendment

32. Calls on the Commission to analyse how lack of competition in certain parts of the food supply chain could be affecting prices, the viability of many agricultural producers, *and the choice of adapted varieties to agro-ecological conditions;*

Or. en

Amendment 272

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Calls on the Commission to analyse how lack of competition in certain parts of the food supply chain could be affecting prices and the viability of many agricultural producers;

Amendment

32. Calls on the Commission to analyse how lack of competition in certain parts of the food supply chain could be affecting prices and the viability of many agricultural producers, *especially small-scale farmers;*

Or. en

Amendment 273

Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Calls on the Commission to analyse how lack of competition in certain parts of the food supply chain could be affecting prices and the viability of many agricultural producers;

Amendment

32. Calls on the Commission to analyse how lack of competition in certain parts of the food supply chain could be affecting prices and the viability of many agricultural producers **and producers' organisations**;

Or. en

Amendment 274
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Calls on the Commission to analyse **how lack** of competition in certain parts of the food supply chain **could be affecting** prices and the viability of many agricultural producers;

Amendment

32. Calls on the Commission to analyse **the influence of the** of competition **deficiency** in certain parts of the food supply chain **on** prices and the viability of many agricultural producers;

Or. en

Amendment 275
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. Welcomes the in-depth investigation by the Commission on the Monsanto-Bayer merger; is deeply alarmed by the fact that if the Monsanto-Bayer merger is approved, three

companies (Chem China-Syngenta, Du Pont-Dow and Bayer-Monsanto) will own and sell up to 60 percent of world's patented seeds and 64% of world's pesticides/herbicides; points out that such level of concentration will undoubtedly lead to price rises, the increase of the technological and economic dependence of farmers on a few global integrated one-stop shop platforms, limited seed diversity, the direction of innovation activity away from the adoption of a production model that is respectful of the environment and biodiversity and finally to less innovation, due to reduced competition; asks, therefore, the Commission to carefully consider the context that several mergers are taking place simultaneously in the sector when looking at the level of concentration and the competitive effects of the merger on the various markets affected;

Or. en

Amendment 276
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. Stresses that, according to the Special report No 24/2016 from the European Court of Auditors, Member States have in the past largely failed to comply with state aid rules; this is due to the fact that while the Commission has simplified state aid legislation to reduce administrative burdens and increase transparency, this has led to many mistakes being made by Member States in the design and implementation of aid schemes; calls on the Commission to support Member States' audit authorities

in terms of compliance and quality control with respect to state aid rules; recalls that DG Competition has three remaining open recommendations of which two are very important;

Or. en

Amendment 277
Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. It acknowledges the importance of having an interoperable European Electronic Toll Service for the scope of fostering mobility and consumer welfare within the EU. However, it pays a special attention to competition taking place in the sector as undertakings present on the market should benefit from a level playing field that is to be fostered by both: legislators and awarding authorities. In this resort, it follows with interest the recast of Directive 2004/53/EC and Decision 2009/750/EC on the interoperability of European electronic toll system; □□□□□□□□□□

Or. en

Amendment 278
Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. (33a new - protection of consumers against misleading or

suggestive advertising) Calls on the Commission to oblige advertisers to declare or list only the characteristics of the ingredients actually present in the product and exclude those that are not contained therein unless the presence or absence of certain ingredients is related to congenital diseases;

Or. it

Amendment 279
Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. (New 34) Trade subsidies and preferences, such as GSP and GSP+, which are given to non-EU states to promote human and labour rights but which have also been shown as instrumental in promoting the EU's competitiveness on the international stage, must be adequately monitored and applied with attention to the impact on EU industries. For this reason, calls on the Commission to suspend the grant or preference if non-EU countries abuse them;

Or. en

Amendment 280
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. Maintains the importance of

establishing a coherent and workable regulatory environment by allowing for the adaptation of competition policy to agricultural specificities; notes that this would contribute to strengthening the position of farmers in the food supply chain by targeting the root causes of imbalances of power, thereby increasing market efficiency and legal certainty;

Or. en

Amendment 281
Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. *Recalls that the Commission has been looking into tax rulings from Luxembourg to McDonald's since June 2014, that the Commission took the decision to initiate a formal investigation procedure in December 2015, and that no final decision has been taken so far; asks the Commission to make every efforts to reach a final decision soon in this case;*

Or. en

Amendment 282
Alain Cadec, Alain Lamassoure, Angélique Delahaye, Michel Dantin, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. *Calls on the Commission to put in place a binding regulatory framework at EU level to combat unfair commercial practices in the food supply chain that*

adversely affect farmers;

Or. fr

Amendment 283

Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. *Takes the view that the adoption of the euro by those Member States that have not yet joined the single currency would strengthen competition conditions within the internal market;*

Or. en

Amendment 284

Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32b. *(New 35) Calls on the Commission to regularly assess the Member States' effective protection of intellectual property rights which is an essential element of health competition policies. Trademark protection is essential in identifying and distinguishing products in the marketplace. Without trademarks and the ability to differentiate their products, it becomes very difficult, if not impossible, for manufacturers to enter into new markets. By focusing competition on price, it also makes it difficult for manufacturers with small market shares to strengthen their market position. The removal of trademarks or the limitations*

of its uses, therefore, creates a significant barrier to market entry, and undermines an essential aspect of free and fair competition in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 285

Alain Cadec, Anne Sander, Angélique Delahaye, Alain Lamassoure, Michel Dantin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32b. Points out that Parliament has already called on the Commission and the national competition authorities to respond to the concerns raised by the combined impact, both on the upstream part of the food supply chain and on distributors and consumers, of the rapid concentration of the distribution sector at national level on the one hand and the alliances being formed among large-scale distributors at European and international level on the other; believes that this structural change raises concerns about possible strategic alignments, a fall-off in competition, and reduced scope for investment in innovation within the food supply chain;

Or. fr

Amendment 286

Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32b. (37 new) Calls on the Commission

to enforce the transitional period stipulated in Directive 2008/118 EC already provided for regarding Romania and Greece, regarding duty exemption for goods supplied by existing tax-free shops to countries entering the European Union after January 2017; calls also for tax-free shops located outside airports or ports continue to operate for the same period as that provided for in similar cases, thereby upholding the principle of harmonization of RM legislation with EU Directives and DCFTA provisions, in particular Articles 110, 143 and 152, and the right to property under Article 1 of Protocol No 1 to the European Convention on Human Rights;

Or. it

Amendment 287

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32b. *Strongly urges the Commission to assess how mergers in the agricultural sector could lead to a significant impediment of effective competition not by employing a narrowly designed test that merely focuses on the effects of a merger on prices and output but by assessing the full social costs of such mergers taking into account their broader impact on environmental protection, as it is obliged to do by virtue of Article 11 TFEU, and the international obligations on biodiversity to which EU Member States and the EU should abide to;*

Or. en

Amendment 288

Pervenche Berès, Eric Andrieu, Marc Tarabella, Hugues Bayet, Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32b. Urges the Commission to oppose without delay the acquisition of Monsanto by Bayer; recalls that this acquisition would result in the creation of the world's largest integrated pesticides and seeds company, with leading portfolios in non-selective herbicides, seeds and traits, and digital agriculture; underlines that this very dangerous monopoly would strongly threaten EU agriculture and citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 289

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32c. Takes note of the adoption by the Commission in 2014 of the Guidelines on State aid for Environmental Protection and Energy embedded in its broader efforts of promoting the market integration of renewable energy sources in order to avoid distortions of competition; underlines, however, that the legally binding commitments undertaken by Member States in the COP21 climate conference cannot be materialized without concrete (state) measures for promoting and financing the production and use of renewable energy; stresses, in

this respect, that guidelines in the area of state aid and energy can no longer exclude from their scope nuclear energy and the extraction of fossil fuels, sectors among the greatest beneficiaries of state subsidies;

Or. en

Amendment 290
Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32c. (38 new) Calls on the Italian Government to withdraw concessions for roads circumventing urban areas (ring roads) if tolls are being levied; specifically calls on Italy to withdraw the concession for the Naples ring road, which has, to all intents and purposes, become an urban road in terms of traffic volume;

Or. it

Amendment 291
Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32c. (New 36) Underlines the need to fight against collective boycott appeals as restrictions of competition by object; this is irrespective of the rationale leading to collective boycotts;

Or. en

Amendment 292

Sander Loones

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission *and* the national *parliaments of the Member States*.

Amendment

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

Or. en