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Draft motion for a resolution
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European year of Greener cities 2021
Amendment 1
Christel Schaldemose

Draft motion for a resolution
Title

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Amendment

European year of Greener cities 2021
European year of Greener cities 2022

Or. en

Amendment 2
Stanislav Polčák

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Or. cs

Amendment 3
Mick Wallace

Draft motion for a resolution
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Amendment

- having regard to the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters;

Or. en
Amendment 4
Christel Schaldemose, César Luena, Demetris Papadakis, Rovana Plumb, Simona Bonafè, Monika Beňová, István Újhelyi, Biljana Borzan, Alessandra Moretti

Draft motion for a resolution
Citation 11 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment
- having regard to the European Green Capital award

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1a as outlined at:
https://ec.europa.eu/environment/europeangreencapital/index_en.htm

Or. en

Amendment 5
Christel Schaldemose, César Luena, Demetris Papadakis, Rovana Plumb, Simona Bonafè, Monika Beňová, István Újhelyi, Biljana Borzan, Alessandra Moretti

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Citation 11 b (new)

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Amendment
- having regard to the Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

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1a as outlined at:
https://www.covenantofmayors.eu/en/

Or. en

Amendment 6
Catherine Chabaud, Irena Joveva, Karin Karlsbro

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Recital A
Draft motion for a resolution

A. whereas Green Infrastructure is understood as a strategically planned network of natural and semi-natural areas with other environmental features designed and managed to deliver a wide range of ecosystem services, while incorporating green spaces and other physical features in rural and urban settings¹²;}

¹² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A52013DC0249

Amendment

A. whereas Green Infrastructure is understood as a strategically planned network of natural and semi-natural areas with other environmental features designed and managed to deliver a wide range of ecosystem services, while incorporating green spaces (or blue if aquatic ecosystems are concerned) and other physical features in terrestrial (including coastal) and marine areas in rural and urban settings¹²;

¹² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A52013DC0249

Or. en

Amendment 7
Hildegard Bentele

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Aa. whereas the responses to the environmental challenges are not to be found in prohibition and going backwards, in the conflict between the environment and the economy, or in increasing the burden on citizens; is convinced that innovation and coexistence, the proper stimuli and joint efforts are key to the successful development of an environmental transition;

Or. de
Amendment 8
Radan Kanev

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital B

Draft motion for a resolution

B. whereas 72% of the European population live in cities, towns and suburbs, and the share of the urban population continues to grow and could reach 80% in 2020\textsuperscript{13}; whereas these figures increase the importance of greener cities in tackling major challenges that our planet is faced with;

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13 \text{https://www.eea.europa.eu/articles/analysing-and-managing-urban-growth}
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Amendment

B. whereas 72% of the European population live in cities, towns and suburbs, and the share of the urban population continues to grow and could reach 80% in 2020\textsuperscript{13}; whereas these figures increase the importance of greener cities in tackling major challenges that our planet is faced with,\textit{developing their potential as essential hubs for both the implementation of global agendas and for citizens engagement in policy decision};

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13 \text{https://www.eea.europa.eu/articles/analysing-and-managing-urban-growth}
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Or. en

Amendment 9
Catherine Chabaud, Karin Karlsbro

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital B

Draft motion for a resolution

B. whereas 72% of the European population live in cities, towns and suburbs, and the share of the urban population continues to grow and could reach 80% in 2020\textsuperscript{13}; whereas these figures increase the importance of greener cities in tackling major challenges that our planet is faced with;

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13 \text{https://www.eea.europa.eu/articles/analysing-and-managing-urban-growth}
\end{align*}\end{tiny}

Amendment

B. whereas 72% of the European population live in cities, towns and suburbs, and the share of the urban population continues to grow and could reach 80% in 2020\textsuperscript{13}; latest previsions underline that 80% of the world's population will live on the coastal strip areas in 2050, whereas these figures increase the importance of greener cities in tackling major challenges that our planet is faced with;
Amendment 10
Hildegard Bentele

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

_Ba. in the firm conviction that individual proposals driven by panic and fear must be countered by a European environmental-social market-economy policy based on targeted, comprehensive and long-term measures and with impact assessments as its core instrument;_

Or. de

Amendment 11
Catherine Chabaud, Karin Karlsbro

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital C

_C. whereas cities face an array of challenges, ranging from impact on residents’ health to environmental concerns, and therefore green infrastructure has great potential to offer solutions to many of these problems;_

C. whereas cities face an array of challenges, ranging from impact on residents’ health to environmental concerns, and therefore green infrastructure has great potential to offer ecological, economic and social solutions to many of these problems, through nature-based solutions that are generally low cost and more sustainable and can contribute to employment creation;_
Amendment 12
Lídia Pereira

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital C

C. whereas cities face an array of challenges, ranging from impact on residents’ health to environmental concerns, and therefore green infrastructure has great potential to offer solutions to many of these problems;

Amendment

C. whereas cities face an array of challenges, ranging from impact on residents’ health to environmental concerns caused by climate change, and therefore green infrastructure has great potential for mitigating and, in many cases, solving many of these problems;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Radan Kanev

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital C

C. whereas cities face an array of challenges, ranging from impact on residents’ health to environmental concerns, and therefore green infrastructure has great potential to offer sustainable solutions to many of these problems;

Amendment

C. whereas cities face an array of challenges, ranging from impact on residents’ health to environmental concerns, and therefore green infrastructure has great potential to offer sustainable solutions to many of these problems;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Catherine Chabaud, Irena Joveva, Karin Karlsbro

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)
Ca. Whereas it is important to develop knowledge on green infrastructure and its many positive impacts on ecosystems and the services they provide to populations, in order to better promote nature-based solutions in land and spatial planning, to accelerate the change of model from grey to green infrastructures standard in urban planning and territorial development;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Catherine Chabaud, Irena Joveva, Karin Karlsbro

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital D

D. whereas green infrastructure provides ecosystem services that are crucial to our wellbeing, production of urban food, water circulation and retention, the regulation of temperature, the support of biodiversity, including pollinators, improving nutrient cycles and the creation of aesthetic, exercise and wellbeing benefits for its inhabitants;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Lídia Pereira

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital D

D. whereas green infrastructure provides ecosystem services that are crucial to our wellbeing, production of urban food, water circulation and retention, which increase infiltration and reduce pollution through natural process, the regulation of temperature, the support of biodiversity, including pollinators, improving nutrient cycles and the creation of aesthetic, exercise and wellbeing benefits for its inhabitants;
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D. whereas green infrastructure provides ecosystem services that are crucial to our wellbeing, production of urban food, water circulation and retention, the regulation of temperature, the support of biodiversity, including pollinators, improving nutrient cycles and the creation of aesthetic, exercise and wellbeing benefits for its inhabitants;

Amendment

D. whereas green infrastructure provides ecosystem services that are crucial to our wellbeing, production of urban food, water circulation and retention, the regulation of temperature, thus providing better thermal comfort, the promotion of biodiversity, including pollinators, improving nutrient cycles and the creation of aesthetic, exercise and wellbeing benefits for its inhabitants;

Or. pt

Amendment 17
Catherine Chabaud, Irena Joveva, Karin Karlsbro

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Da. whereas green infrastructure contributes to develop Natura 2000 network in urban areas, improving connectivity between ecological green and blue corridors, enhancing the conservation of species and habitats essentials to nature, and helping to maintain the provision of ecosystem services in urban areas. The annual benefits of ecosystem services provided by the Natura 2000 network have been estimated at EUR 300 billion across the EU, with the benefits of green infrastructure going well beyond;

Amendment

Da. whereas green infrastructure contributes to develop Natura 2000 network in urban areas, improving connectivity between ecological green and blue corridors, enhancing the conservation of species and habitats essentials to nature, and helping to maintain the provision of ecosystem services in urban areas. The annual benefits of ecosystem services provided by the Natura 2000 network have been estimated at EUR 300 billion across the EU, with the benefits of green infrastructure going well beyond;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Mick Wallace
Draft motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Amendment

Da. whereas greening cities goes beyond making initiatives to make cities more verdant because of the reliance on clean air, water and soil, as well as a cityscape that promotes biodiversity, to ensure the sustainability of verdant spaces;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Christel Schaldemose, César Luena, Demetris Papadakis, Rovana Plumb, Simona Bonafè, Monika Beňová, István Ujhelyi, Biljana Borzan, Alessandra Moretti

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Amendment

Da. whereas green infrastructure is a crucial part of the 2020 Biodiversity Strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Catherine Chabaud, Irena Joveva, Karin Karlsbro

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital E

Amendment

E. whereas green infrastructure helps to reduce the amount of atmospheric CO2 through direct carbon sequestration, reductions in water and wastewater pumping and treatment and the associated energy demands, and reductions in building energy use and emissions;

E. whereas green infrastructure contributes to climate mitigation as it strengthens ecosystem's resilience to climate change, and helps to reduce the amount of atmospheric CO2 through direct carbon sequestration, especially thanks to peatlands, ocean and forests; and
reductions in water and wastewater pumping and treatment and the associated energy demands, and reductions in building energy use and emissions thanks to "smart buildings" which integrate green elements such as roofs and walls, and new materials increasing resources efficiency; and reduction in energy demands and pollution related to transport thanks to alternative mode transports such as cycling, walking, clean public transports including waterway transport;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital E

Draft motion for a resolution

E. whereas green infrastructure helps to reduce the amount of atmospheric CO2 through direct carbon sequestration, reductions in water and wastewater pumping and treatment and the associated energy demands, and reductions in building energy use and emissions;

Amendment

E. whereas green infrastructure helps to reduce the amount of atmospheric CO2 through direct carbon sequestration, reductions in water and wastewater pumping and treatment and the associated energy demands, and reductions in building energy use and emissions, including through the use of district heating;

Or. pl

Amendment 22
Catherine Chabaud, Irena Joveva, Karin Karlsbro

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)
Amendment 23
Stanislav Polčák

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital F

F. whereas green infrastructure can be used to prevent or mitigate the negative impacts of increasing extreme weather phenomena, such as heat waves, extreme rainfalls, flooding and droughts, and even out extreme temperatures thus improving the quality of life for Europeans living in urban areas;

F. whereas the development of green infrastructure is among the most effective climate change adaptation measures that can be applied in cities, as it mitigates the negative impacts of increasing extreme weather phenomena, such as heat waves, extreme rainfalls, flooding and droughts, and even out extreme temperatures thus improving the quality of life for Europeans living in urban areas;

Amendment 24
Catherine Chabaud, Irena Joveva, Karin Karlsbro

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital F

F. whereas green infrastructure can be used to prevent or mitigate the negative impacts of increasing extreme weather

F. whereas green infrastructure such as natural flood plains, woodlands, wetlands etc., can be used to prevent or
phenomena, such as heat waves, extreme rainfalls, flooding and droughts, and even out extreme temperatures thus improving the quality of life for Europeans living in urban areas; mitigate the negative impacts of climate change and the increasing extreme weather phenomena, such as heat waves, forest fires, extreme rainfalls, flooding and droughts, and even out extreme temperatures thus improving the quality of life for Europeans living in urban areas thanks to a new innovative ecosystem-based approach to risk prevention and management;

Amendment 25
Mick Wallace

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital F

Draft motion for a resolution

F. whereas green infrastructure can be used to prevent or mitigate the negative impacts of increasing extreme weather phenomena, such as heat waves, extreme rainfalls, flooding and droughts, and even out extreme temperatures thus improving the quality of life for Europeans living in urban areas;

Amendment

F. whereas green infrastructure can be an important part of adaptation policies to prevent or mitigate the negative impacts of increasing extreme weather phenomena, such as heat waves, extreme rainfalls, flooding and droughts, and even out extreme temperatures, as well as improving the quality of life for Europeans living in urban areas;

Amendment 26
Mick Wallace

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Fa. Whereas more than 22% of European species are now threatened with extinction according to the IUCN Red List of threatened species; whereas greening
cities helps promote biodiversity and can play an important role in mitigating the biodiversity crisis; whereas promoting biodiversity in cities can bring co-benefits by way of increasing resilience of ecosystems and increasing carbon sequestration potential;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Stanislav Polčák

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital G

Draft motion for a resolution
G. whereas a planted soil and permeable pavements will help water retention and combat urban runoffs better than asphalt and concrete;

Amendment
G. whereas a planted soil and permeable pavements will help water retention and combat urban runoffs better than asphalt and concrete, and whereas high-quality green infrastructure reduces the risk of flooding;

Or. cs

Amendment 28
Catherine Chabaud, Irena Joveva, Karin Karlsbro

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital G

Draft motion for a resolution
G. whereas a planted soil and permeable pavements will help water retention and combat urban runoffs better than asphalt and concrete;

Amendment
G. whereas a planted soil and permeable pavements will help water retention and combat floods and urban runoffs better than asphalt and concrete, and prevent soil erosion;

Or. en
Amendment 29
Mick Wallace

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital G

G. whereas a planted soil and permeable pavements will help water retention and combat urban runoffs better than asphalt and concrete;

G. whereas a planted soil and permeable pavements and good urban planning will help water retention and combat urban runoffs better than asphalt and concrete;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Lídia Pereira

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital G

G. whereas a planted soil and permeable pavements will help water retention and combat urban runoffs better than asphalt and concrete;

G. whereas a planted soil and permeable pavements help water retention, manage seepage and combat urban runoffs better than asphalt and concrete;

Or. pt

Amendment 31
Stanislav Polčák

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital H

H. whereas well designed green infrastructure can act as one of the biggest chances to increase the quantity of ecological corridors, and in this way protect the biodiversity;

H. whereas well designed green infrastructure can provide shelter for a variety of plant and animal species, including insects and birds, thus contributing to the protection of biodiversity;
Amendment 32
Catherine Chabaud, Irena Joveva, Karin Karlsbro

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital H

**Draft motion for a resolution**

H. whereas well designed green infrastructure can act as one of the biggest chances to increase the quantity of ecological corridors, and in this way protect the biodiversity;

**Amendment**

H. whereas well designed green infrastructure can act as one of the biggest chances to increase the quantity of ecological green and blue corridors, and in this way protect the biodiversity;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Mick Wallace

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital I

**Draft motion for a resolution**

I. whereas plants purify the air by filtering out the small particles and producing oxygen; whereas the quality of air in our cities has become one of the biggest health challenges we are faced with in Europe today; whereas cleaner air would improve the quality of life of millions of people, including asthma and airways disease sufferers;

**Amendment**

I. whereas plants purify the air by filtering out the small particles and producing oxygen; whereas the quality of air in our cities has become one of the biggest health challenges we are faced with in Europe today; whereas cleaner air would improve the quality of life of millions of people, including asthma and airways disease sufferers; whereas 430,000 people die prematurely from breathing polluted air every year in the EU; whereas improving air quality must be a priority for the EU, Member States, regions and municipalities, in order to protect people and ecosystems from the impact of air pollution;

Or. en
Amendment 34  
Lídia Pereira

Draft motion for a resolution  
Recital I

Draft motion for a resolution  

I. whereas plants purify the air by filtering out the small particles and producing oxygen; whereas the quality of air in our cities has become one of the biggest health challenges we are faced with in Europe today; whereas cleaner air would improve the quality of life of millions of people, including asthma and airways disease sufferers;

Amendment

I. whereas plants purify the air by filtering out the small particles and producing oxygen; whereas the quality of air in our cities has become one of the biggest health challenges we are faced with in Europe today, especially given that each year some 400 000 people die prematurely from problems caused by air pollution; whereas cleaner air would improve the quality of life of millions of people, including asthma and airways disease sufferers;

Or. pt

Amendment 35
Christel Schaldemose, César Luena, Demetris Papadakis, Rovana Plumb, Simona Bonafè, Monika Beňová, István Ujhelyi, Biljana Borzan, Alessandra Moretti

Draft motion for a resolution  
Recital I

Draft motion for a resolution  

I. whereas plants purify the air by filtering out the small particles and producing oxygen; whereas the quality of air in our cities has become one of the biggest health challenges we are faced with in Europe today; whereas cleaner air would improve the quality of life of millions of people, including asthma and airways disease sufferers;

Amendment

I. whereas plants purify the air by filtering out the small particles and producing oxygen; whereas the quality of air in our cities has become one of the biggest health challenges we are faced with in Europe today; whereas cleaner air would improve the quality of life of millions of people, including asthma and airways disease sufferers; whereas an increase in air quality could significantly reduce the number of premature deaths per year in Europe;
**Amendment 36**
Mick Wallace

**Draft motion for a resolution**
Recital J

*Draft motion for a resolution*

J. whereas use of trees and vegetation can reduce noise pollution in urban areas; whereas EU-funded research project HOSANNA found that natural plant sound shields are better at shielding residents from traffic noise than the straight-sided sound barriers commonly used\(^\text{14}\); whereas biodiversity and nature are negatively impacted by noise pollution and greening cities initiatives should include initiatives to reduce noise pollution;

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**Amendment**

J. whereas use of trees and vegetation can reduce noise pollution in urban areas; whereas EU-funded research project HOSANNA found that natural plant sound shields are better at shielding residents from traffic noise than the straight-sided sound barriers commonly used\(^\text{14}\); *whereas noise is the second largest environmental cause of health problems, after the impact of air quality;* whereas EU-funded research project HOSANNA found that natural plant sound shields are better at shielding residents from traffic noise.

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**Amendment 37**
Radan Kanev

**Draft motion for a resolution**
Recital J

*Draft motion for a resolution*

J. whereas use of trees and vegetation can reduce noise pollution in urban areas; whereas EU-funded research project HOSANNA found that natural plant sound shields are better at shielding residents from traffic noise than the straight-sided sound barriers commonly used\(^\text{14}\);
noise than the straight-sided sound barriers commonly used;\(^{14}\)

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^{14} https://cordis.europa.eu/result/rcn/144672_en.html

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^{14} https://cordis.europa.eu/result/rcn/144672_en.html

Or. en

Amendment 38
Catherine Chabaud, Irena Joveva, Karin Karlsbro

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital J a (new)

\textit{Draft motion for a resolution} \textit{Amendment}

\textit{Ja. whereas green infrastructure should also be promoted in coastal cities, which are usually adjacent to wetlands, to preserve marine and coastal biodiversity and ecosystems, and to enhance the sustainable development of the coastal economy, tourism and landscape, which also contribute to better resilience to climate change impacts in these vulnerable areas particularly affected by sea-level rise;}

Or. en

Amendment 39
Catherine Chabaud, Irena Joveva, Karin Karlsbro

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital J b (new)

\textit{Draft motion for a resolution} \textit{Amendment}

\textit{Jb. whereas green infrastructure should be promoted in port areas, as they represent an important part of coastal cities and are usually vast land territories, which are also part of the Natura 2000
network, in order to better address environmental issues such as pollution and biodiversity loss and help promote new infrastructures development such as electrification of ports;

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital K

K. whereas green infrastructure offers an access to nature for those who might otherwise find it difficult to engage with the nature, such as children, older persons and persons with disabilities;

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital L

L. whereas greener cities can provide significant health benefits, as they improve air quality, encourage residents to move and exercise more, help to prevent and cure depression; improve the immune systems, and ultimately increase happiness and well-being\(^{15}\);
Amendment 42  
Mick Wallace  

Draft motion for a resolution  
Recital M

Draft motion for a resolution

M. whereas more parks, greener streets, bus stops covered in vegetation and greener playgrounds amongst other actions increase the attractiveness and comfort of neighbourhoods and cities; whereas they will also improve the social contacts between residents and create a stronger sense of community;

Amendment

M. whereas more parks, greener streets, bus stops covered in vegetation and greener playgrounds amongst other actions increase the attractiveness and comfort of neighbourhoods and cities; whereas they will also improve the social contacts between residents and create a stronger sense of community; whereas publicly owned green spaces can bring incalculable benefits to the inhabitants of cities;

Or. en

Amendment 43  
Lídia Pereira  

Draft motion for a resolution  
Recital M

Draft motion for a resolution

M. whereas more parks, greener streets, bus stops covered in vegetation and greener playgrounds amongst other actions increase the attractiveness and comfort of neighbourhoods and cities; whereas they will also improve the social contacts between residents and create a stronger sense of community;

Amendment

M. whereas more urban parks and gardens, greener streets, green roofs on buildings, bus stops covered in vegetation and greener playgrounds amongst other actions increase the attractiveness and comfort of neighbourhoods and cities; whereas they will also improve the social contacts between residents and create a
stronger sense of community;

Amendment 44
Radan Kanev

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital M

M. whereas more parks, greener streets, bus stops covered in vegetation and greener playgrounds amongst other actions increase the attractiveness and comfort of neighbourhoods and cities; whereas they will also improve the social contacts between residents and create a stronger sense of community;

Amendment

M. whereas more parks, greener streets, bus stops covered in vegetation and greener playgrounds amongst other actions increase the attractiveness and comfort of neighbourhoods and cities; whereas they will also improve the social contacts between residents, push forwards positive behavioural changes and create a stronger sense of community;

Amendment 45
Mick Wallace

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital N

N. whereas greener neighbourhoods have shown to increase the economic value of properties as they make areas more desirable amongst prospective buyers;

Amendment

N. whereas greener neighbourhoods have shown to increase the economic value of properties as they make areas more desirable amongst prospective buyers; whereas this can increase the risk of gentrification and social exclusion, and thus requires measures to green cities to be accompanied with strong social protections;

Amendment
Amendment 46
Catherine Chabaud, Irena Joveva, Karin Karlsbro

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital O

O. whereas greening the cities can facilitate small-scale food production, which would enable new micro-enterprises to emerge and encourage residents to become active in this field and understand the food chain better;

Amendment
O. whereas greening the cities can facilitate more sustainable small-scale food production and reduce the footprint of food by reinforcing short circuits, which would enable new micro-enterprises to emerge and encourage residents to become active in this field and understand the food chain better;

Amendment 47
Mick Wallace

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital O

O. whereas greening the cities can facilitate small-scale food production, which would enable new micro-enterprises to emerge and encourage residents to become active in this field and understand the food chain better;

Amendment
O. whereas greening cities can facilitate small-scale food production and community projects to flourish, and encourage residents to become active in this field and understand the food chain better, as well as promote local and shorter food systems;

Amendment 48
Lídia Pereira

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital O

O. whereas greening the cities can facilitate small-scale food production, which would enable new micro-enterprises to emerge and encourage residents to become active in this field and understand the food chain better;

Amendment
O. whereas greening the cities can facilitate
facilitate small-scale food production, which would enable new micro-enterprises to emerge and encourage residents to become active in this field and understand the food chain better, especially in the case of food production by means of organic and environmentally sustainable farming;

Amendment 49
Catherine Chabaud, Irena Joveva, Karin Karlsbro

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital O a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Oa. whereas 80% of the waste found at sea comes from cities, including upstream from river basins, it is important to improve the waste management system in urban areas especially regarding diffuse pollution, litter and macro-waste, for example by strengthening filtration in wastewater treatment plants, to better promote greener cities and to tackle ocean pollution;

Amendment 50
Radan Kanev

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital P

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

P. whereas citizens need to be engaged and empowered in urban planning and when green infrastructure is designed, taking into account the local environmental, social, economic and
technological features; technological features;  

Amendment 51
Lídia Pereira

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital P a (new)

_Draft motion for a resolution_  

Amendment  

_Pa_. whereas green spaces should be created and regenerated in line with the principles of nature-based solutions that enable cities to better adapt to the adverse effects of climate change, making them more resilient and therefore more conducive to healthy lives for citizens;

Or. pt

Amendment 52
Lídia Pereira

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital P b (new)

_Draft motion for a resolution_  

Amendment  

_Pb_. whereas the development of green infrastructure goes hand in hand with its sustainable management, especially with regard to water resources; whereas it is important to link green and blue infrastructure in an environmentally responsible manner, with the inclusion methods for reusing water and rainwater and good water management;

Or. pt
Amendment 53
Lídia Pereira

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital P c (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Pc. whereas the ecosystem services provided by trees become far greater the older they get, and whereas healthy and integrated management and planning of urban areas is essential in order to maximise their development potential and to enable citizens to take full advantage of the capacities of green infrastructure;

Or. pt

Amendment 54
María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Acknowledges the impact that greener cities can have in achieving the goals that were set out in the Paris agreement; underlines the importance greener cities can have in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly with regard to better use of water resources and improving biodiversity in the urban environment;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Rovana Plumb
Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Draft motion for a resolution

1. Acknowledges the impact that greener cities can have in achieving the goals that were set out in the Paris agreement; underlines the importance greener cities can have in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly with regard to better use of water resources and improving biodiversity in the urban environment;

Amendment

1. Acknowledges the impact that greener cities can have in achieving the goals that were set out in the Paris agreement; underlines the importance greener cities can have in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, and the New Urban Agenda, particularly with regard to better use of water resources and improving biodiversity in the urban environment;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Mick Wallace

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Draft motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Commission to devise a new European strategy for greener cities and green infrastructure to help address the challenges that cities are faced with;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to devise a new European strategy for greener cities and green infrastructure to help cities play their part in climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as improving the wellbeing of people living in cities;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Christel Schaldemose, César Luena, Demetris Papadakis, Rovana Plumb, Simona Bonafé, Monika Beňová, István Ujhelyi, Biljana Borzan, Alessandra Moretti

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

2a. Calls on the Commission to put
greater emphasis on the importance of green infrastructure in the upcoming 2030 Biodiversity Strategy;

Amendment 58
Christel Schaldemose, César Luena, Demetris Papadakis, Rovana Plumb, Simona Bonafè, Monika Beňová, István Ujhelyi, Biljana Borzan, Alessandra Moretti

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution
Amendment

2b. Calls on the Commission to put forward measures within the upcoming European Green Deal to specifically address the role of cities and to promote the use of investments in green infrastructure;

Amendment 59
Catherine Chabaud, Karin Karlsbro

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution
Amendment

3a. Stresses the need to adopt an adaptation strategy for cities exposed to the consequences of climate change, based on a new innovative ecosystem approach to risk prevention and management; in particular by anticipating areas of retreat, areas of acceptance of water flooding, natural protection and, in cases where this is essential, artificial protection;
Amendment 60
Stanislav Polčák

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

4. Calls on the Member States, and local and regional authorities to devise action plans and actively engage in activities designed to green urban areas in cooperation with relevant stakeholders, including the civil society;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Member States, and local and regional authorities to devise action plans and actively engage in activities designed to promote and maintain green urban areas in cooperation with relevant stakeholders, including the civil society;

Or. cs

Amendment 61
María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

4a. Recalls the importance of developing and implementing nature based solutions for preserving biodiversity while mitigating and adapting to climate change in cities;

Amendment

4a. Recalls the importance of developing and implementing nature based solutions for preserving biodiversity while mitigating and adapting to climate change in cities;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

5. Proposes that the year 2021 be

Amendment

5. Proposes that the year 2022 be
designated a European Year of Greener Cities;

designated a European Year of Greener Cities;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Christel Schaldemose, Rovana Plumb, Simona Bonafè, Monika Beňová, István Ujhelyi, Biljana Borzan, César Luena, Alessandra Moretti

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

5. Proposes that the year 2021 be designated a European Year of Greener Cities;

5. Proposes that the year 2022 be designated a European Year of Greener Cities;

Or. en

Amendment 64
María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

5a. Insists that the potential of cities to help protect biodiversity and ecosystem services is underestimated; recalls that enhancing benefits from biodiversity, ecosystem services and urban green infrastructure in cities and peri-urban areas improves human health; calls on the Commission and the Member States to promote the incorporation and further integration of biodiversity and ecosystem functions in urban design, policy and planning while reducing carbon emissions and enhancing adaptation to climate change;

Or. en
Amendment 65
Christel Schaldemose, Rovana Plumb, Simona Bonafè, Monika Beňová, István Ujhelyi, Biljana Borzan, César Luena, Alessandra Moretti

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – introductory part

Draft motion for a resolution
6. Proposes the aims of the European Year of Greener Cities 2021 to be to:

Amendment
6. Proposes the aims of the European Year of Greener Cities 2022 to be to:

Or. en

Amendment 66
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – introductory part

Draft motion for a resolution
6. Proposes the aims of the European Year of Greener Cities 2021 to be to:

Amendment
6. Proposes the aims of the European Year of Greener Cities 2022 to be to:

Or. en

Amendment 67
Hildegard Bentele

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point -a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution
-a. prioritise city trees and a huge, long-term increase in EU resources to support the necessary measures: comprehensive afforestation campaigns for city trees and inner-city forest areas; increased care of the existing tree population, e.g. through additional watering during hot periods; transform
pure stands in urban areas into mixed forests; sustainable urban green spaces; forest management, e.g. promoting urban FSC certification;

Amendment 68
Hildegard Bentele

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point a

Draft motion for a resolution

a. raise awareness of the benefits of green spaces in built environment;

Amendment

a. raise awareness of the benefits of green spaces in built environment; introduce initiatives to increase the provision of green spaces near residential areas, such as linking construction activities to the creation of green infrastructure;

Amendment 69
Hildegard Bentele

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point b

Draft motion for a resolution

b. increase the quantity and quality of research and development of new innovations in various fields of expertise creating greener added value;

Amendment

b. increase the quantity and quality of research and development of new innovations in various fields of expertise creating greener added value; targeted support for sustainable digitalisation in the EU and thus for startups and digital innovations which deploy the disruptive power of digitalisation for the transformation to sustainability;
Amendment 70
Radan Kanev
Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point b

Draft motion for a resolution
b. increase the quantity and quality of research and development of new innovations in various fields of expertise creating greener added value;

Amendment
b. increase the quantity and quality of research and development of new innovations in various fields of expertise creating greener added value, and enhancing quality of life;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Catherine Chabaud, Irena Joveva, Karin Karlsbro
Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point b

Draft motion for a resolution
b. increase the quantity and quality of research and development of new innovations in various fields of expertise creating greener added value;

Amendment
b. increase the quantity and quality of research and development of new innovations in various fields of expertise creating greener added value, and enhance the scale up of projects;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Jadwiga Wiśniewska
Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point c

Draft motion for a resolution
(c) encourage citizens to act and improve their own neighbourhoods;

Amendment
(c) increasing citizens’ involvement in the life of the city by giving them the opportunity to be consulted on spatial
plans and to be involved in other actions aimed at improving the quality of the environment;

Or. pl

Amendment 73
Radan Kanev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point c

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Paragraph 6 – point c

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point c

Amendment

c. encourage citizens to act and improve their own neighbourhoods;

c. encourage citizens to act and improve their own neighbourhoods, acting as a community to increase the resilience and reshape the future of their cities;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Mick Wallace

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point c

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Paragraph 6 – point c

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point c

Amendment

c. encourage citizens to act and improve their own neighbourhoods;

c. encourage local authorities and citizens to act and improve their own neighbourhoods;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Stanislav Polčák

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point c

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Draft motion for a resolution

c. encourage citizens to **act and improve** their own neighbourhoods;

c. encourage citizens to **take care of** their own neighbourhoods;

Or. cs

Amendment 76
Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point d

Draft motion for a resolution

(d) create a culture of appreciation of the green spaces;

(d) create a culture of appreciation of the green spaces **and blue-green infrastructure** (turning cities towards **rivers**);

Or. pl

Amendment 77
Mick Wallace

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point d

Draft motion for a resolution

(d) create a culture of appreciation of the green spaces;

(d) create a culture of appreciation of the green spaces **and encourage urban development that respects the need for green spaces**;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Stanislav Polčák

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point d
Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

d. create a culture of appreciation of the green spaces;

d. create a culture in which green spaces are considered an important aspect of quality of life in cities;

Or. cs

Amendment 79
Hildegard Bentele

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point d a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

da. public procurement to set the example for climate-friendly materials and services;

Or. de

Amendment 80
Hildegard Bentele

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point e a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

ea. promote the increased use of public buildings and real estate as well as farm buildings in producing electricity and heat from solar and wind power in urban areas; promote urban tenant electricity projects; networking of existing initiatives and exchange of best practices among the Member States;

Or. de
Amendment 81
Hildegard Bentele

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point f

Draft motion for a resolution

f. connect existing initiatives and share best practices across Member States, inter alia on urban planning, sustainable urbanism and infrastructures, green architecture, cleaner energy, pedestrian and cycle mobility, sustainable waste management on the basis of the waste hierarchy;

Amendment

f. connect existing initiatives and share best practices across Member States, as is also foreseen in the ‘Leipzig Charter on Sustainable European Cities’, inter alia on urban planning, sustainable urbanism and infrastructures, green architecture, cleaner energy, pedestrian and cycle mobility, sustainable waste management on the basis of the waste hierarchy, which aims to achieve the target of zero waste and to reduce waste to a minimum through maximum use of recycling;

Or. de

Amendment 82
Lídia Pereira

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point f

Draft motion for a resolution

f. connect existing initiatives and share best practices across Member States, inter alia on urban planning, sustainable urbanism and infrastructures, green architecture, cleaner energy, pedestrian and cycle mobility, sustainable waste management on the basis of the waste hierarchy;

Amendment

f. connect existing initiatives and share best practices across Member States, inter alia on urban planning, sustainable urbanism and infrastructures, nature-based solutions, green architecture, cleaner energy, pedestrian and cycle mobility, efficient water-resource management, sustainable and circular waste management on the basis of the waste hierarchy;

Or. pt
Amendment 83
Stanislav Polčák

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point g

Draft motion for a resolution

**Draft motion for a resolution**

g. create a roadmap of greening the European cities by 2030, conveying the principle of ecological urbanism as a means to encourage harmonious links between the rural and urban environments, to acknowledge their interdependence and the need for a bi-directional relationship;

Amendment

**Amendment**

g. create a roadmap of greening the European cities and of maintaining green spaces by 2030, conveying the principle of ecological urbanism as a means to encourage harmonious links between the rural and urban environments, to acknowledge their interdependence and the need for a bi-directional relationship;

Or. cs

Amendment 84
Hildegard Bentele

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point g a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

ga. reduce the use of single-use cups throughout Europe, as they are a huge environmental and pollution problem, particularly in urban areas;

Amendment

**Amendment**

**Amendment**

ga. undertake educational activities aimed at various recipients with content tailored to the target group, in particular

Or. de

Amendment 85
Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point g a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

Amendment

**Amendment**

**Amendment**

ga. undertake educational activities aimed at various recipients with content tailored to the target group, in particular

Or. de
children’s education;

Amendment 86
Mick Wallace

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point g a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

ga. encourage initiatives to reduce urban traffic and promote and invest in public transport;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point g b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

gb. ensure the broadest possible participation of environmental NGOs in environmental protection and education activities;

Or. pl

Amendment 88
Hildegard Bentele

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point g b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

gb. significantly increase urban roofing and facade greening to improve
the urban climate, air quality and insulation potential;

Amendment 89
Hildegard Bentele

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 – point g c (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment
gc. support urban gardening and the safeguarding and development of allotment areas as well as urban school gardening facilities throughout the EU, as these are an important pillar of school pupils’ environmental education;

Amendment 90
Rovana Plumb

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment
7. Highlights the importance of promoting and enabling citizen participation in the greening of urban areas through their involvement in the planning and implementation phases as appropriate, in order to achieve sustainable urban planning solutions, to create ownership of relevant actions and to have socially inclusive cities that are attractive to their citizens; considers it important to ensure that there is public awareness on ways in which citizens can contribute to greening their cities; encourages municipalities and regions to support citizen-led green
initiatives to the greatest extent possible; support citizen-led green initiatives to the greatest extent possible;

Amendment 91
Mick Wallace

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Highlights the importance of promoting and enabling citizen participation in the greening of urban areas through their involvement in the planning and implementation phases as appropriate, in order to achieve sustainable urban planning solutions, to create ownership of relevant actions and to have socially inclusive cities that are attractive to their citizens; considers it important to ensure that there is public awareness on ways in which citizens can contribute to greening their cities; encourages municipalities and regions to support citizen-led green initiatives to the greatest extent possible;

Amendment

7. Highlights the importance of promoting and enabling citizen participation in the greening of urban areas through their involvement in the planning and implementation phases as appropriate, in order to achieve sustainable urban planning solutions, to create ownership of relevant actions and to have socially inclusive cities that are attractive to their citizens; considers it important to ensure that there is public awareness on ways in which citizens can contribute to greening their cities; encourages municipalities and regions to support citizen-led green initiatives to the greatest extent possible; urges municipalities and regions to adopt and implement ambitious initiatives to green cities;

Amendment 92
Hildegard Bentele

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

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Amendment 94
Lídia Pereira

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

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Amendment

7. Highlights the importance of promoting and enabling citizen participation in the greening of urban areas through their involvement in the planning and implementation phases as appropriate, in order to achieve sustainable urban planning solutions, to create ownership of relevant actions and to have socially inclusive cities that are attractive to their citizens; considers it important to ensure that there is public awareness on ways in which citizens can contribute to greening their cities and transforming them into healthier environments; encourages municipalities and regions to support citizen-led green initiatives to the greatest extent possible;

Or. pt

Amendment 95
Mick Wallace

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

7a. Stresses the need to prohibit the use of pesticides and herbicides in cities;

Amendment

7a. Stresses the need to prohibit the use of pesticides and herbicides in cities;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Catherine Chabaud, Karin Karlsbro
Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Urges the Commission to continue supporting ambitious measures of energy and resource efficiency and to help secure adequate funding for actions that contribute to sustainable urban development and green infrastructures, such as innovation partnerships and joint procurement schemes between European cities.

Amendment

8. Urges the Commission to continue supporting ambitious measures of energy and resource efficiency and to help secure adequate funding for actions that contribute to sustainable urban development and green infrastructures, such as innovation partnerships and joint procurement schemes between European cities, support to private sector participation via public-private partnerships, a more ambitious European Investment Bank's action, and incentives for SMEs, which can play a crucial role in developing innovative sustainable solutions.

Or. en

Amendment 97
Radan Kanev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Urges the Commission to continue supporting ambitious measures of energy and resource efficiency and to help secure adequate funding for actions that contribute to sustainable urban development and green infrastructures, such as innovation partnerships and joint procurement schemes between European cities.

Amendment

8. Urges the Commission to continue supporting ambitious measures of energy and resource efficiency and to help secure adequate funding for actions that contribute to sustainable urban development and green infrastructures, such as innovation partnerships and joint procurement schemes between European cities; to help enhance the collective power of the cities to scale up quickly efficient solutions.

Or. en

Amendment 98
Lídia Pereira
Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution
Amendment

8a. Calls on the Commission to take swift action to improve air quality in cities, particularly by reducing emissions pollution by means of new urban mobility solutions that favour more efficient and environmentally sustainable public transport options.

Or. pt