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AMENDMENTS

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Draft motion for a resolution
Markus Pieper
The definition of SMEs
(2018/2545(RSP))

Amendment 1
Claude Turmes

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital A

Draft motion for a resolution

A. whereas the 23 million small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the EU, which make up around 99 % of all businesses and provide more than 90 million jobs while generating some EUR 3.9 trillion in added value, make a vital contribution to economic growth, social cohesion and job creation and are a major source of innovation in the EU;

Amendment

A. whereas the 23 million small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the EU, which make up around 99 % of all businesses and provide more than 90 million jobs while generating some EUR 3.9 trillion in added value, make a vital contribution to economic growth, social cohesion and job creation and are **key drivers in the context of the energy transition, the fight against climate change and EU competitiveness on green tech as well as** a major source of innovation in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital A

Draft motion for a resolution

A. whereas the 23 million small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the EU, which make up around 99 % of all businesses and provide more than 90 million jobs while generating some EUR 3.9 trillion in added value, make a vital contribution to economic growth, social cohesion and job creation and are a major source of innovation in the EU;

Amendment

A. whereas the 23 million **micro**, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the EU, which make up around 99 % of all businesses and provide more than 90 million jobs while generating some EUR 3.9 trillion in added value, make a vital contribution to economic growth, social cohesion and job creation and are a major source of innovation in the EU, **and depend highly on domestic demand and consumption**;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Nadine Morano

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital A

Draft motion for a resolution

A. whereas the 23 million small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the EU, which make up around 99% of all businesses and provide more than 90 million jobs while generating some EUR 3.9 trillion in added value, make a vital contribution to economic growth, social cohesion and job creation and are a major source of innovation in the EU;

Amendment

A. whereas the 23 million small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the EU, which make up around 99% of all businesses, ***employ almost two thirds of the European working population***, and provide more than 90 million jobs while generating some EUR 3.9 trillion in added value, make a vital contribution to economic growth, social cohesion and job creation and are a major source of innovation in the EU;

Or. fr

Amendment 4
Martina Werner

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital A

Draft motion for a resolution

A. whereas the 23 million small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the EU, which make up around 99 % of all businesses and provide more than 90 million jobs while generating some EUR 3.9 trillion in added value, make a vital contribution to economic growth, social cohesion ***and job creation*** and are a major source of innovation in the EU;

Amendment

A. whereas the 23 million small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the EU, which make up around 99 % of all businesses and provide more than 90 million jobs while generating some EUR 3.9 trillion in added value, make a vital contribution to ***the creation and maintenance of quality jobs, sustainable*** economic growth ***and*** social cohesion and are a major source of innovation in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 5

Jens Geier, Patrizia Toia

Draft motion for a resolution

Recital A

Draft motion for a resolution

A. whereas the 23 million small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the EU, which make up around 99 % of all businesses and provide more than 90 million jobs while generating some EUR 3.9 trillion in added value, make a vital contribution to economic growth, social cohesion and **job** creation and are a major source of innovation in the EU;

Amendment

A. whereas the 23 million small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the EU, which make up around 99 % of all businesses and provide more than 90 million jobs while generating some EUR 3.9 trillion in added value, make a vital contribution to economic growth, social cohesion and **the creation of sustainable and high-quality jobs**, and are a major source of innovation in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Jens Geier, Patrizia Toia

Draft motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas 90% of European SMEs and 93% of all EU companies in the non-financial business sector are micro firms, which contribute the largest share of value added and employment among SMEs as they employ approximately 30% of the European workforce and which thus need special attention;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Nadine Morano

Draft motion for a resolution

Recital B

Draft motion for a resolution

B. whereas SMEs are disproportionately affected by administrative burdens and financial obstacles by comparison with larger firms; whereas at EU and Member State level further efforts could be made to create an SME-friendly environment which go beyond the political pledges already given;

Amendment

B. whereas SMEs are disproportionately affected by administrative burdens and financial obstacles by comparison with larger firms, ***and this impedes their competitiveness, exports, and job creation***; whereas at EU and Member State level further efforts could be made to create an SME-friendly environment which go beyond the political pledges already given;

Or. fr

Amendment 8

Jens Geier, Patrizia Toia, Martina Werner

Draft motion for a resolution

Recital B

Draft motion for a resolution

B. whereas SMEs are disproportionately affected by administrative burdens and financial obstacles by comparison with larger firms; whereas at EU ***and*** Member State level further efforts could be made to create an SME-friendly environment which go beyond the political pledges already given;

Amendment

B. whereas SMEs are disproportionately affected by administrative burdens and financial obstacles by comparison with larger firms ***and regardless of their organizational structure***; whereas at EU, Member State, ***regional and local*** level further efforts could be made to create an SME-friendly environment which go beyond the political pledges already given;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft motion for a resolution

Recital B

Draft motion for a resolution

B. whereas SMEs are

Amendment

B. whereas SMEs are affected by

disproportionately affected by *administrative burdens and* financial obstacles *by* comparison *with* larger firms; whereas at EU and Member State level further efforts could be made to create an SME-friendly environment which go beyond the political pledges already given;

financial obstacles *in* comparison *to* larger firms, *but also benefit from specific support, including financing opportunities, and simplified procedures*; whereas at EU and Member State level further efforts could be made to create an SME-friendly environment which go beyond the political pledges already given;

Or. en

Amendment 10 **Pirkko Ruohonen-Lerner**

Draft motion for a resolution **Recital B**

Draft motion for a resolution

B. whereas SMEs are disproportionately affected by administrative burdens and financial obstacles by comparison with larger firms; whereas at EU and Member State level further efforts could be made to create *an* SME-friendly environment which go beyond the political pledges already given;

Amendment

B. whereas SMEs are disproportionately affected by administrative burdens and financial obstacles by comparison with larger firms *and whereas these burdens and obstacles promote the shadow economy*; whereas at EU and Member State level further efforts could be made to create *a simpler*, SME-friendly environment which go beyond the political pledges already given;

Or. fi

Amendment 11 **Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis**

Draft motion for a resolution **Recital C**

Draft motion for a resolution

C. whereas the SME definition is referred to in approximately 100 EU legal acts, primarily in the areas of competition policy and structural, research and innovation funds, but also environmental,

Amendment

C. whereas the SME definition is referred to in approximately 100 EU legal acts, primarily in the areas of competition policy and structural, research and innovation funds, but also *labour*,

energy, consumer protection and social security legislation, *for example in the REACH secondary legislation and the Energy Efficiency Directive*;

environmental, energy, consumer protection and social security legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Caroline Nagtegaal, Pavel Telička, Angelika Mlinar, Fredrick Federley, Kaja Kallas, Gesine Meissner

Draft motion for a resolution

Recital C

Draft motion for a resolution

C. whereas the SME definition is referred to in approximately 100 EU legal acts, primarily in the areas of competition policy and structural, research and innovation funds, but also environmental, energy, consumer protection and social security legislation, for example in the REACH secondary legislation and the Energy Efficiency Directive;

Amendment

C. whereas the SME definition is referred to in approximately 100 EU legal acts, primarily in the areas of competition policy, *financial market legislation* and structural, research and innovation funds, but also environmental, energy, consumer protection and social security legislation, for example in the REACH secondary legislation and the Energy Efficiency Directive;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution

Recital D

Draft motion for a resolution

D. *whereas a coherent legal environment is favourable to all businesses and* whereas the SME definition *is a* tool to *overcome* market failures and *problems* stemming from size, volume of assets and business models;

Amendment

D. whereas the SME definition *as provided in Recommendation 2003/361/EC1 is a structural* tool to *identify those enterprises, which are confronted with* market failures and *particular challenges* stemming from size, volume of assets and business models *and*

therefore are allowed to benefit from specific EU support, such as financing opportunities, simplified procedures or exemptions

Or. en

Amendment 14
Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital D

Draft motion for a resolution

D. whereas a coherent legal environment is favourable to all businesses and whereas *the* SME definition is a tool to *overcome* market failures and problems *stemming from* size, volume of assets and business models;

Amendment

D. whereas a coherent legal environment is favourable to all businesses and whereas *a stringent* SME definition is a tool to *mitigate* market failures and problems *inherent to competition between enterprises different in* size, volume of assets and business models;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Martina Werner

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital D

Draft motion for a resolution

D. whereas a coherent legal environment is favourable to all businesses and whereas the SME definition is a tool to overcome market failures and problems stemming from size, volume of assets and business models;

Amendment

D. whereas a coherent legal environment *with clear rules* is favourable to all businesses and whereas the SME definition is a tool to overcome market failures and problems stemming from size, volume of assets and business models;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Claude Turmes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the Commission regularly monitors the implementation of the EUSME Definition; whereas repeatedly in 2006, 2009 and latest 2012 evaluations were carried out and concluded that there is no need for a major revision of the EU SME definition.

Or. en

Amendment 17
Patrizia Toia

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the cross-sectoral value chain for SMEs makes it possible to reduce institutional, technical and bureaucratic obstacles and whereas effective support policies are needed for the creation of networks between businesses;

Or. it

Amendment 18
Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas an SME definition has to

contribute to facilitating quality job creation, improving working conditions and security, limiting to the absolute minimum any abuses.

Or. en

Amendment 19
Rolandas Paksas

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Draft motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the Commission's initial impact assessment, and approves the focus on enterprises *that* are need in of support and simple rules and the objective to increase planning and legal certainty for businesses and create a level playing field;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission's initial impact assessment, and approves the focus on enterprises, *especially the most vulnerable subgroups, namely sole proprietorships, micro-enterprises, traditional companies with low innovation potential, companies in remote regions, and the like, which* are need in of support and simple rules and *on* the objective to increase planning and legal certainty for businesses and create a level playing field;

Or. It

Amendment 20
Dario Tamburrano, Rosa D'Amato

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Draft motion for a resolution

1. *Welcomes* the Commission's initial impact assessment, *and approves* the focus on enterprises that are need *in* of support and simple rules *and the objective to increase* planning and legal certainty for *businesses* and create a level playing field;

Amendment

1. *Takes note of* the Commission's initial impact assessment *and supports the possibility to improve* the focus on *those* enterprises that are *in* need of support and simple rules *with the aim to streamline* planning and legal certainty for *SMEs* and create a level playing field;

Amendment 21

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Draft motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the Commission's initial impact assessment, and approves the focus on enterprises that are need *in* of support and simple rules and the objective to increase planning and legal certainty for businesses and create a level playing field;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission's initial impact assessment, and approves the focus on enterprises that are *in* need of support and simple rules and the objective to increase planning and legal certainty for businesses and create a level playing field; ***in this context also welcomes the on-going public consultation open till 6th May 2018;***

Or. en

Amendment 22

Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Draft motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the Commission's initial impact assessment, and approves the focus on enterprises that are need in of support and simple rules and the objective to increase planning and legal certainty for businesses ***and create a level playing field;***

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission's initial impact assessment, and approves the focus on enterprises that are need in of support and simple rules and the objective to increase planning and legal certainty for businesses;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Barbara Kappel

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Draft motion for a resolution

2. Takes the view that given the nature of this strategic instrument and the many differences between SMEs and Member States, the flexibility offered by the 2003 recommendation should be maintained; is convinced that strictly applying the SME definition runs counter to the intentions of the recommendation and ultimately hinders the growth of *SMEs*;

Amendment

2. Takes the view that given the nature of this strategic instrument and the many differences between SMEs and Member States, the flexibility offered by the 2003 recommendation should be maintained; is convinced that strictly applying the SME definition runs counter to the intentions of the recommendation and ultimately hinders the growth of *the economy*;

Or. de

Amendment 24
Dario Tamburrano, Rosa D'Amato

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Draft motion for a resolution

2. Takes the view that given the nature of this strategic instrument and the many differences between SMEs and Member States, the flexibility offered by the 2003 recommendation should be maintained; is convinced that *strictly applying the SME definition runs counter to the intentions of the recommendation and ultimately hinders the growth of SMEs*;

Amendment

2. Takes the view that given the nature of this strategic instrument and the many differences between SMEs and Member States, the flexibility offered by the 2003 recommendation should be maintained; is convinced that *the overall structure of the definition must be preserved and applied with the correct combination of the already identified criteria*;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Draft motion for a resolution

2. Takes the view that given the nature of this **strategic** instrument and the many differences between SMEs and Member States, the flexibility offered by the 2003 recommendation should be ***maintained; is convinced that strictly applying the SME definition runs counter to the intentions of the recommendation and ultimately hinders the growth of SMEs;***

Amendment

2. Takes the view that given the nature of this instrument and the many differences between SMEs and Member States, the flexibility offered by the 2003 recommendation should be ***removed; a wider and more flexible definition would affect legal and administrative certainty, leading to bigger companies to take undue advantage of SME support measures;***

Or. en

Amendment 26

Dario Tamburrano, Rosa D'Amato

Draft motion for a resolution

Subheading 3

Draft motion for a resolution

Re-evaluation of the SME definition

Amendment

Potential update of the SME definition

Or. en

Amendment 27

Angelo Ciocca

Draft motion for a resolution

Subheading 3

Draft motion for a resolution

Re-evaluation of the SME definition

Amendment

Adequacy of the SME definition

Or. it

Amendment 28

Martina Werner

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Draft motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to prevent larger players from attempting to create specific corporate structures to take advantage of the SME definition, which would lead to a system in which the available support is wrongly distributed more widely and hence not available to SMEs in need; emphasises that an adjustment of the SME definition ***should not work to the detriment of SMEs, denying them*** access to public support;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to prevent larger players from attempting to create specific corporate structures to take advantage of the SME definition, which would lead to a system in which the available support is wrongly distributed more widely and hence not available to SMEs in need; emphasises that an adjustment of the SME definition ***shall not lead to unjustified broadening of the scope, which might deny or reduce*** access to public support ***for those SMEs facing unfair disadvantages as a consequence of their limited size***;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Draft motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to prevent larger players from attempting to create specific corporate structures to take advantage of the SME definition, which ***would*** lead to a system in which the available support is wrongly distributed more widely and hence not available to SMEs in need; emphasises that an adjustment of the SME definition should not work to the detriment of SMEs, denying them access to public support;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission ***and Member States*** to prevent larger players from attempting to create specific corporate structures to take advantage of the SME definition, which lead to a system in which the available support is wrongly distributed more widely and hence not available to SMEs in need, ***specially micro and small enterprises***; emphasises that an adjustment of the SME definition should not work to the detriment of SMEs, denying them access to public support;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Aldo Patriciello

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Draft motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to prevent larger players from attempting to create specific corporate structures to take advantage of the SME definition, which would lead to a system in which the available support is wrongly distributed more widely and hence not available to SMEs in need; emphasises that an adjustment of the SME definition should not work to the detriment of SMEs, denying them access to public support;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to prevent larger players from attempting to create **or divide** specific corporate structures to take advantage of the SME definition, which would lead to a system in which the available support is wrongly distributed more widely and hence not available to SMEs in need; emphasises that an adjustment of the SME definition should not work to the detriment of SMEs, denying them access to public support;

Or. it

Amendment 31

Dario Tamburrano, Rosa D'Amato

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Draft motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to prevent larger players from attempting to create specific corporate structures to take advantage of the SME definition, which would lead to a system in which the available support is wrongly distributed more widely and hence not available to SMEs in need; emphasises that **an adjustment** of the SME definition should **not** work to the **detriment** of SMEs, **denying them** access to public support;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to prevent larger players from attempting to create specific corporate structures to take advantage of the SME definition, which would lead to a system in which the available support is wrongly distributed more widely and hence not available to SMEs in need; emphasises that **any potential update** of the SME definition should **always** work to the **benefit** of SMEs **and ease their** access to public support;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Markus Pieper

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Draft motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to prevent larger players from attempting to create *specific* corporate structures to take advantage of the SME definition, which would lead to a system in which the available support is wrongly distributed more widely and hence not available to SMEs in need; emphasises that an adjustment of the SME definition should not work to the detriment of SMEs, denying them access to public support;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to prevent larger players from attempting to create *artificial* corporate structures to take advantage of the SME definition, which would lead to a system in which the available support is wrongly distributed more widely and hence not available to SMEs in need; emphasises that an adjustment of the SME definition should not work to the detriment of SMEs, denying them access to public support;

Or. de

Amendment 33

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Draft motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to prevent larger players from attempting to create specific corporate structures to take advantage of the SME definition, which would lead to a system in which the available support is wrongly distributed more widely and hence not available to SMEs in need; emphasises that *an adjustment of* the SME definition should not work to the detriment of SMEs, denying them access to public support;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to prevent larger players from attempting to create specific corporate structures to take advantage of the SME definition, which would lead to a system in which the available support is wrongly distributed more widely and hence not available to SMEs in need; emphasises that the SME definition should not work to the detriment of SMEs, denying them access to public support;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Patrizia Toia, Jens Geier

**Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)**

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. *Calls on the Commission to terminate the general exclusion of SMEs with public participation because of their ownership structure, as they face the same regulatory and financial challenges as other businesses of the same size, are deeply rooted in their local business environment and, inter alia, create the right preconditions for the growth of all other SMEs; emphasises that, as regards partners and related undertakings, the Commission communication on the definition of SMEs is appropriate and sufficient to prevent harmful corporate structures and that, in accordance with the principles of EU competition law, the criteria for SMEs should only be of a quantitative nature.*

Or. it

**Amendment 35
David Borrelli**

**Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4**

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. *Urges the Commission to at least update the SME definition to take account of the rise in inflation and labour productivity since 2003; strongly supports an adjustment beyond the index-linking of inflation and labour productivity, in order to take account of future inflation, provide certainty and obviate the need for a rapid further adjustment in the next few years;*

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 36

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Urges the Commission to at least update the SME definition to take account of the rise in inflation and labour productivity since 2003; strongly supports an adjustment beyond the index-linking of inflation and labour productivity, in order to take account of future inflation, provide certainty and obviate the need for a rapid further adjustment in the next few years;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 37

Angelo Ciocca

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Urges the Commission to at least update the SME definition to take account of the rise in inflation and labour productivity since 2003; strongly supports an adjustment beyond the index-linking of inflation and labour productivity, in order to take account of future inflation, provide certainty and obviate the need for a rapid further adjustment in the next few years;

4. Considers that the definition of SMEs in the recommendation of 2003 is currently more than suited to its purpose and therefore urges the Commission not to propose any changes to it;

Or. it

Amendment 38
Massimiliano Salini, Lara Comi

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

4. *Urges* the Commission to *at least* update the SME definition to take account of the rise in inflation *and labour productivity* since 2003; *strongly supports an adjustment beyond the index-linking of inflation and labour productivity, in order to take account of future inflation, provide certainty and obviate the need for a rapid further adjustment in the next few years;*

Amendment

4. *Calls on* the Commission to update *the financial thresholds for* the SME definition to take account of the rise in inflation since 2003;

Or. it

Amendment 39
Paloma López Bermejo

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

4. Urges the Commission to *at least* update the SME definition to take account of the rise in inflation and labour productivity since 2003; *strongly supports an adjustment beyond the index-linking of inflation and labour productivity, in order to take account of future inflation, provide certainty and obviate the need for a rapid further adjustment in the next few years;*

Amendment

4. Urges the Commission to update the SME definition *minimally* to take account of the rise in inflation and labour productivity since 2003;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Hermann Winkler

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

4. ***Urges*** the Commission to ***at least*** update the SME definition to take account of the rise in inflation and labour productivity since 2003; ***strongly supports an adjustment beyond the index-linking of inflation and labour productivity, in order to take account of future inflation, provide certainty and obviate the need for a rapid further adjustment in the next few years;***

Amendment

4. ***Calls on*** the Commission ***at most*** to update the SME definition to take account of the rise in inflation and labour productivity since 2003, ***but essentially to retain it;***

Or. de

Amendment 41

Patrizia Toia, Jens Geier

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

4. ***Urges*** the Commission to ***at least*** ***update*** the SME definition to take account of the rise in inflation ***and labour productivity since 2003; strongly supports an adjustment beyond the index-linking of inflation and labour productivity, in order to take account of future inflation, provide certainty and obviate the need for a rapid further adjustment in the next few years;***

Amendment

4. ***Calls on*** the Commission to ***consider updating the financial thresholds for*** the SME definition to take account of the rise in inflation ***while also, possibly, taking account of the Commission's economic forecasts;***

Or. it

Amendment 42

Caroline Nagtegaal, Pavel Telička, Angelika Mlinar, Fredrick Federley, Kaja Kallas, Gesine Meissner

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

4. Urges the Commission to ***at least update*** the SME definition to take account of the rise in inflation and labour productivity since 2003; ***strongly supports an adjustment beyond the index-linking of inflation and labour productivity, in order to take account of future inflation, provide certainty and obviate the need for a rapid further adjustment in the next few years;***

Amendment

4. Urges the Commission to ***study the merits of updating*** the SME definition to take account of the rise in inflation and labour productivity since 2003;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Dario Tamburrano, Rosa D'Amato

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

4. ***Urges the Commission to at least update*** the SME definition to take account of the rise in inflation and labour productivity since 2003; ***strongly supports an adjustment beyond the index-linking of inflation and labour productivity, in order to take account of future inflation, provide certainty and obviate the need for a rapid further adjustment in the next few years;***

Amendment

4. ***Acknowledges the Commission's intention to verify the need to*** update the SME definition ***only*** to take account of the rise in inflation and labour productivity since 2003;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Martina Werner

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Urges the Commission to ***at least*** update the SME definition to take account of the rise in inflation and labour productivity since 2003; ***strongly supports an adjustment beyond the index-linking of inflation and labour productivity, in order to take account of future inflation, provide certainty and obviate the need for a rapid further adjustment in the next few years;***

4. Urges the Commission to ***consider an*** update ***of*** the SME definition ***so as*** to take account of the rise in inflation and labour productivity since 2003 ***by means of an assessment of the market effects of the current thresholds;***

Or. en

Amendment 45
Jens Geier

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

4. ***Urges*** the Commission to ***at least*** update the SME definition to take account of the rise in inflation and labour productivity since 2003; ***strongly supports an adjustment beyond the index-linking of inflation and labour productivity, in order to take account of future inflation, provide certainty and obviate the need for a rapid further adjustment in the next few years;***

Amendment

4. ***Calls on*** the Commission to ***consider an*** update ***of*** the SME definition to take account of the rise in inflation and labour productivity since 2003; ***strongly supports an adjustment according to the Commission's economic forecasts regarding inflation and labour productivity, in order to take account of future inflation, provide certainty and obviate the need for a rapid further adjustment in the next few years;***

Or. en

Amendment 46
Bendt Bendtsen, Paul Rübig, Krišjānis Kariņš, Gunnar Hökmark, Seán Kelly

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

4. Urges the Commission to at least update the SME definition to take account

Amendment

4. Urges the Commission to at least update the SME definition to take account

of the rise in inflation and labour productivity since 2003; ***strongly supports an*** adjustment beyond the index-linking of inflation and labour productivity, in order to take account of future inflation, provide certainty and obviate the need for a rapid further adjustment in the next few years;

of the rise in inflation and labour productivity since 2003; ***welcomes an assessment of a possible*** adjustment beyond the index-linking of inflation and labour productivity, in order to take account of future inflation, provide certainty and obviate the need for a rapid further adjustment in the next few years;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Angelo Ciocca

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. *Points out that the employee numbers is not a criterion which can be used to draw up for accurate EU-wide comparisons, as labour productivity varies from one Member State to another; welcomes, therefore, a shift towards the criteria of turnover and balance sheet totals;*

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 48
Hermann Winkler

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. *Points out that the employee numbers is not a criterion which can be used to draw up for accurate EU-wide comparisons, as labour productivity varies from one Member State to another; welcomes, therefore, a shift towards the criteria of turnover and balance sheet*

deleted

totals;

Or. de

Amendment 49
Dario Tamburrano, Rosa D'Amato

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. *Points out that the employee numbers is not a criterion which can be used to draw up for accurate EU-wide comparisons, as labour productivity varies from one Member State to another; welcomes, therefore, a shift towards the criteria of turnover and balance sheet totals;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 50
Claude Turmes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. *Points out that the employee numbers is not a criterion which can be used to draw up for accurate EU-wide comparisons, as labour productivity varies from one Member State to another; welcomes, therefore, a shift towards the criteria of turnover and balance sheet totals;*

5. *Points out that the staff threshold of 250 employees is still appropriate, as it covers already 99.8% of all enterprises and two-thirds of the European economy in terms of employment. Larger enterprises with 250 to 500 employees often have stronger market positions as well as consolidated management structures. As confirmed also by the Commission's impact assessment, any expansion of the threshold would risk watering down the SME definition and distract financial support from those*

micro, small and medium-sized enterprises needing it.

Or. en

Amendment 51
Jens Geier

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

5. Points out that the employee numbers is not a criterion which can be used to draw up for accurate EU-wide comparisons, as labour productivity varies from one Member State to another; welcomes, therefore, a shift towards the criteria of turnover and balance sheet totals;

Amendment

5. Points out that the employee numbers is not a criterion which can be used to draw up for accurate EU-wide comparisons, as labour productivity varies from one Member State to another; ***underlines that SMEs may refrain from employing more people to prevent losing the SME status; stresses that this is contradictory to the EU focus on jobs and growth;*** welcomes, therefore, a shift towards the criteria of turnover and balance sheet totals;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Patrizia Toia

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

5. ***Points out that the employee numbers is not a criterion which can be used to draw up for accurate EU-wide comparisons,*** as labour productivity varies from one Member State to another; ***welcomes, therefore, a shift towards the criteria of turnover and balance sheet totals;***

Amendment

5. ***Stresses that number of employees should remain the main criterion for defining SMEs and that,*** as labour productivity varies from one Member State to another, ***it is not a useful indicator for the purpose of adjusting financial thresholds for the definition of SMEs; considers furthermore that, in relation to number of employees, the definition of***

'micro enterprise' should be properly recognised and take the acronym MSME;

Or. it

Amendment 53
Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

5. Points out that the employee numbers is *not* a criterion which can be used to draw up for accurate EU-wide comparisons, *as labour productivity varies from one Member State to another; welcomes, therefore, a shift towards the criteria of turnover and balance sheet totals;*

Amendment

5. Points out that the employee numbers is a criterion which can be used to draw up for accurate EU-wide comparisons;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Martina Werner

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

5. Points out that the employee numbers is *not a* criterion *which can be used to draw up* for accurate EU-wide comparisons, as labour productivity varies from one Member State to another; welcomes, therefore, *a shift towards* the criteria of turnover and balance sheet totals;

Amendment

5. Points out that the employee numbers is *a useful and clear* criterion *and should be maintained; recognises, however, the limitations of the employee number as the sole criterion* for accurate EU-wide comparisons, as labour productivity varies from one Member State to another; welcomes, therefore, *the inclusion of* the criteria of turnover and balance sheet totals;

Or. en

Amendment 55

Caroline Nagtegaal, Pavel Telička, Angelika Mlinar, Fredrick Federley, Kaja Kallas, Gesine Meissner

Draft motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

5. Points out that *the employee numbers is not a criterion which can be used to draw up for accurate EU-wide comparisons, as labour productivity varies from one Member State to another; welcomes, therefore, a shift towards the criteria of turnover and balance sheet totals;*

Amendment

5. Points out that *employee headcount has become a widely accepted criteria and it remains a valid factor when determining companies resources and need for support measures; acknowledges that labour productivity varies from one Member State to another and believes that turnover and balance sheet totals are equally important criteria's in the definition;*

Or. en

Amendment 56

David Borrelli

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Draft motion for a resolution

5. Points out that *the employee numbers is not a criterion which can be used to draw up for accurate EU-wide comparisons, as labour productivity varies from one Member State to another; welcomes, therefore, a shift towards the criteria of turnover and balance sheet totals;*

Amendment

5. Points out that *having fewer than 250 employees is a key criterion for defining SMEs in relation to the criteria of turnover and balance sheet totals; emphasises, moreover, that, on the basis of the number of employees, the identification of 'micro enterprise' should be specifically emphasised in the definition, while the term to which it applies should be assigned the acronym MSME;*

Or. it

Amendment 57

Bendt Bendtsen, Paul Rübig, Krišjānis Kariņš, Gunnar Hökmark, Seán Kelly

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

5. Points out that the employee numbers is not a criterion which can ***be used to draw up*** for accurate EU-wide comparisons, as labour productivity varies from one Member State to another; welcomes, therefore, a ***shift towards*** the criteria of turnover and balance sheet totals;

Amendment

5. Points out that the employee numbers is not a criterion which can ***stand alone*** for accurate EU-wide comparisons, as labour productivity varies from one Member State to another; welcomes, therefore, a ***comprehensive approach including*** the criteria of turnover and balance sheet totals;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Massimiliano Salini, Lara Comi

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

5. Points out that ***the employee numbers is not a criterion which can be used to draw up for accurate EU-wide comparisons***, as labour productivity varies from one Member State to another; ***welcomes, therefore, a shift towards the criteria of turnover and balance sheet totals***;

Amendment

5. Points out that ***number of employees should remain the main criterion, so as to ensure full comparability across the Union, and that, as labour productivity varies from one Member State to another, labour productivity is not a suitable indicator to use to define SMEs***;

Or. it

Amendment 59

Pirkko Ruohonen-Lerner

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

5. Points out that ***the employee numbers is not a criterion which can be used to draw up for accurate EU-wide comparisons, as labour productivity varies from one Member State to another; welcomes, therefore, a shift towards the criteria of turnover and balance sheet totals;***

Amendment

5. Points out that, ***if account is taken of the major disparities in productivity between sectors such as cleaning and ICT services in the EU, and the need for comparability of SMEs at EU level, the staff complement criterion is determined sector by sector on the basis of Eurostat's classification of sectors;***

Or. fi

Amendment 60
Esther de Lange

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

5. Points out that the employee numbers ***is not a*** criterion which can be used to draw up for accurate EU-wide comparisons, as labour productivity varies from one Member State to another; welcomes, therefore, a shift towards the criteria of turnover and balance sheet totals;

Amendment

5. Points out that the employee numbers ***may not be the most suitable*** criterion which can be used to draw up for accurate EU-wide comparisons, as labour productivity varies from one Member State to another; welcomes, therefore, a shift towards the criteria of turnover and balance sheet totals, ***which could, if appropriate, subsequently lead to a comprehensive analysis of the implications of the introduction of new criteria;***

Or. en

Amendment 61
Massimiliano Salini, Lara Comi

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Draft motion for a resolution

6. Stresses that there is a need to ***clarify not only*** the terms 'linked enterprise' and 'partner enterprise' ***but also*** SMEs' status in mergers, ***and consortiums***

Amendment

6. Stresses that there is a need to ***simplify*** the terms 'linked enterprise' and 'partner enterprise' ***and*** SMEs' status in mergers; regards the simplification of

and regards the simplification of procedures *and the cutting of* red tape *as imperative; calls on the Commission in that connection to further simplify* the applicable rules;

procedures, red tape *and* the applicable rules *as imperative*;

Or. it

Amendment 62
Angelo Ciocca

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Draft motion for a resolution

6. Stresses that there is a need to *clarify not only* the terms ‘linked enterprise’ and ‘partner enterprise’ *but also* SMEs’ status in mergers, *and consortiums and regards the simplification of* procedures *and the cutting of* red tape *as imperative; calls on the Commission in that connection to further* simplify the applicable rules;

Amendment

6. Stresses that there is a need to *simplify* the terms ‘linked enterprise’ and ‘partner enterprise’ *and* SMEs’ status in mergers; *considers it necessary, furthermore, to simplify* procedures, *for example so as to reduce* red tape *and* simplify the applicable rules;

Or. it

Amendment 63
Patrizia Toia, Jens Geier

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Draft motion for a resolution

6. Stresses that there is a need to *clarify not only* the terms ‘linked enterprise’ and ‘partner enterprise’ *but also* SMEs’ status in mergers, *and consortiums* and regards the simplification of procedures and the cutting of red tape as imperative; calls on the Commission in that connection to *further* simplify the

Amendment

6. Stresses that there is a need to *simplify* the terms ‘linked enterprise’ and ‘partner enterprise’ *and* also SMEs’ status in mergers, and regards the simplification of procedures and the cutting of red tape as imperative; calls on the Commission in that connection to simplify the applicable rules;

applicable rules;

Or. it

Amendment 64

Dario Tamburrano, Rosa D'Amato

Draft motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Draft motion for a resolution

6. Stresses that there is a need to clarify ***not only*** the terms 'linked enterprise' and 'partner enterprise' but also SMEs' status in mergers ***and consortiums***, and regards the simplification of procedures and the cutting of red tape as imperative; ***calls on the Commission in that connection to further simplify the applicable rules;***

Amendment

6. Stresses that there is a need to clarify the terms 'linked enterprise' and 'partner enterprise' but also SMEs' status in mergers, and regards the simplification of procedures and the ***applicable rules, and the*** cutting of red tape, as imperative;

Or. en

Amendment 65

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Draft motion for a resolution

6. Stresses that there is a need to clarify not only the terms 'linked enterprise' and 'partner enterprise' but also SMEs' status in mergers and consortiums, and regards the simplification of procedures and the ***cutting of red tape*** as imperative; calls on the Commission in that connection to further simplify the applicable rules;

Amendment

6. Stresses that there is a need to clarify not only the terms 'linked enterprise' and 'partner enterprise' but also SMEs' status in mergers and consortiums, and regards the simplification of procedures and the ***reduction of excessive administrative burden*** as imperative; calls on the Commission in that connection to further simplify the applicable rules;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Draft motion for a resolution

6. Stresses that there is a need to clarify not only the terms ‘linked enterprise’ and ‘partner enterprise’ but also SMEs’ status in mergers and consortiums, ***and regards the simplification of procedures and the cutting of red tape as imperative***; calls on the Commission in that connection to further simplify the applicable rules;

Amendment

6. Stresses that there is a need to clarify not only the terms ‘linked enterprise’ and ‘partner enterprise’ but also SMEs’ status in mergers and consortiums, ***in order to avoid the creation of specific corporate structures to take advantage of the SME definition***; calls on the Commission in that connection to further simplify the applicable rules;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Patrizia Toia

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

6a. Calls on the Commission to support the aggregation of undertakings, particularly clusters and business networks, with the aim of promoting the rationalisation of costs and improvements to the exchange of knowledge and expertise, with particular reference to innovation relating to both products/services and processes.

Or. it

Amendment 68
Caroline Nagtegaal, Pavel Telička, Angelika Mlinar, Fredrick Federley, Kaja Kallas, Gesine Meissner

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Believes that any future adjustments to the SME definition should be done in a manner that ensures the long term stability of the definition;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Angelo Ciocca

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's start-up and scale-up initiative; views the promotion of entrepreneurship as important for economic growth in the EU; calls on the Commission to introduce a two-year transitional period during which enterprises which no longer qualify for SME status would retain that status;

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 70
Markus Pieper

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's start-up and scale-up initiative; views the promotion of entrepreneurship as important for economic growth in the EU; *calls on the Commission to introduce a* two-year

7. Welcomes the Commission's start-up and scale-up initiative; views the promotion of entrepreneurship as important for economic growth in the EU; *takes the view that the* two-year transitional period

transitional period *during which enterprises which no longer qualify for SME status would retain that status;*

after SME status ends should be consolidated; further takes the view that, for start-ups, account should be taken of a joint venture's business indicators, but not those for an enterprise linked with that joint venture, provided that there are no further connections between a start-up and linked enterprises and it is not an artificial construct;

Or. de

Amendment 71
Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the Commission's start-up and scale-up initiative; *views the promotion of entrepreneurship as important for economic growth in the EU; calls on the Commission to introduce a two-year transitional period during which enterprises which no longer qualify for SME status would retain that status;*

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's start-up and scale-up initiative;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Massimiliano Salini, Lara Comi

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the Commission's start-up and scale-up initiative; views the promotion of entrepreneurship as important for economic growth in the EU; *calls on the Commission to introduce a two-year transitional period during which*

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's start-up and scale-up initiative; views the promotion of entrepreneurship as important for economic growth in the EU;

enterprises which no longer qualify for SME status would retain that status;

Or. it

Amendment 73

Patrizia Toia

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the Commission's start-up and scale-up initiative; views the promotion of entrepreneurship as important for economic growth in the EU; ***calls on the Commission to introduce a two-year transitional period during which enterprises which no longer qualify for SME status would retain that status;***

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's start-up and scale-up initiative; views the promotion of entrepreneurship as important for economic growth in the EU;

Or. it

Amendment 74

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the Commission's start-up and scale-up initiative; views the promotion of entrepreneurship as important for economic growth in the EU; calls on the Commission to ***introduce a two-year transitional period during which enterprises which no longer qualify for SME status would retain that status;***

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's start-up and scale-up initiative; views the promotion of entrepreneurship as important for economic growth in the EU; Calls on the Commission to ***look into new fundraising initiatives for entrepreneurs and start-ups such as crowdfunding, to assess how these could benefit SMEs and if they should be promoted; furthermore the need for a legislative framework to frame such practices in the EU would need to be also evaluated;***

Amendment 75

Bendt Bendtsen, Krišjānis Kariņš, Gunnar Hökmark, Seán Kelly

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the Commission's start-up and scale-up initiative; views the promotion of entrepreneurship as important for economic growth in the EU; ***calls on the Commission to introduce a two-year transitional period during which enterprises which no longer qualify for SME status would retain that status;***

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's start-up and scale-up initiative; views the promotion of entrepreneurship as important for economic growth in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Rolandas Paksas

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the Commission's start-up and scale-up initiative; views the promotion of entrepreneurship as important for economic growth in the EU; calls on the Commission to introduce a two-year transitional period during which enterprises which no longer qualify for SME status would retain that status;

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's start-up and scale-up initiative; views the promotion of entrepreneurship as important for economic growth in the EU; ***believes that special treatment should be applied to sole proprietorships, which lie almost wholly outside the scope of support measures;*** calls on the Commission to introduce a two-year transitional period during which enterprises which no longer qualify for SME status would retain that status;

Or. It

Amendment 77

Dario Tamburrano, Rosa D'Amato

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the Commission's start-up and scale-up initiative; views the promotion of entrepreneurship as important for economic growth in the EU; calls on the Commission to **introduce a two-year** transitional period during which **enterprises** which no longer qualify for SME status would retain that status;

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's start-up and scale-up initiative; views the promotion of entrepreneurship as important for economic growth in the EU; calls on the Commission to **evaluate the need and feasibility of introducing a further** transitional period during which **scale-ups** which no longer qualify for SME status would retain that status;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Caroline Nagtegaal, Pavel Telička, Angelika Mlinar, Fredrick Federley, Kaja Kallas

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the Commission's start-up and scale-up initiative; views the promotion of entrepreneurship as important for economic growth in the EU; calls on the Commission to introduce a two-year transitional period during which **enterprises** which no longer qualify for SME status would retain that status;

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's start-up and scale-up initiative; views the promotion of entrepreneurship as important for economic growth in the EU; calls on the Commission to introduce a two-year transitional period during which **for example high-growth companies** which no longer qualify for SME status would retain that status;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Patrizia Toia

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

7a. *Calls on the Commission to support SMEs operating specifically in the area of the social economy through its policies whose main driver is not economic viability but social benefit;*

Or. it

Amendment 80
Angelo Ciocca

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. *Takes the view that economic diplomacy instruments employed at EU level, such as the Mission for Growth, could be used to address economic challenges and exploit economic opportunities at global level more effectively; calls on the Commission to step up its efforts in that area, without creating duplicate structures; calls, in that connection, for an ‘Export growth in relation to enterprise size’ indicator to be developed and for additional support to be offered to small enterprises with high export volumes;*

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 81
Hermann Winkler

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. *Takes the view that economic diplomacy instruments employed at EU*

deleted

level, such as the Mission for Growth, could be used to address economic challenges and exploit economic opportunities at global level more effectively; calls on the Commission to step up its efforts in that area, without creating duplicate structures; calls, in that connection, for an ‘Export growth in relation to enterprise size’ indicator to be developed and for additional support to be offered to small enterprises with high export volumes;

Or. de

Amendment 82
Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. *Takes the view that economic diplomacy instruments employed at EU level, such as the Mission for Growth, could be used to address economic challenges and exploit economic opportunities at global level more effectively; calls on the Commission to step up its efforts in that area, without creating duplicate structures; calls, in that connection, for an ‘Export growth in relation to enterprise size’ indicator to be developed and for additional support to be offered to small enterprises with high export volumes;*

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to step up its efforts *to help SMEs to take the utmost advantage from economic opportunities*; calls, in that connection, *not to focus merely on* additional support to be offered to small enterprises with high export volumes *but on developing domestic demand*;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Barbara Kappel

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

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8. Takes the view that economic diplomacy instruments employed at EU level, such as the Mission for Growth, could be used to address economic challenges and exploit economic opportunities at global level more effectively; ***calls on the Commission to step up its efforts in that area, without creating duplicate structures; calls, in that connection, for an ‘Export growth in relation to enterprise size’ indicator to be developed and for additional support to be offered to small enterprises with high export volumes;***

Amendment

8. Takes the view that economic diplomacy instruments employed at EU level, such as the Mission for Growth, could be used to address economic challenges and exploit economic opportunities at global level more effectively;

Or. de

Amendment 84

Bendt Bendtsen, Krišjānis Kariņš, Gunnar Hökmark, Seán Kelly

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that economic diplomacy instruments employed at EU level, such as the Mission for Growth, could be used to address economic challenges and exploit economic opportunities at global level more effectively; ***calls on the Commission to step up its efforts in that area, without creating duplicate structures; calls, in that connection, for an ‘Export growth in relation to enterprise size’ indicator to be developed and for additional support to be offered to small enterprises with high export volumes;***

Amendment

8. Takes the view that economic diplomacy instruments employed at EU level, such as the Mission for Growth, could be used to address economic challenges and exploit economic opportunities at global level more effectively; ***calls on the Commission to step up its efforts in that area, without creating duplicate structures;***

Or. en

Amendment 85
Massimiliano Salini, Lara Comi

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that economic diplomacy instruments employed at EU level, such as the Mission for Growth, could be used to address economic challenges and exploit economic opportunities at global level more effectively; calls on the Commission to step up its efforts in that area, without creating duplicate structures; calls, in that connection, for an ‘Export growth in relation to enterprise size’ indicator ***to be developed and for additional support to be offered to small enterprises with high export volumes;***

Amendment

8. Takes the view that economic diplomacy instruments employed at EU level, such as the Mission for Growth, could be used to address economic challenges and exploit economic opportunities at global level more effectively; calls on the Commission to step up its efforts in that area, without creating duplicate structures; calls, in that connection, for an ***assessment of the possibility of introducing an*** ‘Export growth in relation to enterprise size’ indicator ***in order to improve information about the international competitiveness of SMEs, partly in order to monitor the effectiveness of European and national policies;***

Or. it

Amendment 86
Claude Turmes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that economic diplomacy instruments employed at EU level, such as the Mission for Growth, could be used to address economic challenges and exploit economic opportunities at global level more effectively; calls on the Commission to step up its efforts in that area, without creating duplicate structures; calls, ***in that connection, for an ‘Export growth in***

Amendment

8. Takes the view that economic diplomacy instruments employed at EU level, such as the Mission for Growth, could be used to address economic challenges and exploit economic opportunities at global level more effectively; calls on the Commission to step up its efforts in that area, without creating duplicate structures; calls ***on the Commission and Member States to***

relation to enterprise size' indicator to be developed and for additional support to be offered to small enterprises with high export volumes;

provide information and support service about opportunities for internationalisation and ensure access to exchange of experience and good practices, in particular for small business;

Or. en

Amendment 87

Dario Tamburrano, Rosa D'Amato

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that economic diplomacy instruments employed at EU level, such as the Mission for Growth, could be *used* to address economic challenges and exploit economic opportunities at global level more effectively; calls on the Commission to step up its efforts in that area, *without creating duplicate structures; calls, in that connection, for an 'Export growth in relation to enterprise size' indicator to be developed and for additional support to be offered to small enterprises with high export volumes;*

Amendment

8. Takes the view that economic diplomacy instruments employed at EU level, such as the Mission for Growth, could be *supportive* to address economic challenges and exploit economic opportunities at global level more effectively; calls on the Commission to step up its efforts in that area *and to address specific concerns of those enterprises with high export volumes, among which there are also several SMEs, under the EU Industrial Policy initiatives;*

Or. en

Amendment 88

Patrizia Toia

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that economic diplomacy instruments employed at EU level, such as the Mission for Growth, could be used to address economic

Amendment

8. Takes the view that economic diplomacy instruments employed at EU level, such as the Mission for Growth, could be used to address economic

challenges and exploit economic opportunities at global level more effectively; calls on the Commission to step up its efforts in that area, without creating duplicate structures; calls, in that connection, for an ‘Export growth in relation to enterprise size’ indicator to be developed *and for additional support to be offered to small enterprises with high export volumes*;

challenges and exploit economic opportunities at global level more effectively; calls on the Commission to step up its efforts in that area, without creating duplicate structures; calls, in that connection, for an ‘Export growth in relation to enterprise size’ indicator to be developed *in order to improve information about the international competitiveness of SMEs*;

Or. it

Amendment 89
Jens Geier, Patrizia Toia

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that economic diplomacy instruments employed at EU level, such as the Mission for Growth, could be used to address economic challenges and exploit economic opportunities at global level more effectively; calls on the Commission to step up its efforts in that area, without creating duplicate structures; calls, in that connection, for an ‘Export *growth* in relation to enterprise size’ indicator to be developed and for additional support to be offered to *small enterprises* with high export *volumes*;

Amendment

8. Takes the view that economic diplomacy instruments employed at EU level, such as the Mission for Growth, could be used to address economic challenges and exploit economic opportunities at global level more effectively; calls on the Commission to step up its efforts in that area, without creating duplicate structures; calls, in that connection, for an ‘Export *potential* in relation to enterprise size’ indicator to be developed and for additional support to be offered to *SMEs* with high export *potential*;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Jens Geier

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that economic diplomacy instruments employed at EU level, such as the Mission for Growth, could be used to address economic challenges and exploit economic opportunities at global level more effectively; calls on the Commission to step up its efforts in that area, without creating duplicate structures; calls, in that connection, for an ‘Export **growth** in relation to enterprise size’ indicator to be developed and for additional support to be offered to *small enterprises* with high export *volumes*;

Amendment

8. Takes the view that economic diplomacy instruments employed at EU level, such as the Mission for Growth, could be used to address economic challenges and exploit economic opportunities at global level more effectively; calls on the Commission to step up its efforts in that area, without creating duplicate structures; calls, in that connection, for an ‘Export **potential** in relation to enterprise size’ indicator to be developed and for additional support to be offered to *SMEs* with high export *potential*;

Or. de

Amendment 91
Angelo Ciocca

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. *Is concerned that, despite the considerable contribution they make to employment and growth by virtue of their productivity, MidCaps (enterprises that have outgrown the SME definition but still have typically medium-sized structures) are being neglected by policy-makers; calls, therefore, for a definition to be established for these companies based on the criteria that they are family-run, have high equity ratio and employ up to 3000 people;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 92
Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. *Is concerned that, despite the considerable contribution they make to employment and growth by virtue of their productivity, MidCaps (enterprises that have outgrown the SME definition but still have typically medium-sized structures) are being neglected by policy-makers; calls, therefore, for a definition to be established for these companies based on the criteria that they are family-run, have high equity ratio and employ up to 3000 people;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 93

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. *Is concerned that, despite the considerable contribution they make to employment and growth by virtue of their productivity, MidCaps (enterprises that have outgrown the SME definition but still have typically medium-sized structures) are being neglected by policy-makers; calls, therefore, for a definition to be established for these companies based on the criteria that they are family-run, have high equity ratio and employ up to 3000 people;*

9. *Recognises the considerable contribution that MidCaps make to employment and growth by virtue of their productivity, yet believes that the introduction of the new category of MidCaps is diluting the effectiveness of the SME definition; in particular including a criteria 'family-run' would be misleading, as family businesses can be small, medium sized or large, listed or unlisted; equating 'family businesses' to SMEs is neglecting the fact that there are also very large multinational corporations that are family businesses; recalls its resolution from 8 September 2015 calling the Commission to propose a statistically workable Europe-wide definition of 'family business' – developed together*

with Eurostat –, taking into account the different circumstances in the Member States; reminds that MidCaps capabilities often exceed the capabilities of medium-sized enterprises in terms of access to human, financial and technical resources and hence very solid management structures as well as frequently inherit strong market positions;

Or. en

Amendment 94

Dario Tamburrano, Rosa D'Amato

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. Is concerned that, despite the considerable contribution they make to employment and growth *by virtue of their productivity, MidCaps* (enterprises *that have outgrown the SME definition but still have typically medium-sized structures*) *are being neglected* by policy-makers; *calls, therefore, for a definition to be established for these companies based on the criteria that they are family-run, have high equity ratio and employ up to 3000 people;*

Amendment

9. Is concerned *of the fact* that, despite the considerable contribution they make to employment and growth, *several categories of enterprises are not yet clearly defined in the EU, thus running the risk of being underestimated* by policy-makers;

Or. en

Amendment 95

Patrizia Toia

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. *Is concerned that, despite* the considerable contribution they make to

Amendment

9. *Considers it necessary that European, national, regional and local*

employment and growth by virtue of their productivity, *MidCaps (enterprises that have outgrown the SME definition but still have typically medium-sized structures) are being neglected by policy-makers; calls, therefore, for a definition to be established for these companies based on the criteria that they are family-run, have high equity ratio and employ up to 3000 people;*

institutions should devote more attention to businesses with structures typical of micro enterprises and MidCaps on account of the considerable contribution they make to employment and growth by virtue of their productivity;

Or. it

Amendment 96
David Borrelli

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. *Is concerned that, despite the considerable contribution they make to employment and growth by virtue of their productivity, MidCaps (enterprises that have outgrown the SME definition but still have typically medium-sized structures) are being neglected by policy-makers; calls, therefore, for a definition to be established for these companies based on the criteria that they are family-run, have high equity ratio and employ up to 3000 people;*

Amendment

9. *Recalls that MidCaps (undertakings that are too large to meet the definition of SMEs but which still have structures typical of medium-sized enterprises) help to create jobs and generate growth by virtue of their productivity. On the basis of their particular features, MidCaps should constitute a separate category of reference entities for public incentive policies and have the benefit of an ad hoc definition independent of that of SMEs;*

Or. it

Amendment 97
Jens Geier

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. Is concerned that, despite the

Amendment

9. Is concerned that, despite the

considerable contribution they make to employment and growth by virtue of their productivity, MidCaps (enterprises that have outgrown the SME definition but still have typically medium-sized structures) are being neglected by policy-makers; calls, therefore, for a definition to be established for these companies ***based on the criteria that they are family-run, have high equity ratio and employ up to 3000 people;***

considerable contribution they make to employment and growth by virtue of their productivity, MidCaps (enterprises that have outgrown the SME definition but still have typically medium-sized structures) are being neglected by policy-makers; calls, therefore, for a ***separate*** definition to be established for these companies ***to make sure that their importance for the economy is considered without taking the risk of enlarging the SME definition to an extent that would facilitate its misuse and weaken the status of SMEs that really need it;***

Or. en

Amendment 98 Hermann Winkler

Draft motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. Is concerned that, despite the considerable contribution they make to employment and growth by virtue of their productivity, MidCaps (enterprises that have outgrown the SME definition but still have typically medium-sized structures) are being neglected by policy-makers; calls, therefore, for a definition to be established for these companies based on the criteria that they are family-run, have high equity ratio and employ up to **3000** people;

Amendment

9. Is concerned that, despite the considerable contribution they make to employment and growth by virtue of their productivity, ***small*** MidCaps (enterprises that have outgrown the SME definition but still have typically medium-sized structures) are being neglected by policy-makers; calls, therefore, for a definition to be established for these companies based on the criteria that they are family-run, have high equity ratio and employ up to **500** people; ***stresses that that must not under any circumstances have a negative impact on the existing SME definition and the support measures stemming from it;***

Or. de

Amendment 99

Martina Werner

**Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9**

Draft motion for a resolution

9. Is concerned that, despite the considerable contribution they make to employment and growth by virtue of their productivity, MidCaps (enterprises that have outgrown the SME definition but still have typically medium-sized structures) ***are being neglected*** by policy-makers; calls, therefore, for a definition to be established for these companies ***based on the criteria that they are family-run, have high equity ratio and employ up to 3000 people;***

Amendment

9. Is concerned that, despite the considerable contribution they make to employment and growth by virtue of their productivity, MidCaps (enterprises that have outgrown the SME definition but still have typically medium-sized structures) ***do not receive appropriate attention*** by policy-makers; calls, therefore, for a ***separate*** definition to be established for these companies ***so as to enable targeted measures for MidCaps while avoiding the risk of broadening the SME definition to an extent that would be detrimental to its original objectives;***

Or. en

**Amendment 100
Massimiliano Salini, Lara Comi**

**Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9**

Draft motion for a resolution

9. ***Is concerned*** that, ***despite the considerable contribution they make to employment and growth by virtue of their productivity,*** MidCaps (enterprises that have outgrown the SME definition but still have typically medium-sized structures) ***are being neglected by policy-makers;*** calls, therefore, for a definition to be established for these companies ***based on the criteria that they are family-run, have high equity ratio and employ up to 3000 people;***

Amendment

9. ***Notes*** that MidCaps (enterprises that have outgrown the SME definition but still have typically medium-sized structures) ***contribute to employment and growth by virtue of their productivity and therefore deserve attention from the Member States and the European Union;*** considers at the same time that the ***definition of SMEs should devote particular attention to micro enterprises;***

Or. it

Amendment 101

Bendt Bendtsen, Paul Rübzig, Krišjānis Kariņš, Gunnar Hökmark, Seán Kelly

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. Is concerned that, despite the considerable contribution they make to employment and growth by virtue of their productivity, MidCaps (enterprises that have outgrown the SME definition but still have typically medium-sized structures) are being neglected by policy-makers; calls, therefore, for a definition ***to be established*** for these companies based on the criteria that they are family-run, have high equity ratio and employ up to 3000 people;

Amendment

9. Is concerned that, despite the considerable contribution they make to employment and growth by virtue of their productivity, MidCaps (enterprises that have outgrown the SME definition but still have typically medium-sized structures) are being neglected by policy-makers; calls, therefore, for ***an assessment of the feasibility of establishing*** a definition for these companies based on the criteria that they are family-run, have high equity ratio and employ up to 3000 people;

Or. en

Amendment 102

Caroline Nagtegaal, Pavel Telička, Angelika Mlinar, Fredrick Federley, Kaja Kallas, Gesine Meissner

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. ***Is concerned that, despite the considerable contribution they make to employment and growth by virtue of their productivity,*** MidCaps (enterprises that have outgrown the SME definition but still have typically medium-sized structures) ***are being neglected by*** policy-makers; calls, therefore, for ***a definition to be established for these companies based on the criteria that they are family-run, have high equity ratio and employ up to 3000 people;***

Amendment

9. ***Acknowledges the vital contribution that*** MidCaps (enterprises that have outgrown the SME definition but still have typically medium-sized structures) ***make to employment and growth by virtue of their productivity; believes that MidCaps do not receive enough attention from*** policy-makers; calls, therefore, for ***the Commission to study the merits of establishing a separate definition for MidCaps;***

Amendment 103

Barbara Kappel

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. Is concerned that, despite the considerable contribution they make to employment and growth by virtue of their productivity, MidCaps (enterprises that have outgrown the SME definition but still have typically medium-sized structures) are being neglected by policy-makers; calls, therefore, for a definition to be established for these companies based on the criteria that they are family-run, have high equity ratio and employ up to **3000** people;

Amendment

9. Is concerned that, despite the considerable contribution they make to employment and growth by virtue of their productivity, MidCaps (enterprises that have outgrown the SME definition but still have typically medium-sized structures) are being neglected by policy-makers; calls, therefore, for a definition to be established for these companies based on the criteria that they are family-run, have high equity ratio and employ up to **500** people;

Or. de

Amendment 104

Dario Tamburrano, Rosa D'Amato

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Notes that, beyond SMEs, freelancers and large enterprises, also Mid-Caps contribute to employment and growth, especially by virtue of their productivity and therefore should deserve a fair level of attention in the EU policies;

Or. en

Amendment 105

Angelo Ciocca

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission, in addition to the priority EU measures for SMEs, to launch a MidCaps-oriented initiative using new funding, which would cover collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development and an easing of the Basel specifications and data protection rules;

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 106
David Borrelli

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission, in addition to the priority EU measures for SMEs, to launch a MidCaps-oriented initiative using **new** funding, which would cover collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development and an easing of the Basel specifications and data protection rules;

10. Calls on the Commission, in addition to the priority EU measures for SMEs, to launch a MidCaps-oriented initiative using **additional** funding, which would cover collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development and an easing of the Basel specifications and data protection rules; **considers that the definition of SMEs should not be influenced by this and, consequently, that resources and special organisational arrangements should be provided for micro enterprises and small businesses, in order to ensure their competitiveness and equal opportunities;**

Or. it

Amendment 107

Hermann Winkler

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission, in addition to the priority EU measures for SMEs, to launch a MidCaps-oriented initiative using **new** funding, which would cover collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development and an easing of the Basel specifications and data protection rules;

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission, in addition to the priority EU measures for SMEs, to launch a MidCaps-oriented initiative using **additional** funding, which would cover collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development and an easing of the Basel specifications and data protection rules; ***stresses that that must not have a negative impact on the existing SME definition and the support measures stemming from it;***

Or. de

Amendment 108

Massimiliano Salini, Lara Comi

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission, ***in addition to the*** priority EU measures for SMEs, ***to launch a MidCaps-oriented initiative using new funding, which would cover collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development and an easing of the Basel specifications and data protection rules;***

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission ***to proceed further with its analysis of MidCaps, and to include in it an assessment of the existence and effectiveness of existing measures at Union level and in the Member States, including*** priority EU and Member State measures for SMEs;

Or. it

Amendment 109

Martina Werner

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission, in addition to the priority EU measures for SMEs, to launch a MidCaps-oriented initiative using new funding, which would cover collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development and an easing of *the Basel specifications and* data protection rules;

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission, in addition to the priority EU measures for SMEs, to launch a MidCaps-oriented initiative *which would not merely mirror measures for SMEs but would address specific challenges of MidCaps*, using *exclusively* new funding, which would cover collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development and an easing of data protection rules *where appropriate and fully justified*;

Or. en

Amendment 110

Nadine Morano

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission, in addition to the priority EU measures for SMEs, to launch a MidCaps-oriented initiative using new funding, which would cover collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development and an easing of the Basel specifications and data protection rules;

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission, in addition to the priority EU measures for SMEs, to launch a MidCaps-oriented initiative using new funding, which would cover collaborative research access, *access to EU funds*, digitalisation strategies, export market development and an easing of the Basel specifications and data protection rules;

Or. fr

Amendment 111

Caroline Nagtegaal, Pavel Telička, Angelika Mlinar, Fredrick Federley, Kaja Kallas, Gesine Meissner

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission, in addition to ***the priority EU measures for SMEs, to launch a MidCaps-oriented initiative using new funding, which would cover collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development and an easing of the Basel specifications and data protection rules;***

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission, in addition to ***prioritizing measures for EU SMEs, to explore launching an initiative aimed at growth-oriented MidCaps*** using new funding, which would cover collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development and an easing of the Basel specifications and data protection rules;

Or. en

Amendment 112

Patrizia Toia

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission, ***in addition to the priority EU measures for SMEs, to launch a MidCaps-oriented initiative using new funding, which would cover collaborative*** research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development and an easing of the Basel specifications and data protection rules;

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission, ***to proceed further with its analysis of MidCaps, including the effectiveness of the priority measures of the EU and Member States, with particular reference to cohesion policy,*** research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development and an easing of the Basel specifications and data protection rules;

Or. it

Amendment 113

Dario Tamburrano, Rosa D'Amato

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission, in addition to the priority EU measures for SMEs, to launch ***a MidCaps-oriented***

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission, in addition to the priority EU measures for SMEs, to ***evaluate the opportunity to***

initiative using new funding, which would cover collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, *export* market development **and an easing of the Basel specifications and** data protection rules;

launch *further specific business-oriented initiatives* using new funding, which would cover collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, market development, data protection rules **and internationalisation**;

Or. en

Amendment 114

Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission, in addition to the priority EU measures for SMEs, to launch a *MidCaps-oriented* initiative using new funding, which would cover collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development and an easing of the Basel specifications and data protection rules;

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission, in addition to the priority EU measures for SMEs, to launch a *oriented* initiative **for micro-enterprises** using new funding, which would cover collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development and an easing of the Basel specifications and data protection rules;

Or. en

Amendment 115

Bendt Bendtsen, Paul Rübig, Krišjānis Kariņš, Gunnar Hökmark, Seán Kelly

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission, in addition to the priority EU measures for SMEs, to **launch a** MidCaps-oriented *initiative using new* funding, which **would** cover collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development and an easing of the Basel specifications and data protection rules;

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission, in addition to the priority EU measures for SMEs, to **explore options for new** MidCaps-oriented funding *initiatives*, which **could** cover collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development and an easing of the Basel specifications and data protection

rules;

Or. en

Amendment 116

Barbara Kappel

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission, in addition to the priority EU measures for SMEs, to launch a MidCaps-oriented initiative using new funding, which would cover collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development and an easing of the Basel specifications **and data protection rules**;

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission, in addition to the priority EU measures for SMEs, to launch a MidCaps-oriented initiative using new funding, which would cover collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development and an easing of the Basel specifications;

Or. de

Amendment 117

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. ***Calls on the Commission***, in addition to the priority EU measures for SMEs, to ***launch a*** MidCaps-oriented ***initiative using new funding, which would cover*** collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development ***and an easing*** of the ***Basel specifications and data protection rules***;

Amendment

10. ***Believes that***, in addition to the priority EU measures for SMEs, to ***sufficient*** MidCaps-oriented ***initiatives exist regarding*** collaborative research access, digitalisation strategies, export market development ***rules; through measures in the framework*** of the ***relevant programmes***;

Or. en

Amendment 118

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Believes that the future COSME, FP9 as well as Structural Funds Programmes under the next MFF should continue to earmark sufficient amounts to support SMEs to innovate and generate employment;

Or. en

Amendment 119

Esther de Lange

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Underlines the importance of maintaining a clear and common definition of SMEs in light of the ongoing negotiations on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union as SMEs are defined in EU law and are often attributed a special status in the Union's trading agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 120

Patrizia Toia

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

11. Takes the view that SME categorisation should not be exclusively based on the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover and balance sheet totals; calls, therefore, for the criteria of ‘export-intensive’ (high level of exports in relation to number of employees), ‘largely independently-run’ and ‘high equity ratio’ - to be defined in due course - to be taken into account when categorising companies and for enterprises with these characteristics to at least be exempted from the relevant specific reporting obligations and/or for it to be made easier for them to access financial support;

deleted

Or. it

**Amendment 121
David Borrelli**

**Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11**

11. Takes the view that SME categorisation should not be exclusively based on the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover and balance sheet totals; calls, therefore, for the criteria of ‘export-intensive’ (high level of exports in relation to number of employees), ‘largely independently-run’ and ‘high equity ratio’ - to be defined in due course - to be taken into account when categorising companies and for enterprises with these characteristics to at least be exempted from the relevant specific reporting obligations and/or for it to be made easier for them to access financial support;

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 122
Hermann Winkler

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. *Takes the view that SME categorisation should not be exclusively based on the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover and balance sheet totals; calls, therefore, for the criteria of ‘export-intensive’ (high level of exports in relation to number of employees), ‘largely independently-run’ and ‘high equity ratio’ - to be defined in due course - to be taken into account when categorising companies and for enterprises with these characteristics to at least be exempted from the relevant specific reporting obligations and/or for it to be made easier for them to access financial support;* **deleted**

Or. de

Amendment 123
Barbara Kappel

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. *Takes the view that SME categorisation should not be exclusively based on the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover and balance sheet totals; calls, therefore, for the criteria of ‘export-intensive’ (high level of exports in relation to number of employees), ‘largely independently-run’ and ‘high equity ratio’ - to be defined in due course - to be taken into account* **deleted**

when categorising companies and for enterprises with these characteristics to at least be exempted from the relevant specific reporting obligations and/or for it to be made easier for them to access financial support;

Or. de

Amendment 124

Angelo Ciocca

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. Takes the view that SME categorisation should not be exclusively based on the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover *and* balance sheet totals; *calls, therefore, for the criteria of ‘export-intensive’ (high level of exports in relation to number of employees), ‘largely independently-run’ and ‘high equity ratio’ - to be defined in due course - to be taken into account when categorising companies and for enterprises with these characteristics to at least be exempted from the relevant specific reporting obligations and/or for it to be made easier for them to access financial support;*

Amendment

11. Takes the view that SME categorisation should not be exclusively based on the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover, balance sheet totals *and independence;*

Or. it

Amendment 125

Jens Geier

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. *Takes the view that SME*

Amendment

11. *Calls on the Commission to*

categorisation should not be exclusively based on the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover and balance sheet totals; calls, therefore, for the criteria of 'export-intensive' (high level of exports in relation to number of employees), 'largely independently-run' and 'high equity ratio' - to be defined in due course - to be taken into account when categorising companies and for enterprises with these characteristics to at least be exempted from the relevant specific reporting obligations and/or for it to be made easier for them to access financial support;

examine whether, in addition to the current criteria of the SME definition, other elements should be taken into account when defining SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 126

Dario Tamburrano, Rosa D'Amato

Draft motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. Takes the view that SME categorisation *should not be exclusively* based on the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover and balance sheet totals; *calls, therefore, for the criteria of 'export-intensive' (high level of exports in relation to number of employees), 'largely independently-run' and 'high equity ratio' - to be defined in due course - to be taken into account when categorising companies and for enterprises with these characteristics to at least be exempted from the relevant specific reporting obligations and/or for it to be made easier for them to access financial support;*

Amendment

11. Takes the view that SME categorisation *is correctly* based on the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover and balance sheet totals, *and their combination;*

Or. en

Amendment 127

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. Takes the view that SME categorisation should ***not*** be exclusively based on the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover ***and*** balance sheet totals; ***calls, therefore, for the criteria of ‘export-intensive’ (high level of exports in relation to number of employees), ‘largely independently-run’ and ‘high equity ratio’ - to be defined in due course - to be taken into account when categorising companies and for enterprises with these characteristics to at least be exempted from the relevant specific reporting obligations and/or for it to be made easier for them to access financial support;***

Amendment

11. Takes the view that SME categorisation should be exclusively based on the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover balance sheet totals, ***as repeatedly confirmed by Commission’s impact assessments;***

Or. en

Amendment 128

Massimiliano Salini, Lara Comi

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. Takes the view that ***SME categorisation should not be exclusively based on*** the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover and balance sheet totals; ***calls, therefore, for the criteria of ‘export-intensive’ (high level of exports in relation to number of employees), ‘largely independently-run’ and ‘high equity ratio’ - to be defined in due course - to be taken into account when categorising companies and for***

Amendment

11. Takes the view that, ***partly with a view to improving the effectiveness of European economic and industrial policy,*** the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover and balance sheet totals ***should not be the only ones to be taken into account in statistics on the size of undertakings;***

enterprises with these characteristics to at least be exempted from the relevant specific reporting obligations and/or for it to be made easier for them to access financial support;

Or. it

Amendment 129

Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. Takes the view that SME categorisation should not be exclusively based on the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover and balance sheet totals; calls, therefore, for the criteria of '*export-intensive*' (*high level of exports in relation to number of employees*), 'largely independently-run' and 'high equity ratio' - to be defined in due course - to be taken into account when categorising companies *and for enterprises with these characteristics to at least be exempted from the relevant specific reporting obligations and/or for it to be made easier for them to access financial support;*

Amendment

11. Takes the view that SME categorisation should not be exclusively based on the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover and balance sheet totals; calls, therefore, for the criteria of 'largely independently-run' and 'high equity ratio' - to be defined in due course - to be taken into account when categorising companies;

Or. en

Amendment 130

Caroline Nagtegaal, Pavel Telička, Angelika Mlinar, Fredrick Federley, Kaja Kallas, Gesine Meissner

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. Takes the view that SME categorisation should not be exclusively

Amendment

11. Takes the view that *future* SME categorisation should not *necessarily* be

based on the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover and balance sheet totals; calls, therefore, for the criteria of ‘export-intensive’ (high level of exports in relation to number of employees), ‘largely independently-run’ and ‘high equity ratio’ - *to be defined in due course - to be taken into account when categorising companies and for enterprises with these characteristics to at least be exempted from the relevant specific reporting obligations and/or for it to be made easier for them to access financial support;*

exclusively based on the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover and balance sheet totals; calls, therefore, for the *Commission to analyse the merits of criteria such as* ‘export-intensive’ (high level of exports in relation to number of employees), ‘largely independently-run’ and ‘high equity ratio’;

Or. en

Amendment 131 **Amjad Bashir**

Draft motion for a resolution **Paragraph 11**

Draft motion for a resolution

11. *Takes the view* that SME *categorisation should not be exclusively* based on the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover and balance sheet totals; *calls, therefore, for the* criteria of ‘export-intensive’ (high level of exports in relation to number of employees), ‘largely independently-run’ and ‘high equity ratio’ - *to be defined in due course - to be taken into account* when categorising companies *and for enterprises with these characteristics to at least be exempted from the relevant specific reporting obligations and/or for it to be made easier for them to access financial support;*

Amendment

11. *Underlines* that SME *categorization is* based on the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover and balance sheet totals; *believes however that additional criteria such as* criteria of ‘export-intensive’ (high level of exports in relation to number of employees), ‘largely independently-run’ and ‘high equity ratio’ - *may be analysed by the Commission* when categorising companies;

Or. en

Amendment 132

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. ***Takes the view that SME categorisation should not be exclusively based on*** the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover and balance sheet totals; ***calls, therefore, for the*** criteria of ‘export-intensive’ (high level of exports in relation to number of employees), ‘largely independently-run’ and ‘high equity ratio’ - to be defined in due course - to be taken into account when categorising companies ***and for enterprises with these characteristics to at least be exempted from the relevant specific reporting obligations and/or for it to be made easier for them to access financial support;***

Amendment

11. ***Welcomes the Commission's public consultation on the SME definition, including*** the criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover and balance sheet totals; ***calls for an assessment of whether a*** criteria of ‘export-intensive’ (high level of exports in relation to number of employees), ‘largely independently-run’ and ‘high equity ratio’ - to be defined in due course - ***could*** to be taken into account when categorising companies;

Or. en

Amendment 133

Martina Werner

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. ***Takes the view that SME categorisation should not be exclusively based on the*** criteria of employee headcount, annual turnover and balance sheet totals; ***calls, therefore,*** for the criteria of ‘export-intensive’ (high level of exports in relation to number of employees), ‘largely independently-run’ and ‘high equity ratio’ - to be defined in due course - ***to be taken into account*** when categorising companies and for enterprises with these characteristics to at least be exempted from the relevant specific reporting obligations and/or for it to be made easier for them to

Amendment

11. ***Encourages the Commission to consider the inclusion of*** criteria ***other than*** employee headcount, annual turnover and balance sheet totals for ***the SME categorisation while having due regard to the objective of maintaining clear and coherent rules; encourages, in particular, the consideration of*** the criteria of ‘export-intensive’ (high level of exports in relation to number of employees), ‘largely independently-run’ and ‘high equity ratio’ - to be defined in due course - when categorising companies and for enterprises with these characteristics to at least be

access financial support;

exempted from the relevant specific reporting obligations and/or for it to be made easier for them to access financial support;

Or. en

Amendment 134

Massimiliano Salini, Lara Comi

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Draft motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Commission to conduct a study into the impact of the SME definition on business development and on lock-in-effects, *i.e. when enterprises deliberately opt not to expand in order to avoid bureaucratic burdens and other obligations that arise from the loss of their SME status;*

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission to conduct a study into the impact of the SME definition on business development and on lock-in-effects;

Or. it

Amendment 135

Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Draft motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Commission to conduct a study into the impact of the SME definition on business development *and on lock-in-effects, i.e. when enterprises deliberately opt not to expand in order to avoid bureaucratic burdens and other obligations that arise from the loss of their SME status;*

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission to conduct a study into the impact of the SME definition on business development, *business models and employment;*

Or. en

Amendment 136

Caroline Nagtegaal, Pavel Telička, Angelika Mlinar, Fredrick Federley, Kaja Kallas, Gesine Meissner

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Draft motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Commission to conduct a study into the impact of the SME definition on business development and on lock-in-effects, i.e. when enterprises deliberately opt not to expand in order to avoid bureaucratic burdens and other obligations that arise from the loss of their SME status;

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission to conduct a ***comprehensive*** study into the impact of the SME definition on business development and on ***possible*** lock-in-effects, i.e. when enterprises deliberately opt not to expand in order to avoid bureaucratic burdens and other obligations that arise from the loss of their SME status;

Or. en

Amendment 137

Dario Tamburrano, Rosa D'Amato

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Draft motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Commission to conduct a study ***into*** the impact of the SME definition on business development ***and on*** lock-in-effects, ***i.e. when enterprises deliberately opt not to expand in order to avoid bureaucratic burdens and other obligations that arise from the loss of their SME status;***

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission to conduct a study ***about*** the impact of the SME definition ***and SME relevant policies*** on business development, ***taking into consideration*** lock-in-effects ***and looking into the usefulness of sector-specific SME definitions;***

Or. en

Amendment 138

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Draft motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Commission to conduct a study into the impact of the SME definition on business development and on lock-in-effects, i.e. when enterprises deliberately opt not to expand in order to avoid bureaucratic burdens and other obligations that arise from the loss of their SME status;

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission to conduct a study into the **possible** impact of the SME definition on business development and on lock-in-effects, i.e. when enterprises deliberately opt not to expand in order to avoid bureaucratic burdens and other obligations that arise from the loss of their SME status;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Patrizia Toia, Jens Geier

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Draft motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Commission to conduct a study into the impact of the SME definition on business development and on lock-in-effects, i.e. when enterprises deliberately opt not to expand in order to avoid bureaucratic burdens and other obligations that arise from the loss of their SME status;

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission to conduct a study into the **possible** impact of the SME definition on business development and on lock-in-effects, i.e. when enterprises deliberately opt not to expand in order to avoid bureaucratic burdens and other obligations that arise from the loss of their SME status;

Or. it

Amendment 140
Angelo Ciocca

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Draft motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Commission to conduct a study into the impact of the SME

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission to conduct a study into the **possible** impact of

definition on business development and on lock-in-effects, i.e. when enterprises deliberately opt not to expand in order to avoid bureaucratic burdens and other obligations that arise from the loss of their SME status;

the SME definition on business development and on lock-in-effects, i.e. when enterprises deliberately opt not to expand in order to avoid bureaucratic burdens and other obligations that arise from the loss of their SME status;

Or. it

Amendment 141

Jens Geier, Patrizia Toia, Martina Werner

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Underlines that small local public service enterprises that meet the SME criteria fulfil important tasks for local communities; notes that having public ownership does not necessarily imply financial or regulatory support by the public entity due to national legislation, state aid laws and financially weak public entities; stresses that they thus face the same challenges as SMESs, which may lead to unfair competitive disadvantages for these enterprises when they are financially independent, organized under private law or are operating under competitive conditions with private companies; therefore, urges the Commission to re-examine and consider a deletion of the exclusion of enterprises with a public ownership of more than 25% from the SME definition;

Or. en

Amendment 142

Markus Pieper

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. *Calls on the Commission in addition to carry out a study to assess the cross-border impact of large family firms on SMEs as regards employment, added value and tax receipts;*

Or. de

Amendment 143

David Borrelli

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. *Calls on the Commission to conduct a feasibility study of sector-specific SME definitions in order to scrutinise the impact of such an approach on these sectors of the economy and the added value generated when set against the additional costs incurred, and to adapt the SME definition accordingly, should the study prove its feasibility;*

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Or. it

Amendment 144

Angelo Ciocca

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. *Calls on the Commission to conduct a feasibility study of sector-specific SME definitions in order to scrutinise the impact of such an approach on these sectors of the economy and the added value generated when set against*

deleted

the additional costs incurred, and to adapt the SME definition accordingly, should the study prove its feasibility;

Or. it

Amendment 145

Caroline Nagtegaal, Pavel Telička, Angelika Mlinar, Fredrick Federley, Kaja Kallas, Gesine Meissner

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to conduct a feasibility study of sector-specific SME definitions in order to scrutinise the impact of such an approach on these sectors of the economy and the added value generated when set against the additional costs incurred, and to adapt the SME definition accordingly, should the study prove its feasibility;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 146

Dario Tamburrano, Rosa D'Amato

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to conduct a feasibility study of sector-specific SME definitions in order to scrutinise the impact of such an approach on these sectors of the economy and the added value generated when set against the additional costs incurred, and to adapt the SME definition accordingly, should the study prove its feasibility;

deleted

Amendment 147

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to conduct a feasibility study of sector-specific SME definitions in order to scrutinise the impact of such an approach on these sectors of the economy and the added value generated when set against the additional costs incurred, and to adapt the SME definition accordingly, should the study prove its feasibility;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 148

Barbara Kappel

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to conduct a feasibility study of sector-specific SME definitions in order to scrutinise the impact of such an approach on these sectors of the economy and the added value generated when set against the additional costs incurred, and to adapt the SME definition accordingly, should the study prove its feasibility;

13. Calls on the Commission to conduct a feasibility study of sector-specific SME definitions ***not resulting in additional administrative burdens for Member States or SMEs*** in order to scrutinise the impact of such an approach on these sectors of the economy and the added value generated when set against the additional costs incurred, and to adapt the SME definition accordingly, should the study prove its feasibility;

Or. de

Amendment 149
Massimiliano Salini, Lara Comi

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Commission to conduct a feasibility study of sector-specific SME definitions in order to scrutinise the impact of such an approach on these sectors of the economy and the added value generated *when set against the additional costs incurred, and to adapt the SME definition accordingly, should the study prove its feasibility;*

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to conduct a feasibility study of sector-specific SME definitions in order to scrutinise the impact of such an approach on these sectors of the economy and the added value generated;

Or. it

Amendment 150
Patrizia Toia

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Commission to conduct a feasibility study of sector-specific SME definitions in order to scrutinise the impact of such an approach on these sectors of the economy and the added value generated *when set against the additional costs incurred, and to adapt the SME definition accordingly, should the study prove its feasibility;*

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to conduct a feasibility study of sector-specific SME definitions in order to scrutinise the impact of such an approach on these sectors of the economy and the added value generated;

Or. it

Amendment 151
Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to conduct a feasibility study of sector-specific SME definitions in order to scrutinise the impact of such an approach on these sectors of the economy and the added value generated when set against the additional costs incurred, **and to adapt the SME definition accordingly**, should the study prove its feasibility;

13. Calls on the Commission to conduct a feasibility study of sector-specific SME definitions in order to scrutinise the impact of such an approach on these sectors of the economy and the added value generated when set against the additional costs incurred, should the study prove its feasibility;

Or. en

Amendment 152

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Calls for an SME category test to be made mandatory for all EU legislative proposals, beyond the Commission's own undertakings; stresses that the result should be clearly indicated in the impact assessment; calls on the Commission to give such an undertaking in the next Interinstitutional Agreement on better law-making;

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Or. en

Amendment 153

Massimiliano Salini, Lara Comi

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

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be made mandatory for all EU legislative proposals, beyond the Commission's own undertakings; stresses that the result should be clearly indicated in the impact assessment; calls on the Commission *and Member States* to give such an undertaking in the next Interinstitutional Agreement on better law-making; *considers the Small Business Act for Europe to be a highly effective instrument and would therefore like to see it brought back into line with how it was initially conceived, and also updated;*

Or. it

Amendment 154
Patrizia Toia

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Calls for an SME category test to be made mandatory for all EU legislative proposals, beyond the Commission's own undertakings; stresses that the result should be clearly indicated in the impact assessment; calls on the Commission to give such an undertaking in the next Interinstitutional Agreement on better law-making;

Amendment

14. Calls for an SME category test to be made mandatory for all EU legislative proposals, beyond the Commission's own undertakings; stresses that the result should be clearly indicated in the impact assessment; calls on the Commission *and Member States* to give such an undertaking in the next Interinstitutional Agreement on better law-making, *and calls for the Small Business Act for Europe to be updated in the light of the altered state of many European SMEs;*

Or. it

Amendment 155
Caroline Nagtegaal, Pavel Telička, Angelika Mlinar, Fredrick Federley, Kaja Kallas

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Calls for *an SME category* test to be made mandatory for all EU legislative proposals, beyond the Commission's own undertakings; stresses that the result should be clearly indicated in the impact assessment; calls on the Commission to give such an undertaking in the next Interinstitutional Agreement on better law-making;

14. Calls for *the SME Test which implements the Think Small Principle* to be made mandatory for all EU legislative proposals, beyond the Commission's own undertakings; stresses that the result *of this test* should be clearly indicated in the impact assessment *of all legislative proposals*; calls on the Commission to give such an undertaking in the next Interinstitutional Agreement on better law-making;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Calls for an SME *category* test to be made mandatory for all EU legislative proposals, beyond the Commission's own undertakings; stresses that the result should be clearly indicated in the impact assessment; calls on the Commission to give such an undertaking in the next Interinstitutional Agreement on better law-making;

Amendment

14. Calls for an SME *impact* test to be made mandatory for all EU legislative proposals, beyond the Commission's own undertakings; stresses that the result should be clearly indicated in the impact assessment; calls on the Commission to give such an undertaking in the next Interinstitutional Agreement on better law-making;

Or. en

Amendment 157
Jens Geier

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to provide guidance to enterprises on the procedures used to

Amendment

15. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to provide guidance to enterprises on the procedures used to

determine SME status in an unbureaucratic and pragmatic manner;

determine SME status, *as well as information about any changes on the SME definition or procedures* in an unbureaucratic, *timely* and pragmatic manner;

Or. en

Amendment 158

Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to provide guidance to enterprises on the procedures used to determine SME status in an *unbureaucratic and pragmatic* manner;

Amendment

15. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to provide guidance to enterprises on the procedures used to determine SME status in an *optimal* manner;

Or. en