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AMENDMENTS

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How best to harness the job creation potential of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs)?
(2015/2320(INI))

Amendment 1
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Citation 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Eurofound report (2012) Public measures to support self-employment and job creation in one-person and micro enterprises;*

Or. en

Amendment 2
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Citation 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Eurofound report (2011) SMEs in the crisis: Employment, industrial relations and local partnership;*

Or. en

Amendment 3
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Citation 20 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Eurofound report (2011) Employee representation at establishment level in Europe;*

Or. en

Amendment 4
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Citation 20 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Eurofound report (2014) Social dialogue in micro and small companies;*

Or. en

Amendment 5
Martina Dlabajová, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Citation 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to its resolution of 10 September 2015 on creating a competitive EU labour market for the 21st century: matching skills and qualifications with demand and job opportunities, as a way to recover from the crisis;*

Or. en

Amendment 6
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Citation 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to its resolution of 8 July 2015 on the Green Employment Initiative: Tapping into the job creation potential of the green economy* ^{2a}

^{2a} *Text adopted, P8_TA(2015)0264*

Or. en

Amendment 7
Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Elena Gentile, Siôn Simon, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Citation 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to recommendation 2003/361 by the European Commission concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises,*

Or. en

Amendment 8
Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Citation 28 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Eurofound report "SMEs in the crisis: Employment,*

*industrial relations and local
partnership" (2011),*

Or. en

Amendment 9

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution

Citation 28 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Eurofound
report "Employee representation at
establishment level in Europe" (2011),*

Or. en

Amendment 10

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution

Citation 28 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Eurofound
report "Public measures to support self-
employment and job creation in one-
person and micro enterprises" (2012),*

Or. en

Amendment 11

**Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Jutta Steinruck, Maria Arena,
Richard Howitt**

Motion for a resolution

Citation 28 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Eurofound report "Social dialogue in micro and small companies" (2014),*

Or. en

Amendment 12
Sofia Ribeiro

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas SMEs create more jobs than other private sector companies, providing about two thirds of all private-sector employment in the EU;

Amendment

A. whereas SMEs (**22.3 million^{1-A}were active in the EU-28 in 2014**) create more jobs than other private sector companies, providing about two thirds of all private-sector employment in the EU; **Points out that supporting SMEs helps to combat European unemployment and youth unemployment rates, which are at 8.9% and 19.4% respectively^{2-A};**

^{1-A} *Annual Report on European SMEs 2014/2015*

(http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/performance-review/index_en.htm)

^{2-A} *Data from February 2016*

(<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/2995521/7225076/3-04042016-BP-EN.pdf/e04dadf1-8c8b-4d9b-af51-bfc2d5ab8c4a>)

Or. pt

Amendment 13
Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas SMEs create more jobs than other private sector companies, providing about two thirds of all private-sector employment in the EU;

Amendment

A. whereas SMEs create more jobs than other private sector companies, providing about two thirds of all private-sector employment in the EU ***and whereas entrepreneurs and SMEs make an important contribution to the socio-economic growth and development of the EU;***

Or. nl

Amendment 14

Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas employee representation and social dialogue are not as widespread in SMEs as they are in larger companies and trade unions in some countries are making it a priority to try to increase employee representation in SMEs, for example by trying to encourage the establishment of works councils in SMEs
^{1a};

^{1a} Eurofound report (2011) Employee representation at establishment level in Europe

Or. en

Amendment 15

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas recent Eurofound research shows that SMEs which tend to create jobs are often young, innovative, internationally active, located in urban areas and run by skilled managers, and have comprehensive growth and investment strategies;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas, despite the fact that 90 % of world growth occurs outside the EU, only 13 % of SMEs have conducted international business outside the EU;

Or. es

Amendment 17
Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas, owing to their smaller scale, SMEs are less able than large companies to comply with regulatory standards;

Or. fr

Amendment 18
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas ***a growing number of SMEs are forced into bankruptcy or closure by the bureaucratic and administrative burden of European standards;***

Or. fr

Amendment 19
Zdzisław Krasnodebski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas ***in 2014 SMEs highly contributed to the employment growth, up to 71 % in the non-financial business economy;***

Or. en

Amendment 20
Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Elena Gentile, Georgi Pirinski, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A b. whereas ***the social and solidarity-based economy provides employment for more than 14 million people, representing***

*around 6.5% of workers in the EU;
whereas there are 2 million social and
solidarity-based economy enterprises in
the EU, representing 10% of undertakings
in the Union; whereas social enterprises
have proven resilient during the economic
crisis;*

Or. en

Amendment 21
Zdzisław Krasnodębski

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*A b. whereas SMEs better resist
economic crisis in terms of job losses, in
particular cooperatives in industry and
services have shown better resilience since
the 2008 crisis than other enterprises in
the same sectors;*

Or. en

Amendment 22
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*A b. whereas in many countries
working conditions and factors such as
working hours are more flexible and
informally arranged in SMEs than in
larger companies ^{1b};*

*^{1b} Eurofound report (2011) SMEs in the
crisis: Employment, industrial relations
and local partnership*

Amendment 23
Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. whereas *the SME sector is important at regional level and particularly in rural regions;*

Or. fr

Amendment 24
Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Recital A c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A c. whereas *trade union/employee representation and social dialogue/collective bargaining arrangements have been well documented as being not as widespread in SMEs as they are in larger companies; whereas there are considerable differences between different countries in this regard;*

Or. en

Amendment 25
Zdzisław Krasnodebski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution
Recital A c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A c. *whereas despite the stabilisation of the EU unemployment rate in 2014 at the level of 10,2 % (11,6 % in the Euro area) and its slight fall in early 2015, the number of unemployed - about 23 million people in 2015 remains historically high;*

Or. en

Amendment 26
Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Motion for a resolution
Recital A c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ac. *whereas too many posts remain vacant because some training systems are inadequate for today's labour market;*

Or. fr

Amendment 27
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Recital A c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ac. *whereas business transfers to employees under the cooperative form as a well-working type of business transfers proven their high survival rates;^{1c}*

^{1c} *CECOP publication (2013) Business Transfers to Employees under the Form of a Cooperative in Europe*

Amendment 28
Zdzisław Krasnodębski

Motion for a resolution
Recital A d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ad. whereas the job creation in SMEs is influenced by a number of internal and external factors, among the latter the essential conditions are manageable competition (including from multinational corporations - MNC, and the shadow economy), manageable administrative burden and overall production costs, as well as access to finance and skilled workers;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Recital A d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ad. whereas the Green sector was one of the main net creators of jobs in Europe during the recession and SMEs with a long-term plan to operate in the Green economy create jobs that are more resilient to the current externalities of the globalised economy^{2b};

^{2b} EP Resolution of 8 July 2015 on the Green Employment Initiative: Tapping into the job creation potential of the green economy

Amendment 30

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution

Recital A d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ad. whereas data on contractual arrangements and work organisation in SMEs is difficult to find in general;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Georgi Pirinski, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution

Recital A e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ae. whereas according to Eurofound, working conditions including working hours are often more flexible and informally arranged in SMEs than in larger companies, in the case of many countries; whereas the initial impact of the crisis appears to have had the effect of increasing existing 'internal' flexibilities, as organisations try to cope with shifting external circumstances and demands;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution

Recital A e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ae. whereas SMEs representatives point out high labour costs as one of the major restriction to job creation and expect the reduction of said costs; the highest levels of labour costs having been identified in overregulated and bureaucratized systems,

Or. en

Amendment 33

Zdzisław Krasnodębski

Motion for a resolution

Recital A f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Af. having regard to differences in SMEs characteristics across the EU, i.e. scale and impact on national economies; e.g. the largest SMEs from the Southern as well as Central and Eastern Europe can be considered as small-sized companies comparing to their Western counterparts; whereas these differences mainly result from historical reasons;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Ulrike Trebesius, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution

Recital A g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ag. having regard to skills' scarcity and disparities across the EU, as well as skills' flows mostly from the post-2004 enlargement Member States and

Eurozone crisis countries to other Member States, creating peripheral regions with difficult access to skilled workers, suffering from the brain drain phenomenon;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Ulrike Trebesius

Motion for a resolution
Recital A h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ah. whereas, despite of the internal market rules, important differences across the European Union persist in terms of the SMEs' regulatory frameworks, in particular regarding the levels of certainty of future regulatory developments and of the legal quality of regulation in general;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution
Recital A i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ai. whereas some SMEs tend to 'bypass' regulatory systems by means of tax and social contribution avoidance, bogus self-employment, precarious working conditions and shadow economy activities, undermining both employees' and employers' interest, the latter being unable to attract skilled workers; whereas these issues have multiple negative consequences for the SMEs sector, such as the unfair market competition and

higher tax and social contributions rates;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution
Recital A j (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aj. whereas the ECB argues that the sovereign debt crisis increased banks' financing costs in the Eurozone crisis countries, which were then passed on to SMEs in the form of higher lending rates or smaller loans;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution
Recital A k (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ak. whereas due to historical reasons some societies perceive entrepreneurs rather negatively, which in some cases is also reflected in the governments' discriminatory treatment of the SMEs sector, in comparison, for example, to the advantageous environment created in these countries for foreign investment, especially the MNC;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution
Recital A l (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Al. whereas the unlevel playing field between Multinational Corporations (MNC) and SMEs also results from the practice of profits shifting to the Members States or third countries considered as tax heavens;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Zdzisław Krasnodębski

Motion for a resolution
Recital A m (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Am. whereas the Commission's studies do not provide detailed assessment of the potential impact of the future Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) on SMEs in different Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Javi López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions:

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector, ***the EU Institutions and*** Member States must ***promote pro-demand and counter-cyclical economic policies***

skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; **the shadow economy**; and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

and address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: **financial fragmentation, investment shortage**, skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; **fraud and undeclared work**; and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs); **Tackling these structural problems would result, inter alia, an increase of overall demand, economic growth, fairer competition and the extension of the social contribution and tax base to a higher number of economic operators, thus creating better condition for job creation**;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Javi López, Georgi Pirinski, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; **regulatory burdens** and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy; and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Amendment

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for **quality** job creation for the SME sector **the European Commission and the** Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; **difficulties to fulfil administrative requirements** and regulatory uncertainty; **access to finance; the motivation of owner–managers to grow a business and take some level of risk**; the shadow economy; and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs); ^{1a}

^{1a} **Based on data from the Eurofound report Job creation in SMEs: ERM annual report 2015 (27 January 2016)**

Amendment 43**Martina Dlabajová, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 1***Motion for a resolution*

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy; **and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);**

Amendment

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different **Members States and different** regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; **skills mismatch, insufficient dialogue between labour market stakeholders and estimation of future skills' needs,** regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy **as well as high taxation on labour;**

Or. en

Amendment 44**Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 1***Motion for a resolution*

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; **regulatory burdens** and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy; and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Amendment

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: **lack of investment in real economy; lack of public investment and creation of decent secure jobs; one-sided austerity measures which minimize the buying power of people due to wage cuts and social spending cuts and force SMEs to closure;**

skills scarcity and brain drain, and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy; and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs); ***stresses the need to include SMEs into the centre of public investment policies of economy revitalization, which will also promote investments in real economy and local businesses;***

Or. en

Amendment 45
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy; and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Amendment

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty, ***including tax regulations; access to finance, such as a start-up capital; the motivation of the owner-manager to grow the business and to take some risks; access to new technologies and resources for more effective management;*** the shadow economy; and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Or. en

Amendment 46
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy; and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Amendment

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy **and undeclared work**; and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Or. en

Amendment 47

Zdzisław Krasnodebski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy; and the *de facto* privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Amendment

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy; and the privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Or. en

Amendment 48

Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy; and the *de facto* privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Amendment

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy; and the *perceived* privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Or. en

Amendment 49

Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy; and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Amendment

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy; *poor innovation capacity; limited access to funding arrangements; the lack of availability and quality of business parks; high energy costs* and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Or. nl

Amendment 50

Salvatore Domenico Pogliese

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy; and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Amendment

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy; ***infiltration of the public sector by organised crime and corruption***; and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Or. it

Amendment 51

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy; ***and*** the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Amendment

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy; the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs); ***and the disparity in fiscal conditions between Member States, which leads to social dumping***;

Or. it

Amendment 52

Jérôme Lavrilleux

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy; and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Amendment

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; ***ill-adapted and suffocating taxes; all types of fraud, including*** the shadow economy; and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Or. fr

Amendment 53
Claude Rolin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy; and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Amendment

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; ***unnecessary*** regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy; ***the fact that it is often difficult for SMEs to access public procurement***; and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Or. fr

Amendment 54
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy; and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Amendment

1. Believes that in order to ensure better conditions for job creation for the SME sector Member States must address the following problems, which are unequally present in different regions: skills scarcity and brain drain; ***the mismatch between the training on offer and employers' needs***; regulatory ***and tax*** burdens and regulatory uncertainty; the shadow economy ***and undeclared work***; and the de facto privileged position of multinational corporations (MNCs);

Or. fr

Amendment 55

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

1a. Considers that, with a view to balancing supply and demand in employment, Member States should reform their education systems to take account of the changed social context with regard to the importance of teaching and learning one or more languages and technological innovations;

Or. it

Amendment 56

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck, Richard Howitt, Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Stresses the need for a regulatory environment that encourages investment that concurrently fosters sustainable growth and quality jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Martina Dlabajová, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Recalls that almost 99 % of the European companies are SMEs being therefore the backbone of the EU economy;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Takes the view that tackling the above-mentioned structural problems would result, inter alia, in fairer competition and the extension of the social contribution and tax base to a higher number of economic operators, leading to lower labour and administrative costs and thus creating better condition for job creation;

deleted

(The wording have been added to the previous amendment)

Amendment 59

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Takes the view that tackling the above-mentioned structural problems would result, inter alia, in fairer competition and the extension of the social contribution and tax base to a higher number of economic operators, ***leading to lower labour and administrative costs and thus creating better condition for job creation;***

Amendment

2. Takes the view that tackling the above-mentioned structural problems would result, inter alia, in ***social development***, fairer competition and the extension of the social contribution and tax base to a higher number of economic operators, ***thus creating better condition for job creation, which should be part of holistic policies of social development, which will promote viable and sustainable SMEs and safe and decent job creation;***

Amendment 60

Claude Rolin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Takes the view that tackling the above-mentioned structural problems would result, inter alia, in fairer competition and the extension of the social contribution and tax base to a higher number of economic operators, ***leading to lower labour and administrative costs and thus creating better condition for job creation;***

Amendment

2. Takes the view that tackling the above-mentioned structural problems would result, inter alia, in fairer competition and the extension of the social contribution and tax base to a higher number of economic operators, ***giving Member States the opportunity to finance employment-friendly policies, particularly for SMEs;***

Amendment 61
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Takes the view that tackling the above-mentioned structural problems would result, *inter alia*, in fairer competition and the extension of the social contribution and tax base to a higher number of economic operators, leading to lower labour and administrative costs and thus creating better condition for job creation;

Amendment

2. Takes the view that tackling the above-mentioned structural problems would result in fairer competition and the extension of the social contribution and tax base to a higher number of economic operators, leading to lower labour and administrative costs and thus creating better condition for job creation; ***and ensuring fair competition between Member States and fairer market conditions;***

Or. it

Amendment 62
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Takes the view that tackling the above-mentioned structural problems would result, *inter alia*, in fairer competition and the extension of the social contribution and tax base to a higher number of economic operators, leading to lower ***labour and*** administrative costs and thus creating better condition for job creation;

Amendment

2. Takes the view that tackling the above-mentioned structural problems would result, *inter alia*, in fairer competition and the extension of the social contribution and tax base to a higher number of economic operators, leading to lower administrative costs and thus creating better condition for job creation;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Jutta Steinruck, Siôn Simon, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Takes the view that tackling the above-mentioned structural problems would result, inter alia, in fairer competition and the extension of the social contribution and tax base to a higher number of economic operators, leading to lower labour and administrative costs and thus creating better condition for job creation;

Amendment

2. Takes the view that tackling the above-mentioned structural problems would result, inter alia, in fairer competition and the extension of the social contribution and tax base to a higher number of economic operators, leading to lower labour and administrative costs and thus creating better condition for **quality** job creation;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Notes that the potential for SME job creation would increase tenfold if training better met the needs of the workplace;

Or. fr

Amendment 65
Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Notes that labour costs have an impact on SMEs' job creation potential and competitiveness;

deleted

Amendment 66
Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. *Notes that labour costs have an impact on SMEs' job creation potential and competitiveness;* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 67
Neoklis Sylikiotis, Patrick Le Hyaric, Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Notes that *labour costs have an impact on SMEs' job creation potential and competitiveness;*

3. Notes that *wages and social benefits of SMEs workers should be protected, since higher wages favour SME growth;*

Or. en

Amendment 68
Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Jutta Steinruck, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Javi López, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Notes that *labour costs have an impact on SMEs' job creation potential and competitiveness;*

3. Notes that *the SMEs' job creation potential and competitiveness is also impacted by major external factors like*

the macroeconomic and sector situation, fair competition, a favourable entrepreneurship image, feasible business regulations and taxation, effective public administration, access to financing, availability of sufficient workers with the required skills, insufficient demand, labour costs, and many others;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Martina Dlabajová, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that labour costs have *an* impact on SMEs' job creation potential and competitiveness;

Amendment

3. Notes that *high* labour costs have a *negative* impact on SMEs' job creation potential and competitiveness; *to this end, stresses that the tax burden should be shifted away from labour to other sources of taxation that are less detrimental to employment and growth, while protecting adequate social protection;*

Or. en

Amendment 70

Claude Rolin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that labour costs have an impact on SMEs' job creation potential and competitiveness;

Amendment

3. Notes that labour costs *can* have an impact on SMEs' job creation potential and competitiveness; *nevertheless, stresses the importance of not using this one criterion as the basis for deciding labour cost levels;*

Amendment 71
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that *labour costs* have an impact on SMEs' job creation potential and competitiveness;

Amendment

3. Notes that *European constraints on budget policies, austerity, excessive fiscal pressure and inadequate public spending* have an impact on SMEs' job creation potential and competitiveness;

Or. it

Amendment 72
Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. *Notes* that labour costs have an impact on SMEs' job creation potential and competitiveness;

Amendment

3. *Acknowledges* that labour costs have an impact on SMEs' job creation potential and competitiveness; *and recognises that labour costs are a part of doing business.*

Or. en

Amendment 73
Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that labour costs have an

Amendment

3. Notes that labour costs *and the*

impact on SMEs' job creation potential and *competitiveness*;

business climate have an impact on SMEs' job creation potential, *competitiveness* and *market share*;

Or. nl

Amendment 74

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that labour costs have an impact on SMEs' job creation potential and competitiveness;

Amendment

3. Notes that labour costs, *including social security contributions*, have an impact on SMEs' job creation potential and competitiveness;

Or. fr

Amendment 75

Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that labour costs have an impact on SMEs' job creation potential and competitiveness;

Amendment

3. Notes that labour costs have an impact on SMEs' job creation potential and *can influence* competitiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Martina Dlabajová, Ivo Vajgl, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. Believes that promoting digitalisation in public sector (e-government) and increasing broadband availability in remote areas would reduce establishing and operating costs to SMEs, therefore enabling them to further increase job creating potential;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Martina Dlabajová, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. Highlights the growing significance of self-employment, both as a form of economic activity and as a stepping stone to business creation;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Antanas Guoga

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Stresses **however** that lowering labour costs **by reducing workers' protection is not** a correct means of achieving lower unemployment, **and that, in addition, reducing workers' rights induces higher skills outflows, exposing SMEs to shortages of skilled workers;**

4. Stresses that lowering labour costs **and the flexibility of legislation on labour relations are** a correct means of achieving lower unemployment;

Or. It

Amendment 79

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Jutta Steinruck, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Javi López, Georgi Pirinski, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses, *however* that lowering labour costs by reducing workers' protection is not a correct means of achieving lower unemployment, and that, in addition, reducing workers' rights induces higher skills outflows, exposing SMEs to shortages of skilled workers;

Amendment

4. Stresses that lowering labour costs by reducing workers' protection is not a correct means of achieving lower unemployment, and that, in addition, reducing workers' rights *and wages* induces higher skills outflows, exposing SMEs to shortages of skilled workers, *while at the same time generating precarity in Europe*;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses, *however*, that lowering labour costs by reducing workers' protection is not a correct means of achieving lower unemployment, and that, *in addition*, reducing workers' rights induces higher skills outflows, exposing SMEs to shortages of skilled workers;

Amendment

4. Stresses that lowering labour costs by reducing workers' protection is not a correct means of achieving lower unemployment, and that reducing workers' rights induces higher skills outflows *and jeopardises their job security*, exposing SMEs to shortages of skilled workers;

Or. it

Amendment 81

Martina Dlabajová, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses, however that lowering labour costs by reducing workers' protection **is not a correct** means of achieving lower unemployment, and that, in addition, reducing workers' rights **induces** higher skills outflows, **exposing** SMEs to shortages of skilled workers;

Amendment

4. Stresses, however that lowering labour costs by reducing workers' protection **should not be considered as** means of achieving lower unemployment, and that, in addition, reducing workers' **pay and** rights **could induce** higher skills outflows **and expose** SMEs to shortages of skilled workers;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses, **however** that lowering labour costs by reducing workers' protection is not a correct means of achieving lower unemployment, and that, in addition, reducing workers' rights induces higher skills outflows, exposing SMEs to shortages of skilled workers;

Amendment

4. Stresses that lowering labour costs by reducing workers' protection is not a correct means of achieving lower unemployment, and that, in addition, reducing workers' rights induces higher skills outflows, exposing SMEs to shortages of skilled workers;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses, however that lowering labour costs by reducing workers' protection is not a correct means of

Amendment

4. Stresses, however that **high level workers' protection has to be guaranteed at all times and that** lowering labour costs

achieving lower unemployment, and that, in addition, reducing workers' rights induces higher skills outflows, exposing SMEs to shortages of skilled workers;

by reducing workers' protection is not a correct means of achieving lower unemployment, and that, in addition, reducing workers' rights induces higher skills outflows, exposing SMEs to shortages of skilled workers;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Considers, what is more, that radical change is required in economic policy, through public investment in sectors deemed strategic by each Member State, as the main means to initiate a virtuous circle that would have the following outcomes: an upward adjustment of wages, an increase in domestic demand and an increase in the number of people in employment;

Or. it

Amendment 85
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Notes a growing impact on the labour market of the emerging new forms of employment aiming mainly at increasing flexibility for employers and/ or employees, especially in cases of SMSs; calls for an immediate analysis of their impact on working conditions and social

protection schemes in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. *Calls for extra measures also to be taken for the integration of the Generation 50+ into the labour market, business, education or training with the aim of preventing long-term unemployment and the risk of social exclusion for this category of workers and their families;*

Or. en

Amendment 87
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. *Points out that the main objective should be to combat social dumping and unfair competition effectively, therefore sacrificing worker protections to enable labour costs to fall is wholly unacceptable;*

Or. fr

Amendment 88
Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Jutta Steinruck, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. *Calls on SMEs to overcome the gender gap in the labour market with regard to employment and pay, amongst others, by providing or supporting childcare facilities, carers' leave, flexible working hours for carers, and to ensure equal pay for equal work;*

Or. en

Amendment 89
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. *Considers that SMEs have an important role to play in creating green jobs; calls on the Commission and Member States to ensure policies and funding to support SMEs that help realising the Green economy;*

Or. en

Amendment 90
Zdzisław Krasnodębski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. *Takes the view that when increased labour market flexibility creates precarious employment or leads to workers' protection reduction, it does not*

increase SMEs job creation potential;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 b. *Calls on Member States to ensure that local childcare infrastructure is provided in order to facilitate parents access to the workforce;*

Or. en

Amendment 92
Antanas Guoga

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. *Is concerned with the growing phenomenon of bogus self-employment across the EU, which cannot be considered in positive terms as contributing to the ‘growing number of micro-enterprises’, but, rather, undermines the image of entrepreneurship;*

5. *Takes the view that increasing self-employment across the EU is a means to tackle unemployment problems;*

Or. It

Amendment 93
Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is concerned at the growing phenomenon of bogus self-employment across the EU, which cannot be considered in positive terms as contributing to the ‘growing number of micro-enterprises’, but, rather, *undermines the image of entrepreneurship*;

Amendment

5. Is concerned at the growing phenomenon of bogus self-employment across the EU, which cannot be considered in positive terms as contributing to the ‘growing number of micro-enterprises’, but, *should rather be dealt with policies against bogus self-employment by expanding social security, the welfare state, collective bargaining, promoting the role of social partners and secure and decent jobs*;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is concerned at the growing phenomenon of bogus self-employment across the EU, which cannot be considered in positive terms as contributing to the ‘growing number of micro-enterprises’, but, rather, undermines *the image of entrepreneurship*;

Amendment

5. Is concerned at the growing phenomenon of bogus self-employment across the EU, which cannot be considered in positive terms as contributing to the ‘growing number of micro-enterprises’, but, rather, undermines *workers' rights and competitiveness*;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Romana Tomc

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is concerned at the growing phenomenon of bogus self-employment

Amendment

5. Is concerned at the growing phenomenon of bogus self-employment

across the EU, which cannot be considered in positive terms as contributing to the **growing number of micro-enterprises**, but, rather, undermines the image of entrepreneurship;

and **the establishment of 'letterbox companies'** across the EU, as **a growing number of micro-enterprises** cannot be considered in positive terms as contributing to **the image of entrepreneurship**, but, rather, **they** undermine **it**;

Or. sl

Amendment 96

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is concerned at the growing phenomenon of bogus self-employment across the EU, which **cannot** be considered in positive terms as contributing to the 'growing number of micro-enterprises', but, rather, undermines the image of entrepreneurship;

Amendment

5. Is concerned at the growing phenomenon of bogus self-employment across the EU, which **should not** be considered in positive terms as contributing to the 'growing number of micro-enterprises', but, rather, undermines the image of entrepreneurship;

Or. it

Amendment 97

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Jutta Steinruck, Flavio Zanonato, Javi López, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is concerned at the growing phenomenon of bogus self-employment across the EU, which cannot be considered in positive terms as contributing to the 'growing number of micro-enterprises', but, rather, undermines the image of entrepreneurship;

Amendment

5. Is concerned at the growing phenomenon of bogus self-employment across the EU, which cannot be considered in positive terms as contributing to the 'growing number of micro-enterprises', but, rather, undermines **social security systems, social protection of individuals and also** the image of entrepreneurship, **putting many people in vulnerable situations,**

thereby generating new social problems that need to be tackled;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Claude Rolin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is concerned at the growing phenomenon of bogus self-employment across the EU, which cannot be considered in positive terms as contributing to the ‘growing number of micro-enterprises’, but, rather, undermines the image of entrepreneurship;

Amendment

5. Is concerned at the growing phenomenon of bogus self-employment across the EU, which cannot be considered in positive terms as contributing to the ‘growing number of micro-enterprises’, but, rather, undermines the image of entrepreneurship; ***stresses the importance of inspection services and the platform to tackle undeclared work to effectively combat the phenomenon of bogus self-employment;***

Or. fr

Amendment 99
Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Amjad Bashir, Ulrike Trebesius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is concerned at the growing phenomenon of bogus self-employment across the EU, which cannot be considered in positive terms as contributing to the ‘growing number of micro-enterprises’, but, rather, undermines the image of entrepreneurship;

Amendment

5. ***Recognises the growing significance of self-employment and micro enterprises, which are of vital importance for boosting innovation and entrepreneurship;*** is concerned, ***however,*** at the growing phenomenon of bogus self-employment across the EU, which cannot be considered in positive terms as contributing to the ‘growing number of micro-enterprises’, but, rather, undermines

the image of entrepreneurship;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Francesc Gambús

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is concerned at the growing phenomenon of bogus self-employment across the EU, which cannot be considered in positive terms as contributing to the ‘growing number of micro-enterprises’, but, rather, undermines the image of entrepreneurship;

Amendment

5. Is concerned at the growing phenomenon of bogus self-employment across the EU, which cannot be considered in positive terms as contributing to the ‘growing number of micro-enterprises’, but, rather, undermines the image of entrepreneurship; ***calls on the Commission to regularly request information from Member States on this subject, including action taken to combat the phenomenon;***

Or. es

Amendment 101
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is concerned at the growing phenomenon of bogus self-employment across the EU, which cannot be considered in positive terms as contributing to the ‘growing number of micro-enterprises’, but, rather, undermines the image of entrepreneurship;

Amendment

5. Is concerned at the growing phenomenon of bogus self-employment across the EU, which cannot be considered in positive terms as contributing to the ‘growing number of micro-enterprises’, but, rather, ***causes precariousness of employment, leads to low level working conditions and lack of social protection, and*** undermines the image of entrepreneurship;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Is concerned about the precarious working conditions of a high number of self-employed workers and their increasing levels of poverty; calls on the Commission and Member States to promote micro and small enterprises collaborative networks under the cooperative form (such as cooperatives of individual producers, cooperatives of freelancers, cooperatives of SMEs, activity and employment cooperatives) as those networks considerably reinforce the sustainability and the employment potential of the constituent units;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Amjad Bashir, Ulrike Trebesius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Highlights that the administrative burden of regulation is disproportionately higher for the self-employed and micro enterprises than for larger companies; considers in this regard that any measures concerning 'bogus self-employed workers' must be clearly targeted and must not place additional administrative burden on the individual;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Jutta Steinruck, Elena Gentile

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Takes note of the Investment Plan for Europe, which is designed to create new jobs and boost innovation, and hopes that the European Investment Project Portal, as a ***transparent pipeline for investable projects in the EU***, will help orientate investors towards existing opportunities, in favour of financing SMEs and start-up development as the fastest way to reduce unemployment;

Amendment

6. Takes note of the Investment Plan for Europe, which is designed to create new jobs and boost innovation, and hopes that the European Investment Project Portal, as a ***tool to create more quality jobs***, will help orientate investors towards existing opportunities, in favour of financing SMEs and start-up development as the fastest way to reduce unemployment ***and at the same time to support the creation of more quality jobs***;

Or. en

Amendment 105

Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Takes note of the Investment Plan for Europe, which is designed to create new jobs and boost innovation, and hopes that the European Investment Project Portal, as a transparent pipeline for investable projects in the EU, will help orientate investors towards existing opportunities, in favour of financing SMEs and start-up development as ***the fastest*** way to reduce unemployment;

Amendment

6. Takes note of the Investment Plan for Europe, which is designed to create new jobs and boost innovation, and hopes that the European Investment Project Portal, as a transparent pipeline for investable projects in the EU, will help orientate investors towards existing opportunities, in favour of financing SMEs and start-up development as ***an important*** way to reduce unemployment; ***calls therefore for different categories with proper thresholds to be included in the European Investment Project Portal in order to allow SMEs and start-ups to fully benefit from its functioning***;

Amendment 106

Claude Rolin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. **Takes note of** the Investment Plan for Europe, which is designed to create new jobs and boost innovation, and hopes that the European Investment Project Portal, as a transparent pipeline for investable projects in the EU, will help orientate investors towards existing opportunities, in favour of financing SMEs and start-up development, as the fastest way to reduce unemployment;

Amendment

6. **Welcomes the establishment of** the Investment Plan for Europe which is designed to create new jobs and boost innovation **and competitiveness** and hopes that the European Investment Project Portal, as a transparent pipeline for investable projects in the EU, will help orientate investors towards existing opportunities, in favour of financing SMEs and start-up development, as the fastest way to reduce unemployment;

Or. fr

Amendment 107

Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Takes note of the Investment Plan for Europe, which is designed to create new jobs and boost innovation, and hopes that the European Investment Project Portal, as a transparent pipeline for investable projects in the EU, will help orientate investors towards existing opportunities, in favour of financing SMEs and start-up development as **the fastest** way to reduce unemployment;

Amendment

6. Takes note of the Investment Plan for Europe, which is designed to create new jobs and boost innovation, and hopes that the European Investment Project Portal, as a transparent pipeline for investable projects in the EU, will help orientate investors towards existing opportunities, in favour of financing SMEs and start-up development as **a possible** way to reduce unemployment;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Takes note of the Investment Plan for Europe, which is designed to create new jobs and boost innovation, and hopes that the European Investment Project Portal, as a transparent pipeline for investable projects in the EU, will help orientate investors towards existing opportunities, in favour of financing SMEs and start-up development as the fastest way to reduce unemployment;

Amendment

6. Takes note of the Investment Plan for Europe, which is designed to create new jobs and boost innovation, and hopes that the European Investment Project Portal, as a transparent pipeline for investable projects in the EU, will help orientate investors towards existing opportunities, in favour of financing SMEs and start-up development as the fastest way to reduce unemployment; ***deplores the fact that the Investment Plan does not promote public investments and has failed to promote investment in countries of the European Periphery that need these the most;***

Or. en

Amendment 109

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Takes note of the Investment Plan for Europe, which is designed to create new jobs and boost innovation, and hopes that the European Investment Project Portal, as a transparent pipeline for investable projects in the EU, will help orientate investors towards existing opportunities, in favour of financing SMEs and start-up development as the fastest way to reduce unemployment;

Amendment

6. Takes note of the Investment Plan for Europe, which is designed to create new jobs and boost innovation, and hopes that the European Investment Project Portal, as a transparent pipeline for investable projects in the EU, will help orientate investors towards existing opportunities, in favour of financing SMEs and start-up development as the fastest ***and sustainable*** way to reduce unemployment;

Amendment 110

Romana Tomc

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Takes note of the Investment Plan for Europe, which is designed to create new jobs and boost innovation, and hopes that the European Investment Project Portal, as a transparent pipeline for investable projects in the EU, will help orientate investors towards existing opportunities, in favour of financing SMEs and start-up development as the fastest way to reduce unemployment;

Amendment

6. Takes note of the Investment Plan for Europe, which is designed to create new jobs and boost innovation, and hopes that the European Investment Project Portal, as a transparent pipeline for investable projects in the EU, will help orientate investors towards existing opportunities, in favour of financing SMEs and start-up development as the fastest and ***most efficient*** way to reduce unemployment ***and promote long-term employment***;

Or. sl

Amendment 111

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Jutta Steinruck, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Javi López, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Stresses the key role of enterprises, including SMEs and micro-enterprises, in collaborating with policy makers and social partners in transforming the educational systems and vocational training programmes in Europe, both with regard to teaching methods and curricula design, so as to put a stronger focus on the development of 21st century working skills, in particular digital skills, critical thinking, problem solving and

teamwork; highlights in this context the importance of hands-on and real-life experiences;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. *Considers that EU and national policies should not only focus on SMEs start-ups and creation of new jobs in SMEs and calls on the Commission and Member States to continue to support business transfers as an tool for maintaining existing jobs in SMEs that risk closing down; calls for the promotion of business transfers to employees under the cooperative form as a well-working type of business transfers;*

Or. en

Amendment 113
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. *Stresses, in this regard, the fact that so far the promised effects of this investment plan have yet to be seen; also stresses that it is not investment in major infrastructure that generates new jobs, but practical opportunities offered to SMEs;*

Or. it

Amendment 114
Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Reminds the Commission that SMEs run by vulnerable groups have a harder time accessing finance, calls therefore on the Commission to assess and fight discrimination in access to finance;

Or. en

Amendment 115
Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Calls on the Member States to incentivise through taxation the growth and emergence of business angel, seed fund and early stage market player sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 b. Calls on the European Commission to create the European

framework regulation to facilitate the creation of pan-European crowd-funding and crowd investing markets;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 c. Calls on the European Commission to facilitate the securitisation of loans to micro-companies and SMEs to increase their available credit;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 d. Calls on the European Commission to encourage young, senior, and female-owned SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Romana Tomc

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on **the EU to better engage Member State authorities**, universities, businesses and financial institutions with a view to **making** full use of EU funding sources (e.g. the EFSI, the ESF, the ERDF, COSME, Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+) so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing finance which is still one of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs;

Amendment

7. Calls on **Member States**, universities, businesses and financial institutions with a view to **promoting and making** full use of EU funding sources (e.g. the EFSI, the ESF, the ERDF, COSME, Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+) so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing finance which is still one of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs;

Or. sl

Amendment 120

Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the EU to better engage Member State authorities, **universities**, businesses and financial institutions with a view to making full use of EU funding sources (e.g. the EFSI, the ESF, the ERDF, COSME, Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+) so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing finance which is still one of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs;

Amendment

7. Calls on the EU to better engage Member State authorities, **third level education and training facilities**, businesses, and financial institutions with a view to making full use of EU funding sources (e.g. the EFSI, the ESF, the ERDF, COSME, Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+) so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing finance which is still one of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 121

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the EU to better engage

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Member State authorities, **universities**, businesses and financial institutions with a view to making full use of EU funding sources (e.g. the EFSI, the ESF, the ERDF, COSME, Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+) so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing finance which is still one of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs;

Member State authorities, **education community**, businesses and financial institutions with a view to making full use of EU funding sources (e.g. the EFSI, the ESF, the ERDF, COSME, Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+) so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing finance which is still one of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 122

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the EU to better engage Member State authorities, universities, businesses and financial institutions with a view to making full use of EU funding sources (e.g. the EFSI, the ESF, the ERDF, COSME, Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+) so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing finance which *is still one* of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs;

Amendment

7. Calls on the EU to better engage Member State authorities, universities, businesses and financial institutions with a view to making full use of EU funding sources (e.g. the EFSI, the ESF, the ERDF, COSME, Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+) so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing **information, counselling and** finance which **are some** of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the EU **to better engage** Member State authorities, universities, businesses and financial institutions **with a view to making** full use of EU funding

Amendment

7. Calls on the EU **to encourage and enable** Member State authorities, universities, businesses and financial institutions **to make** full use of EU funding

sources (e.g. the EFSI, the ESF, the ERDF, COSME, *Horizon 2020* and Erasmus+), so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing finance which is still one of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs;

sources (e.g. the EFSI, the ESF, the ERDF, COSME and Erasmus+) so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing finance which is still one of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs;

Or. fr

Amendment 124
Sven Schulze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the EU to better engage Member State authorities, universities, businesses and financial institutions with a view to making full use of EU funding sources (e.g. the EFSI, the ESF, the ERDF, COSME, Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+) so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing finance which is still one of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs;

Amendment

7. Calls on the EU to better engage Member State authorities, universities, businesses and financial institutions with a view to making full use of EU funding sources (e.g. the EFSI, the ESF, the ERDF, COSME, Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+) so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing finance which is still one of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs; Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+) so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing finance which is still one of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs; *also emphasises the importance of cross-border SME promotion programmes under the framework of the European research initiative EUREKA as a means to further cooperation between SMEs and research institutes;*

Or. de

Amendment 125
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the EU to better engage Member State authorities, universities, businesses and financial institutions with a view to making full use of EU funding sources (e.g. the EFSI, the ESF, the ERDF, COSME, Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+) so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing finance which is still one of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs; Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+) so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing finance which is still one of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs;

Amendment

7. Calls on the EU to better engage Member State authorities, universities, businesses and financial institutions with a view to making full use of EU funding sources (e.g. the EFSI, the ESF, the ERDF, COSME, Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+) so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing finance which is still one of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs; Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+) so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing finance which is still one of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs; ***also emphasises the importance of cross-border SME promotion programmes under the framework of the European research initiative EUREKA as a means to further cooperation between SMEs and research institutes;***

Or. de

Amendment 126

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the EU to better engage Member State authorities, universities, businesses and financial institutions with a view to making full use of EU funding sources (e.g. the EFSI, the ESF, the ERDF, COSME, Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+) so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing finance which is still one of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs;

Amendment

7. Calls on the EU to better engage Member State authorities, universities, businesses and financial institutions with a view to making full use of EU funding sources (e.g. the EFSI, the ESF, the ERDF, COSME, Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+) so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing finance which is still one of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs, ***particularly for those that consider themselves social economy enterprises;***

Or. es

Amendment 127
Francesc Gambús

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the EU to better engage Member State authorities, universities, businesses and financial institutions with a view to making full use of EU funding sources (e.g. the EFSI, the ESF, the ERDF, COSME, Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+) so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing finance which is still one of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs;

Amendment

7. Calls on the EU to better engage Member State authorities ***at every jurisdiction level on the subject,*** universities, businesses and financial institutions with a view to making full use of EU funding sources (e.g. the EFSI, the ESF, the ERDF, COSME, Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+) so as to help overcome the difficulty in accessing finance which is still one of the main barriers to the growth of SMEs;

Or. es

Amendment 128
Claude Rolin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

7a. ***Calls on the Commission, when it revises the multiannual financial framework 2014-2020, to find a way to fully compensate for the reductions to the EFSI budget in the allocations to the Horizon 2020 programme, given its importance to economic development and job creation, particularly for SMEs;***

Amendment

7a. ***Calls on the Commission, when it revises the multiannual financial framework 2014-2020, to find a way to fully compensate for the reductions to the EFSI budget in the allocations to the Horizon 2020 programme, given its importance to economic development and job creation, particularly for SMEs;***

Or. fr

Amendment 129
Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. *Underlines the importance of accessibility to supportive EU funding measures and to electronic public services for SMEs located in smaller urban zones and rural areas, enhancing their employment potential and contributing to the development of areas at risk of depopulation;*

Or. en

Amendment 130
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. *Stresses, in this regard, that so far, training and information on such opportunities is almost non-existent, in comparison to actual needs and the many opportunities that these funds could create;*

Or. it

Amendment 131
Sofia Ribeiro

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. *Urges the Commission to work with national contact points to develop assertive and effective marketing*

campaigns, designed solely for SMEs, on the 'Fast Track to Innovation' instrument which is part of the Horizon 2020 programme.

Or. pt

Amendment 132
Flavio Zanonato

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. *Calls on the Commission and on Member States to better coordinate the different funding instruments for SMEs;*

Or. en

Amendment 133
Sofia Ribeiro

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. *Urges Member States to develop forms of cooperation that involve their governments, their business base (including businesses linked to the social economy), teaching institutions and social partners, with a view to adapting their education and training systems to address the disparity between skills/qualifications and the needs of the job market, particularly those of SMEs;*

Or. pt

Amendment 134
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. ***Takes the view that the artificial academisation of specific professions is not helpful if one wishes to tackle the problem of skills scarcities in SMEs; believes that vocational training, and especially dual systems operated in cooperation with SMEs, should be given more public support;***

Amendment

8. ***Calls for greater cooperation between education and training systems and the business sector, with a view to better meeting the real needs of the employment market; believes that vocational training, and especially dual systems operated in cooperation with SMEs, must be boosted, including by means of more public support;***

Or. es

Amendment 135
Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Jutta Steinruck, Siôn Simon, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. ***Takes the view that the artificial academisation of specific professions is not helpful if one wishes to tackle the problem of skills scarcities in SMEs; believes that vocational training, and especially dual systems operated in cooperation with SMEs, should be given more public support;***

Amendment

8. ***Takes the view that the right balance needs to be found regarding the academisation of specific professions in tackling the problem of skills scarcities in SMEs; believes that vocational training, and especially dual systems operated in cooperation with businesses, should be given more public support; considers that informal training, on-the-job training and knowledge sharing among staff should be encouraged;*^{1b}**

^{1b} ***Based on Eurofound report Job creation in SMEs: ERM annual report 2015 (27 January 2016). Some companies have a training plan in place to ensure that workers' skills are kept up-to-date.***

Furthermore, more informal training is widely encouraged, including on-the-job training or knowledge sharing among staff.

Or. en

Amendment 136
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that the **artificial** academisation of specific professions **is not helpful if one wishes to tackle** the problem of skills scarcities in SMEs; believes that vocational training, and especially dual systems operated in cooperation with SMEs, should be given more public support;

Amendment

8. Takes the view that the academisation of specific professions **does not necessarily solve** the problem of skills scarcities in SMEs; believes that vocational training, and especially dual systems operated in cooperation with SMEs, should be given more public support; **stresses that dual training is an important tool in reducing youth unemployment and calls for support for SMEs which train young people to become qualified skilled workers and thus make an important contribution to including young people in the labour market and in society;**

Or. de

Amendment 137
Sven Schulze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that the **artificial** academisation of specific professions **is not helpful if one wishes to tackle** the problem of skills scarcities in SMEs; believes that vocational training, and especially dual

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8. Takes the view that the academisation of specific professions **does not necessarily solve** the problem of skills scarcities in SMEs; believes that vocational training, and especially dual systems

systems operated in cooperation with SMEs, should be given more public support;

operated in cooperation with SMEs, should be given more public support; *stresses that dual training is an important tool in reducing youth unemployment and calls for support for SMEs which train young people to become qualified skilled workers and thus make an important contribution to including young people in the labour market and in society;*

Or. de

Amendment 138

Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that the artificial academisation of specific professions is not helpful if one wishes to tackle the problem of skills scarcities in SMEs; believes that **vocational training**, and especially dual systems **operated** in cooperation with SMEs, should be given more public support;

Amendment

8. Takes the view that the artificial academisation of specific professions is not helpful if one wishes to tackle the problem of skills scarcities in SMEs; Believes that **vocational training in education must be more in keeping with the profiles that are needed on the labour market and that vocational training**, and especially dual systems organised in cooperation with SMEs **and businesses, with the aim of acquiring recruits with specific competences**, should be given more public support;

Or. nl

Amendment 139

Antanas Guoga

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that the artificial

Amendment

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requirement to have a university degree set for certain professions is counterproductive in dealing with the shortage of skills experienced by SMEs; Takes the view that vocational training and, *in particular*, dual vocational training systems managed in cooperation with SMEs should receive greater public support;

requirement to have a university degree set for certain professions is counterproductive in dealing with the shortage of skills experienced by SMEs; Believes that vocational training, *particularly in the context of the internal Digital Single Market*, and dual vocational training systems managed in cooperation with SMEs should receive greater public support;

Or. It

Amendment 140
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that the artificial academisation of specific professions is not helpful if one wishes to tackle the problem of skills scarcities in SMEs; believes that vocational training, and especially dual systems operated in cooperation with SMEs, should be given more public support;

Amendment

8. Takes the view that the artificial academisation of specific professions is not helpful if one wishes to tackle the problem of skills scarcities in SMEs; *calls for encouraging more informal training including on the job training and knowledge sharing among staff*; believes that vocational *education and* training (*VET*), and especially dual systems operated in cooperation with SMEs *and social partners*, should be given more public support *with attention also given to increasing the attractiveness of VET to young people; points out that a dual education system used in one Member State cannot be copied blindly into another Member State*;

Or. en

Amendment 141
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that the artificial academisation of specific professions is not helpful if one wishes to tackle the problem of skills scarcities in SMEs; believes that vocational training, and especially dual systems operated in cooperation with SMEs, should be given more public support;

Amendment

8. Takes the view that the artificial academisation of specific professions is not helpful if one wishes to tackle the problem of skills scarcities in SMEs; believes that vocational training, and especially dual systems operated in cooperation with SMEs, should be given more public support; ***recommends, however, that it is taken into account that the cultural value of teaching should be guaranteed and protected;***

Or. it

Amendment 142

Salvatore Domenico Pogliese

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that the artificial academisation of specific professions is not helpful if one wishes to tackle the problem of skills scarcities in SMEs; believes that vocational training, and especially dual systems operated in cooperation with SMEs, should be given more public support;

Amendment

8. Takes the view that the artificial academisation of specific professions is not helpful if one wishes to tackle the problem of skills scarcities in SMEs; believes that vocational training, ***the link between schools and businesses,*** and especially dual systems operated in cooperation with SMEs, should be given more public support;

Or. it

Amendment 143

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that the artificial academisation of specific professions is not helpful if one wishes to tackle the problem of skills scarcities in SMEs; believes that vocational training, and especially dual systems operated in cooperation with SMEs, should be given more public support;

Amendment

8. Takes the view that the artificial academisation of specific professions is not helpful if one wishes to tackle the problem of skills scarcities in SMEs; believes that vocational training, and especially dual systems operated in cooperation with SMEs, should be given more public support ***and that their professional value should receive greater recognition;***

Or. fr

Amendment 144
Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment 145
Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Calls on the Commission to set up programmes to enhance entrepreneurship, in particular women entrepreneurship, and SMEs financial literacy through education but also better access to information and the creation of one-stop-shops for SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment

8 a. Calls on the European Commission and the Member States to boost ICT and STEM training and education in order to equip both the

current and the future workforce with the relevant e-skills; Encourages the Commission and Member States to support programmes that provide unemployed young people with e-skills such as open online courses, and encourage the same for Generation 50+/active seniors.

Or. en

Amendment 146

Martina Dlabajová, Ivo Vajgl, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Underlines the need for targeted incentives for start-ups, SMEs, micro-enterprises in order to facilitate their establishment and operation, as well as the necessity to facilitate the hiring of qualified labour force and training of employees;

Or. en

Amendment 147

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Points out the importance and worth of professional training, courses and apprenticeships when it comes to giving young people the qualifications and skills that they need for the labour market;

Or. fr

Amendment 148

Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Asks Member States to foster the development of a strong enterprise culture by embedding entrepreneurial and management skills in education at all levels;

Or. nl

Amendment 149

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. Encourages Member States to establish a clear framework for setting up high quality training courses, professional training and apprenticeship schemes which genuinely help young people to develop their careers;

Or. fr

Amendment 150

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Considers that apprenticeship schemes within SMEs should be promoted

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by Member States, *including through financial incentives*;

by Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 151

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Jutta Steinruck, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Javi López, Georgi Pirinski, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Considers that apprenticeship schemes within SMEs should be promoted by Member States, including through financial incentives;

Amendment

9. Considers that apprenticeship schemes within SMEs should be **better** promoted by Member States, including through financial incentives; **highlights that vocational education and training plays a vital economic and social role in Europe as an instrument to promote equal opportunities for all citizens, including vulnerable and disadvantaged groups**;

Or. en

Amendment 152

Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Considers that apprenticeship schemes within SMEs should be promoted by Member States, including through financial incentives;

Amendment

9. Considers that **quality internship and** apprenticeship schemes within SMEs should be promoted by Member States, including through financial incentives **and by establishing national legal quality frameworks on internships and apprenticeships, ensuring in particular employment protection and adequate social security coverage**;

Or. en

Amendment 153
Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Considers that apprenticeship schemes within SMEs should be promoted by Member States, including through financial incentives;

Amendment

9. Considers that apprenticeship schemes within SMEs should be promoted by Member States, including through financial incentives; ***In this regard, dual education programmes and the combination of education and traineeship opportunities must also be encouraged;***

Or. en

Amendment 154
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Considers that apprenticeship schemes within SMEs should be promoted by Member States, including through financial incentives;

Amendment

9. Considers that apprenticeship schemes within SMEs should be promoted by Member States, including through financial incentives; ***urges that apprenticeships and traineeships be considered equal to any other type of work, and benefit from the same treatment;***

Or. it

Amendment 155
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Considers that apprenticeship schemes within SMEs should be promoted by Member States, including through financial incentives;

Amendment

9. Considers that apprenticeship schemes within SMEs should be promoted by Member States, including through financial incentives; ***underlines the importance of trainings for the managers and members of boards;***

Or. en

Amendment 156

Martina Dlabajová, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9**

Motion for a resolution

9. Considers that apprenticeship schemes within SMEs should be promoted by Member States, including through financial incentives;

Amendment

9. Considers that ***traineeship and*** apprenticeship schemes within SMEs should be promoted by Member States, including through financial incentives; ***recalls that SMEs have very specific skills 'needs';***

Or. en

Amendment 157

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9**

Motion for a resolution

9. Considers that apprenticeship schemes within SMEs should be promoted by Member States, including through financial incentives;

Amendment

9. Considers that apprenticeship schemes within SMEs should be promoted by Member States, including through financial incentives ***and better recognition of the skills that they offer;***

Or. fr

Amendment 158
Francesc Gambús

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Considers that apprenticeship schemes within SMEs should be promoted by Member States, including through financial incentives;

Amendment

9. Considers that apprenticeship schemes within SMEs should be promoted by Member States, including through **tax and** financial incentives;

Or. es

Amendment 159
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Member States to provide for and impose the requisite sanctions for any kind of abuse by employers of their trainees or apprentices;

Or. it

Amendment 160
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Points out that the aim of training courses, professional training and apprenticeship schemes is to provide genuine professional experience which young people can apply in the future;

Amendment 161
Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Takes the view that a European plan for mobility in European apprenticeships and professional training must be established;

Amendment 162
Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. **Encourages the** Member States to create opportunities for young people to acquire entrepreneurship skills; also stresses the importance of mentoring for young entrepreneurs;

10. Member States **could** create opportunities for young people to acquire entrepreneurship skills **if they include these in broader social development programs of job creation and strong social security**; also stresses the importance of mentoring for young entrepreneurs; **deeply regrets the phenomena where young people are taken advantage of (amongst others in bad quality internships) and have to work under precarious conditions, sometimes without payment or social security**;

Amendment 163
Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile,

Georgi Pirinski, Richard Howitt

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10**

Motion for a resolution

10. Encourages *the* Member States to create opportunities for young people to acquire **entrepreneurship** skills; also stresses the importance of mentoring for young entrepreneurs;

Amendment

10. Encourages Member States to create opportunities for young people to acquire **working and entrepreneurial** skills, *starting from an early age, by updating the education curricula and the development of transversal competencies, skills and knowledge*; also stresses the importance of mentoring for **apprentices, interns, newly employed, as well as** young entrepreneurs;

Or. en

**Amendment 164
Georgi Pirinski**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10**

Motion for a resolution

10. Encourages the Member States to create opportunities for young people to acquire entrepreneurship skills; also stresses the importance of mentoring for **young** entrepreneurs;

Amendment

10. Encourages the Member States to create opportunities for young people to acquire entrepreneurship skills; also stresses the importance of mentoring for **new** entrepreneurs;

Or. en

**Amendment 165
Anne Sander**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10**

Motion for a resolution

10. Encourages the Member States to

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create opportunities for young people to acquire entrepreneurship skills; also stresses the importance of mentoring for young entrepreneurs;

create possibilities for young people to acquire entrepreneurship skills *from an early age by offering them training and visits to businesses which will give them a broad view of the business world; stresses the crucial role of a number of associations for young entrepreneurs which offer young people opportunities to develop innovative projects, gain business experience and give them the requisite tools and confidence to become entrepreneurs themselves*; also insists on the importance of mentoring for young entrepreneurs *to enable them to draw on the knowledge and support of more experienced entrepreneurs*;

Or. fr

Amendment 166
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Encourages the Member States to create opportunities for young people to acquire entrepreneurship skills; also stresses the importance of mentoring for young entrepreneurs;

Amendment

10. Encourages the Member States to create opportunities for young people to acquire entrepreneurship skills *as well as to better recognise and validate non formal education and skills*; also stresses the importance of *support that is not only relevant for start-ups, but also early-phase entrepreneurship such as mentoring for young entrepreneurs, to improve survival rates and sustainability of companies*;

Or. en

Amendment 167
Deirdre Clune

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Encourages the Member States to create opportunities for young people to acquire entrepreneurship skills; also stresses the importance of mentoring for young entrepreneurs;

Amendment

10. Encourages the Member States to create opportunities for young people to acquire entrepreneurship skills; also stresses the importance of mentoring for young entrepreneurs; ***support that is not only relevant for start-up but also for early-phase entrepreneurship to improve survival rates and sustainability of the company and jobs; for example, business mentor programmes;***

Or. en

Amendment 168

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Encourages the Member States to create opportunities for young people to acquire entrepreneurship skills; also stresses the importance of mentoring for young entrepreneurs;

Amendment

10. Encourages the Member States to create opportunities for young people to acquire entrepreneurship skills, ***ranging from creating businesses to managing them;*** also stresses the importance of mentoring for young entrepreneurs; ***points out that this support will be very important for companies seeking to conduct business internationally;***

Or. es

Amendment 169

Martina Dlabajová, Ivo Vajgl, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

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create opportunities for young people to acquire entrepreneurship skills; also stresses the importance of mentoring for young entrepreneurs;

regional governments and educational institutions to create opportunities for young people to acquire entrepreneurship skills; also stresses the importance of mentoring for young entrepreneurs;

Or. en

Amendment 170

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López, Richard Howitt, Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Stresses that lifelong skills development and counselling are important tools to ensure equal opportunities, including for people from disadvantaged groups, as well as more gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 171

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Elena Gentile, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 b. Considers business mentorship programmes essential to improving survival rates not only for start-ups but also for young SMEs and SMEs wishing to expand;

Or. en

Amendment 172

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Georgi Pirinski, Richard Howitt, Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, which helps provide *aspiring European* entrepreneurs with the skills necessary to start and/or successfully run a *small business*;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, which helps provide *young* entrepreneurs with the skills necessary to start and/or successfully run a *business; calls for the European Commission and Member States to make this programme better known among the target groups*;

Or. en

Amendment 173

Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, which helps provide aspiring European entrepreneurs with *the skills necessary* to start and/or successfully run a small business;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, which helps provide aspiring European entrepreneurs with *useful* skills to start and/or successfully run a small business;

Or. en

Amendment 174

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the ‘Erasmus for Young

Amendment

11. Welcomes the ‘Erasmus for Young

Entrepreneurs' programme, which helps provide aspiring European entrepreneurs with the skills necessary to start and/or successfully run a small business;

Entrepreneurs' programme, which helps provide aspiring European entrepreneurs with the skills necessary to start and/or successfully run a small business;
recommends, what is more, that ongoing support should be provided with a view to giving added value to youth entrepreneurship and making it an effective tool for creating high-quality jobs;

Or. it

Amendment 175

Martina Dlabajová, Ivo Vajgl, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the 'Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs' programme, which helps provide aspiring European entrepreneurs with the skills necessary to start and/or successfully run a small business;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the 'Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs' programme, which helps provide aspiring European entrepreneurs with the skills necessary to start and/or successfully run a small business; ***and believes that such programmes should be further promoted in order to help more young people become established and succeed;***

Or. en

Amendment 176

Sofia Ribeiro

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the 'Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs' programme, which helps provide aspiring European entrepreneurs with the requisite skills to start and/or

Amendment

11. Welcomes the 'Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs' programme, which helps provide aspiring European entrepreneurs with the skills necessary to start and/or

successfully run a small business;

successfully run a small business, *and helps them to understand the advantages and challenges of the European Single Market;*

Or. pt

Amendment 177
Romana Tomc

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, which helps provide aspiring European entrepreneurs with the skills necessary to start and/or successfully run a small business;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, which helps provide aspiring European entrepreneurs with the *knowledge and* skills necessary to start and/or successfully run a small business;

Or. sl

Amendment 178
Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. asks the Commission to organise major information and education campaigns in cooperation with Member States with a view to promoting the socio-economic benefit and attractiveness of entrepreneurship as a career opportunity;

Or. nl

Amendment 179
Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Calls on Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for young graduates who are employed by an SME or are starting up an enterprise;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 180
Romana Tomc

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Calls on Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for young graduates who are employed by an SME or are starting up an enterprise;

12. Calls on Member States to adopt legislative frameworks *which will promote and support the employment of young graduates in SMEs* or *encourage them to start their own businesses*;

Or. sl

Amendment 181

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Maria Arena, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Calls on Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for young graduates who are employed by an SME or are starting up an enterprise;

12. Calls on Member States to support young graduates *entering the labour market* or starting up an enterprise;

Or. en

Amendment 182
Martina Dlabajová, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for young *graduates* who are employed by an SME or are starting up an enterprise;

Amendment

12. Calls on Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for young *people* who are employed by an SME or are starting up an enterprise; ***believes that such frameworks should also include promotion of work placements programmes for students so they could get their first practical experience in an SME;***

Or. en

Amendment 183
Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for young *graduates* who are employed by an SME or are starting up an enterprise;

Amendment

12. Calls on ***the*** Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for young *people* who are employed by an SME or are starting up an enterprise;

Or. en

Amendment 184
Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for young graduates who are employed by an SME or are starting up an enterprise;

Amendment

12. Calls on Member States ***to avoid regulatory gold-plating which stifles business' competitiveness and their potential to create jobs, and*** to adopt favourable legislative frameworks, ***particularly*** for young graduates employed by SMEs or are starting up an enterprise;

Or. fr

Amendment 185

Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on Member States to adopt ***favourable*** legislative frameworks ***for*** young graduates who are employed by an SME or are starting up an enterprise;

Amendment

12. Calls on Member States to adopt legislative frameworks ***that will incentivise*** young graduates who are employed by an SME or are starting up an enterprise;

Or. en

Amendment 186

Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for young graduates who are employed by an SME or are starting up an enterprise;

Amendment

12. Calls on Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for young graduates who are employed by an SME or are starting up an enterprise ***including through facilitating young entrepreneurs' access to credit, while ensuring adequate social protection and employment protection for young workers;***

Amendment 187

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for young graduates who are employed by an SME or are starting up an enterprise;

Amendment

12. Calls on Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for young graduates who are employed by an SME or are starting up an enterprise, ***including by simplifying access to loans and funding methods;***

Or. fr

Amendment 188

Francesc Gambús

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for young graduates who are employed by an SME or are starting up an enterprise;

Amendment

12. Calls on Member States ***and sub-state authorities that have their own areas of responsibility*** to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for young graduates who are employed by an SME or are starting up an enterprise;

Or. es

Amendment 189

Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. calls on Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for young graduates who are employed by an SME or are starting up an enterprise;

Amendment

12. calls on Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks **and funding arrangements** for young graduates who are employed by an SME or are starting up an enterprise;

Or. nl

Amendment 190

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for young graduates who are employed by an SME or are starting up an enterprise;

Amendment

12. Calls on Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for young **students and** graduates who are employed by an SME or are starting up an enterprise;

Or. en

Amendment 191

Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Notes that measures should be taken to better enable the recognition of qualifications and diplomas across Europe, including diplomas and online certificates such as those provided by MOOCs, and the validation of non-formal learning in order to enable professionals to contribute with their knowledge and skills throughout Europe;

Amendment 192
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Calls on the Member States to promote the creation and development of cooperative enterprises as they have proven to be more resilient during the crisis and less subject to job losses than the average enterprise as well as to create quality jobs that do not delocalise;

Or. en

Amendment 193
Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Calls on Member States to provide appropriate training and ensure an ongoing professional development of teachers to promote up to date teaching methods and the development of 21st century skills and competencies;

Or. en

Amendment 194
Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 b. Welcomes the Commission legislative proposal on business insolvency, including early restructuring and second chance, to address fear of failure and make sure that entrepreneurs have a second chance;

Or. en

Amendment 195

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski, Richard Howitt

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 b. Underlines the importance of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) studies also with regard to enabling European SMEs to play a leading role at the global stage;

Or. en

Amendment 196

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López, Richard Howitt

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 c. Emphasises that corporate social responsibility has a long European tradition and that socially responsible businesses continue to set an example today; stresses that SMEs can play an important role in ensuring

environmentally, socially and economically sustainable growth; calls on SMEs to live up to their environmental and social responsibility and take proactive measures to identify and prevent any violation of human or environmental rights, corruption or tax evasion, including in their subsidiaries and supply chains; points out that the organisation of work, equal opportunities and social inclusion, anti-discrimination measures, adequate transparency standards, reliable accountability mechanisms and the development of lifelong education and training are crucial in this context;

Or. en

Amendment 197
Zdzislaw Krasnodębski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Stable regulatory environment

Favourable and stable regulatory environment

Or. en

Amendment 198
Martina Dlabajová, Ivo Vajgl, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Stable regulatory environment

Stable *and favourable* regulatory environment

Or. en

Amendment 199

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Takes the view that **reducing** the regulatory and administrative **burden**, together with improving the quality of regulation and enforcement, **constitute the right way to lower SMEs' costs, including labour costs, in order** to increase **their** job creation potential;

Amendment

13. Takes the view that **improving** the regulatory and administrative **environment**, together with improving the quality of regulation and enforcement, **supported by information campaigns and prevention, constitute the right way** to increase **the** job creation potential **of SMEs**;

Or. en

Amendment 200

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Takes the view that **reducing the regulatory and administrative burden**, together with improving the quality of regulation and enforcement, constitute the right way to lower SMEs' **costs, including labour costs**, in order to increase their job creation potential;

Amendment

13. Takes the view that , together with improving the quality of regulation and enforcement, constitute the right way to lower SMEs', in order to increase their job creation potential; **strongly believes, that any regulation change should aim to strengthen social security, collective bargaining, and the role of the social partners**;

Or. en

Amendment 201 Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Takes the view that **reducing the regulatory and administrative burden, together with** improving the quality of regulation and enforcement, **constitute** the right way to lower SMEs' costs, including labour costs, in order to increase their job creation potential;

Amendment

13. Takes the view that improving the quality of regulation and enforcement **constitutes** the right way to lower SMEs' costs, including labour costs, in order to increase their job creation potential;

Or. en

Amendment 202
Claude Rolin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Takes the view that reducing the regulatory and administrative burden, together with improving the quality of regulation and enforcement, constitute **the right** way to lower SMEs' costs, including labour costs, in order to increase their job creation potential;

Amendment

13. Takes the view that reducing the **unnecessary** regulatory and administrative burden, together with improving the quality of regulation and enforcement, constitute **one** way to lower SMEs' costs, including labour costs, in order to increase their job creation potential; **stresses, however, that making improvements to the quality of regulations cannot be to the detriment of worker protections;**

Or. fr

Amendment 203
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Takes the view that reducing the regulatory and administrative burden, together with improving the quality of

Amendment

13. Takes the view that reducing the regulatory and administrative burden, together with improving the quality of

regulation and enforcement, constitute the right way to lower SMEs' costs, including labour costs, in order to increase their job creation potential;

regulation and enforcement, constitute the right way to lower SMEs' costs, including labour costs, in order to increase their job creation potential; ***recommends, at the same time, that a robust regulatory framework should be established with a view to ensuring that the regulation is not only high quality but also sustainable, and also guarantees vital safeguards for workers;***

Or. it

Amendment 204
Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Takes the view that reducing the regulatory and administrative burden, together with improving the quality of regulation and enforcement, constitute the right way to lower SMEs' costs, including labour costs, in order to increase their job creation potential;

Amendment

13. Takes the view that reducing the regulatory and administrative burden, together with improving the quality of regulation and enforcement, constitute the right way to lower SMEs' costs, including labour costs, in order to increase their job creation potential; ***stresses that this should not undermine worker protections;***

Or. fr

Amendment 205
Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Takes the view that reducing the regulatory and administrative burden, together with improving the quality of regulation and ***enforcement***, constitute the right way to lower SMEs' costs, including

Amendment

13. Takes the view that reducing the regulatory and administrative burden, together with improving the quality of regulation, ***including through systematic use of the 'SME test'***, as well as its

labour costs, in order to increase their job creation potential;

effective enforcement in all Member States, constitute the right way to lower SMEs' costs, including labour costs, to increase job creation potential;

Or. fr

Amendment 206
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. takes the view that only with improved access to financing through the SME correcting factor is a stable financial situation created which fosters growth and thereby sustains employment;

Or. de

Amendment 207
Sven Schulze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. takes the view that only with improved access to financing through the SME correcting factor is a stable financial situation created which fosters growth and thereby sustains employment;

Or. de

Amendment 208
Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Siôn Simon, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Stresses the importance of a comprehensive European regulatory environment which harmonizes the rules existing in 28 Member States thereby facilitating market access of SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 209

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Flavio Zanonato, Siôn Simon, Elena Gentile, Georgi Pirinski, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 b. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to improve the regulatory framework for social businesses;

Or. en

Amendment 210

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 c. Acknowledges the importance of taking into account the situation, specific needs and difficulties with compliance by micro and small enterprises in the context of the implementation of OSH measures at company level; stresses that awareness raising, exchange of good practices, consultation, user-friendly guides and

online platforms are of utmost importance to help SMEs and micro enterprises comply more effectively with OSH regulatory requirements; calls on the Commission, EU-OSHA and the Member States to continue developing practical tools and guidelines, which support, facilitate and improve the compliance of SMEs and micro enterprises with OSH requirements;

Or. en

Amendment 211

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 d. Calls on the Commission to continue taking into account the specific nature and situation of SMEs and micro-enterprises when revising the strategic framework in order to help these companies meet the objectives set as regards to health and safety in the workplace;

Or. en

Amendment 212

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 e. Welcomes the introduction of the EU-OSHA's online interactive risk assessment (OiRA) as well as other e-tools in the Member States that facilitate risk

assessment and aim to promote compliance and a culture of prevention, in particular in micro and small enterprises; urges the Member States to use the European funding for OSH actions in general and the development of e-tools in particular with the aim of supporting SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 213

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski, Richard Howitt, Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 f. Calls for easier access to credit and microfinance as well as tailor-made counselling and support for start-ups and micro-enterprises, to enhance their job creation potential; underlines the importance of the European programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI), as well as the Investment Plan for Europe in this context;

Or. en

Amendment 214

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Javi López, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 g. Stresses the need for one-stop-shops at national and regional level to provide SMEs with the necessary information on regulatory requirements

and financing possibilities;

Or. en

Amendment 215

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls on the Member States to review the rules affecting SMEs and *to introduce measures based on the ‘Think Small First’ principle*, in order to *remove the bureaucratic obstacles with which SMEs are confronted and* achieve a high level of regulatory certainty as a precondition for *job* stability;

Amendment

14. Calls on the Member States to review the rules affecting SMEs and *when drafting legislation, to take into account the effects it will have on SMEs*, in order to *improve the regulatory environment and to* achieve a high level of regulatory certainty as a precondition for *employment quality and* stability;

Or. en

Amendment 216

Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls on the Member States to review the rules affecting SMEs and to introduce measures based on the ‘Think Small First’ principle, in order to *remove the bureaucratic obstacles with which SMEs are confronted and* achieve a high level of regulatory certainty as a precondition for *job* stability;

Amendment

14. Calls on the Member States to review the rules affecting SMEs and to introduce measures based on the ‘Think Small First’ principle, in order to *ensure quality standards for workers such as working conditions, working time and health and safety without burdening SMEs with bureaucratic obstacles;*

Or. en

Amendment 217

Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls on the Member States to review the rules affecting SMEs and to introduce measures based on the ‘Think Small First’ principle, in order to remove the bureaucratic obstacles with which SMEs are confronted and achieve a high level of regulatory certainty as a precondition for job stability;

Amendment

14. ***Points out that almost 99% of European businesses are SMEs***, calls on Member States ***and the EU*** to review the rules applicable to SMEs ***by enforcing systematic use of the ‘SME test’ at all stages of the legislative process***, and to introduce measures based on the ‘Think Small First’ principle, in order to remove the bureaucratic obstacles with which SMEs are confronted and achieve a high level of regulatory certainty as a precondition for job stability;

Or. fr

Amendment 218

Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls on the Member States to review the rules affecting SMEs and to introduce measures based on the ‘Think Small First’ principle, in order to ***remove the bureaucratic obstacles*** with which SMEs are confronted and achieve a high level of regulatory certainty as a precondition for job stability;

Amendment

14. Calls on the Member States to review the rules affecting SMEs and to introduce measures based on the ‘Think Small First’ principle, in order to ***reduce the burden*** with which SMEs are confronted and achieve a high level of regulatory certainty as a precondition for job stability;

Or. en

Amendment 219

Martina Dlabajová, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls on the Member States to review the rules affecting SMEs and to introduce measures based on the ‘Think Small First’ principle, in order to remove the bureaucratic obstacles with which SMEs are confronted and achieve a high level of regulatory certainty as a precondition for job stability;

Amendment

14. Calls on the Member States to review the rules affecting SMEs and to introduce measures based on the ‘Think Small First’ principle, in order to remove the bureaucratic obstacles with which SMEs are confronted and achieve a high level of regulatory certainty, **transparency and proportionality** as a precondition for job stability **and full job creation potential**;

Or. en

Amendment 220
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls on the Member States to review the rules affecting SMEs and to introduce measures based on the ‘Think Small First’ principle, in order to remove the bureaucratic obstacles with which SMEs are confronted and achieve a high level of regulatory certainty as a precondition for job stability;

Amendment

14. Calls on the Member States to review the rules affecting SMEs and to introduce measures based on the ‘Think Small First’ principle, in order to remove the bureaucratic obstacles **and administrative burden** with which SMEs are confronted and achieve a high level of regulatory certainty as a precondition for job stability;

Or. fr

Amendment 221
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls on the Member States to review the rules affecting SMEs and to introduce measures based on the ‘Think Small First’ principle, in order to remove the bureaucratic obstacles with which SMEs are confronted and achieve a high level of regulatory certainty as a precondition for job stability;

Amendment

14. Calls on the Member States to review the rules affecting SMEs and to introduce measures based on the ‘Think Small First’ principle, in order to remove the bureaucratic obstacles with which SMEs are confronted and achieve a high level of regulatory certainty as a precondition for job stability **and quality**;

Or. it

Amendment 222
Francesc Gambús

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls **on** the Member States **to review** the rules affecting SMEs and **to introduce** measures based on the ‘Think Small First’ principle, in order to remove the bureaucratic obstacles with which SMEs are confronted and achieve a high level of regulatory certainty as a precondition for job stability;

Amendment

14. Calls **for a review within** the Member States **of** the rules affecting SMEs and **for the Member States to introduce** measures based on the ‘Think Small First’ principle, in order to remove the bureaucratic obstacles with which SMEs are confronted and achieve a high level of regulatory certainty as a precondition for job stability;

Or. es

Amendment 223
Romana Tomc

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls on the Member States to review the rules affecting SMEs and to introduce measures based on the ‘Think

Amendment

14. Calls on the Member States to review the rules affecting SMEs and to introduce measures based on the ‘Think

Small First' principle, in order to remove the bureaucratic obstacles with which SMEs are confronted and achieve *a high level of* regulatory certainty as a precondition for job stability;

Small First' principle, in order to remove the bureaucratic obstacles with which SMEs are confronted and achieve regulatory certainty as a precondition for job stability;

Or. sl

Amendment 224
Monika Smolková

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. calls on the Member States to review the rules affecting SMEs and to introduce measures based on the 'Think Small First' principle, in order to remove the bureaucratic obstacles with which SMEs are confronted and achieve a high level of regulatory certainty as a precondition for job stability;

Amendment

14. calls on the Member States to review the rules affecting SMEs and to introduce measures based on the 'Think Small First' principle, in order to remove the bureaucratic obstacles with which SMEs are confronted and achieve a high level of legal, regulatory *and fiscal* certainty as a precondition for job stability;

Or. sk

Amendment 225
Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Calls on member states to ensure that a full regulatory impact is carried out on all new legislation and regulation to assess its impact on SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 226
Claude Rolin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Takes the view that a stable regulatory environment is an *essential prerequisite for* job perennity and job creation in SMEs; considers that *this regulatory certainty must encompass, among other elements, contract law and fiscal and social regulation, as well as tax rulings and also legal certainty and procedural effectiveness;*

Amendment

15. Takes the view that a stable regulatory environment is *an important factor to* job perennity and job creation in SMEs; considers, *however, that the importance of a stable regulatory environment cannot prevent policy makers from taking action to improve this regulatory framework;*

Or. fr

Amendment 227

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Takes the view that a stable regulatory environment is an essential prerequisite for *job perennity and* job creation in SMEs; considers that this regulatory certainty must encompass, among other elements, contract law and fiscal and social regulation, as well as tax rulings and also legal certainty and procedural effectiveness;

Amendment

15. Takes the view that a stable regulatory environment is an essential prerequisite for *sustainable quality* job creation in SMEs; considers that this regulatory certainty must encompass, among other elements, *workers' protection*, contract law and fiscal and social regulation, as well as tax rulings and also legal certainty and procedural effectiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 228

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Takes the view that a stable regulatory environment is an essential prerequisite for job perennity and job creation in SMEs; considers that this regulatory certainty must encompass, among other elements, contract law and fiscal and social regulation, as well as tax rulings and also legal certainty and procedural effectiveness;

Amendment

15. Takes the view that a stable regulatory environment is an essential prerequisite for job perennity and job creation in SMEs; considers that this regulatory certainty must encompass, among other elements, contract law and fiscal and social regulation, as well as tax rulings and also legal certainty and procedural effectiveness; ***recommends, in this regard, that the participation and involvement of workers in this process should be stepped up in order to include everyone;***

Or. it

Amendment 229

Martina Dlabajová, Ivo Vajgl, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Takes the view that a stable regulatory environment is an essential prerequisite for job perennity and job creation in SMEs; considers that this regulatory certainty must encompass, among other elements, contract law and fiscal and social regulation, as well as tax rulings and also legal certainty and procedural effectiveness;

Amendment

15. Takes the view that a stable ***and favourable*** regulatory environment is an essential prerequisite for job perennity and job creation in SMEs; considers that this regulatory certainty must encompass, among other elements, contract law and fiscal and social regulation, as well as tax rulings and also legal certainty and procedural effectiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 230

Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Takes the view that a stable regulatory environment is an essential prerequisite for job perennity and job creation in SMEs; considers that this regulatory certainty must encompass, among other elements, contract law and fiscal and social regulation, as well as tax rulings and also legal certainty and procedural effectiveness;

Amendment

15. Takes the view that a ***favourable and*** stable regulatory environment is an essential prerequisite for job perennity and job creation in SMEs; considers that this regulatory certainty must encompass, among other elements, contract law and fiscal and social regulation, as well as tax rulings and also legal certainty and procedural effectiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 231
Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Recalls that competition policy is enforced at EU level; highlights that unfair competition in the single market has a negative effect on law-abiding businesses in particular SMEs; calls on the Commission together with the Member States to take decisive measures to tackle unfair competition that is based on for example avoidance of social, fiscal or labour law; considers the principle of equal pay for equal work at the same place as advocated by Commission President Juncker as an important tool to fight market distortions;

Or. en

Amendment 232
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. *Considers that, in addition to stability, the intrinsic clarity of rules is key to ensuring the continuity and creation of jobs; calls on the Member States, therefore, to adopt laws that achieve this goal and, as a result, legal certainty;*

Or. it

Amendment 233

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski, Richard Howitt, Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. *Believes that the stability of the regulatory environment is best achieved by an ongoing involvement of social partners in the decision making process;*

Or. en

Amendment 234

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. *Points out that SMEs can only fulfil their employment creation role in a healthy and stable economic environment;*

Or. fr

Amendment 235
Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Believes that taxation should be shifted away from labour towards other broad based systems of taxation;

Or. en

Amendment 236
Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck, Richard Howitt, Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 b. Recalls that competition policy is enforced at the European level; highlights that unfair competition in the Single Market damages law-abiding companies, in particular small and medium enterprises; calls on the Commission together with the Member States to take decisive measures to tackle unfair competition that is based on for example avoidance of social, fiscal or labour law;

Or. en

Amendment 237
Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski, Richard Howitt, Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 c. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to take decisive measures to curb letterbox companies;

Or. en

Amendment 238

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López, Georgi Pirinski, Richard Howitt, Maria Arena

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 d (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 d. Recalls that all workers in the Single Market must have the right to enjoy the highest possible level of protection as regards to health and safety at work regardless of the size of the company which employs them, the place of employment or the underlying contract;

Or. en

Amendment 239

Siôn Simon

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider that SMEs face specific obstacles and should therefore be exempted from excessively burdensome administrative procedures, while always ensuring that they provide their employees with the necessary health and safety standards;

deleted

Amendment 240

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider that SMEs face specific obstacles ***and should therefore be exempted from excessively burdensome administrative procedures, while always ensuring that they provide their employees with the necessary health and safety standards;***

Amendment

16. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider that SMEs face specific obstacles ***which need tailor-made solutions and support and that there is a wide variety amongst SMEs;***

Or. en

Amendment 241

Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider that ***SMEs face specific obstacles and*** should therefore be ***exempted from excessively burdensome administrative procedures, while always ensuring that they provide their employees with the necessary health and safety standards;***

Amendment

16. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider that ***the impact of administrative requirements is felt disproportionately by SMEs and that measures such exemptions*** should therefore be ***systematically considered to minimize the burden,*** while ensuring that employees ***receive adequate*** health and safety ***protection;***

Or. en

Amendment 242

Martina Dlabajová, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider that *SMEs face specific obstacles and* should therefore be *exempted from excessively burdensome administrative procedures*, while *always* ensuring that *they provide* their employees *with the necessary* health and safety *standards*;

Amendment

16. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider that *the impact of administrative requirements is felt disproportionately by SMEs and that measures such as exemptions* should therefore be *systematically considered to minimize such requirements*, while ensuring that their employees *receive adequate* health and safety *protection*;

Or. en

Amendment 243
Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider that SMEs face specific obstacles and should therefore *be exempted from* excessively burdensome administrative procedures, while always ensuring that they provide their employees with the necessary health and safety standards;

Amendment

16. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider that SMEs face specific obstacles and should therefore *be subject to appropriate legislation, including through systematic use of the ‘SME test’ at all stages of the legislative process, so that SMEs avoid* excessively burdensome administrative procedures, while always ensuring that they provide their employees with the necessary health and safety standards;

Or. fr

Amendment 244
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider that SMEs face specific obstacles and should therefore **be exempted from** excessively burdensome administrative procedures, while always ensuring that they provide their employees with the necessary health and safety standards;

Amendment

16. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider that SMEs face specific obstacles and should therefore **be relieved of** excessively burdensome administrative procedures, while always ensuring that they provide their employees with the necessary health and safety standards;

Or. it

Amendment 245
Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider that SMEs face specific obstacles and should therefore **be exempted from** excessively burdensome administrative procedures, while always ensuring that they provide their employees with the necessary health and safety standards;

Amendment

16. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider that SMEs face specific obstacles and should therefore **not be subject to** excessively burdensome administrative procedures, while always ensuring that they provide their employees with the necessary health and safety standards;

Or. en

Amendment 246
Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider that SMEs face specific obstacles and should therefore be exempted from excessively burdensome

Amendment

16. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider that SMEs face specific obstacles and should therefore be exempted from excessively burdensome

administrative procedures, while always ensuring that they provide *their employees with the necessary health and safety standards*;

administrative procedures, while always ensuring that they provide *employee protection*;

Or. fr

Amendment 247

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider that SMEs face specific obstacles and should therefore be exempted from excessively burdensome administrative procedures, while always ensuring that they provide their employees with *the necessary* health and safety standards;

Amendment

16. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider that SMEs face specific obstacles and should therefore be exempted from excessively burdensome administrative procedures, while always ensuring that they provide their employees with health and safety standards;

Or. fr

Amendment 248

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

16a. Considers that SMEs should enjoy favourable tax treatment for two specific reasons: to remedy the inherent inequalities between SMEs and multinationals; to make it possible to use additional resources, together with public investment, to create jobs;

Amendment

Or. it

Amendment 249
Sven Schulze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. *calls on the Commission to carry out an SME test on legislation relevant to SMEs in accordance with its guidelines on impact assessment;*

Or. de

Amendment 250
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. *calls on the Commission to carry out an SME test on legislation relevant to SMEs in accordance with its guidelines on impact assessment;*

Or. de

Amendment 251
Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Jutta Steinruck, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Stresses the importance of SME-friendly public administration in the Member States in order to promote entrepreneurship values, facilitate the growth of SMEs and enable them to achieve their full **job creation potential**;

17. Stresses the importance of SME-friendly, **effective, flexible and responsive** public administration in the Member States in order to promote entrepreneurship values, facilitate the growth of SMEs and enable them to achieve their full **potential**

in generating high-quality jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 252

Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Stresses the importance of SME-friendly public administration in the Member States in order to promote entrepreneurship values, facilitate the growth of SMEs and enable them to achieve their full job creation potential;

Amendment

17. Stresses the importance of SME-friendly ***efficient, flexible and responsive*** public administration in the Member States in order to promote entrepreneurship values, facilitate the growth of SMEs and enable them to achieve their full ***quality*** job creation potential;

Or. en

Amendment 253

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Jutta Steinruck, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Commission to facilitate exchanges of best practices between Member States regarding their different regulatory environments for SMEs; welcomes in this regard the Network of SME Envoys, whose role is to improve the consultation process with national SMEs and cooperation between EU countries; also encourages cooperation between SMEs and local authorities, which can be beneficial for the creation of business clusters and incubators and hence increase their job creation potential;

Amendment

18. Calls on the Commission to facilitate ***efficient*** exchanges of best practices between Member States regarding their different regulatory environments for SMEs; welcomes in this regard the Network of SME Envoys, whose role is to improve the consultation process with national SMEs and cooperation between EU countries; also encourages cooperation between SMEs and local authorities, which can be beneficial for the creation of business clusters and incubators and hence increase their job creation potential; ***encourages SMEs' associations***

to better support SMEs and to play a stronger role as a reliable social partner;

Or. en

Amendment 254
Francesc Gambús

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Commission to facilitate exchanges of best practices between Member States regarding their different regulatory environments for SMEs; welcomes in this regard the Network of SME Envoys, whose role is to improve the consultation process with national SMEs and cooperation between EU countries; also encourages cooperation between SMEs and local authorities, which can be beneficial for the creation of business clusters and incubators and hence increase their job creation potential;

Amendment

18. Calls on the Commission to facilitate exchanges of best practices between Member States regarding their different regulatory environments for SMEs; welcomes in this regard the Network of SME Envoys, whose role is to improve the consultation process with national SMEs and cooperation between EU countries; also encourages cooperation between SMEs, *sub-state authorities with their own exclusive competences* and local authorities, which can be beneficial for the creation of business clusters and incubators and hence increase their job creation potential;

Or. es

Amendment 255
Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Commission to facilitate exchanges of best practices between Member States regarding their different regulatory environments for SMEs; welcomes in this regard the Network of SME Envoys, whose role is to

Amendment

18. Calls on the Commission to facilitate exchanges of best practices between Member States regarding their different regulatory environments for SMEs; welcomes in this regard the Network of SME Envoys, whose role is to

improve the consultation process with national SMEs and cooperation between EU countries; also encourages cooperation between SMEs and local authorities, which can be beneficial for the creation of business clusters and incubators and hence increase their job creation potential;

improve the consultation process with national SMEs and cooperation between EU countries; also encourages cooperation between SMEs and local authorities ***and the education sector***, which can be beneficial for the creation of business clusters and incubators and hence increase their job creation potential;

Or. en

Amendment 256

Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Ulrike Trebesius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. Draws attention to the insolvency and bankruptcy risks for SMEs facing delays in payments; calls on the Commission and the Member States to improve the enforcement of the Late Payment Directive; calls, furthermore, on the Member States to consider adequate financial mechanisms, such as bank guarantees;

Or. en

Amendment 257

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to ***adopt, in the framework of the European Semester's country-specific recommendations, a differentiated approach to improve the environment for SMEs, taking into account the country-***

19. Calls on the Commission to ***bear in mind country-specific circumstances and structural differences specific to each EU region, and asks the Commission to allow each Member State to put in place the requisite national measures to improve***

specific circumstances and the EU regions' specific structural differences;

the conditions for SMEs in their country;

Or. fr

Amendment 258

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission to adopt, *in the framework of the European Semester's country-specific recommendations, a differentiated approach to improve the environment for SMEs*, taking into account the country-specific circumstances and the EU regions' specific structural differences;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to adopt *a differentiated approach to improve the environment for SMEs and to promote stronger social security and workers' rights*, taking into account the country-specific circumstances and the EU regions' specific structural differences; *calls further more on the Commission to focus not only on SME but on Micro Enterprises as well;*

Or. en

Amendment 259

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission to adopt, in the framework of the European Semester's country-specific recommendations, a differentiated approach to improve the environment for SMEs, taking into account the country-specific circumstances and the EU regions' specific structural differences;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to adopt, in the framework of the European Semester's country-specific recommendations, a differentiated approach to improve the environment for SMEs, taking into account the country-specific circumstances and the EU regions' specific structural differences, *as that move would enable progress to be made towards greater economic, social and territorial cohesion;*

Amendment 260
Helga Stevens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission to adopt, in the framework of the European Semester's country-specific recommendations, a differentiated approach to improve the environment for SMEs, taking into account the country-specific circumstances and the EU regions' specific structural differences;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to adopt, ***when appropriate for specific Member States, and*** in the framework of the European Semester's country-specific recommendations, a differentiated approach to improve the environment for SMEs, taking into account the country-specific circumstances and the EU regions' specific structural differences;

Or. nl

Amendment 261
Claude Rolin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission to adopt, in the framework of the European Semester's country-specific recommendations, a differentiated approach to improve the environment for SMEs, taking into account the country-specific circumstances and the EU regions' specific structural differences;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to adopt, in the framework of the European Semester's country-specific recommendations, a differentiated approach to improve the environment for SMEs, taking into account the country-specific circumstances and the EU regions' specific structural differences ***as well as the opinions of social partners;***

Or. fr

Amendment 262
Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission to adopt, in the framework of the European Semester's country-specific recommendations, a differentiated approach to improve the environment for SMEs, taking into account the country-specific circumstances and the EU regions' specific structural differences;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to adopt, in the framework of the European Semester's country-specific recommendations, a differentiated approach to improve the environment for SMEs, taking into account the country-specific circumstances and the EU regions' specific structural differences **among SMEs**;

Or. en

Amendment 263
Sofia Ribeiro

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Notes that the difficulties faced by SMEs are more tangible in some European regions, specifically the Outermost Regions which, besides their geographical distance from the big markets, are also by their very nature geographically disperse/islands; Calls on the Commission to create an 'OR SME' programme that takes into consideration the specific nature of those regions and creates the conditions for their SMEs to compete on an equal footing with other European SMEs;

Or. pt

Amendment 264
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Emphasises the need to bring together business developers and business incubators, with a view to making start-ups an important tool for creating lasting jobs and to keeping potential within companies, discouraging ‘the sale of an important idea’ for pure profit;

Or. it

Amendment 265
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Calls on the Member States to remove the remaining administrative barriers with a view to facilitating market access for micro-enterprises and SMEs from other Member States;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 266
Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Calls on the Member States to remove the remaining administrative barriers with a view to facilitating market access for micro-enterprises and SMEs from other Member States;

20. Welcomes the creation of a Capital Market Union and calls for further measures to facilitate market access for micro-enterprises and SMEs from other Member States;

Amendment 267
Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the *Member States to remove* the remaining administrative barriers with a view to facilitating market access for micro-enterprises and SMEs from other Member States;

Amendment

20. Calls on the *Commission to fully implement the Single Market Strategy by removing* the remaining administrative barriers with a view to facilitating market access for micro-enterprises and SMEs from other Member States;

Amendment 268
Martina Dlabajová, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. *Calls on the Member States to remove the* remaining administrative barriers *with a view to facilitating market access for micro-enterprises and SMEs from other* Member States;

Amendment

20. *Highlights the fact that three out of four SMEs do not trade beyond their national borders and the need to facilitate access to the EU Single Market by removing* remaining administrative barriers; *welcomes the strong focus on SMEs in the 2015 Single Market Strategy and urges the Commission and Member States to follow up on the positive initiatives with specific measures that are tangible to small traders;*

Amendment 269
Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the Member States to ***remove the remaining administrative barriers with a view to facilitating market access for micro-enterprises and SMEs from other Member States;***

Amendment

20. Calls on the Member States to ***ensure equitable access conditions to their national market for SMEs from other Member States, in compliance with the legislation of the host Member State and European legislation, and prioritise the fight against bogus self-employment and ‘letter box companies’;***

Or. fr

Amendment 270

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck, Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the Member States to ***remove the remaining administrative barriers*** with a view to facilitating market access for ***micro-enterprises and SMEs*** from other Member States;

Amendment

20. Calls on the Member States to ***improve the regulatory environment*** with a view to facilitating ***cross-border employment and ensuring fair*** market access for SMEs from other Member States, ***whilst combatting market distortions;***

Or. en

Amendment 271

Zdzisław Krasnodebski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the Member States to

Amendment

20. Calls on the Member States to

remove the remaining administrative barriers with a view to facilitating market access for micro-enterprises and SMEs *from other Member States*;

remove the remaining administrative barriers with a view to facilitating market access for micro-enterprises and SMEs *throughout the EU, which is preconditioned by further steps to complete the single market*;

Or. en

Amendment 272

Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the Member States to remove the remaining administrative barriers with a view to facilitating market access for micro-enterprises and SMEs *from other Member States*;

Amendment

20. Calls on the Member States to remove the remaining administrative barriers with a view to facilitating market access for micro-enterprises and SMEs, *particularly those providing cross-border services*;

Or. de

Amendment 273

Sven Schulze

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the Member States to remove the remaining administrative barriers with a view to facilitating market access for micro-enterprises and SMEs *from other Member States*;

Amendment

20. Calls on the Member States to remove the remaining administrative barriers with a view to facilitating market access for micro-enterprises and SMEs, *particularly those providing cross-border services*;

Or. de

Amendment 274
Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the Member States to remove the remaining administrative barriers with a view to facilitating market access for micro-enterprises and SMEs from other Member States;

Amendment

20. Calls on the Member States to remove the remaining ***unjustified*** administrative barriers with a view to facilitating market access for micro-enterprises and SMEs from other Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 275
Claude Rolin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the Member States to remove the remaining administrative barriers with a view to facilitating market access for micro-enterprises and SMEs from other Member States;

Amendment

20. Calls on the Member States to remove the remaining ***unnecessary*** administrative barriers with a view to facilitating market access for micro-enterprises and SMEs from other Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 276
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 a. Underlines the importance and potential of the Internal market for the development and growth of SMEs,

*through the freedom of establishment and
freedom to provide services;*

Or. en

Amendment 277

Zdzisław Krasnodebski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*20 a. Highlights the importance of
implementing effectively the SMEs related
measures announced in the 2015 Single
Market Strategy of the European
Commission;*

Or. en

Amendment 278

Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*20 a. Encourages the Commission and
Member States to identify and tackle
administrative and regulatory barriers
preventing the swift delivery of funding;*

Or. en

Amendment 279

**Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile,
Jutta Steinruck, Javi López, Georgi Pirinski, Richard Howitt, Maria Arena**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the Member States to ***adopt favourable legislative frameworks for newly- created SMEs, focusing in particular on incentive measures aimed at tackling the shadow economy;***

Amendment

21. Calls on the Member States to ***tackle the shadow economy and make full use of the newly established platform to tackle undeclared work;***

Or. en

Amendment 280

Martina Dlabajová, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for newly- created SMEs, ***focusing in particular on incentive measures aimed at tackling the shadow economy;***

Amendment

21. Calls on the Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for newly- created SMEs, ***believes that among other initiatives, the Start-up Initiative announced in the Commission's Single Market Strategy will provide a constructive framework for such improvements;***

Or. en

Amendment 281

Claude Rolin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for newly- created SMEs, focusing in particular on incentive measures aimed at tackling the shadow economy;

Amendment

21. Calls on the Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for newly- created SMEs, focusing in particular on incentive measures aimed at tackling the shadow economy; ***stresses the importance of having the requisite resources for inspection services and***

stresses the crucial role that the platform to tackle undeclared work in dealing should play with a view to combatting the shadow economy;

Or. fr

Amendment 282

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for newly- created SMEs, focusing in particular on incentive measures aimed at tackling the shadow economy;

Amendment

21. Calls on the Member States to adopt favourable legislative frameworks for newly- created SMEs, focusing in particular on incentive measures aimed at tackling the shadow economy; *recognizes that austerity measures implemented in many Member States had a catalytic impact in the growth of the shadow economy;*

Or. en

Amendment 283

Thomas Mann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

21a. Takes the view that the appropriate Member State authorities must provide SMEs with comprehensive, tailored support and advice on integrating refugees into the labour market;

Or. de

Amendment 284

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski, Richard Howitt, Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. Calls on Member States to develop active labour market policies, foster research and innovation, and provide good quality public services and infrastructures, in order to also encourage private sector investment into SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 285

Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. Encourages Member States to continue to create one stop shops to provide information on all regulatory requirements and funding opportunities that anyone starting a business in any sector of the economy will encounter;

Or. en

Amendment 286

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López, Georgi Pirinski, Richard Howitt, Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 b. Stresses the need for Member States to foster partnerships between local authorities, education institutions, employment services, enterprises, trade unions, and civil society associations, also with regard to the creation, implementation and monitoring of sustainable and inclusive quality employment strategies and action plans;

Or. en

Amendment 287
Thomas Mann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. Is firmly convinced that integrating refugees into the labour market will be impossible without active, solid support from micro-enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises in the EU;

Or. de

Amendment 288
Thomas Mann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21c. stresses that comprehensive language training for refugees is of the utmost importance; stresses that such training should begin as soon as possible and that job-related language knowledge

is essential for refugees to integrate in companies;

Or. de

Amendment 289
Thomas Mann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21d. Calls for micro-enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) not to be required in any way to disclose non-financial information about their voluntary social engagement; emphasises that such disclosure can generate disproportionately high bureaucratic costs and would jeopardise, rather than foster, social engagement from firms;

Or. de

Amendment 290
Thomas Mann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21e. emphasises that the European Parliament made it absolutely clear in its resolution of 6 February 2013 on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) (2012/2097 (INI)), that in a free society, CSR can never make charitable action compulsory; is firmly convinced that if CSR were made compulsory, people would be less willing to support charitable causes;

Amendment 291

Thomas Mann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21f. calls on the Commission and the Member States to intensify their efforts to combat the letterbox company problem;

Amendment 292

Thomas Mann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21g. stresses that the temporary employment industry is particularly important to SMEs and a nuanced view should be taken of it, and this is particularly the case for its collective systems; the Commission and Member States should support all forms of temporary employment, particularly those which act as a bridge to permanent employment ;

Amendment 293

Thomas Mann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21h. *firmly believes that the Master Craftsman Certificate must be maintained;*

Or. de

Amendment 294
Sven Schulze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. *Notes that in some cases EU competition policy results in privileging that mostly benefits big market operators that are characterised by greater economic efficiency than SMEs; stresses in this regard the need for specific measures for SMEs in order to curb their market diseconomies, thus enabling their internationalisation and boosting their job creation potential;*

Amendment

22. stresses the need for specific measures for SMEs in order to curb their market diseconomies, thus enabling their internationalisation and boosting their job creation potential;

Or. de

Amendment 295
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. *Notes that in some cases EU competition policy results in privileging that mostly benefits big market operators that are characterised by greater economic efficiency than SMEs; stresses in this regard the need for specific measures for SMEs in order to curb their*

Amendment

22. stresses the need for specific measures for SMEs in order to curb their market diseconomies, thus enabling their internationalisation and boosting their job creation potential;

market diseconomies, thus enabling their internationalisation and boosting their job creation potential;

Or. de

Amendment 296

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Notes that in some cases EU competition policy results in privileging that *mostly* benefits big market operators that are characterised by *greater economic efficiency than SMEs*; stresses in this regard the need for specific measures *for SMEs in order to curb their market diseconomies, thus enabling their internationalisation and boosting their job creation potential*;

Amendment

22. Notes that in some cases EU competition policy results in privileging that benefits big market operators that are characterised by *greater* economic efficiency than SMEs, stresses in this regard the need for specific measures *to protect SMEs with regard to tax matters, specifically employment tax; in addition, calls on the Commission and the Member States to assess very carefully and consequently take action on future trade agreements or those already in force, such as TTIP, TiSA, CETA, and MES for China; believes that making these decisions without involving the European Parliament, the only body that is democratically elected by European citizens, would put at serious risk the economy, productivity and employment throughout the European Union; recommends, therefore, considering this prospect as opening the EU up to the serious risk of unfair competition, the deterioration of social guarantees and a huge loss of jobs, thereby making the paradigm of social dumping more than just symbolic*;

Or. it

Amendment 297

Helga Stevens

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Notes that in some cases EU competition policy results in privileging that mostly benefits big market operators that are characterised by greater economic efficiency than SMEs; stresses in this regard the need for *specific measures for SMEs in order to curb their market diseconomies, thus enabling their internationalisation and boosting their job creation potential*;

Amendment

22. Notes that in some cases EU competition policy results in privileging that mostly benefits big market operators that are characterised by greater economic efficiency than SMEs; stresses in this regard *that EU competition rules must guarantee a level playing field for small, medium-sized and large enterprises active in the European market*;

Or. nl

Amendment 298

Deirdre Clune, David Casa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Notes that *in some cases EU competition policy results in privileging that mostly benefits* big market operators *that* are characterised by greater economic efficiency than SMEs; stresses in this regard the need for specific measures for SMEs in order to curb their market diseconomies, thus enabling their internationalisation and boosting their job creation potential;

Amendment

22. Notes that big market operators are characterised by greater economic efficiency than SMEs; stresses in this regard the need for specific measures for SMEs in order to curb their market diseconomies, thus enabling their internationalisation and boosting their job creation potential; *Notes that EU Competition policy protects SMEs by preventing monopolies, cartels, market dominance or state aid and thus facilitates the job creation potential of SMEs*;

Or. en

Amendment 299
Martina Dlabajová, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Notes that in some cases EU competition policy **results** in privileging **that mostly benefits** big market operators that are characterised by greater **economic efficiency** than SMEs; stresses in this regard the need for specific measures for SMEs **in order to curb their market diseconomies, thus** enabling their internationalisation and boosting their job creation potential;

Amendment

22. Notes that in some cases EU competition policy **could result** in privileging big market operators that are characterised by greater **economies of scale** than SMEs; stresses in this regard the need for specific measures for SMEs enabling their internationalisation and boosting their job creation potential;

Or. en

Amendment 300
Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Jutta Steinruck, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Notes that in some cases EU competition policy results in **privileging** that mostly benefits big market operators **that are characterised by greater economic efficiency than SMEs**; stresses in this regard the need for specific measures for SMEs in order to curb their market diseconomies, thus enabling their internationalisation and boosting their **job creation potential**;

Amendment

22. Notes that in some cases EU competition policy results in **a privilege** that mostly benefits big market operators; stresses in this regard the need for specific measures for SMEs in order to curb their market diseconomies, thus enabling their internationalisation and boosting their **potential to generate high quality jobs**;

Or. en

Amendment 301
Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Notes that in some cases EU competition policy results in privileging that mostly benefits big market operators that are characterised by greater economic efficiency than SMEs; stresses in this regard the need for specific measures for SMEs in order to curb their market diseconomies, thus enabling their internationalisation and boosting *their* job creation potential;

Amendment

22. Notes that in some cases EU competition policy results in privileging that mostly benefits big market operators that are characterised by greater economic efficiency than SMEs; ***therefore asks that cooperation between larger businesses and SMEs be stimulated***; stresses in this regard the need for specific measures for SMEs in order to curb their market diseconomies, thus ***ensuring access to innovative research and process-oriented innovation and access to public tendering procedures***; ***also points out the increasing importance of internationalising SMEs and the need to organise and introduce targeted initiatives and measures – tailored to SMEs – in order to foster export opportunities for SMEs and their internationalisation and to encourage them to explore and enter new and rapidly growing markets outside the EU, and thereby increase the competitiveness, market share and employment creation potential of SMEs***;

Or. nl

Amendment 302
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Notes that ***in some cases*** EU competition policy results in privileging that mostly benefits big market operators that are characterised by greater economic efficiency than SMEs; stresses in this regard the need for specific measures for

Amendment

22. Notes that EU competition policy ***too often*** results in privileging that mostly benefits big market operators that are characterised by greater economic efficiency than SMEs; stresses in this regard the need for specific measures for

SMEs in order to curb their market diseconomies, thus enabling their internationalisation and boosting their job creation potential;

SMEs in order to curb their market diseconomies, thus enabling their internationalisation and boosting their job creation potential;

Or. fr

Amendment 303
Monika Smolková

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. notes that in some cases, EU competition policy results in privileging that mostly benefits big market operators that are characterised by greater economic efficiency than SMEs; stresses in this regard the need for specific measures for SMEs in order to curb their market diseconomies, thus enabling their internationalisation and boosting their job creation potential;

Amendment

22. notes that in some cases, EU competition policy results in privileging, *in the field of state assistance, for instance*, that mostly benefits big market operators that are characterised by greater economic efficiency than SMEs; stresses in this regard the need for specific measures for SMEs in order to curb their market diseconomies, thus enabling their internationalisation and boosting their job creation potential;

Or. sk

Amendment 304
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

22a. Notes that the negative impact of the relocation phenomenon, caused by the differing economic situations in Member States, is now apparent; recommends that not only should this impact be assessed, but also transparent and clear recommendations should be put in place to enable SMEs to make choices which are shrewd and sustainable in the long

term;

Or. it

Amendment 305

Sven Schulze

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. appeals to Member States for public bodies to officially restrict themselves to their statutory sector when providing services so that their special tax position does not give rise to SMEs suffering because competition has been distorted;

Or. de

Amendment 306

Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. appeals to Member States for public bodies to officially restrict themselves to their statutory sector when providing services so that their special tax position does not give rise to SMEs suffering because competition has been distorted;

Or. de

Amendment 307

Tatjana Ždanoka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 a. Points out that SMEs across Europe are characterised by a diversity of business models and legal forms and that a playing field should be guaranteed for all of them, including social economy actors;

Or. en

Amendment 308
Helga Stevens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Takes the view that SMEs' unequal access to markets, skills and finance across the EU, as well as being detrimental to their employment creation prospects, is the result of a number of structural differences in terms of enterprises' scale and performance; considers, therefore, that these differences should be taken into account when evaluating *EU internal market performance and implementing Union competition policy rules*;

23. Takes the view that SMEs' unequal access to markets, skills and finance across the EU, as well as being detrimental to their employment creation prospects, is the result of a number of structural differences in terms of enterprises' scale and performance; considers, therefore, that these differences should be taken into account when evaluating *EU competition policy and the functioning of the internal market*;

Or. nl

Amendment 309
Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Jutta Steinruck, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Takes the view that SMEs' unequal access to markets, skills and finance across the *EU*, as well as being detrimental to their employment creation prospects, is the result of a number of structural differences in terms of enterprises' scale and performances; considers, therefore, that these differences should be taken into account when evaluating *EU* internal market performance and implementing *Union* competition policy rules;

Amendment

23. Takes the view that SMEs' unequal access to markets, *information, counselling, public services*, skills and finance across the *European Union*, as well as being detrimental to their employment creation prospects, is the result of a number of structural differences in terms of enterprises' scale and performances; considers, therefore, that these differences should be taken into account when evaluating *the Union's* internal market performance and implementing competition policy rules;

Or. en

Amendment 310

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Takes the view that SMEs' unequal access to markets, skills and finance across the EU, as well as being detrimental to their employment creation prospects, is the result of a number of structural differences in terms of enterprises' scale and performances; considers, therefore, that these differences should be taken into account when evaluating EU internal market performance and implementing Union competition policy rules;

Amendment

23. Takes the view that SMEs' unequal access to markets, skills and finance across the EU, as well as being detrimental to their employment creation prospects, is the result of a number of structural differences in terms of enterprises' scale and performances *and in national legislative provisions*; considers, therefore, that these differences should be taken into account when evaluating EU internal market performance and implementing Union competition policy rules;

Or. fr

Amendment 311

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to combat fiscal and social dumping which creates unfair competition between the economies of Member States, causing intolerable imbalances which, with the opening of borders and removal of barriers for goods and services, are likely to grow, to the detriment of the quality of those goods and services, not to mention jobs and working conditions; believes that this is the only way that the single market will be able to withstand the competition from third countries and prevent the social safety net from becoming ever smaller, leading to huge job losses;*

Or. it

Amendment 312

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. *Considers that an image of a SME as an attractive employer, based on good working and employment conditions, is an important competitive advantage with regard to the recruitment of skilled staff;*

Or. en

Amendment 313

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Takes the view that *overregulated and bureaucratic economic systems induce higher labour costs, which represent a higher financial burden for SMEs than for big companies owing to the differences in business volumes;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 314
Claude Rolin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Takes the view that *overregulated and bureaucratic economic systems induce higher labour costs, which represent a higher financial burden for SMEs than for big companies owing to the differences in business volumes;*

24. Takes the view that *regulations serve the general interest and are intended, among other objectives, to establish a competitive and fair marketplace, protect employees, protect health and safety, promote innovation and preserve the natural environment; stresses the urgent need for a clear and effective regulatory framework which does not cause SMEs unnecessary bureaucratic burdens when they come to apply it;*

Or. fr

Amendment 315
Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Takes the view that *overregulated*

24. Takes the view that *tax policies*

and bureaucratic economic systems induce higher labour costs, which represent a higher financial burden for SMEs than for big companies owing to the differences in business volumes;

should favour job creation;

Or. en

Amendment 316

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Jutta Steinruck, Richard Howitt, Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Takes the view that *overregulated and bureaucratic economic systems induce higher labour costs, which represent a higher financial burden for SMEs than for big companies owing to the differences in business volumes;*

Amendment

24. Takes the view that *fair competition is a fundamental principle of a functioning Single Market;*

Or. en

Amendment 317

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Takes the view that overregulated and bureaucratic economic systems induce higher labour costs, which represent a higher financial burden for SMEs than for big companies owing to the differences in business volumes;

Amendment

24. Takes the view that overregulated and bureaucratic economic systems induce higher labour costs, which represent a higher financial burden for SMEs than for big companies owing to the differences in business volumes; *points out that falling salaries are brought about by the current monetary policies, which do not allow public investment to exceed budgetary ceilings and therefore have an effect on salaries;*

Amendment 318**Helga Stevens****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 25***Motion for a resolution*

25. Notes that *in regions where economic development is focused on attracting foreign direct investment (FDI)*, MNCs are treated preferentially in both legislative and tax matters; believes that *these practices should be examined with a view to ensuring a level playing field for SMEs and restoring their employment creation capacities*;

Amendment

25. Notes that MNCs are *sometimes* treated preferentially in both legislative and tax matters; believes that *all businesses must be on a level playing field in order to safeguard SMEs' employment creation capacities as well; calls upon authorities to create favourable conditions for smaller enterprises*;

Or. nl

Amendment 319**Deirdre Clune, David Casa****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 25***Motion for a resolution*

25. Notes that in regions where economic development is focused on attracting foreign direct investment (FDI), MNCs *are* treated preferentially in both legislative and tax matters; believes that these practices should be examined with a view to ensuring a level playing field for SMEs and restoring their employment creation capacities;

Amendment

25. Notes that in regions where economic development is focused on attracting foreign direct investment (FDI), MNCs *can be* treated preferentially in both legislative and tax matters; believes that these practices should be examined with a view to ensuring a level playing field for SMEs and restoring their employment creation capacities; *Recognises that multinational companies can have a positive effect on a workforce through the provision of jobs skills and training; Acknowledges the fact that many SMEs are created to support MNCs and their employees through the provision of supply chain products and services; Welcomes*

the move by the OECD to boost transparency in the International Tax system and calls for swift implementation of the BEPS measures;

Or. en

Amendment 320

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Notes that in regions where economic development is focused on attracting foreign direct investment (FDI), MNCs are treated preferentially in both legislative and tax matters; believes that ***these practices*** should be examined with a view to ensuring a level playing field ***for SMEs and restoring*** their employment creation capacities;

Amendment

25. Notes that in regions where economic development is focused on attracting foreign direct investment (FDI), MNCs are treated preferentially in both legislative and tax matters; ***stresses the need to closely monitor the respect of workers' rights in these cases;*** believes that ***a preferential treatment of MNCs*** should ***also*** be examined with a view to ensuring a level playing field ***and to diminish*** their ***potential negative impact on the*** employment creation capacities ***of SMEs;***

Or. en

Amendment 321

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Notes that in regions where economic development is focused on attracting foreign direct investment (FDI), MNCs are treated preferentially in both legislative and tax matters; believes that

Amendment

25. Notes that in regions where economic development is focused on attracting foreign direct investment (FDI), MNCs are treated preferentially in both legislative and tax matters; believes that

these practices *should* be examined with a view to ensuring a level playing field for SMEs and restoring their employment creation capacities;

these practices *must* be examined with a view to ensuring a level playing field for SMEs and restoring their employment creation capacities; *calls for firm, decisive action by the Commission with a view to tackling so-called 'tax engineering' by certain Member States, in order to ensure equal conditions for SMEs;*

Or. it

Amendment 322

Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Notes that in regions where economic development is focused on attracting foreign direct investment (FDI), MNCs are treated preferentially in both legislative and tax matters; believes that these practices should be examined with a view to ensuring a level playing field for SMEs and *restoring* their employment creation capacities;

Amendment

25. Notes that in regions where economic development is focused on attracting foreign direct investment (FDI), MNCs are treated preferentially in both legislative and tax matters; believes that these practices should be examined with a view to ensuring a level playing field for SMEs and *enhancing* their employment creation capacities;

Or. en

Amendment 323

Martina Dlabajová, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Notes that in regions where economic development is focused on attracting foreign direct investment (FDI), MNCs *are* treated preferentially in both legislative and tax matters; believes that these practices should be examined with a

Amendment

25. Notes that in regions where economic development is focused on attracting foreign direct investment (FDI), MNCs *could be in some cases* treated preferentially in both legislative and tax matters; believes that these practices

view to ensuring a level playing field for SMEs and *restoring* their employment creation *capacities*;

should be examined with a view to ensuring a level playing field for SMEs and *enhancing* their employment creation *capacity*;

Or. en

Amendment 324
Claude Rolin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Notes that in regions where economic development is focused on attracting foreign direct investment (FDI), MNCs are treated preferentially in both legislative and tax matters; believes that these practices should be examined with a view to ensuring a level playing field for SMEs and restoring their employment creation capacities;

Amendment

25. Notes that in regions where economic development is focused on attracting foreign direct investment (FDI), MNCs are treated preferentially in both legislative and tax matters; believes that these practices should be examined with a view to ensuring a level playing field for SMEs, restoring their employment creation capacities *and giving public authorities the means to fund their policies*;

Or. fr

Amendment 325
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

25a. Takes the view that tax rules (which vary on the basis of company size) create unfair competition between SMEs and large multinational groups;

Or. fr

Amendment 326

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Flavio Zanonato, Jutta Steinruck, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Notes that ***a reduced*** regulatory ***burden, better regulation and improvement of*** law enforcement can contribute to tackling ***the issues of*** the shadow economy and tax avoidance, ***as the attractiveness of such ‘exits’ from the regulatory systems would be substantially reduced;***

Amendment

26. Notes that ***an improved*** regulatory ***framework, and efficient*** law enforcement can contribute to tackling the shadow economy and tax avoidance;

Or. en

Amendment 327

Claude Rolin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Notes that ***a reduced regulatory burden,*** better regulation and improvement of law enforcement can contribute to tackling the issues of the shadow economy and tax avoidance, as the attractiveness of such ‘exits’ from the regulatory systems would be substantially reduced;

Amendment

26. Notes that ***simplified and*** better regulation and improvement of law enforcement can contribute to tackling the issues of the shadow economy and tax avoidance, as the attractiveness of such ‘exits’ from the regulatory systems would be substantially reduced, ***but on no account may jeopardise workers’ rights, particularly health and safety standards at work;***

Or. fr

Amendment 328

Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Notes that a reduced regulatory burden, better regulation and improvement of law enforcement can contribute to tackling the issues of the shadow economy and tax avoidance, as the attractiveness of such '*exits*' *from* the regulatory systems would be substantially reduced;

Amendment

26. Notes that a reduced regulatory burden, better regulation and improvement of law enforcement can contribute to tackling the issues of the shadow economy and tax avoidance, as the attractiveness of such '*bypassing*' *of* the regulatory systems would be substantially reduced;

Or. en

Amendment 329
Martina Dlabajová, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Notes that a reduced regulatory burden, better regulation and improvement of law enforcement can contribute to tackling the issues of the shadow economy and tax avoidance, as the attractiveness of such '*exits*' *from* the regulatory systems would be substantially reduced;

Amendment

26. Notes that a reduced regulatory burden, better regulation and improvement of law enforcement can contribute to tackling the issues of the shadow economy and tax avoidance, as the attractiveness of such '*bypassing*' *of* the regulatory systems would be substantially reduced;

Or. en

Amendment 330
Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Notes that *a reduced regulatory burden*, better regulation and improvement of law enforcement can contribute to tackling the issues of the shadow economy

Amendment

26. Notes that better regulation and improvement of law enforcement can contribute to tackling the issues of the shadow economy and tax avoidance, as the

and tax avoidance, as the attractiveness of such ‘exits’ from the regulatory systems would be substantially reduced;

attractiveness of such ‘exits’ from the regulatory systems would be substantially reduced;

Or. en

Amendment 331

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Notes that ***a reduced regulatory burden, better*** regulation and improvement of law enforcement ***can*** contribute to tackling the issues of the shadow economy and tax avoidance, as the attractiveness of such ‘exits’ from the regulatory systems would be substantially reduced;

Amendment

26. Notes that ***among others,*** regulation and improvement of law enforcement contribute to tackling the issues of the shadow economy and tax avoidance, as the attractiveness of such ‘exits’ from the regulatory systems would be substantially reduced;

Or. en

Amendment 332

Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26 a. Calls on the Member States to adopt the principle of income taxation in the place where it is generated and other measures against profits shifting practices of MNC in order to ensure a level playing field with the SMEs thus their job creation potential;

Or. en

Amendment 333
Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26 b. Calls on the Member States to enforce the legislation on the equal access of SMEs to public procurement;

Or. en

Amendment 334
Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Jutta Steinruck, Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27. Takes the view that **new EU regulations and** agreements with third countries should take into account **the EU regions'** specific structural differences in the **SME** sector, **assessing the impact of future rules on** employment perspectives;

27. Takes the view that **trade** agreements with third countries should take into account specific structural differences in the **SMEs** sector **across the Union, and assess their impact on future** employment perspectives;

Or. en

Amendment 335
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27. **Takes the view that** new EU regulations and agreements with third countries **should** take into account the EU regions' specific structural differences in the SME sector, assessing the impact of future rules on employment perspectives;

27. **Calls for** new EU regulations and agreements with third countries **to** take into account the EU regions' specific structural differences in the SME sector, assessing the impact of future rules on employment perspectives;

Amendment 336

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Takes the view that new EU regulations and agreements with third countries should take into account the EU regions' specific structural differences in the SME sector, assessing the impact of future rules on employment perspectives;

Amendment

27. Takes the view that new EU regulations and agreements with third countries should take into account the EU regions' specific structural differences in the SME sector, assessing the impact of future rules on employment perspectives ***and workers 'rights and wages of SMEs employees;***

Or. en

Amendment 337

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Takes the view that new EU regulations and agreements with third countries should take into account the EU regions' specific structural differences ***in the SME sector,*** assessing the impact of future rules on employment perspectives;

Amendment

27. Takes the view that new EU regulations and agreements with third countries should take into account the EU regions' specific structural differences ***for micro- and SMEs,*** assessing the impact of future rules on employment perspectives;

Or. en

Amendment 338

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. *Points out that combatting social dumping should remain a top priority and should always be taken into account in negotiations with third countries;*

Or. fr

Amendment 339

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28. *Calls on the Commission to conduct an impact assessment regarding the implications of the future TTIP agreement for jobs in the SME sector in all Member States;*

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 340

Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28. *Calls on the Commission to conduct an impact assessment regarding the implications of the **future** TTIP agreement **for** jobs in the SME sector in all Member States;*

28. *Calls on the Commission to conduct an impact assessment regarding the implications of the **proposed** TTIP agreement, **for the number and quality of** jobs in the SME sector in all Member States; **stresses that such an impact assessment should include a detailed analysis of the types of SMEs and sectors that might be affected;***

Amendment 341

Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Calls on the Commission to conduct an impact assessment regarding the implications of the future TTIP agreement for jobs in the SME sector in all Member States;

Amendment

28. Calls on the Commission to conduct an impact assessment regarding the implications of the future TTIP agreement for jobs in the SME sector, ***particularly SMEs in the farming sector***, in all Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 342

Danuta Jazłowiecka

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Calls on the Commission to conduct an impact assessment regarding the implications of the future TTIP agreement for jobs in the SME sector in all Member States;

Amendment

28. Calls on the Commission to conduct an impact assessment regarding the implications of the future TTIP agreement ***and granting China market economy status*** for jobs in the SME sector in all Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 343

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Calls on the Commission to conduct an impact assessment regarding the implications of the future TTIP agreement for jobs in the SME sector in all Member States;

Amendment

28. Calls on the Commission to conduct an impact assessment regarding the implications of the future TTIP agreement for jobs in the SME sector in all Member States ***and to take proper account of the results before continuing negotiations;***

Or. fr

Amendment 344

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Calls on the Commission to conduct an impact assessment regarding the implications of the future TTIP agreement for jobs in the SME sector in all Member States;

Amendment

28. Calls on the Commission to conduct an impact assessment regarding the ***disastrous*** implications of the future TTIP agreement for jobs in the SME sector in all Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 345

Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Calls on the Commission to conduct an impact assessment regarding the implications of the future TTIP agreement for ***jobs in the SME sector*** in all Member States;

Amendment

28. Calls on the Commission to conduct an impact assessment regarding the implications of the future TTIP agreement for SME jobs in all Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 346
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. *Deplores the current negotiations on future trade agreements, for example, TTIP, CETA and the decision to grant China MES, as it considers that these agreements would cause significant and uncombatable damage to European SMEs ;*

Or. it

Amendment 347
Martina Dlabajová, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28 a. *Underlines the importance of a robust SME Chapter in the future TTIP agreement in order to ensure that structures, processes and rules are established that facilitate SMEs' capacity for transatlantic trade and enhances their capacity to create jobs;*

Or. en

Amendment 348
Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Notes the opportunities *offered by* the Digital Single Market *to generate growth and jobs, notably in the field of e-commerce*; stresses, however, the need for an *SME-focused* evaluation of the potential risks and benefits *in* different Member States;

Amendment

29. Notes the opportunities *of* the Digital Single Market ; stresses, however, the need for an evaluation of the potential risks and benefits *for SMEs with regard to their growth and job creation potential in the* different Member States, *as well as for the impact on workers and social security systems*;

Or. en

Amendment 349

Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Notes the opportunities offered by the Digital Single Market to generate growth and jobs, notably in the field of e-commerce; stresses, however, the need for an SME-focused evaluation of the potential risks and benefits in different Member States;

Amendment

29. Notes the opportunities offered by the Digital Single Market, *particularly in rural areas*, to generate growth and jobs, notably in the field of e-commerce; *therefore encourages Member States to facilitate and guarantee high quality access to new information technologies and communications throughout their territories*; stresses, however, the need for an SME-focused evaluation of the potential risks and benefits in different Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 350

Sofia Ribeiro

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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the Digital Single Market to generate growth and jobs, notably in the field of e-commerce; stresses, however, the need for an SME-focused evaluation of the potential risks and benefits in different Member States; ***suggests that the Commission create the requisite conditions for SMEs to adapt and move gradually into the Digital Single Market.***

Or. pt

Amendment 351

Martina Dlabajová, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Notes the opportunities offered by the Digital Single Market to generate growth and jobs, notably in the field of e-commerce; stresses, however, the need for an SME-focused evaluation of the potential ***risks and benefits*** in different Member States;

Amendment

29. Notes the opportunities offered by the Digital Single Market to generate growth and jobs, notably in the field of e-commerce; stresses, however, the need for an SME-focused evaluation of the potential ***benefits and risks*** in different Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 352

Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29 a. Draws attention to the regional disparities and imbalances in SMEs' access to funding; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure a level playing field for all SMEs in accessing funding from EU-supported financial instruments, with a special focus on poorer regions and countries that have

been under financial and economic constraints.

Or. en

Amendment 353
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29a. *Encourages SMEs to promote teleworking and smartworking, which are effective tools for reducing companies' material costs and enabling workers to balance their professional and personal lives better;*

Or. it

Amendment 354
Emilian Pavel, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Siôn Simon, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30. Welcomes the presence of information portals aimed specifically at SMEs, such as the 'Access to Finance Portal' on Your Europe, and calls on the Commission to *continue with them and improve their functionality*;

30. Welcomes the presence of information portals aimed specifically at SMEs, such as the 'Access to Finance Portal' on Your Europe, and calls on the Commission to *further improve their functionality, accessibility and to transform them into more interactive instruments*;

Or. en

Amendment 355
Martina Dlabajová, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Welcomes the presence of information portals aimed specifically at SMEs, such as the 'Access to Finance Portal' on Your Europe, and calls on the Commission to continue with them and improve their functionality;

Amendment

30. Welcomes the presence of information portals aimed specifically at SMEs, such as the 'Access to Finance Portal' on Your Europe, and calls on the Commission to continue with them and improve their functionality; ***highlights in particular the importance of delivering effectively the new Single Digital Gateway announced in the Single Market Strategy as an online access point to all Single-Market related information and services;***

Or. en

Amendment 356
Zdzisław Krasnodebski, Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30 a. Calls on the Members State to encourage SMEs to become members of representative organisations in order to make their voice heard at national and European levels, as it is mostly the case of multinational corporation;

Or. en

Amendment 357
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Calls on the Commission to

develop and launch an application for smartphones and tablets that provides information on European funding;

Or. it

Amendment 358
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30b. Calls on the Member States to foster the inclusion of people with disabilities in SMEs;

Or. it