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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 68**

**Draft report**  
**Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou**  
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Contribution of EU regional policy towards fighting the financial and economic crisis, with a special reference to Objective 2  
(2009/2234(INI))

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## Amendment 1

Karima Delli

### Motion for a resolution

#### Recital A

##### *Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas between 2000 and 2006 15.2% of Europeans (69.8 million) lived in Objective 2 areas and benefited from total financing of EUR 22.5 billion (9.6% of total resources), with 730 000 ‘gross’ jobs being created, and most indicators showing high performance levels (employment, innovation, research and development (R&D), human capital intensity, education and training, lifelong learning) while, on the other hand, other indicators (foreign direct investment (FDI), productivity) show lower performance levels than those of the convergence regions; and, as regards growth of per capita GDP compared with the EU average, the regions in question are quite a long way ahead (122%) of the convergence regions (59%) but nevertheless show a fall of 4.4% in that period,

##### *Amendment*

A. whereas between 2000 and 2006 15.2% of Europeans (69.8 million) lived in Objective 2 areas and benefited from total financing of EUR 22.5 billion (9.6% of total resources), with 730 000 ‘gross’ jobs being created, and most indicators showing high performance levels (employment, innovation, research and development (R&D), human capital intensity, education and training, lifelong learning) while, on the other hand, other indicators (foreign direct investment (FDI), productivity) show lower performance levels than those of the convergence regions; and, as regards growth of per capita GDP compared with the EU average, the regions in question are quite a long way ahead (122%) of the convergence regions (59%) but nevertheless show a fall of 4.4% in that period; ***whereas, however, in the light of the proposals by the Stiglitz Commission attainment indicators for objective 2 should be extended to include new tools which can provide better measurement of social progress,***

Or. fr

## Amendment 2

Karima Delli

### Motion for a resolution

#### Recital C

##### *Motion for a resolution*

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forecasts (2009-2011), the labour market situation will remain unfavourable and the unemployment rate will reach 10.25% in the EU, with the loss of 2.25% of jobs for 2009 and 1.25% for 2010; the key sectors in the EU region show: (a) an increase in new orders and confidence with an improvement in the overall EU industrial picture, although at a rate of production 20% lower than at the start of 2008, (b) continued decline in activities in the manufacturing sector, (c) continued difficulty for SMEs in accessing micro-credit/financing,

forecasts (2009-2011), the labour market situation will remain unfavourable and the unemployment rate will reach 10.25% in the EU, with the loss of 2.25% of jobs for 2009 and 1.25% for 2010 ***and entailing inter alia an increase in social breakdown in the member countries***; the key sectors in the EU region show: (a) an increase in new orders and confidence with an improvement in the overall EU industrial picture, although at a rate of production 20% lower than at the start of 2008, (b) continued decline in activities in the manufacturing sector, (c) continued difficulty for SMEs in accessing micro-credit/financing,

Or. fr

**Amendment 3**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ca. Whereas although it is true that initially the crisis affected men more, currently the rate of job loss is similar for men and women, and women's presence in the labour market is lower than that of men in most countries of the EU; whereas we have learned from other crises that women who lose their jobs are more likely to be unable to find other work; whereas equality between men and women has a positive impact on productivity and economic growth, and the participation of women in the labour market has many social and economic benefits,***

Or. es

**Amendment 4**  
**Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Motion for a resolution*

D. stressing the fact that, based on the National Strategic Reports for 2009, the Member States appear to have made rather different uses of the instruments, means and methods for facilitating cohesion policy proposed by the Commission to combat the crisis and increase actual expenditure (such as use of 100% **financing**, changes to the strategic guidelines and the axes and financing for the operational programmes and the response to the simplification of implementing procedures);

*Amendment*

D. stressing the fact that, based on the National Strategic Reports for 2009, the Member States appear to have made rather different uses of the instruments, means and methods for facilitating cohesion policy proposed by the Commission to combat the crisis and increase actual expenditure (such as use **of the option to use the community contribution/100% compensation in the context of the ESF**, changes to the strategic guidelines and the axes and financing for the operational programmes and the response to the simplification of implementing procedures);

Or. el

**Amendment 5**  
**Markus Pieper, Sophie Auconie, Sabine Verheyen, Joachim Zeller**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

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Or. de

#### **Amendment 6**

**Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Iratxe García Pérez**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

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Or. es

#### **Amendment 7**

**Filiz Hakaeva Hyusmenova**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

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1. Stresses that, in the context of the global financial and economic crisis and the current economic slowdown, EU regional policy is a key ***delivery*** instrument, making a decisive contribution to the European Economic Recovery Plan, constituting the largest Community source of investment in the real economy and providing notable

support for public investment, including at regional and local level;

support for public investment, including at regional and local level; ***notes that it is essential to ensure a successful exit from the crisis in order to achieve long-term sustainable development by strengthening competitiveness, employment and attractiveness of European regions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Karima Delli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Notes that the Structural Funds are powerful instruments, designed for helping the regions in their economic and social restructuring and in promoting territorial cohesion, as well as for implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan and, in particular, development of competitiveness, supporting their systematic and effective use;

*Amendment*

2. Notes that the Structural Funds are powerful instruments, designed for helping the regions in their economic and social restructuring and in promoting territorial cohesion ***while having regard to the specific needs of towns, especially urban areas experiencing difficulties***, as well as for implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan and, in particular, development of competitiveness, supporting their systematic and effective use; ***stresses that the aim of competitiveness cannot be attained to the detriment of cooperation and solidarity between regions;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 9**  
**Ricardo Cortés Lastra**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Notes that the Structural Funds are powerful instruments, designed for helping the regions in their economic and social restructuring and in promoting territorial cohesion, as well as for implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan and, in particular, development of competitiveness, supporting their systematic and effective use;

*Amendment*

2. Notes that the Structural Funds are powerful instruments, designed for helping the regions in their economic and social restructuring and in promoting territorial cohesion, as well as for implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan and, in particular, development of competitiveness ***and job creation***, supporting their systematic and effective use;

Or. de

**Amendment 10**  
**Kerstin Westphal**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

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Or. de

**Amendment 11**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**



*Motion for a resolution*

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*Amendment*

2. Notes that the Structural Funds are powerful instruments, designed for helping the regions in their economic and social restructuring and in promoting social, ***economic and territorial*** [sic] cohesion, as well as for implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan and, in particular, development of competitiveness, supporting their systematic and effective use;

Or. es

**Amendment 12**

**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***2a. Supports the proposal by the Commission to table an initiative to improve European networks with the aim of building a European ‘supergrid’, ‘smart networks’ and interconnections with the support of the Structural Funds and the EIB which will help to reduce regional disparities and consolidate sustainable economic growth;***

Or. es

**Amendment 13**

**Kerstin Westphal**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Is pleased to note the positive results observed in the period before the economic crisis, with regard to most indicators, for the Objective 2 regions, namely the high performance levels in employment, innovation, research and development (R&D), human capital intensity, education and training and lifelong learning, and calls for these comparative advantages to be sustained through a strengthening of the Objective 2 instruments;

*Amendment*

3. Is pleased to note the positive results observed in the period before the economic crisis, with regard to most indicators, for the Objective 2 regions, namely the high performance levels in employment, innovation, research and development (R&D), human capital intensity, education and training and lifelong learning, ***stresses that the impact of the crisis on the economy cannot result in a reduction in support for more and better jobs***, and calls for these comparative advantages to be sustained through a strengthening of the Objective 2 instruments;

Or. de

**Amendment 14**  
**Kerstin Westphal**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Warmly supports the key priorities of the EU 2020 strategy: exploiting new sources of growth via the digital economy, improving the regulatory framework for strengthening territorial cohesion and promoting better conditions of competitiveness, entrepreneurship and innovation for all the regions, developing SMEs and supporting their growth potential; calls for these policies to be strengthened further within the framework of the forthcoming deepening of the EU 2020 strategy;

*Amendment*

4. Warmly supports the key priorities of the EU 2020 strategy: exploiting new sources of growth via the digital economy, improving the regulatory framework for strengthening territorial cohesion and promoting better conditions of competitiveness, entrepreneurship and innovation for all the regions, developing SMEs and supporting their growth potential; ***also supports the efforts for more and better jobs, with decent working conditions for men and women and guaranteed access to basic and advanced training***; calls for these policies to be strengthened further within the framework of the forthcoming deepening of the EU 2020 strategy;

**Amendment 15**  
**Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Warmly supports the key priorities of the EU 2020 strategy: exploiting new sources of growth via the digital economy, improving the regulatory framework for strengthening territorial cohesion and promoting better conditions of competitiveness, entrepreneurship and innovation for all the regions, developing SMEs and supporting their growth potential; calls for these policies to be strengthened further within the framework of the forthcoming deepening of the EU 2020 strategy;

*Amendment*

4. Warmly supports the key priorities of the EU 2020 strategy: exploiting new sources of growth via the digital economy, improving the regulatory framework for strengthening territorial cohesion and promoting better conditions of competitiveness, entrepreneurship and innovation for all the regions, developing SMEs and supporting their growth potential; calls for these policies to be strengthened further within the framework of the forthcoming deepening of the EU 2020 strategy, ***including policies aimed at capitalising on the participatory economic potential of the middle-aged population group, a growing group within the wider EU population;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 16**  
**Richard Seeber**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

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innovation for all the regions, developing SMEs and supporting their growth potential, ***particularly in tourism and in the services sector***; calls for these policies to be strengthened further within the framework of the forthcoming deepening of the EU 2020 strategy;

Or. de

**Amendment 17**  
**Iosif Matula, Iuliu Winkler**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

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4. Warmly supports the key priorities of the EU 2020 strategy: exploiting new sources of growth via the digital economy, improving the regulatory framework for strengthening territorial cohesion and promoting better conditions of competitiveness, entrepreneurship and innovation for all the regions, developing SMEs and supporting their growth potential; calls for these policies to be strengthened further, ***including measures to capitalise on the advantages offered by Europe's single market***, within the framework of the forthcoming deepening of the EU 2020 strategy;

Or. ro

**Amendment 18**  
**Ian Hudghton**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

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*Amendment*

4. Warmly supports the key priorities of the EU 2020 strategy: exploiting new sources of growth via the digital economy, improving the regulatory framework for strengthening territorial cohesion and promoting better conditions of competitiveness, entrepreneurship and innovation for all the regions, developing SMEs and supporting their growth potential; calls for these policies to be strengthened further within the framework of the forthcoming deepening of the EU 2020 strategy ***while ensuring that Objective 2 remains focused on delivering EU territorial cohesion***;

Or. en

**Amendment 19**

**Karima Delli**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Warmly supports the key priorities of the EU 2020 strategy: exploiting new sources of growth via the digital economy, improving the regulatory framework for strengthening territorial cohesion and promoting better conditions of competitiveness, entrepreneurship and innovation for all the regions, developing SMEs and supporting their growth potential; calls for these policies to be strengthened further within the framework of the forthcoming deepening of the EU 2020 strategy;

*Amendment*

4. Warmly supports the key priorities of the EU 2020 strategy, ***particularly smart, sustainable, inclusive growth***: exploiting, ***inter alia***, new sources of growth via the digital economy, improving the regulatory framework for strengthening territorial cohesion and promoting better conditions of competitiveness, entrepreneurship and innovation for all the regions, developing SMEs and supporting their growth potential; calls for these policies to be strengthened further within the framework of the forthcoming deepening of the EU 2020 strategy;

Or. fr

**Amendment 20**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Warmly supports the key priorities of the EU 2020 strategy: exploiting new sources of growth via the digital economy, improving the regulatory framework for strengthening territorial cohesion and promoting better conditions of competitiveness, entrepreneurship and innovation for all the regions, developing SMEs and supporting their growth potential; calls for these policies to be strengthened further within the framework of the forthcoming deepening of the EU 2020 strategy;

*Amendment*

4. Warmly supports the key priorities of the EU 2020 strategy ***aimed at attaining smart, sustainable, inclusive growth***: exploiting new sources of growth via the digital economy, improving the regulatory framework for strengthening territorial cohesion and promoting better conditions of competitiveness, entrepreneurship and innovation for all the regions, developing SMEs and supporting their growth potential; calls for these policies to be strengthened further within the framework of the forthcoming deepening of the EU 2020 strategy;

Or. es

**Amendment 21**  
**Filiz Hakaeva Hyusmenova**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Warmly supports the key priorities of the EU 2020 strategy: exploiting new sources of growth via the digital economy, improving the regulatory framework for strengthening territorial cohesion ***and*** promoting better conditions of competitiveness, entrepreneurship and innovation for all the regions, developing SMEs and supporting their growth potential; calls for these policies to be strengthened further within the framework

*Amendment*

4. Warmly supports the key priorities of the EU 2020 strategy: exploiting new sources of ***achieving sustainable economic*** growth via the digital economy, improving the regulatory framework for strengthening territorial ***and social*** cohesion, promoting better conditions ***and business environment*** of competitiveness, ***job creation***, entrepreneurship and innovation for all the regions, developing SMEs and supporting their growth potential; calls for

of the forthcoming deepening of the  
EU 2020 strategy;

these policies to be strengthened further  
within the framework of the forthcoming  
deepening of the EU 2020 strategy;

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4a. Notes with concern the negative social consequences that have been brought about by the crisis in the regions of Objective 2 with an increase in unemployment, poverty and social exclusion and harming the most vulnerable social groups (the unemployed, women, the elderly) and calls on the Commission to take initiatives to support SMEs in securing viability of existing jobs and creation, where possible, of more new jobs;***

Or. el

**Amendment 23**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4a. Emphasises that economic, social and territorial cohesion is at the heart of the EU2020 Strategy: cohesion policy and the structural funds are a key tool for achieving the priorities of smart, sustainable, inclusive growth in the Member States and the regions;***

**Amendment 24**  
**Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Acknowledges the significant problem posed by the reduction in the contribution of national co-financing to programmes, which affects Objective 2, due to the major financial problems of many Member States, and supports Commission policy regarding a '100% compensation' option, following a request by Member States concerning their public expenditure share in co-financed projects;

*Amendment*

5. Acknowledges the significant problem posed by the reduction in the contribution of national co-financing to programmes, which affects Objective 2, due to the major financial problems of many Member States, and supports Commission policy regarding ***the use of the Community contribution*** / '100% compensation' option, following a request by Member States concerning their public expenditure share in co-financed projects ***for 2009-2010 within the context of the ESF when aiming at viability of existing jobs and the creation of new ones;***

**Amendment 25**  
**Michael Theurer**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Acknowledges the significant problem posed by the reduction in the contribution of national co-financing to programmes, which affects Objective 2, due to the major financial problems of many Member States, ***and supports Commission policy regarding a '100% compensation' option, following a request by Member States concerning their public expenditure share***

*Amendment*

5 Acknowledges the significant problem posed by the reduction in the contribution of national co-financing to programmes, which affects Objective 2, due to the major financial problems of many Member States, ***but considers the 100% financing proposed by the Commission to be excessive, since it takes away the incentive for the Member States to ensure that the supported measures are effective and***



*in co-financed projects;*

*efficient through national co-financing, and concurs with the view taken by the Council, which rejects ‘frontloading’ as its stands;*

Or. de

#### **Amendment 26**

**Markus Pieper, Sophie Auconie, Sabine Verheyen, Joachim Zeller**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 5**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

5. Acknowledges the significant problem posed by the reduction in the contribution of national co-financing to programmes, which affects Objective 2, due to the major financial problems of many Member States, and supports Commission policy *regarding a ‘100% compensation’ option, following a request by Member States concerning their public expenditure share in co-financed projects;*

###### *Amendment*

5. Acknowledges the significant problem posed by the reduction in the contribution of national co-financing to programmes, which affects Objective 2, due to the major financial problems of many Member States, and supports Commission policy, *and therefore considers it necessary for the amendment of Regulation 1083/2006 in its present form accepted by the Council to be adopted and implemented quickly in Parliament;*

Or. de

#### **Amendment 27**

**Kerstin Westphal**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 5**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

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*following a request by Member States concerning their public expenditure share in co-financed projects;*

Or. de

**Amendment 28**  
**Lambert van Nistelrooij**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

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*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

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*Amendment*

5. Acknowledges the significant problem posed by the reduction in the contribution of national co-financing to programmes, which affects Objective 2, due to the major financial problems of many Member States;

*in co-financed projects;*

Or. es

### **Amendment 30**

**Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 5**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

**5. Acknowledges the significant problem posed by the reduction in** the contribution of national co-financing to programmes, which **affects** Objective 2, due to the major financial problems of many Member States, and supports Commission policy regarding a ‘100% compensation’ option, following a request by Member States concerning their public expenditure share in co-financed projects;

###### *Amendment*

**5. Underlines the importance of reducing** the contribution of national co-financing to programmes, which **also has implications for** Objective 2, due to the major financial problems of many Member States, and supports Commission policy regarding a ‘100% compensation’ option, following a request by Member States concerning their public expenditure share in co-financed projects;

Or. ro

### **Amendment 31**

**Franz Obermayr**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 5**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

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###### *Amendment*

5. Acknowledges the significant problem posed by the reduction in the contribution of national co-financing to programmes, which affects Objective 2, due to the major financial problems of many Member States, and supports Commission policy regarding a **partial compensation** option, following a request by Member States concerning their public expenditure share in co-financed projects;

**Amendment 32**  
**Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Notes that, out of a total of 117 operational programmes financed by the ESF, **12 were reoriented** (for Austria, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal and the United Kingdom, as well as two for Spain) with the aim of tackling specific needs resulting from the crisis, and calls on the Commission to assist the Member States to use this available flexibility to reorient their operational programmes with a view to providing short-term assistance to specific at-risk groups and categories;

*Amendment*

6. Notes that, out of a total of 117 operational programmes financed by the ESF, **13 were amended** (for Austria, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, **2 for** the United Kingdom, as well as two for Spain) with the aim of tackling specific needs resulting from the crisis, and calls on the Commission to assist the Member States to use this available flexibility to reorient their operational programmes with a view to providing short-term assistance to specific at-risk groups and categories;

**Amendment 33**  
**Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

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flexibility to reorient their operational programmes with a view to providing short-term assistance to specific at-risk groups and categories;

flexibility to reorient their operational programmes with a view to providing short-term assistance to specific at-risk groups and categories, ***in particular by implementing a number of specific programmes to protect and support the middle-aged population group, which has been seriously affected by the crisis and is at risk of abuse, violence and social exclusion;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 34**  
**Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

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Or. fr

**Amendment 35**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6a. Notes that the Sixth progress report on economic and social cohesion reflects the different socioeconomic situations in the three types of region, particularly with regard to their capacity for creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship. Both the current economic crisis and the different variables which affect the opportunities for regional development (demography, accessibility, capacity for innovation, etc) provide evidence of the existence of important data that must be taken into consideration when assessing the situation of local and regional economies and formulating an effective cohesion policy, making it necessary to incorporate new indicators into GDP per head to classify regions with a view to the new programming period beyond 2013;**

Or. es

**Amendment 36**  
**Michael Theurer, Riikka Manner**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6a. Supports the Council's proposal to increase advances for 2010 by 4% in the case of the ESF and by 2% in the case of the Cohesion Fund, but only for Member States whose GDP has fallen by more than two digits or have received IMF balance-of-payments support; calls on the Commission to study the causes of the**

*delays in implementation and to find flexible solutions for the n+2/n+3 rules, so that funds are not forfeited to the Member States;*

Or. de

**Amendment 37**  
**Ian Hudghton**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Regrets the fact that the Sixth progress report from the Commission on economic and social cohesion does not include specific qualitative and quantitative data on the short term and long-term impact of the financial and economic crisis in the EU regions, particularly with regard to the most significant economic and social indicators; therefore calls on the Commission to present a special report/study on the effects of the financial and economic crisis in the EU regions, in particular the Objective 2 regions;

*Amendment*

7. Regrets the fact that the Sixth progress report from the Commission on economic and social cohesion does not include specific qualitative and quantitative data on the short term and long-term impact of the financial and economic crisis in the EU regions, particularly with regard to the most significant economic and social indicators; therefore calls on the Commission to present a special report/study on the effects of the financial and economic crisis in the EU regions, in particular the Objective 2 regions, *that can be used as the basis for a proposal on the continuation of Objective 2 in those areas where it can provide an added value regarding national funds;*

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Georgios Stavrakakis, Kerstin Westphal**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

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Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Richard Seeber**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Regrets the fact that the Sixth progress report from the Commission on economic and social cohesion does not include specific qualitative and quantitative data on the short-term and long-term impact of the financial and economic crisis in the EU regions, particularly with regard to the most significant economic and social indicators; therefore calls on the Commission to present a special report/study on the effects of the financial and economic crisis in the EU regions, in particular the Objective 2 regions;

*Amendment*

7. Regrets the fact that the Sixth progress report from the Commission on economic and social cohesion does not include specific qualitative and quantitative data on the short-term and long-term impact of the financial and economic crisis in the EU regions, particularly with regard to the most significant economic and social indicators; therefore calls on the Commission to present a special report/study on the effects of the financial and economic crisis in the EU regions, in particular the Objective 2 regions ***and phasing-out regions***;

Or. de



**Amendment 40**  
**Franz Obermayr**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Regrets the fact that the Sixth progress report from the Commission on economic and social cohesion does not include specific qualitative and quantitative data on the short-term and long-term impact of the financial and economic crisis in the EU regions, particularly with regard to the most significant economic and social indicators; therefore calls on the Commission to present a special report/study on the effects of the financial and economic crisis in the EU regions, in particular the Objective 2 regions;

*Amendment*

7. Regrets the fact that the Sixth progress report from the Commission on economic and social cohesion does not include specific qualitative and quantitative data on the short-term and long-term impact of the financial and economic crisis in the EU regions, particularly with regard to the most significant economic and social indicators; therefore calls on the Commission to present a special report/study on the effects of the financial and economic crisis in the EU regions, in particular the Objective 2 regions; ***those evaluations must be carried out without delay in order to be able to counter undesirable developments;***

Or. de

**Amendment 41**  
**Karima Delli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Welcomes the support measures for undertakings under the cohesion policy (approximately EUR 55 billion between 2007 and 2013), most of which concerns strengthening innovation and modernisation of SMEs, and understands that the proposed measures under the intervention in favour of undertakings must be targeted at their long-term restructuring outcomes and not at fire-fighting interventions for economic survival, which

*Amendment*

8. Welcomes the support measures for undertakings under the cohesion policy (approximately EUR 55 billion between 2007 and 2013), most of which concerns strengthening innovation and modernisation of SMEs, and understands that the proposed measures under the intervention in favour of undertakings must be targeted at their long-term restructuring outcomes ***and the transition to a more sustainable economy*** and not at fire-

in many cases are incompatible with State aid policies;

fighting interventions for economic survival, which in many cases are incompatible with State aid policies;

Or. fr

**Amendment 42**  
**Iosif Matula**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Welcomes the support measures for undertakings under the cohesion policy (approximately EUR 55 billion between 2007 and 2013), most of which concerns strengthening innovation and modernisation of SMEs, and understands that the proposed measures under the intervention in favour of undertakings must be targeted at their long-term restructuring outcomes and not at fire-fighting interventions for economic survival, which in many cases are incompatible with State aid policies;

*Amendment*

8. Welcomes the support measures for undertakings under the cohesion policy (approximately EUR 55 billion between 2007 and 2013), most of which concerns strengthening innovation and modernisation of SMEs, ***stresses the importance of promoting successful models in this area,*** and understands that the proposed measures under the intervention in favour of undertakings must be targeted at their long-term restructuring outcomes and not at fire-fighting interventions for economic survival, which in many cases are incompatible with State aid policies;

Or. ro

**Amendment 43**  
**Michael Theurer**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

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strengthening innovation and modernisation of SMEs, and understands that the proposed measures under the intervention in favour of undertakings must be targeted at their long-term restructuring outcomes and not at fire-fighting interventions for economic survival, which in many cases are incompatible with State aid policies;

strengthening innovation, ***technology transfer*** and modernisation of SMEs, and understands that the proposed measures under the intervention in favour of undertakings must be targeted at their long-term restructuring outcomes and not at fire-fighting interventions for economic survival, which in many cases are incompatible with State aid policies;

Or. de

**Amendment 44**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***8a. Emphasises that in order to tackle the crisis investment is needed in research and development, innovation, education and technologies that use resources efficiently, such investment will benefit traditional sectors, rural areas and highly skilled service economies and will therefore strengthen economic, social and territorial cohesion; notes that it is necessary to provide for an affordable, accessible funding mechanism in which the structural funds play a key role;***

Or. es

**Amendment 45**  
**Iosif Matula, Iuliu Winkler**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

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Member States to monitor, on a continuous basis, the impact of the crisis in various structural and development fields and the use made of the opportunities offered by the financing instruments earmarked for Objective 2 primarily to support competitiveness and employment, with an emphasis on entrepreneurship and SMEs;

Member States to monitor, on a continuous basis, the impact of the crisis in various structural and development fields and the use made of the opportunities offered by the financing instruments earmarked for Objective 2 primarily to support competitiveness and employment, with an emphasis on entrepreneurship and SMEs, ***increasing their access to financial engineering instruments (Jaspers, Jeremie, Jessica, Jasmine)***;

Or. ro

**Amendment 46**  
**Ian Hudghton**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to monitor, on a continuous basis, the impact of the crisis in various structural and development fields and the use made of the opportunities offered by the financing instruments earmarked for Objective 2 primarily to support competitiveness and employment, with an emphasis on entrepreneurship and SMEs;

*Amendment*

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to monitor, on a continuous basis, the impact of the crisis in various structural and development fields and the use made of the opportunities offered by the financing instruments earmarked for Objective 2 primarily to support competitiveness and employment, with an emphasis on entrepreneurship and SMEs, ***and to use this evidence to prepare and target the future Objective 2 EU Cohesion to those areas, at regional and local level, where added value of EU interventions can be demonstrated;***

Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Oldřich Vlasák**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to monitor, on a continuous basis, the impact of the crisis in various structural and development fields and the use made of the opportunities offered by the financing instruments earmarked for Objective 2 ***primarily to support competitiveness and employment, with an emphasis on entrepreneurship and SMEs;***

*Amendment*

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to monitor, on a continuous basis, the impact of the crisis in various structural and development fields and the use made of the opportunities offered by the financing instruments earmarked for Objective 2 ***primarily to support entrepreneurship and SMEs with a view to increasing their competitiveness and thus the potential for greater employment;***

Or. cs

**Amendment 48**

**Richard Seeber**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to monitor, on a continuous basis, the impact of the crisis in various structural and development fields and the use made of the opportunities offered by the financing instruments earmarked for Objective 2 primarily to support competitiveness and employment, with an emphasis on entrepreneurship and SMEs;

*Amendment*

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to monitor, on a continuous basis, the impact of the crisis in various structural and development fields and the use made of the opportunities offered by the financing instruments earmarked for Objective 2 primarily to support competitiveness and employment, with an emphasis on entrepreneurship and SMEs, ***in particular undertakings from the tourism and service sectors;***

Or. de

**Amendment 49**

**Michael Theurer**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to monitor, on a continuous basis, the impact of the crisis in various structural and development fields and the use made of the opportunities offered by the financing instruments earmarked for Objective 2 primarily to support competitiveness and employment, with an emphasis on entrepreneurship and SMEs;

*Amendment*

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to monitor, on a continuous basis, the impact of the crisis in various structural and development fields and the use made of the opportunities offered by the financing instruments earmarked for Objective 2 primarily to support competitiveness and employment, with an emphasis on entrepreneurship and SMEs; ***there is great potential in the development of renewable energies;***

Or. de

**Amendment 50**

**Karima Delli**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to monitor, on a continuous basis, the impact of the crisis in various structural and development fields and the use made of the opportunities offered by the financing instruments earmarked for Objective 2 primarily to support competitiveness and employment, with an emphasis on entrepreneurship and SMEs;

*Amendment*

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to monitor, on a continuous basis, the impact of the crisis in various structural and development fields and the use made of the opportunities offered by the financing instruments earmarked for Objective 2 primarily to support competitiveness and employment ***alongside protection and improvement of the environment***, with an emphasis on entrepreneurship and SMEs ***and bodies working for a social, inclusive economy;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 51**  
**Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to monitor, on a continuous basis, the impact of the crisis in *various* structural and development fields and *the use made of the opportunities offered by* the financing instruments earmarked for Objective 2 primarily to support competitiveness and employment, with an emphasis on entrepreneurship and SMEs;

*Amendment*

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to monitor, on a continuous basis, the impact of the crisis in *the* structural and development *fields*, and *to apply* the financing instruments earmarked for Objective 2 primarily to support competitiveness and employment, with an emphasis on entrepreneurship and SMEs;

Or. ro

**Amendment 52**  
**Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***9a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to utilise and promote all synergies of tools for political cohesion and competitiveness at a regional, national, cross-border and European level;***

Or. el

**Amendment 53**  
**Franz Obermayr**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Welcomes Commission policy on (a) extending the eligibility period under the operational programmes 2000-2006 to allow maximum take-up of all cohesion policy resources, (b) simplifying the administrative requirements and procedures and the financial management of the programmes, while, at the same time, still ensuring the necessary checking for any instances of errors or fraud;

*Amendment*

10. Welcomes Commission policy on (a) extending the eligibility period under the operational programmes 2000-2006 to allow maximum take-up of all cohesion policy resources, (b) simplifying the administrative requirements and procedures and the financial management of the programmes, while, at the same time, still ensuring the necessary checking for any instances of errors or fraud; ***in this regard conditions should be created with a view to encouraging reasonable projects and preventing unlawful behaviour in advance;***

Or. de

**Amendment 54**

**Michael Theurer, Riikka Manner**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

***11. Supports the ‘pre-financing’ policy for programmes under the cohesion policy 2007-2013, which produced immediate liquidity of EUR 6.25 billion for 2009 for investment within the framework of the financing packages agreed for each Member State;***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

Or. de

**Amendment 55**

**Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 11 a (new)**



*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11a. Notes that urban regions and urban centres present, by their very nature, particular and significant social problems (high unemployment, marginalisation, social exclusion etc) which have increased due to the impact of the crisis and which must be studied carefully in order to take appropriate action and both short- and long-term measures;***

Or. el

#### **Amendment 56**

**Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Supports the assistance policy for large projects for the regions (***financing*** of EUR 50 million and above) introduced by the Commission in 2009, and calls for a further increase beyond 25% in the financing provided through JASPERS (Joint Assistance in Supporting Projects in European Regions) with a view to preparation and very rapid implementation ***of large projects;***

*Amendment*

12. Supports the assistance policy for large projects for the regions (***planned total cost*** of EUR 50 million and above) introduced by the Commission in 2009, and calls for a further increase beyond 25% in the financing provided through JASPERS (Joint Assistance in Supporting Projects in European Regions) ***that relate specifically to the regions in Objective 2***, with a view to ***encouraging their full*** preparation and very rapid implementation ***which, at the present stage, remain few in number;***

Or. el

#### **Amendment 57**

**Kerstin Westphal**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Supports the assistance policy for large projects for the regions (financing of EUR 50 million and above) introduced by the Commission in 2009, and ***calls for a further increase beyond 25% in the financing provided through JASPERS (Joint Assistance in Supporting Projects in European Regions) with a view to preparation and very rapid implementation of large projects;***

*Amendment*

12. Supports the assistance policy for large projects for the regions (financing of EUR 50 million and above) introduced by the Commission in 2009, and ***hopes that the previous increase in financing for JASPERS (Joint Assistance in Supporting Projects in European Regions) has an impact;***

Or. de

**Amendment 58**

**Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Supports the assistance policy for large projects for the regions (financing of EUR 50 million and above) introduced by the Commission in 2009, and calls for a further increase beyond 25% in the financing provided through JASPERS ***(Joint Assistance in Supporting Projects in European Regions)*** with a view to preparation and very rapid implementation of large projects;

*Amendment*

12. Supports the assistance policy for large projects for the regions (financing of EUR 50 million and above) introduced by the Commission in 2009, and calls for a further increase beyond 25% in the financing provided through JASPERS, with a view to preparation and very rapid implementation of large projects; ***given the medium and long-term impact of these projects on the growth of the economic competitiveness of European regions, advocates the regular inclusion of a comparative analysis of the results obtained and objectives pursued, and of the financing awarded and the financing required to fulfil the respective objectives;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 59**  
**Karima Delli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Supports the assistance policy for large projects for the regions (financing of EUR 50 million and above) introduced by the Commission in 2009, and calls for a further increase beyond 25% in the financing provided through JASPERS (Joint Assistance in Supporting Projects in European Regions) with a view to preparation and very rapid implementation of large projects;

*Amendment*

12. Supports the assistance policy for large projects for the regions (financing of EUR 50 million and above) introduced by the Commission in 2009 ***which must not be implemented to the detriment of polycentric, balanced development nor, by implication, the territorial cohesion of the EU***, and calls for ***enhanced transparency in decisions on the financing by the EU of large projects and for*** a further increase beyond 25% in the financing provided through JASPERS (Joint Assistance in Supporting Projects in European Regions) with a view to preparation and very rapid implementation of large projects;

Or. fr

**Amendment 60**  
**Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Supports the assistance policy for large projects for the regions (financing of EUR 50 million and above) introduced by the Commission in 2009, and calls for a further increase beyond 25% in the financing provided through JASPERS (Joint Assistance in Supporting Projects in European Regions) with a view to preparation and very rapid implementation of large projects;

*Amendment*

12. Supports the assistance policy for large projects for the regions (financing of EUR 50 million and above) introduced by the Commission in 2009, ***values the importance of financial engineering instruments and EIB cooperation, especially JASPERS, JEREMIE AND JESSICA*** and calls for a further increase beyond 25% in the financing provided through JASPERS (Joint Assistance in Supporting Projects in European Regions) with a view to preparation and very rapid

implementation of large projects;

Or. es

#### **Amendment 61**

**Filiz Hakaeva Hyusmenova**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 12**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

12. Supports the *assistance policy* for *large* projects for the regions (financing of EUR 50 million and above) introduced by the Commission in 2009, and calls for a further increase beyond 25% in the financing provided through JASPERS (Joint Assistance in Supporting Projects in European Regions) with a view to preparation and very rapid implementation of *large* projects;

###### *Amendment*

12. Supports the *new financing instruments, in particular in cooperation with the EIB/EIF* for *major* projects for the regions (financing of EUR 50 million and above) introduced by the Commission in 2009, and calls for a further increase beyond 25% in the financing provided through JASPERS (Joint Assistance in Supporting Projects in European Regions) with a view to preparation and very rapid implementation of *major* projects;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 62**

**Lambert van Nistelrooij**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 12 a (new)**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

###### *Amendment*

*12a. Stresses that only with respect of a true integrated multi-level governance between local, regional, national, cross-border and EU public authorities, EU, national and regional policy can be efficient and effective; Calls on the Commission to evaluate the possibilities of innovation related territorial cooperation, both national and international, in each cohesion policy objective, and to analyse*

*the possibilities of reinforcing the European territorial cooperation objective with regard to fostering innovation related cooperation between regions; In parallel to the reinforcement of the Territorial Cooperation Objective (Objective 3), the possibility to develop transnational territorial cooperation actions in the framework of Objective 2 should also be reinforced. Such possibility is today made possible by article Art. 37.6.b of regulation EC 1083/2006; Is of the opinion that the reinforcing of territorial cooperation should be accompanied, without changing the overall cohesion objectives' budget, by a reshifting towards a larger budget for this enlarged territorial cooperation;*

Or. en

**Amendment 63**  
**Iosif Matula, Iuliu Winkler**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Supports the proposed changes to the implementing rules aimed at strengthening the flexibility of the Structural Funds and their adaptation to meet the need, under the exceptional economic circumstances, for immediate implementation of 455 programmes under the cohesion policy, in particular as regards Objective 2 programmes, while still taking account of the need for national and regional institutions and managing authorities to adapt to this new situation;

*Amendment*

13. Supports the proposed changes to the implementing rules aimed at strengthening the flexibility of the Structural Funds and their adaptation to meet the need, under the exceptional economic circumstances, for immediate implementation of 455 programmes under the cohesion policy, in particular as regards Objective 2 programmes, while still taking account of the need for national and regional institutions and managing authorities to adapt to this new situation; ***calls for the managing authorities to propose solutions to make the implementation of Objective 2 operational programmes more efficient;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 64**  
**Iratxe García Pérez, Ricardo Cortés Lastra**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13a. Insists that greater flexibility is required in the N+2 rule having regard to the objectives pursued by cohesion policy and the effects of cyclical economic changes on the public finances and private investment;***

Or. es

**Amendment 65**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13b. Recommends that all funds that remain unspent in a region under N+2 and N+3 are allocated to regional venture capital and seed-capital funds which could, through the EIB, provide access to finance for SMEs, social undertakings and community initiatives either under the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund to help retrain workers in environmentally friendly jobs or a future Climate Change Adjustment Fund with the express purpose of establishing projects to promote innovation and development aimed at SMEs;***

Or. es

**Amendment 66**  
**Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Calls on the Commission to evaluate the Small Business Act action plan after a year of implementation (December 2008), primarily as regards results in strengthening their competitiveness and access to financing and operating capital, promoting innovative start-ups, reducing administrative burdens, etc.;

*Amendment*

14. Calls on the Commission to evaluate the Small Business Act action plan/*initiative* for **legislative proposals** after a year of implementation (December 2008), primarily as regards results in strengthening their competitiveness and access to financing and operating capital, **as well as** promoting innovative start-ups, reducing administrative burdens, etc.;

Or. el

**Amendment 67**  
**Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Calls on the Commission to evaluate the Small Business Act action plan after a year of implementation (December 2008), primarily as regards results in strengthening their competitiveness and access to financing and operating capital, promoting innovative start-ups, reducing administrative burdens, etc.;

*Amendment*

14. Supports the proposed changes to the implementing rules aimed at strengthening the flexibility of the Structural Funds and their adaptation to meet the need, under the exceptional economic circumstances, for immediate implementation of 455 programmes under the cohesion policy, in particular as regards Objective 2 programmes, while still taking account of the need for national and regional institutions and managing authorities to adapt to this new situation, **so as to prevent any mismanagement or misuse of funds and ensure that any remaining funds are redirected to existing or upcoming projects**;

Or. ro

**Amendment 68**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***14a. Emphasises the positive effect which equality between men and women has on economic growth; notes in that regard that some studies calculate that if the rates of employment, part-time employment and productivity of women were similar to those of men, GDP would increase by 30% programming period beyond 2013; therefore requests special scrutiny for those projects financed under the structural funds which promote equality and the inclusion of women in the labour market.***

Or. es