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Amendment 1
Paul Rübzig, Maria Spyraiki

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*– having regard to its resolution of
November the 26th on the revision of the
Commission's impact assessment
guidelines and the role of the SME test^{1a},*

^{1a} *Texts adopted, P8_TA(2014)0069*

Or. en

Amendment 2
Jeppe Kofod

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*– having regard to the Commission
Communication entitled 'Resource
Efficiency Opportunities in the Building
Sector' (COM(2014)0445),*

Or. en

Amendment 3
Jeppe Kofod

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the Eurobarometer Survey on SMEs, resource efficiency and green markets (Flash Eurobarometer **342**), and the Eurobarometer Survey on the role of public support in the commercialisation of innovations (Flash Eurobarometer 394),

Amendment

– having regard to the Eurobarometer Survey on SMEs, resource efficiency and green markets (Flash Eurobarometer **381**), and the Eurobarometer Survey on the role of public support in the commercialisation of innovations (Flash Eurobarometer 394),

Or. en

Amendment 4

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the Commission Communication entitled 'Green Action Plan For SMEs' COM(2014) 440 final,

Or. en

Amendment 5

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the European Resource Efficiency Platform Manifesto and Policy Recommendations - March 2014,

Or. en

Amendment 6
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 6 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regards to the Commission Communication "Towards a circular economy: a zero waste programme for Europe" COM (2014)398,

Or. en

Amendment 7
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 6 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard the Communication from the Commission 'Innovation for a sustainable Future - The Eco-innovation Action Plan (Eco-AP)' COM (2011)899,

Or. en

Amendment 8
Bendt Bendtsen

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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the European Union's economy and are important drivers of European long-term economic growth and sustainable job creation opportunities within the 28 Member States; whereas ***the employment in the sector for environmental goods and services in the years 2007-2011 grew with 20% in spite of the crisis***; whereas they thus play an important role in the industrial ecosystem together with mid-cap and multinational companies;

Or. en

Amendment 9 **Krišjānis Kariņš**

Motion for a resolution **Recital A**

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas SMEs account for more than 98 % of Europe's businesses and provide more than 67 % of ***jobs*** in the Union; whereas they constitute the backbone of the European Union's economy and are ***important*** drivers of European long-term economic growth and sustainable job creation opportunities within the 28 Member States; whereas they thus play an important role in the industrial ecosystem together with mid-cap and multinational companies;

Amendment

A. whereas SMEs account for more than 98 % of Europe's businesses and provide more than 67 % of ***total employment*** in the Union ***and 58% of gross value added***; whereas they constitute the backbone of the European Union's economy and are ***the key*** drivers of European long-term economic growth and sustainable job creation opportunities within the 28 Member States; whereas they thus play an important role in the industrial ecosystem together with mid-cap and multinational companies;

Or. en

Amendment 10 **Aldo Patriciello**

Motion for a resolution **Recital A**

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas SMEs account for more than 98 % of Europe's businesses and provide more than 67 % of jobs in the Union; whereas they constitute the backbone of the European Union's economy **and** are important drivers of **European** long-term economic growth and sustainable job creation opportunities within the 28 Member States; whereas **they** thus play **an important** role in the industrial ecosystem together with mid-cap and multinational companies;

Amendment

A. whereas SMEs account for more than 98 % of Europe's businesses and provide more than 67 % of jobs in the Union; whereas they constitute the backbone of the European Union's economy, **both because they are regarded as** important drivers of long-term economic growth and **because they provide** sustainable job creation opportunities within the 28 Member States; whereas **SMEs** thus play **a key** role in the industrial ecosystem together with mid-cap and multinational companies;

Or. it

Amendment 11

Maria Spyraiki, Paul Rübzig

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

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Or. en

Amendment 12
Miloslav Ransdorf

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. Whereas 90% of SMEs are micro-enterprises (enterprises with less than 10 employees) and these micro-enterprises account for 53% of all jobs in Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 13
José Blanco López

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas at the moment, the global market for environmental goods and services is estimated at 1 000 billion per year, and it is estimated that this amount will double or even triple by 2020, creating tremendous opportunities for Europe's SMEs and economic growth in general in the EU;

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Or. es

Amendment 14
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

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Motion for a resolution

B. whereas at the moment, the global market for environmental goods and services is estimated at 1 000 billion per year, and it is estimated that this amount will double or even triple by 2020, creating tremendous opportunities for Europe's SMEs and economic growth in general in the EU;

Amendment

(Does not affect English version.)

Or. it

Amendment 15
Nadine Morano

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas at the moment, the global market for environmental goods and services is estimated at 1 000 billion per year, and it is estimated that this amount will double or even triple by 2020, creating tremendous opportunities for Europe's SMEs and economic growth in general in the EU;

Amendment

B. whereas at the moment, the global market for environmental goods and services is estimated at **EUR** 1 000 billion per year, and it is estimated that this amount will double or even triple by 2020, creating tremendous opportunities for Europe's SMEs and economic growth in general in the EU;

Or. fr

Amendment 16
Bendt Bendtsen

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ba. Whereas the European Union is a world leader in both the import and export of environmental goods; whereas services

are inextricably linked to these goods, yet there are many non-tariff barriers that remain for the environmental service providers;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas the European Union committed itself to reindustrialising Europe by investing in and supporting the principles of sustainability, competitiveness and innovation;

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 18
Paul Rübiger, Maria Spyrali, Krišjānis Kariņš

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas the European Union committed itself to reindustrialising Europe by investing in and supporting the principles of sustainability, competitiveness and innovation;

C. whereas the European Union committed itself to reindustrialising Europe by investing in and supporting the principles of sustainability, competitiveness and innovation, *in order to achieve a share of at least 20% in industrial production as part of the European Member States' GDP until 2020;*

Or. en

Amendment 19

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the European Union committed itself to reindustrialising Europe by investing in and supporting the principles of sustainability, competitiveness **and innovation**;

Amendment

C. whereas the European Union committed itself to reindustrialising Europe by investing in and supporting the principles of sustainability, competitiveness, **innovation and decent work; whereas, in the face of the global challenges, it is essential that energy and resource efficiency be at the basis of the European industrial renewal if European industry intends to maintain its competitiveness in the future**;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Jeppe Kofod

Motion for a resolution

Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the European Council has committed itself to reducing domestic greenhouse gas emissions by at least 40 %, increasing the share of renewable energy to at least 27 % and increasing energy efficiency by at least 27 % by 2030, with a view to raising this target to 30 %; whereas SMEs must play their role in fulfilling these targets;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas better eco-design, waste prevention, recycling and reuse could bring net savings for EU businesses, estimated to represent up to EUR 600 billion, or 8% of annual turnover, while also reducing total greenhouse gas emissions by 2 to 4%^{2a} ;

^{2a} COM (2014)398 "Towards a circular economy: a zero waste programme for Europe"

Or. en

Amendment 22

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas enabling SMEs to transform environmental challenges into economic opportunities while acting sustainably is one of the principles of the Small Business Act, but whereas there *has been no* significant policy progress and SMEs often face *inconsistent policies* when commencing business and implementing environmental standards;

D. whereas enabling SMEs to transform environmental challenges into economic opportunities while acting sustainably is one of the principles of the Small Business Act, but whereas there *needs to be more significant policy progress to achieve this* and SMEs often face *difficulties* when commencing business and implementing environmental standards;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Iratxe García Pérez

on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Morten Helveg Petersen

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas regular collection of harmonised statistics would facilitate more evidence-based policy making and monitoring; whereas there is a need to shed more light on the gender dimension of green growth, especially in the context of private sector development and thus fill a knowledge gap in the green growth discourse;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Francesc Gambús

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas the *pressure for SMEs to comply with* environmental standards *will* increase *both from the market and from legislation;*

E. whereas the *development of* environmental standards *should not result in an* increase *in the* pressure *on* SMEs;

Or. es

Amendment 25

Diane Dodds

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the pressure for SMEs to comply with environmental standards will increase both from the market and from legislation;

Amendment

E. whereas the pressure for SMEs to comply with environmental standards will increase both from the market and from legislation; ***whereas this increase should be reevacuated to alleviate the burden on operational efficiency within these enterprises;***

Or. en

Amendment 26

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the ***pressure*** for SMEs ***to*** comply with environmental standards will increase both from the market and from legislation;

Amendment

E. whereas the ***cost efficiency and business opportunities arising*** for SMEs ***that*** comply with environmental standards will increase both from the market and from legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas ***the pressure for SMEs to comply*** with environmental standards ***will increase*** both ***from*** the market and ***from*** legislation;

Amendment

E. whereas ***SME compliance with environmental standards by will be fostered by*** both the market and legislation;

Or. it

Amendment 28
Krišjānis Kariņš

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the pressure for SMEs to comply with environmental standards will increase both from the market and from legislation;

Amendment

E. whereas the pressure for SMEs to comply with **growing** environmental standards will increase both from the market and from legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Hans-Olaf Henkel, Ashley Fox, Brian Crowley, Ian Duncan, Evžen Tošenovský, Branislav Škripek

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. Whereas the administrative burden of EU regulation forms a substantial cost for enterprises to comply with;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Hans-Olaf Henkel, Ashley Fox, Brian Crowley, Ian Duncan, Evžen Tošenovský, Branislav Škripek

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. Whereas new initiatives to reduce regulatory burdens on SMEs and other sectors have been proposed;

Amendment 31

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas despite recent efforts, SMEs continue to have difficulties with access to finance and whereas EU programmes still fall short of significantly contributing to *innovation*;

Amendment

F. whereas despite recent efforts, SMEs continue to have difficulties with access to finance, *skills and information* and whereas EU programmes still fall short of significantly contributing to *eco-innovation and the circular economy*;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Paul Rübiger

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas despite recent efforts, SMEs continue to have difficulties with access to finance and whereas EU programmes still fall short of significantly contributing to innovation;

Amendment

F. whereas despite recent efforts, SMEs continue to have difficulties with access to finance *as a sufficiently diversified choice of equity instruments needed along the growth path of a company is not yet available throughout Member States* and whereas EU programmes still fall short of significantly contributing to innovation;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Miriam Dalli

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas despite recent efforts, SMEs continue to have difficulties with access to finance and whereas EU programmes still fall short of significantly contributing to innovation;

Amendment

F. whereas despite recent efforts, SMEs **and micro enterprises** continue to have difficulties with access to finance and whereas EU programmes still fall short of significantly contributing to innovation;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas labour productivity has developed much faster in recent decades than resource productivity, while estimates show that labour represents less than 20 % of production costs, with resources representing 40 %; whereas increasing resource productivity by 30% by 2030 could boost GDP by nearly 1%, while creating 2 million additional jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Hans-Olaf Henkel, Ashley Fox, Brian Crowley, Ian Duncan, Evžen Tošenovský, Branislav Škripek

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. Whereas application procedures for

EU funding for SMEs are still too bureaucratic and therefore prohibitive for most SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas small companies gain proportionally more than large entities from actions to improve resource efficiency and should receive more policy attention; whereas the potential gross benefit of improving resource efficiency is 10-17 % of turnover, depending on the operating sector;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 37
Dominique Riquet

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas digital technologies are both an important tool for use by SMEs in reaping the benefits expected from optimal use of resources and a sector where new SMEs can readily emerge and develop;

Or. fr

Amendment 38

Marco Zullo, David Borrelli, Dario Tamburrano, Piernicola Pedicini

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas the focus is primarily on high-tech SMEs that directly deliver green innovations, but there is a need to support other companies which wish to comply with environmental regulations; whereas eco-innovation might be an idea for a new company, but also a measure to improve existing businesses within the framework of the green economy;

Amendment

H. whereas the focus is primarily on high-tech SMEs that directly deliver green innovations, but there is a need to support other companies which wish to comply with environmental regulations **and to implement green innovation measures**; whereas eco-innovation might be an idea for a new company, but also a measure to improve existing businesses within the framework of the green economy;

Or. it

Amendment 39

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas the focus is primarily on high-tech SMEs that directly deliver green innovations, but there is a need to support other companies which wish to **comply with** environmental **regulations**; whereas eco-innovation might be an idea for a new company, but also a measure to improve existing businesses within the framework of the green economy;

Amendment

H. whereas the focus is primarily on high-tech SMEs that directly deliver green innovations, but there is a need to support other companies which wish to **improve their** environmental **performance**; whereas eco-innovation might be an idea for a new company, but also a measure to improve existing businesses within the framework of the green economy;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Iratxe García Pérez

on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
Morten Helveg Petersen

Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ha. whereas the role of women in the green economy continues to be underestimated and ignored; whereas the skills and professions identified as particularly relevant for the green economy tend to be male-dominated;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Iratxe García Pérez

on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
Morten Helveg Petersen

Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ha. whereas specific and gender-sensitive policies and interventions are necessary to ensure that women and men can equally benefit from a green economy;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital I

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I. whereas although there is no

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internationally agreed definition of green growth, there is consensus that it is a *combination of economic growth and environmental sustainability*;

internationally agreed definition of green growth, there is consensus that it is a *way to achieve economic development, while using natural resource in a sustainable manner and providing decent work*;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Iratxe García Pérez

on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Morten Helveg Petersen

Motion for a resolution

Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ia. whereas green growth needs to pair concerns such as energy efficiency and low emissions with traditional labour concerns; whereas women often suffer from lower wages and unfavourable working conditions;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ia. Whereas enhancing skills and training is a key challenge for SMEs, which should receive particular attention, especially with regards to innovation and resource efficiency;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Marco Zullo, David Borrelli, Piernicola Pedicini

Motion for a resolution

Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ia. whereas inadequate access to risk capital, in particular at the start-up stages, continues to be one of the main obstacles to the creation and development of growth-oriented businesses;

Or. it

Amendment 46

Diane Dodds

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Notes that the concept of green growth and the opportunities arising from it relate to various sectors such as the circular economy, energy efficiency, resource efficiency, renewable energy, waste management, cradle to cradle; points out the considerable economic potential of these sectors;

1. Notes that the concept of green growth and the opportunities arising from it relate to various sectors such as the circular economy, energy efficiency, resource efficiency, renewable energy, waste management, cradle to cradle; points out the considerable economic potential of these sectors; ***notes that green growth should be only one part of a wider strategy of promoting job creation and economic growth among SMEs;***

Or. en

Amendment 47

Csaba Molnár

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that the concept of green growth and the opportunities arising from it relate to various sectors such as the circular economy, energy efficiency, resource efficiency, renewable energy, waste management, cradle to cradle; points out the considerable economic potential of these sectors;

Amendment

1. Notes that the concept of green growth and the opportunities arising from it relate to various sectors such as ***renewable energy sources and in particular the economically-viable exploitation of wind, solar and geothermal energy***, the circular economy, energy efficiency, resource efficiency, renewable energy, waste management, cradle to cradle; points out the considerable economic potential of these sectors;

Or. hu

Amendment 48
José Blanco López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 49

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. *Notes that* the concept of green *growth* and the opportunities arising from it *relate to various sectors such as the circular economy*, energy efficiency, resource efficiency, renewable energy, waste management, cradle to cradle; points out the considerable economic potential of these sectors;

Amendment

1. *Supports* the concept of green *and circular economy* and the opportunities arising from it *in all sectors of the economy and in particular* energy efficiency, resource efficiency, renewable energy, waste management, cradle to cradle; points out the considerable economic *and employment* potential of these sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Bendt Bendtsen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that the concept of green growth and the opportunities arising from it relate to various sectors such as the circular economy, energy efficiency, resource efficiency, renewable energy, waste management, cradle to cradle; points out the considerable economic potential of these sectors;

Amendment

1. Notes that the concept of green growth and the opportunities arising from it relate to various sectors *of significant importance* such as the circular economy, energy efficiency, resource efficiency, renewable energy, waste management, *emission reduction, electrification*, cradle to cradle; points out the considerable economic potential of these sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Hans-Olaf Henkel, Ashley Fox, Ian Duncan, Evžen Tošenovský, Branislav Škripek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that the concept of green growth and the opportunities arising from it relate to various **sectors** such as the circular economy, energy efficiency, resource efficiency, renewable energy, waste management, cradle to cradle; points out the considerable economic potential **of these** sectors;

Amendment

1. Notes that the concept of green growth and the opportunities arising from it relate to various **areas** such as the circular economy, energy efficiency, resource efficiency, renewable energy, waste management, cradle to cradle; points out the considerable economic potential **these areas have for different** sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Zigmantas Balčytis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

1a. Points out that the potential for the recycling, composting and reuse of waste is not exploited sufficiently, which results in SMEs, which can use and sell environmentally-friendly products, services and solutions, missing out on very substantial business opportunities;

Amendment

Or. lt

Amendment 53
Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Hans-Olaf Henkel, Ashley Fox, Ian Duncan, Evžen Tošenovský, Branislav Škripek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses that green growth should be put in a broad perspective, and should include efforts deployed throughout the whole value chain and across the entrepreneurial ecosystem, ***including efforts by industrial manufacturing players to reduce the ecological footprint of their products, production processes, business practices and services;***

Amendment

2. Stresses that green growth should be put in a broad perspective, and should include efforts deployed throughout the whole value chain and across the entrepreneurial ecosystem;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Csaba Molnár

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

2. Stresses that green growth should be put in a broad perspective, and should include efforts deployed throughout the whole value chain and across the entrepreneurial ecosystem, including efforts by industrial manufacturing players to reduce the ecological footprint of their products, production processes, ***ancillary activities connected with production,*** business practices and services;

Or. hu

Amendment 55
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Recalls the recommendations of the European Resources Efficiency Platform^{2b} highlighting that resource efficiency requires a dynamic fiscal and regulatory framework that gives appropriate signals to producers and consumers to supply and demand products with better environmental performance throughout their life-cycle;

^{2b} The EREP Manifesto and Policy Recommendations - March 2014

Or. en

Amendment 56
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission to establish within the Circular Economy Package initiative a comprehensive policy framework including concrete policy objectives and better integrating and streamlining existing policy tools; insist that tools and measure must ensure real opportunities and active participation of SME in the circular economy;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Supports the objectives of the Green Action Plan for SMEs and its SMEs-oriented actions to improve resource efficiency, support green entrepreneurship, exploiting opportunities for greener value chains and facilitating market access for green SMEs; calls for its full implementation and for strong synergies, coordination with and reinforcement of the relevant actions and instruments foreseen under the Eco-Innovation Action Plan;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Renato Soru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Highlights the fact that our economy will need to provide for an ever growing population – 9 billion people by 2050 – and that our natural resources are limited and therefore should be used in a very efficient way; points out new innovative solutions to these challenges ***such as*** new products, production processes, business practices and services, ***and*** a new supporting legal framework;

3. Highlights the fact that our economy will need to provide for an ever growing population – 9 billion people by 2050 – and that our natural resources are limited and therefore should be used in a very efficient way; points out ***that taking advantage of*** new innovative solutions to these challenges new products, production processes, business practices and services, a new supporting legal framework ***and framework changing innovations in the digital sector such as the internet of things is the only way forward;***

Or. en

Amendment 59
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Highlights the fact that our economy will need to provide for an ever growing population – 9 billion people by 2050 – and that our natural resources are limited and therefore should be used in a very efficient way; points out new innovative solutions to these challenges such as new products, production processes, business practices and services, and a new supporting legal framework;

Amendment

3. Highlights the fact that our economy will need to provide for an ever growing population – 9 billion people by 2050 – and that our natural resources are limited and therefore should be used in a very efficient way; points out new innovative solutions to these challenges such as new products, production processes, business practices and services, and a new supporting legal framework; ***takes the view that this legal framework should be technically and economically applicable and enforceable in all the Member States;***

Or. de

Amendment 60
Marco Zullo, David Borrelli, Dario Tamburrano, Piernicola Pedicini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

3. Highlights the fact that our economy will need to provide for an ever growing population – 9 billion people by 2050 – and that our natural resources are limited and therefore should be used in a very efficient way; points out innovative ***and green*** solutions to these challenges such as new products, production processes, business practices and services, and a new supporting legal framework;

Or. it

Amendment 61

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 62

Bendt Bendtsen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 63
Paul Rübige, Maria Spyrali

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

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3. Highlights the fact that **the global** economy will need to provide for an ever growing population – 9 billion people by 2050 – and that our natural resources are limited and therefore should be used in a very efficient way; points out new innovative solutions to these challenges such as new products, production processes, business practices and services, and a new supporting legal framework;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Miriam Dalli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Considering that micro enterprises generate thousands of jobs across Europe and as such require a different framework to work within, a clear definition of micro enterprises is urgently required;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Iratxe García Pérez
on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
Morten Helveg Petersen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Member States to revise the regulatory and legal framework to include incentives and structures and/or programmes to support the start-up, formalisation and growth of women-owned (green) enterprises;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Dominique Riquet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Encourages the Commission to submit without delay a new ambitious plan for the development of a European circular economy which will improve the return on investments by SMEs in recycling and efficient use of resources;

Or. fr

Amendment 67
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Believes that the EU needs to drastically change its entrepreneurial culture in order to contribute to economic growth by having more people starting up their own businesses and seeking more businesses opportunities, including in green growth, and by accepting failure

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and risk-taking; emphasises the importance of putting this issue at the centre of policy making; calls on Member States to cater for a softer landing after business failure, for instance by modifying bankruptcy laws to allow people to start up a new business soon after failure of a previous venture, especially in new and innovative sectors;

Or. it

Amendment 68

Marco Zullo, David Borrelli, Piernicola Pedicini

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

5. Believes that the EU needs to drastically change its entrepreneurial culture in order to contribute to *environmentally sustainable* economic growth by having more people starting up their own businesses and seeking more businesses opportunities, and by accepting failure and risk-taking; emphasises the importance of putting this issue at the centre of policy making;

Or. it

Amendment 69

Jeppe Kofod

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 70

Maria Spyraiki, Paul Rübzig

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

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awareness campaigns and education;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Rolandas Paksas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

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Or. It

Amendment 72
Miriam Dalli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

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to contribute to economic growth by having more people, *especially young people* starting up their own businesses and seeking more businesses opportunities, including in green growth, and by accepting failure and risk-taking; emphasises the importance of putting this issue at the centre of policy making; calls on Member States to cater for a softer landing after business failure, for instance by modifying bankruptcy laws to allow people to start up a new business soon after failure of a previous venture, especially in new and innovative sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 73 **Csaba Molnár**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 5**

Motion for a resolution

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Or. hu

Amendment 74
Bendt Bendtsen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Notes, that many European SMEs today compete internationally on solutions that both includes products and so-called "green services", such as construction, installation, repairs and management; notes that these services are central for the development sale and export of green products; Calls on the Commission to include green services in the ongoing negotiations on the Environmental Goods Agreement, as well as in bilateral trade agreements such as the TTIP, in order to reduce barriers for European SMEs and service providers that want to go international;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Davor Ivo Stier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Emphasises the importance of good governance, independent judiciary, transparency and the rule of law across EU for the creation of a business friendly climate and a market with a level playing field for SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Jeppe Kofod, Dan Nica

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Resource Efficiency and Management

Or. en

Amendment 77
Jeppe Kofod, Kathleen Van Brempt, Dan Nica, Martina Werner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Points out that concrete initiatives to strengthen resource efficiency and resource management within SMEs are crucial in order to both save costs and generate new resource streams; welcomes the fact that 93 % of EU SMEs are already taking steps to become more resource efficient^{2c}; reminds the Commission however, that more than half of SMEs report meeting difficulties in implementing these measures due to complex legal or administrative procedures^{2d}; calls therefore on the Commission and member states to address this issue through better regulation and guidance for SMEs;

^{2c} ***Flash Eurobarometer 381***

^{2d} ***Flash Eurobarometer 381***

Or. en

Amendment 78

Jeppe Kofod, Kathleen Van Brempt, Dan Nica, Martina Werner

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Is of the opinion that industrial symbioses should be promoted, especially with a view to enhancing resource efficiency on the basis that a waste product in one sector can be a valuable resource in another; welcomes in this regard the Commission's focus on symbioses and clusters and encourages the Commission to come forward with concrete initiatives to facilitate cross-sectoral cooperation and resource management; stresses that micro-enterprises and start-ups should be afforded access to such clusters and industrial symbioses;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Jeppe Kofod, Dan Nica

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Reminds the Commission of the need to focus on resource efficiency and waste management especially within the construction and demolition sectors; believes that an environmentally and public health conscious approach to recycling construction and demolition waste should be the target of particular attention from the Commission; points out the huge discrepancies in recycling rates for construction and demolition waste within the European Union, with some

member states reporting recycling rates of more than 90 % whilst the EU average lies at just below 50 %;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Jeppe Kofod, Kathleen Van Brempt, Dan Nica, Martina Werner

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Reminds the Commission that SMEs within all business sectors may benefit from resource efficiency and management initiatives; calls on the Commission to establish a framework for knowledge management and information sharing between SMEs across sectors and across member state borders;

Or. en

Amendment 81

Marco Zullo, David Borrelli, Dario Tamburrano, Piernicola Pedicini

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Points out that in the current circumstances where insufficient access to appropriate sources of risk capital, particularly in the early stages, continues to be one of the most significant constraints on the creation and development of growth-oriented firms, the Commission's Action Plan on improving access to finance for SMEs places a lot of emphasis on venture capital as a possible mode of growth finance; underlines,

deleted

nonetheless, that this kind of funding is adequate only for a small number of SMEs and that bank loans remain the main source of funding, and that all alternatives should be developed by the private sector; points out the potential financing opportunities that should be explored through the European Fund for Strategic Investments;

Or. it

Amendment 82
Esther de Lange

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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Or. nl

Amendment 83
Csaba Molnár

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

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Or. hu

Amendment 84
Paul Rübige, Maria Spyrali

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 85

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment 86
Maria Spyra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Encourages the Member States to incentivise foreign investors by removing language barriers; notes that accepting applications and providing data in English, in addition to the official language(s) of a Member State, is a step towards that end;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Miloslav Ransdorf

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Considers it essential to provide greater support to micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) and worker cooperatives in order to boost their competitiveness within a stable business environment, minimise the effect of dominant market positions occupied by large companies and conglomerates, encourage the culture of entrepreneurship, and help SMEs to be set up and to grow;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Miloslav Ransdorf

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission, in view of the fact that potential micro-credit customers are usually unable to provide security and banks are generally unwilling to lend them money, to establish a 'European guarantee' for micro-loan;.

Or. en

Amendment 89
Miloslav Ransdorf

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Points out that 90% of EU enterprises are micro-enterprises (enterprises with less than 10 employees) and that the greatest barrier to more innovation for those enterprises results from restricted access to credit, especially small loans (under EUR 25.000); believes therefore, that the Commission's proposal should include also for micro-credits initiatives to enhance employment in micro-enterprises, to enable those excluded from the conventional credit system to start up new activities, and to boost innovation in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Hans-Olaf Henkel, Ashley Fox, Ian Duncan, Evžen Tošenovský,

Branislav Škripek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses that there is no one-size-fits-all mode of finance and calls on the Commission to ***support the development of a broad range of tailored*** programmes, instruments and initiatives, especially for new business models in the green economy, ranging across equity (such as business angels, crowd funding and multilateral trading facilities), quasi-equity (such as mezzanine finance) and debt instruments (such as small-ticket company bonds, guarantee facilities and platforms), and partnerships between banks and other operators involved in SME financing (accountancy professionals, business or SME associations or chambers of commerce), in order to support businesses in their start-up, growth and transfer phases, taking into account their size, turnover and financing needs; calls on the Member States to provide fiscal incentives for these funding models; stresses the importance of reviewing existing SME supporting instruments to include further green growth opportunities;

Amendment

7. Stresses that there is no one-size-fits-all mode of finance and calls on the Commission to ***take into account the interest of SMEs in all existing and possible future*** programmes, instruments and initiatives., especially for new business models in the green economy, ranging across equity (such as business angels, crowd funding and multilateral trading facilities), quasi-equity (such as mezzanine finance) and debt instruments (such as small-ticket company bonds, guarantee facilities and platforms), and partnerships between banks and other operators involved in SME financing (accountancy professionals, business or SME associations or chambers of commerce), in order to support businesses in their start-up, growth and transfer phases, taking into account their size, turnover and financing needs; calls on the Member States ***and the regions*** to provide fiscal incentives for these funding models; stresses the importance of reviewing existing SME supporting instruments to include further green growth opportunities;

Or. en

Amendment 91

Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 92
José Blanco López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

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instruments (such as small-ticket company bonds, guarantee facilities and platforms), and partnerships between banks and other operators involved in SME financing (accountancy professionals, business or SME associations or chambers of commerce), in order to support businesses in their start-up, growth and transfer phases, taking into account their size, turnover and financing needs, *with special attention being paid to projects that have a positive impact as regards generating economic activity and jobs in areas affected by depopulation and ageing*; calls on the Member States to provide fiscal incentives for these funding models; stresses the importance of reviewing existing SME supporting instruments to include further green growth opportunities;

Or. es

Amendment 93

Marco Zullo, David Borrelli, Dario Tamburrano, Piernicola Pedicini

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

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Or. it

Amendment 94
Hans-Olaf Henkel, Branislav Škripek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Underlines that the "one-size-fits-all" common currency is a major inhibiting factor for the growth of SME's and has directly led to de-industrialization, particularly in Southern Europe; notes that the euro has been far too strong for southern Eurozone countries and much too weak for others, i.e. Germany; underlines that such one-size-fits-all modes of finance results in a mode which fits none, while the euro has clearly become a one-size-fits-none currency whose effects will be even more detrimental for green growth;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Marco Zullo, David Borrelli, Dario Tamburrano, Piernicola Pedicini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Urges local authorities to use the indirect funding available to them to support green innovation measures taken by SMEs, where appropriate introducing arrangements for combining such funding with direct funding (for example through smart specialisation strategies), with a view to identifying or establishing clusters of excellence and quality hubs;

Or. it

Amendment 96

Marco Zullo, David Borrelli, Dario Tamburrano, Piernicola Pedicini

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to monitor the results achieved by SMEs that have accessed green innovation funding, in order to gauge the effectiveness of such funding; urges the Commission to lose no time in making the changes required for the funding to be more effective, should the results prove to be unsatisfactory;

Or. it

Amendment 97

Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Philippe De Backer, Pavel Telička, Fredrick Federley

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. SMEs can be expected to play an

important role in the circular economy, providing sustainable, yet labour-intensive services such as repair, refurbishing and recycling. A tax shift from labour to natural resource use is a prerequisite for the long-term success of SMEs. The European Commission, the OECD, the IMF, the ILO, the European Parliament and the Eurogroup broadly support the principle of a tax shift from labour to natural resource use and consumption. Requests the Commission to assess the impact of a tax shift from labour to natural resource use, and come forward with initiatives for such a tax shift.

Or. en

Amendment 98
Renato Soru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Emphasises that entrepreneurs, SMEs, business associations and support organisations should be more literate on financing possibilities for more performant technologies, or for contracting services such as consultancy, coaching and training on eco-design, resource management and green entrepreneurship and availability of green technologies, products and services that could be beneficial for their business;

Amendment

9. Emphasises that entrepreneurs, SMEs, business associations and support organisations should be more literate on financing possibilities for more performant technologies, or for contracting services such as consultancy, coaching and training on eco-design, resource management and green entrepreneurship and availability of green technologies, products and services that could be beneficial for their business; ***Emphasises also the need for simple and accessible sources of information and databases for these products and services;***

Or. en

Amendment 99

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

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calls on the Member States and the EU for the enhancement of provision of SMEs services in those area, in particular at the regional and local level and the increased dedication of European Structural and Investment Funds to those objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 100

Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Hans-Olaf Henkel, Ashley Fox, Brian Crowley, Ian Duncan, Evžen Tošenovský, Branislav Škripek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

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green technologies, products and services that could be beneficial for their business;

green technologies, products and services that could be beneficial for their business, *therefore all information about these possibilities should be easily accessible and should be communicated in a way that corresponds best with the logic and working methods of SMEs;*

Or. en

Amendment 101

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission to make sure that *in* the implementation *phase* of the 'Investment Plan for Europe' *SMEs, in particular green and innovative ones*, will be key beneficiaries of the support provided for under this proposal;

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission *and the EIB* to make sure that the implementation of the 'Investment Plan for Europe' *is underpinned by strong sustainability criteria, including resource and energy efficiency objectives. Its implementation must ensure that eco-innovative SMEs*, will be key beneficiaries of the support provided for under this proposal; *insist that clear criteria, including European added value must be developed to achieve this aim and that provision of advisory services on resource efficiency and eco-innovation for SMEs be strengthened;*

Or. en

Amendment 102

Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission to make sure that in the implementation phase of the 'Investment Plan for Europe' SMEs, ***in particular green and innovative ones***, will be key beneficiaries of the support provided for under this proposal;

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission to make sure that in the implementation phase of the 'Investment Plan for Europe' SMEs will be key beneficiaries of the support provided for under this proposal; ***reminds the Commission, in this connection, that it must act in a technologically neutral manner;***

Or. de

Amendment 103

Paul Rübiger, Maria Spyrali

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission to make sure that in the implementation phase of the 'Investment Plan for Europe' SMEs, ***in particular*** green and innovative ones, will be key beneficiaries of the support provided for under this proposal;

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission to make sure that in the implementation phase of the 'Investment Plan for Europe' SMEs, ***including*** green and innovative ones, will be key beneficiaries of the support provided for under this proposal; ***Calls on the EIB and the Commission that all categories listed in the Commission recommendation 'concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises' (C (2003) 1422) benefit to an equal extent;***

Or. en

Amendment 104

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Urges to better focus funding of COSME and Horizon 2020 towards the development of eco-innovative solutions by and for SMEs and supports financing for improvement of product design and processes performance, building on the successful experience of the Eco-Innovation programme under the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme in the past MFF; point in particular to the full implementation of the SME instrument under Horizon 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 105

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Believes that there is a need to mobilize capital markets towards the transition to a green economy, overcoming obstacles to long-term investment optimisation because of short-termism in financial markets; calls on the Commission to actively address, also in the context of the capital markets union, the need for mobilising private capital towards a low-carbon transition through renewables and resource efficiency investments; stresses the need for analysing the role of different policy instruments such as monetary tools, financial regulations, public incentives, and accounting and disclosure policies; asks the Commission to put forward policy proposals for improving financial regulatory regimes; refers to current

international initiatives in this field such as the work of the UNEP Inquiry into the Design of a Sustainable Financial Systems and the Capital Markets Climate Initiative;

Or. en

Amendment 106

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Welcomes the opening of calls under the SME Instrument focusing on eco-innovation and supply of raw materials, eco-innovative food production and processing, and innovation in efficient energy systems; supports enhancing the budget of the SME Instrument in these fields and the opening further eco-innovation calls in all areas of societal challenges and industrial leadership priority areas of Horizon 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 107

Paul Rübiger, Maria Spyrali

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Highlights the importance of actively pursuing *cross-sectoral collaboration*, which offers the potential to spark innovation and new growth opportunities through cross-fertilisation of ideas and

11. Highlights the importance of actively pursuing *collaboration across sectors, along value chains as well as geographical areas*, which offers the potential to spark innovation and new

innovative concepts; welcomes the Horizon 2020 action ‘Cluster facilitated projects for new industrial value chains’, to better unlock the innovation potential of SMEs, including the eco-innovative and resource-efficient solutions they offer;

growth opportunities through cross-fertilisation of ideas and innovative concepts; welcomes the Horizon 2020 action ‘Cluster facilitated projects for new industrial value chains’, to better unlock the innovation potential of SMEs, including the eco-innovative and resource-efficient solutions they offer;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Welcomes the establishment of a European Resource Efficiency Excellence Centre to advise and assist SMEs seeking to improve their resource efficiency performance; stresses the need to establish it as a strong network of partners across EU regions and to build on proven experiences in Member States; believes it should guide SMEs to European, national and regional programmes in this field of action, provide access to expertise, networks and infrastructure;

Or. en

Amendment 109

Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Stresses the importance of knowledge transfers and multi-stakeholder knowledge sharing, including cross-border, through informal networks, especially for SMEs and micro enterprises, to raise awareness of existing and new innovative techniques, best practices, ways to acquire proper financing, possible government support schemes and the relevant legislative frameworks entailing the least burdensome administration;

Amendment

12. Stresses the importance of knowledge transfers and multi-stakeholder knowledge sharing, including cross-border, through informal networks, especially for SMEs and micro enterprises, to raise awareness of existing and new innovative techniques, best practices, ways to acquire proper financing, possible ***national*** government, ***regional and local authorities*** support schemes and the relevant legislative frameworks entailing the least burdensome administration;

Or. en

Amendment 110

Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Hans-Olaf Henkel, Ashley Fox, Ian Duncan, Evžen Tošenovský, Branislav Škripek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

12. Stresses the importance of knowledge transfers and multi-stakeholder knowledge sharing, including cross-border, through informal networks, especially for SMEs and micro enterprises, to raise awareness of existing and new innovative techniques, best practices, ways to acquire proper financing, possible government support schemes and the relevant legislative frameworks entailing the least burdensome administration ***and recalls that the existing national contact points for the EU funding programmes and the Enterprise Europe Network have to be fully involved in the support of SMEs and pro-actively inform, coach and support SMEs to identify financing possibilities at EU, national or regional level;***

Amendment 111
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Stresses the importance of knowledge transfers and multi-stakeholder knowledge sharing, including cross-border, ***through informal networks***, especially for SMEs and micro enterprises, to raise awareness of existing and new innovative techniques, best practices, ways to acquire proper financing, possible government support schemes and the relevant legislative frameworks entailing the least burdensome administration;

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Or. it

Amendment 112
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Philippe De Backer, Fredrick Federley, Pavel Telička

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Notes the important role of sector federations in providing appropriate information and advice on green technologies, funding possibilities and the relevant procedures; calls on the Commission and the Member States to fill the gap where this support is lacking;

Amendment

13. Notes the important role of sector federations in providing appropriate information and advice on green technologies, funding possibilities and the relevant procedures; calls on the Commission and the Member States to fill the gap where this support is lacking. ***In cooperation with sector federations and companies further investigate what opportunities exist and accelerate sustainable solutions and invest in environmentally friendly technologies,***

resource efficiency and the recycling economy;

Or. en

Amendment 113

Marco Zullo, David Borrelli, Dario Tamburrano, Piernicola Pedicini

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. *Notes the important role of* sector federations in providing appropriate information and advice on green technologies, funding possibilities and the relevant procedures; calls on the Commission and the Member States to fill the gap where this support is lacking;

Amendment

13. *Urges* sector federations *to play a more prominent role* in providing appropriate information and advice on green technologies, funding possibilities and the relevant procedures; calls on the Commission and the Member States to fill the gap where this support is lacking;

Or. it

Amendment 114

Maria Spyraiki, Paul Rübiger

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

13a. Notes the growing gap between the needs of SMEs and the skills of employees; notes that 26% of employers in Europe face difficulties at finding employees who hold the right skills;

Or. en

Amendment 115

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Points out that besides the horizontal dimension of knowledge sharing (i.e. between SMEs) the horizontal coordination between EU institutions, funds and financing instruments plays a crucial role for overcoming the expectation-implementation gap; emphasises the need to approach SME networks and organisations on the local, regional and national levels timely and proactive, in order to provide information and guidance for making use of available and planned EU funding possibilities; reminds the Commission to use all means on communication and knowledge transmission available (promotional mailings, social media, webinars, etc.) as well as competitions for students and young entrepreneurs;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Welcomes the promotion of resource efficiency and awareness raising activities by the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN); supports the organisation of a European Resource Efficiency Campaign to inform SMEs on the benefits and opportunities offered by resource efficiency and asks the Commission to make available to the EEN the appropriate funds to organise

this campaign; calls on the European Commission and the EEN to cooperate on resource efficiency with industry associations, trade unions, SMEs, NGOs, academia as well as regional initiatives;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Stresses the importance of creating industrial synergies on recycling and helping companies discover how their energy, waste and by-products can serve as resources for others; calls of the Commission and Member States to promote approaches such as those taken in the UK with the National Industrial Symbiosis Programme; calls on the establishment of a pan-European network of industrial symbiosis initiatives;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Research, development *and* innovation

Research, development, innovation *and skills*

Or. en

Amendment 119

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Stresses the need to further develop basic R&D necessary for further technological developments; highlights the importance of the reindustrialisation of Europe given the importance of the manufacturing industry for R&D&I and thus the EU's future competitive advantage;

Amendment

14. Stresses the need to further develop basic R&D necessary for further technological developments; highlights the importance of the reindustrialisation of Europe given the importance of the manufacturing industry for R&D&I and thus the EU's future competitive advantage; ***believes that non-technological, organisational, systems innovation and public sector innovation must be given as much attention as technology driven solutions;***

Or. en

Amendment 120

Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Hans-Olaf Henkel, Ashley Fox, Brian Crowley, Ian Duncan, Evžen Tošenovský, Branislav Škripek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Stresses the need to further develop basic R&D necessary for further technological developments; ***highlights the importance of the reindustrialisation of Europe given the importance of the manufacturing industry for R&D&I and thus the EU's future competitive advantage;***

Amendment

14. Stresses the need to further develop basic R&D necessary for further technological developments ***and to fully involve SMEs in this process;***

Or. en

Amendment 121
Paul Rübiger, Maria Spyrali

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Stresses the need to further develop basic R&D **necessary for** further technological developments; highlights the importance of the reindustrialisation of Europe given the importance of the manufacturing industry for R&D&I and thus the EU's future competitive advantage;

Amendment

14. Stresses the need to further develop basic R&D **and to actively support further transformation of basic R&D outcomes into** technological developments; highlights the importance of the reindustrialisation of Europe given the importance of the manufacturing industry for R&D&I and thus the EU's future competitive advantage;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Stresses the need to **further develop** basic R&D necessary for further technological **developments**; highlights the importance of the reindustrialisation of Europe given the importance of the manufacturing industry for R&D&I and thus the EU's future competitive advantage;

Amendment

14. Stresses the need to **be more effective in developing** basic R&D necessary for further technological **advances**; highlights the importance of the reindustrialisation of Europe given the importance of the manufacturing industry for R&D&I and thus the EU's future competitive advantage;

Or. it

Amendment 123
Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Hans-Olaf Henkel, Ashley Fox, Brian Crowley, Ian Duncan, Evžen Tošenovský, Branislav Škripek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Highlights the importance of the reindustrialisation of Europe given the importance of the manufacturing industry for R&D&I and thus the EU's future competitive advantage;

Or. en

Amendment 124

Marco Zullo, David Borrelli, Dario Tamburrano, Piernicola Pedicini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Highlights the importance of the commercialisation and valorisation by European companies of R&D output; calls on the Commission and the Member States to provide for a stable regulatory framework and adequate financial schemes in order to enable economic initiative and entrepreneurship and to limit the time to market of new products, services and business practices, ***notably in the green economy***;

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Or. it

Amendment 125
Paul Rübiger

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Highlights the importance of the commercialisation and valorisation by European companies of R&D output; calls on the Commission and the Member States to provide for a stable regulatory framework and adequate financial schemes in order to enable economic initiative and entrepreneurship and to limit the time to market of new products, services and business practices, notably in the green economy;

Amendment

15. Highlights the importance of the commercialisation and valorisation by European companies of R&D output; calls on the Commission and the Member States to provide for a *more* stable regulatory framework and adequate financial schemes in order to enable economic initiative and entrepreneurship and to limit the time to market of new products, services and business practices, notably in the green economy;

Or. en

Amendment 126
Dominique Riquet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

15a. Stresses the potential which lies in new European space infrastructure for innovation and green growth; calls on the Commission to promote the use by SMEs of data derived from these infrastructures in business nurseries and incubators; calls on the Commission to institute a regime for SMEs which affords ready access to data from these infrastructures at the research, development and commercialisation stages;

Amendment

Or. fr

Amendment 127
Dominique Riquet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Notes the benefits which the unitary European patent confers on SMEs, particularly in the field of green technologies; calls on all Member States to join the unitary European patent system; calls on Member States to ratify without delay the Agreement on a Unified Patent Court, which is necessary for the application of the unitary European patent; calls on the Commission to propose a simplified procedure for use by SMEs in bringing an action for infringement before the Unified Patent Court;

Or. fr

Amendment 128

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls on Member States and regions to address green skills shortages and support the development of green skills at all education levels and throughout lifelong learning; believes that educational and training curricula should be revised to meet existing and anticipated labour markets in the field of resource efficiency and circular economy; calls on social partners to further support workers involvement, life-long learning and training strategies in the fields of environmental management, energy and resource efficiency , and support the development of sector-wide resource efficiency roadmaps covering skills and training requirements;

Amendment 129
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls for an improved policy framework for the circular economy including adopting and implementing smart regulation, standards and codes of conduct that aim at internalisation of externalities, tackling resource intensive products, creating a level playing-field, rewarding front-runners and accelerating the transition towards a resource efficient and sustainable economy;

Amendment 130
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Believes that this policy framework should ensure that products placed on the Union market are 'eco-designed' with a view to optimising resource and material efficiency. This includes addressing, inter alia, product durability, reparability, reusability, recyclability, recycled content and product lifespan;

Amendment 131
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls on the Commission to include as part of the Circular Economy Package the extension of the eco-design instrument to include the resource efficiency dimension; believes that eco-design should address durability, reparability and recyclability of products, including standards for guaranteed minimum life-time and disassembly;

Or. en

Amendment 132
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(De)regulation as an engine for growth

Smart regulation as an engine for ***SMEs*** growth ***in a circular economy***

Or. en

Amendment 133
Bendt Bendtsen

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 5

Motion for a resolution

*(De)*regulation as an engine for growth

Amendment

Better regulation as an engine for growth

Or. en

Amendment 134

Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Calls on Member States to avoid creating barriers to the internal market by gold-plating and to ensure consistent transposition into national legislation; invites the Commission to step up its efforts in addressing gold-plating with individual Member States; stresses the need for a clear and uniform EU-wide interpretation by national regulators and open public procurement rules, including green procurement and e-procurement, which at the moment represents a substantial barrier for SMEs wishing to internationalise and at the same time a tremendous opportunity for Member States to be early adaptors;

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Or. it

Amendment 135

Paul Rübiger, Maria Spyrali

Motion for a resolution

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gold-plating and to ensure consistent transposition into national legislation, ***among others by implementing an SME impact assessment, the SME Test, at Member State level***; invites the Commission to step up its efforts in addressing gold-plating with individual Member States; stresses the need for a clear and uniform EU-wide interpretation by national regulators and open public procurement rules, including green procurement and e-procurement, which at the moment represents a substantial barrier for SMEs wishing to internationalise and at the same time a tremendous opportunity for Member States to be early adaptors;

Or. en

Amendment 136

Csaba Molnár

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

17. Calls on Member States to avoid creating barriers to the internal market by gold-plating, ***to review their current regulatory regimes and remove any superfluous or ineffective regulations which constitute market barriers***, and to ensure consistent transposition into national legislation; invites the Commission to step up its efforts in addressing gold-plating with individual Member States; stresses the need for a clear and uniform EU-wide interpretation by national regulators and open public procurement rules, including green procurement and e-procurement, which at the moment represents a substantial barrier for SMEs wishing to internationalise and at the same time a tremendous opportunity

for Member States to be early adaptors;

Or. hu

Amendment 137
Miriam Dalli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 138
Paul Rübige, Maria Spyraiki, Krišjānis Kariņš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

17a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to take into account that no environmental legislation should be adopted or implemented in a way that might burden Small and Medium Sized

Amendment

Enterprises technically and economically unnecessarily; raises the example of the Energy Efficiency Directive (2012/27/EU);

Or. en

Amendment 139

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the Commission decision for withdrawing obsolete *or overly burdensome* legislative proposals; *calls on* the Commission *to refrain from legislative proposals that would lead to an unnecessary administrative burden for businesses and SMEs and* to continuously review existing legislation with the objective of decreasing the current administrative burden and adapting *this* to new business models; stresses, *nonetheless*, the need for ambitious actions to reach the EU's environmental targets;

Amendment

18. Welcomes the Commission decision for withdrawing obsolete proposals; *strongly regrets the withdraw of the waste legislation proposal and calls for a more ambitious legislative proposal to be put forward by 2015 as announced by V.P. Timmermans in EP plenary in December 2014 ^{2e}; points to the Commission analysis showing that adopting new waste targets would create 180 000 jobs, make Europe more competitive and reduce demand for costly scarce resources ^{2f}; calls on the Commission* to continuously review existing legislation with the objective of decreasing the current administrative burden and adapting to new business models, *while continuing to ensure high levels of environmental protection and social standards*; stresses, the need for ambitious actions to reach the EU's environmental targets;

^{2e} *Verbatim Plenary Debate Commission Work programme Tuesday, 16 December 2014 - Strasbourg*

^{2f} *SWD(2014) 208 final – Impact assessment accompanying the proposal COM (2014)397*

Amendment 140
Renato Soru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the Commission decision for withdrawing obsolete or overly burdensome legislative proposals; calls on the Commission to refrain from legislative proposals that would lead to an unnecessary administrative burden for businesses and SMEs and to continuously review existing legislation with the objective of *decreasing* the current administrative burden and adapting this to new business models; stresses, nonetheless, the need for ambitious actions to reach the EU's environmental targets;

Amendment

18. Welcomes the Commission decision for withdrawing obsolete or overly burdensome legislative proposals; calls on the Commission to refrain from legislative proposals that would lead to an unnecessary administrative burden for businesses and SMEs and to continuously review existing legislation with the objective of *improving the quality and effectiveness of* the current administrative burden and adapting this to new business models; stresses, nonetheless, the need for ambitious actions to reach the EU's environmental targets;

Amendment 141
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

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administrative burden and adapting this to new business models; stresses, nonetheless, the need for ambitious actions *that are technically and economically feasible in all the Member States in order* to reach the EU's environmental targets

Or. de

Amendment 142
Paul Rübige

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the Commission decision for withdrawing obsolete or overly burdensome legislative proposals; calls on the Commission to refrain from legislative proposals that would lead to an unnecessary administrative burden for businesses and SMEs and to continuously review existing legislation with the objective of decreasing the current administrative burden and adapting this to new business models; stresses, nonetheless, the need for ambitious actions to reach the EU's environmental targets;

Amendment

18. Welcomes the Commission decision for withdrawing obsolete or overly burdensome legislative proposals; calls on the Commission to refrain from legislative proposals that would lead to an unnecessary administrative burden for *large* businesses and SMEs and to continuously review existing legislation with the objective of decreasing the current administrative burden and adapting this to new business models; stresses, nonetheless, the need for ambitious actions *that are technically and economically feasible but equally for an adequate and timely implementation of already existing legislation in order* to reach the EU's environmental targets;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Marco Zullo, David Borrelli, Dario Tamburrano, Piernicola Pedicini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the Commission decision for withdrawing obsolete *or overly burdensome* legislative proposals; calls on the Commission to refrain from legislative proposals that would lead to an unnecessary administrative burden for businesses and SMEs and to continuously review existing legislation with the objective of decreasing the current administrative burden and adapting this to new business models; stresses, nonetheless, the need for ambitious actions to reach the EU's environmental targets;

Amendment

18. Welcomes the Commission decision for withdrawing obsolete legislative proposals; calls on the Commission to refrain from legislative proposals that would lead to an unnecessary administrative burden for businesses and SMEs and to continuously review existing legislation with the objective of decreasing the current administrative burden and adapting this to new business models; stresses, nonetheless, the need for ambitious actions to reach the EU's environmental targets;

Or. it

Amendment 144
Miriam Dalli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the Commission decision for withdrawing obsolete or overly burdensome legislative proposals; calls on the Commission to refrain from legislative proposals that would lead to an unnecessary administrative burden for businesses *and SMEs* and to continuously review existing legislation with the objective of decreasing the current administrative burden and adapting this to new business models; stresses, nonetheless, the need for ambitious actions to reach the EU's environmental targets;

Amendment

18. Welcomes the Commission decision for withdrawing obsolete or overly burdensome legislative proposals; calls on the Commission to refrain from legislative proposals that would lead to an unnecessary administrative burden for businesses, *SMEs and micro enterprises* and to continuously review existing legislation with the objective of decreasing the current administrative burden and adapting this to new business models; stresses, nonetheless, the need for ambitious actions to reach the EU's environmental targets;

Or. en

Amendment 145

Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Hans-Olaf Henkel, Ashley Fox, Brian Crowley, Ian Duncan, Evžen Tošenovský, Branislav Škripek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Calls on the Commission to pursue better and therefore not necessarily more legislation and to consequently involve stakeholders from the relevant industries and SMEs to share their insights and knowledge at each stage of the legislative process, including the impact assessment;

Or. en

Amendment 146

Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Hans-Olaf Henkel, Ashley Fox, Ian Duncan, Evžen Tošenovský, Branislav Škripek, Brian Crowley

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the SME Test is fully applied in all impact assessments;

Or. en

Amendment 147

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Recalls the importance of technology-

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neutral and innovation-friendly legislation, which allows different new technologies to be tested and valued by the market; *calls on Member States to use market-based instruments in their public support schemes and to refrain from using market-distorting subsidies*; calls on *the Commission to draw up common guidelines for national public support schemes for green investment projects in order to create a more uniform set of measures*;

neutral and innovation-friendly legislation, which allows different new technologies to be tested and valued by the market; *welcomes the development of Environmental Technology Verification (ETV) scheme as a new tool to help innovative environmental technologies reach the market*; calls on *Member States to make adequate use of market-based instruments in their public support schemes and to refrain from using environmentally harmful market-distorting subsidies*;

Or. en

Amendment 148

Marco Zullo, David Borrelli, Dario Tamburrano, Piernicola Pedicini

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Recalls the importance of technology-neutral and innovation-friendly legislation, which allows *different* new technologies to be tested and valued by the market; calls on Member States *to use market-based instruments* in their public support schemes *and to refrain from using market-distorting subsidies*; calls on the Commission to draw up common guidelines for national public support schemes for green investment projects in order to create a more uniform set of measures;

Amendment

19. Recalls the importance of technology-neutral and *green*-innovation-friendly legislation, which allows different new technologies *geared to more sustainable resource use* to be tested and valued by the market; calls on Member States *to refrain from using market-distorting subsidies* in their public support schemes; calls on the Commission to draw up common guidelines for national public support schemes for green investment projects in order to create a more uniform set of measures;

Or. it

Amendment 149

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Stresses the importance of standards for enabling development and market uptake of greener technologies, products and processes; calls on the Commission to mandate the European Standardisation Organisations to take into account circular economy objectives and to actively work with SMEs representatives, consumers and civil society organisations towards this aim;

Or. en

Amendment 150
Paul Rübiger, Maria Spyrali, Krišjānis Kariņš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Notes that public funding needs to go to mature technologies, which can be put on the market at a significantly lower cost, rather than being used to push for large-scale deployment of immature and cost-inefficient technologies;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 151
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Notes that public funding needs to go

deleted

to mature technologies, which can be put on the market at a significantly lower cost, rather than being used to push for large-scale deployment of immature and cost-inefficient technologies;

Or. it

Amendment 152

Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Evžen Tošenovský, Ian Duncan, Hans-Olaf Henkel, Ashley Fox

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Notes that public funding needs to go to mature technologies, which can be put on the market at a significantly lower cost, rather than being used to push for large-scale deployment of immature and cost-inefficient technologies;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 153

Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Notes that public funding needs to go to mature technologies, *which can be put on the market at a significantly lower cost, rather than being used to push for large-scale deployment of immature and cost-inefficient technologies;*

20. Notes that public funding needs to go to *both* mature technologies *and pilot projects in order to overcome the valley of death;*

Or. de

Amendment 154
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes that *public funding* needs to go to mature technologies, *which can be put on the market at a significantly lower cost, rather than being used to push for large-scale deployment of immature and cost-inefficient* technologies;

Amendment

20. Notes that *market-pull mechanism* needs to *be further developed to support deployment and market uptake of mature eco-innovative* technologies, *while public funding should be granted for further research and development of less mature in order to improve cost-efficiency of the next generation of eco-innovative* technologies;

Or. en

Amendment 155
Csaba Molnár

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Notes that disruptive industries and technologies often indicate flaws in existing legislation; stresses the need for continuous monitoring of existing legislation and the use of exemption clauses for certain innovative technologies to ensure that this does not hinder market entry for new technological developments;

Amendment

deleted

Or. hu

Amendment 156
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Notes that disruptive industries and technologies *often indicate flaws in* existing legislation; stresses the need for continuous monitoring *of existing legislation and the use of exemption clauses for certain innovative technologies* to ensure that *this does not hinder market entry for new technological developments*;

Amendment

21. Notes that disruptive industries and technologies *may encounter difficulties with* existing legislation; stresses the need for continuous monitoring *and updating of existing legislation* to ensure that *sustainable and eco-innovative technologies may access the market*;

Or. en

Amendment 157

Marco Zullo, David Borrelli, Dario Tamburrano, Piernicola Pedicini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Notes that disruptive industries and technologies often indicate flaws in existing legislation; stresses the need for continuous monitoring of existing legislation *and the use of exemption clauses for certain innovative technologies* to ensure that *this* does not hinder market entry for new technological developments;

Amendment

21. Notes that disruptive industries and technologies often indicate flaws in existing legislation; stresses the need for continuous monitoring of existing legislation *in order to be able to adjust and update it as soon as this is necessary*, to ensure that *it* does not hinder market entry for new *green* technological developments;

Or. it

Justification

Exemptions are often abused. Adjustments are safer.

Amendment 158
Paul Rübzig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Notes that disruptive industries and technologies often indicate flaws in existing legislation; stresses the need for continuous monitoring of existing legislation and the use of exemption clauses for certain innovative technologies to ensure that this does not hinder market entry for new technological developments;

Amendment

21. Notes that disruptive industries and technologies often indicate flaws in existing legislation; stresses the need for continuous monitoring of existing legislation and ***its implementation as well as*** the use of exemption clauses for certain innovative technologies to ensure that this does not hinder market entry for new technological developments;

Or. en

Amendment 159
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Calls on the Commission to develop and promote an SME toolbox for sustainable company policy, including corporate social and environmental responsibility, sustainable accounting and reporting, and tools for implementing low-waste production models;

Or. en

Amendment 160
Iratxe García Pérez
on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
Morten Helveg Petersen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Calls on the Member States to assess and monitor the gender-specific impact of legislation, e. g. consult with communities, in particular women and women's organisations, about their needs and the impact of policies and programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 161

Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Hans-Olaf Henkel, Ashley Fox, Ian Duncan, Evžen Tošenovský

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Believes that developing entrepreneurship skills and programmes to learn how the market, the economy and the financial system operate, function and interact, along with environmental awareness, should be included in basic education systems; believes that a well prepared business plan is the first step towards better access to finance and viability; calls on the Commission and the Member States to include financial education in their education programmes without delay; supports in this connection the 'Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs' programme, designed to promote an entrepreneurial culture and develop the single market and competitiveness;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 162

Nadine Morano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Believes that developing entrepreneurship skills and programmes to learn how the market, the economy and the financial system operate, function and interact, along with environmental awareness, should be included in basic education systems; believes that a well prepared business plan is the first step towards better access to finance and viability; calls on the Commission and the Member States to include financial education in their education programmes without delay; supports in this connection the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, designed to promote an entrepreneurial culture and develop the single market and competitiveness;

Amendment

22. Believes that developing entrepreneurship skills and programmes to learn how the market, the economy and the financial system operate, function and interact, along with environmental awareness, should be included in basic education systems, **and also in higher education and then in lifelong learning**; believes that a well prepared business plan is the first step towards better access to finance and viability; calls on the Commission and the Member States to include financial education in their education programmes without delay; supports in this connection the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, designed to promote an entrepreneurial culture and develop the single market and competitiveness;

Or. fr

Amendment 163
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Believes that developing entrepreneurship skills and programmes to learn how the market, the economy and the financial system operate, function and interact, along with environmental awareness, should be included in basic education systems; believes that a well prepared business plan is the first step towards better access to finance and viability; calls on the Commission and the

Amendment

22. Believes that developing entrepreneurship skills and programmes to learn how **natural systems**, the market, the economy and the financial system operate, function and interact, along with environmental awareness, should be included in basic education systems; believes that a well prepared business plan is the first step towards better access to finance and viability; calls on the

Member States to include *financial* education in their education programmes without delay; supports in this connection the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, designed to promote an entrepreneurial culture and develop the single market and competitiveness;

Commission and the Member States to include *entrepreneurship and environmental* education in their education programmes without delay; supports in this connection the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, designed to promote an entrepreneurial culture and develop the single market and competitiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 164
Miriam Dalli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Believes that developing entrepreneurship skills and programmes to learn how the market, the economy and the financial system operate, function and interact, along with environmental awareness, should be included in basic education systems; believes that a well prepared business plan is the first step towards better access to finance and viability; calls on the Commission and the Member States to include financial education in their education programmes without delay; supports in this connection the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, designed to promote an entrepreneurial culture and develop the single market and competitiveness;

Amendment

22. Believes that developing entrepreneurship skills and programmes to learn how the market, the economy and the financial system operate, function and interact, along with environmental awareness, should be included in basic education systems, *and youth entrepreneurship should be promoted at schools, taught already in primary schools and also through extra-curriculum activities*; believes that a well prepared business plan is the first step towards better access to finance and viability; calls on the Commission and the Member States to include financial education in their education programmes without delay; supports in this connection the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, designed to promote an entrepreneurial culture and develop the single market and competitiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 165
Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Believes that developing entrepreneurship skills and programmes to learn how the market, the economy and the financial system operate, function and interact, *along with environmental awareness*, should be included in basic education systems; believes that a well prepared business plan is the first step towards better access to finance and viability; calls on the Commission and the Member States to include financial education in their education programmes without delay; supports in this connection the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, designed to promote an entrepreneurial culture and develop the single market and competitiveness;

Amendment

22. Believes that developing entrepreneurship skills and programmes to learn how the market, the economy and the financial system operate, function and interact should be included in basic education systems; believes that a well prepared business plan is the first step towards better access to finance and viability; calls on the Commission and the Member States to include financial education in their education programmes without delay; supports in this connection the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, designed to promote an entrepreneurial culture and develop the single market and competitiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 166
Marco Zullo, David Borrelli, Dario Tamburrano, Piernicola Pedicini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Believes that developing entrepreneurship skills and programmes to learn how the market, the economy and the financial system operate, function and interact, along with environmental awareness, should be included in basic education systems; believes that a well prepared business plan is the first step towards better access to finance and viability; calls on the Commission and the

Amendment

22. Believes that developing entrepreneurship skills and programmes to learn how the market, the economy and the financial system operate, function and interact, along with environmental awareness, should be included in basic education systems; believes that a well prepared business plan is the first step towards better access to finance and viability; calls on the Commission and the

Member States to include *financial* education in their education programmes without delay; supports in this connection the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, designed to promote an entrepreneurial culture and develop the single market and competitiveness;

Member States to include *economic* education in their education programmes without delay, *with a special focus on efficient resource use*; supports in this connection the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, designed to promote an entrepreneurial culture and develop the single market and competitiveness;

Or. it

Amendment 167

Maria Spyraiki, Paul Rübzig

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Believes that developing entrepreneurship skills and programmes to learn how the market, the economy and the financial system operate, function and interact, along with environmental awareness, should be included in basic education systems; believes that a well prepared business plan is the first step towards better access to finance and viability; calls on the Commission and the Member States to include financial education in their education programmes without delay; supports in this connection the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, designed to promote an entrepreneurial culture and develop the single market and competitiveness;

Amendment

22. Believes that developing entrepreneurship skills and programmes to learn how the market, the economy and the financial system operate, function and interact, along with environmental awareness, should be included in basic education systems; believes that a well prepared business plan is the first step towards better access to finance and viability; calls on the Commission and the Member States to include financial education *and entrepreneurship courses* in their education programmes without delay; supports in this connection the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, designed to promote an entrepreneurial culture and develop the single market and competitiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 168

Renato Soru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Believes that developing entrepreneurship skills and programmes to learn how the market, the economy and the financial system operate, function and interact, along with environmental awareness, should be included in basic education systems; believes that a well prepared business plan is the first step towards better access to finance and viability; calls on the Commission and the Member States to include financial education in their education programmes without delay; supports in this connection the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, designed to promote an entrepreneurial culture and develop the single market and competitiveness;

Amendment

22. Believes that developing entrepreneurship skills and programmes to learn how the market, the economy and the financial system operate, function and interact ***and how new technologies can boost effective, innovative and green opportunities***, along with environmental awareness, should be included in basic education systems; believes that a well prepared business plan is the first step towards better access to finance and viability; calls on the Commission and the Member States to include financial education in their education programmes without delay; supports in this connection the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, designed to promote an entrepreneurial culture and develop the single market and competitiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 169
Iratxe García Pérez

on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
Morten Helveg Petersen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to collect, analyse and disseminate sex-disaggregated labour data, including emerging new green sectors and skills areas as a basis for gender-responsive planning, monitoring and evaluation and skills assessments, and to disseminate gender specific information on green jobs and how to get

involved;

Or. en

Amendment 170

Jeppe Kofod, Kathleen Van Brempt, Dan Nica, Martina Werner

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Stresses that also micro-enterprises and start-ups should be afforded help and guidance in moving towards sustainable green growth; calls on the Commission to ensure that these businesses will be adequately covered by new initiatives focused on green growth opportunities for SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 171

Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Hans-Olaf Henkel, Evžen Tošenovský, Branislav Škripek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Notes that the Erasmus+ programme makes it possible for students and young people to develop entrepreneurship through, amongst others, the funding for internships, and believes that the first priority of the programme in the coming years must stay on the support for fostering young and ambitious entrepreneurs and supports the 'Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs' programme, designed to promote an entrepreneurial culture and develop the single market and competitiveness;

Amendment 172
Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Believes that the principles of environmental awareness, sustainable growth, circular economy, green energy and similar principles should be included in educational systems;

Amendment 173
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Notes the importance of addressing un sustainable consumption patterns and promoting a change in consumer behaviour; stresses the need for adequate consumer education and the need to encourage measures for greener consumption;

deleted

Amendment 174
Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Evžen Tošenovský, Hans-Olaf Henkel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Notes the importance of addressing unsustainable consumption patterns and promoting a change in consumer behaviour; stresses the need for adequate consumer education and the need to encourage measures for greener consumption;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 175

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Notes the importance of addressing unsustainable consumption patterns and promoting a change in consumer behaviour; stresses the need for adequate consumer education and the need to encourage measures for greener consumption;

23. Notes the importance of addressing unsustainable consumption patterns and promoting a change in consumer behaviour; stresses the need for adequate consumer education and the need to encourage measures for greener consumption; ***calls on the commission and the Member States to reinforce demand side measure such as making use of public procurement in order to enhance uptake of resource and energy-efficient products and solutions; stresses the value of including resource use in product information and eco-labels in order to empower consumers;***

Or. en

Amendment 176

Renato Soru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Notes the importance of addressing unsustainable consumption patterns and ***promoting a change in consumer behaviour***; stresses the need for adequate consumer education and the need to encourage measures for greener consumption;

Amendment

23. Notes the importance of addressing unsustainable consumption patterns and ***developing incentives to nudge consumer behaviour towards sustainable habits***; stresses the need for adequate consumer education and the need to encourage measures for greener consumption;

Or. en

Amendment 177
Paul Rübiger, Maria Spyrali

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Notes the importance of addressing unsustainable consumption patterns and promoting a change in consumer behaviour; stresses the need for adequate consumer education and the need to encourage ***measures for greener*** consumption;

Amendment

23. Notes the importance of addressing unsustainable consumption patterns and promoting a change in consumer behaviour; stresses the need for adequate consumer education and the need to encourage ***incentives for more sustainable*** consumption;

Or. en

Amendment 178
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Points to the concept, and successful development of the "benefit corporations"

and the growing community worldwide, whereby enterprises are by legal status committed to meet rigorous standards of social and environmental performance, accountability, and transparency. Calls on the Commission to further analyse the initiative and promote the development of appropriate legal framework for company law and governance in the Member States that would embed those principles;

Or. en

Amendment 179
Dominique Riquet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Stresses the importance of facilitating start-ups and spin-offs through collaboration with research and technological institutes *and* universities;

Amendment

24. Stresses the importance of facilitating start-ups and spin-offs through collaboration with research and technological institutes, universities *and vocational training establishments*;

Or. fr

Amendment 180
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Stresses the importance of facilitating start-ups and spin-offs through collaboration with research *and technological* institutes and universities;

Amendment

24. Stresses the importance of facilitating start-ups and spin-offs through collaboration with *technological* research institutes and universities;

Or. it

Amendment 181
Maria Spyraiki, Paul Rübzig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Highlights the importance of exports for the creation of jobs and growth in Europe. Calls on the Commission to speed up pending trade agreements with our partners so as to facilitate European SMEs' access to new market;

Or. en

Amendment 182
Nadine Morano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Believes that female entrepreneurship is an ***untapped resource*** for the growth and competitiveness of the EU, which should be fostered and strengthened, and that all the obstacles facing women in the labour market should be removed;

25. Believes that female entrepreneurship is an ***asset as yet insufficiently exploited*** for the growth and competitiveness of the EU, which should be fostered and strengthened, and that all the obstacles facing women in the labour market should be removed;

Or. fr

Amendment 183
Renato Soru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Calls on the Commission to study and identify the sectors of European industry

26. Calls on the Commission to study and identify the sectors of European industry

where new clusters and hubs *can be created*;

and geographical areas where *the conditions are met for the creation of* new clusters and hubs *and support their development*;

Or. en