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Amendment 1

Younous Omarjee

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution

Citation 2

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and in particular Articles 4, 162 *and* 174 to 178 thereof,

Amendment

– having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and in particular Articles 4, 162, 174 to 178 *and 349* thereof,

Or. en

Amendment 2

Younous Omarjee

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution

Citation 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to its resolution of 26th February 2014 on Optimising the potential of outermost regions,

Or. en

Amendment 3

Younous Omarjee

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution

Citation 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions of 11th February 2015 on Guidelines on the application of the measures linking the effectiveness of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) to sound economic governance,

Or. en

Amendment 4
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Citation 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Communication from the Commission of 9 March 2015 on the 2015 EU Justice Scoreboard (COM(2015) 116 final),

Or. en

Amendment 5
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Citation 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Commission communication of 20 January 2015 entitled 'Draft Amending Budget No 2 to the General Budget 2015' (COM(2015) 16 final),

Or. it

Amendment 6
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Citation 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**- having regard to the Annual report 2013
on the protection of the EU's financial
interests - Fight against fraud,**

Or. en

Amendment 7
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas the determining role of EU cohesion policy in reducing regional disparities, promoting economic, social and territorial cohesion among the regions of Member States, and supporting job creation is incontestable; whereas cohesion policy represents the main EU-wide investment policy in the real economy and is an established tool for growth and jobs in the EU, with a budget of over EUR 350 billion until 2020; whereas in some Member States it forms the principal source of public investment; whereas the concrete and visible nature of the results of cohesion policy has been confirmed by many different evaluation methods;

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Or. it

Amendment 8
Ramón Luis Valcárcel

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 9
Josu Juaristi Abaunz
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
Younous Omarjee, Martina Michels, Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the sixth report on economic, social and territorial cohesion points out that despite diverse outcomes of the Cohesion policy across Member States, the economic crisis reversed a long trend of converging GDP and

*unemployment rates within the EU,
affecting in particular less developed
regions;*

Or. en

Amendment 10
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas it is justifiable that the goals of cohesion policy have evolved over time and that the policy itself has become more closely linked to the overall policy agenda of the EU; whereas, nevertheless, the original role of cohesion policy – the strengthening of economic, social and territorial cohesion in all EU regions – should be reinforced; whereas cohesion policy ought *not* to be regarded as *merely* an instrument to attain the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy and other EU development strategies;

Amendment

B. whereas it is justifiable that the goals of cohesion policy have evolved over time and that the policy itself has become more closely linked to the overall policy agenda of the EU; whereas, nevertheless, the original role of cohesion policy – the strengthening of economic, social and territorial cohesion in all EU regions – should be reinforced; whereas cohesion policy ought to be regarded as *principally* an instrument to attain the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy and other EU development strategies;

Or. nl

Amendment 11
Georgi Pirinski, Iliana Iotova

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

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strengthening of economic, social and territorial cohesion in all EU regions, *and particularly of less developed and the least favoured regions* – should be reinforced; whereas cohesion policy ought not to be regarded as merely an instrument to attain the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy and other EU development strategies;

Or. en

Amendment 12 **Marc Joulaud**

Motion for a resolution **Recital B**

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas it is justifiable that the goals of cohesion policy have evolved over time and that the policy itself has become more closely linked to the overall policy agenda of the EU; whereas, nevertheless, the original role of cohesion policy – the strengthening of economic, social and territorial cohesion in all EU regions – should be reinforced; whereas cohesion policy ought not to be regarded as merely an instrument to attain the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy and other EU development strategies;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 13 **Ramón Luis Valcárcel**

Motion for a resolution **Recital B**

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas it is justifiable that the goals of cohesion policy have evolved over time and that the policy itself has become more closely linked to the overall policy agenda of the EU; whereas, nevertheless, the original role of cohesion policy – the strengthening of economic, social and territorial cohesion in all EU regions – should be reinforced; whereas cohesion policy ought not to be regarded as merely an instrument to attain the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy and other EU development strategies;

Amendment

B. whereas it is justifiable that the goals of cohesion policy have evolved over time, ***in response to the new challenges and threats facing the EU***, and that the policy itself has become more closely linked to the overall policy agenda of the EU; whereas, nevertheless, the original role of cohesion policy – the strengthening of economic, social and territorial cohesion in all EU regions – should be reinforced; whereas cohesion policy ought not to be regarded as merely an instrument to attain the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy and other EU development strategies;

Or. es

Amendment 14

Georgi Pirinski, Iliana Iotova

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas according to the Sixth Cohesion Report (2014) the economic crisis has had a negative effect on the long-term trend towards a narrowing of regional disparities and, despite some positive tendencies, at the beginning of the new programming period disparities between regions of many different kinds remain wide;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Josu Juaristi Abaunz

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Younous Omarjee, Ángela Vallina, Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas through thematic concentration, cohesion policy resources are targeted at a limited number of strategic goals with growth-enhancing potential;

Amendment

C. whereas through thematic concentration, cohesion policy resources are targeted at a limited number of strategic goals with growth-enhancing, ***job creation, social inclusion, environmental and climate change*** potential;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Terry Reintke

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas through thematic concentration, cohesion policy resources are targeted at a limited number of strategic goals with growth-enhancing potential;

Amendment

C. whereas through thematic concentration, cohesion policy resources are targeted at a limited number of strategic goals with growth-enhancing potential, ***for job creation, and environmental and climate protection***;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution

Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas high rates of growth and regional economic convergence cannot be achieved without good governance, given the need for the more effective

involvement of all partners at national, regional and local level, in line with the principle of multitier government and including the social partners and civil society organisations;

Or. ro

Amendment 18

Josu Juaristi Abaunz

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Ángela Vallina, Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the Partnership Agreements and Operational Programmes are *strategic tools* to guide investments in Member States and regions, provided for in Articles 14, 16 and 29 of the Common Provisions Regulation with a timeline for their submission and adoption, according to which Partnership Agreements should have been adopted by the end of August 2014, and Operational Programmes by the end of January 2015, at the latest;

Amendment

D. whereas the Partnership Agreements and Operational Programmes are *essential* to guide investments in Member States and regions, provided for in Articles 14, 16 and 29 of the Common Provisions Regulation with a timeline for their submission and adoption, according to which Partnership Agreements should have been adopted by the end of August 2014, and Operational Programmes by the end of January 2015, at the latest;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Terry Reintke

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the Partnership Agreements and Operational Programmes are *strategic* tools to guide investments in Member States and regions, provided for in Articles

Amendment

D. whereas the Partnership Agreements and Operational Programmes are *key* tools to guide investments in Member States and regions, provided for in Articles 14, 16 and

14, 16 and 29 of the Common Provisions Regulation with a timeline for their submission and adoption, according to which Partnership Agreements should have been adopted by the end of August 2014, and Operational Programmes by the end of January 2015, at the latest;

29 of the Common Provisions Regulation with a timeline for their submission and adoption, according to which Partnership Agreements should have been adopted by the end of August 2014, and Operational Programmes by the end of January 2015, at the latest;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Tamás Deutsch, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. Whereas according to Art. 175 TFEU Member States shall conduct their economic policies and shall coordinate them in such a way as to attain the objectives of overall harmonious development and strengthening of economic, social and territorial cohesion. The Investment Plan shall therefore also contribute to these objectives.

Or. en

Amendment 21
Ramón Luis Valcárcel

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Achievements and challenges of cohesion policy in the context of the economic and financial crisis (programming period 2007-2013)

(Does not affect the English version.)

Or. es

Amendment 22
Iskra Mihaylova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Underlines that cohesion policy investments have cushioned significantly the negative effects of the economic and financial crisis and **has** given stability to regions by ensuring the flow of funding when national and regional public and private investments fell sharply;

Amendment

1. Underlines that cohesion policy **is the main instrument of the European Union aimed at reducing the economic, social and territorial disparities across European regions, boosting their competitiveness, tackling climate change and energy dependence, while at the same time contributing to the achievement of the Europe 2020 Strategy goals; underlines that cohesion policy** investments have cushioned significantly the negative effects of the economic and financial crisis and given stability to regions by ensuring the flow of funding when national and regional public and private investments fell sharply; **underlines that cohesion policy funding was equivalent to 21% of public investment in the EU as a whole and to 57% in the cohesion countries taken together;**

Or. en

Amendment 23
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Underlines that cohesion policy investments **have cushioned** significantly the negative effects of the economic and financial crisis and **has** given stability to

Amendment

1. Underlines that cohesion policy investments, **while pursuing their institutional objectives of reducing development gaps and promoting**

regions by ensuring the flow of funding when national and regional public and private investments fell sharply;

economic, social and territorial cohesion, have also significantly cushioned the negative effects of the economic and financial crisis and *have* given stability to regions by ensuring the flow of funding when national and regional public and private investments fell sharply;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Ramón Luis Valcárcel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Underlines that cohesion policy investments have cushioned significantly the negative effects of the economic and financial crisis and *has* given stability to regions by ensuring the flow of funding when national and regional public and private investments fell sharply;

Amendment

1. Underlines that, *even though they have been difficult for some Member States and regions to co-finance*, cohesion policy investments have cushioned significantly the negative effects of the economic and financial crisis and *have* given stability to regions by ensuring the flow of funding when national and regional public and private investments fell sharply;

Or. es

Amendment 25
Josu Juaristi Abaunz
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
Younous Omarjee, Ángela Vallina, Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Highlights that cohesion policy has proven its capacity to react quickly with flexible measures to improve the liquidity gap for Member States and regions, such as

Amendment

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reducing national co-financing and providing additional advance payments, as well as redirecting 13 % of total funding (EUR 45 billion) to support economic activity and employment with direct effects;

reducing national co-financing and providing additional advance payments, as well as redirecting 13 % of total funding (EUR 45 billion) to support economic activity and employment with direct effects; ***additional measures should be added in order to exclude investments co-financed by the ESIF from the Growth and Stability Pact;***

Or. en

Amendment 26
Mercedes Bresso, Andrea Cozzolino

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Highlights that cohesion policy has proven its capacity to react quickly with flexible measures to improve the liquidity gap for Member States and regions, such as reducing national co-financing and providing additional advance payments, as well as redirecting 13 % of total funding (EUR 45 billion) to support economic activity and employment with direct effects;

Amendment

2. Highlights that cohesion policy has proven its capacity to react quickly with flexible measures to improve the liquidity gap for Member States and regions, such as reducing national co-financing and providing additional advance payments, as well as redirecting 13 % of total funding (EUR 45 billion) to support economic activity and employment with direct effects; ***considers it essential, therefore, to carry out a substantial in-depth medium-term review of objectives and funding levels in line with any developments affecting the social and economic situation of the Member States or any of their regions;***

Or. it

Amendment 27
Terry Reintke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Highlights that cohesion policy has proven its capacity to react quickly with flexible measures to ***improve the liquidity*** gap for Member States and regions, such as reducing national co-financing and providing additional advance payments, as well as redirecting 13 % of total funding (EUR 45 billion) to support economic activity and employment with direct effects;

Amendment

2. Highlights that cohesion policy has proven its capacity to react quickly with flexible measures to ***tackle the investment*** gap for Member States and regions, such as reducing national co-financing and providing additional advance payments, as well as redirecting 13 % of total funding (EUR 45 billion) to support economic activity and employment with direct effects; ***recalls that the environmental and climate protection must not be sacrificed over growth, but provides for development and employment opportunities to be further exploited;***

Or. en

Amendment 28
Iskra Mihaylova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the recent reform of cohesion policy aimed at tackling these challenges, based on a coherent strategic framework for 2014-2020 with clear objectives and incentives for all Operational Programmes; calls on all actors involved to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of the implementation of the new legislative framework for cohesion policy;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the recent reform of cohesion policy aimed at tackling these challenges, based on a coherent strategic framework for 2014-2020 with clear objectives and incentives for all Operational Programmes; calls on all actors involved to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of the implementation of the new legislative framework for cohesion policy; ***calls on all actors involved to establish properly functioning multilevel governance and coordination mechanisms to ensure consistency between programmes, support to the Europe 2020 Strategy and the Country Specific Recommendations;***

Or. en

Amendment 29
Georgi Pirinski, Iliana Iotova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the recent reform of cohesion policy aimed at tackling these challenges, based on a coherent strategic framework for 2014-2020 with clear objectives and incentives for all Operational Programmes; calls on all actors involved to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of the implementation of the new legislative framework for cohesion policy;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the recent reform of cohesion policy aimed at tackling these challenges, based on a coherent strategic framework for 2014-2020 with clear objectives and incentives for all Operational Programmes; calls on all actors involved to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of the implementation of the new legislative framework for cohesion policy ***by strongly focusing on achievement of better performance and results;***

Or. en

Amendment 30
Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the recent reform of cohesion policy aimed at tackling these challenges, based on a coherent strategic framework for 2014-2020 with clear objectives and incentives for all Operational Programmes; calls on all actors involved to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of the implementation of the new legislative framework for cohesion policy;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the recent reform of cohesion policy aimed at tackling these challenges, based on a coherent strategic framework for 2014-2020 with clear objectives and incentives for all Operational Programmes; calls on all actors, ***especially the main authorities*** involved to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of the implementation of the new legislative framework for cohesion policy;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Josu Juaristi Abaunz

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Younous Omarjee, Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses that a stable fiscal and economic – as well as regulatory, administrative and institutional – environment is crucial for the effectiveness of cohesion policy; emphasises that, in order to achieve both the cohesion and Europe 2020 objectives, the policy must be aligned closely with sectoral policies and other EU investment schemes;

Amendment

4. Stresses that a stable fiscal and economic – as well as regulatory, administrative and institutional – environment is crucial for the effectiveness of cohesion policy; ***recalls, in this respect, that suspension of payments provided in the article 23 of the CPR could undermine national, regional and local authorities' capacity to plan effectively and implement the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for the 2014-2020 period;*** emphasises that, in order to achieve both the cohesion and Europe 2020 objectives, the policy must be aligned closely with sectoral policies and other EU investment schemes;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Tamás Deutsch, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses that a stable fiscal and economic – as well as regulatory, administrative and institutional – environment is crucial for the effectiveness of cohesion policy; emphasises that, in order to achieve both the cohesion and Europe 2020 objectives, the policy must be aligned closely with sectoral policies and other EU investment schemes;

Amendment

4. Stresses that a stable fiscal and economic – as well as regulatory, administrative and institutional – environment is crucial for the effectiveness of cohesion policy; emphasises that, in order to achieve both the cohesion and Europe 2020 objectives, the policy must be aligned closely with sectoral policies and other EU investment schemes; ***recalls***

however that in line with Article 175 TFEU all economic policies shall pursue the attainment of the objectives of economic, social and territorial cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Mercedes Bresso, Andrea Cozzolino

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses that a stable fiscal and economic – as well as regulatory, administrative and institutional – environment is crucial for the effectiveness of cohesion policy; emphasises that, in order to achieve both the cohesion and Europe 2020 objectives, the policy must be aligned *closely* with sectoral policies and other EU investment schemes;

Amendment

4. Stresses that a stable fiscal and economic – as well as regulatory, administrative and institutional – environment is crucial for the effectiveness of cohesion policy ***but must not undermine achievement of its aims and objectives;*** emphasises that, in order to achieve both the cohesion and Europe 2020 objectives, the policy must be aligned with sectoral policies and other EU investment schemes;

Or. it

Amendment 34
Terry Reintke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

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aligned closely with sectoral policies and other EU investment schemes;

aligned closely with sectoral policies and ***synergies shall be achieved with*** other EU investment schemes;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses that a stable fiscal and economic – as well as regulatory, administrative and institutional – environment is crucial for the effectiveness of cohesion policy; emphasises that, in order to achieve both the cohesion and Europe 2020 objectives, the policy must be aligned closely with sectoral policies and other EU investment schemes;

Amendment

4. Stresses that a stable fiscal and economic – as well as regulatory, ***efficient*** administrative and institutional – environment is crucial for the effectiveness of cohesion policy; emphasises that, in order to achieve both the cohesion and Europe 2020 objectives, the policy must be aligned closely with sectoral policies and other EU investment schemes;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Underlines that straightening administrative capacity for programming, implementation and evaluation in the Member States, is key priority for timely and successful performance of cohesion policy;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Josu Juaristi Abaunz

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Younous Omarjee, Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Points out that although cohesion policy has softened the impact of the crisis, regional disparities remain high. The Cohesion Policy objective to reduce economic, social and territorial disparities, providing special support to less developed regions, has not yet been reached everywhere;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Josu Juaristi Abaunz

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Younous Omarjee, Martina Michels, Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Points out that, despite the crisis and the fact that local finances were put under great pressure, local and regional authorities had to continue to meet the demands of citizens for more accessible public services of higher quality;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Mercedes Bresso, Constanze Krehl, Andrea Cozzolino

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Expresses its *serious* concern about the *significant* delay in the implementation of cohesion policy 2014-2020, including the delay in adoption of Operational Programmes, with *only just over 100* Operational Programmes adopted at the end of 2014, as well as a backlog in payments amounting to ca EUR 25 billion for the 2007-2013 programming period; *stresses that these delays are undermining the credibility of cohesion policy, effectiveness and sustainability, challenging national, regional and local authorities' capacity to plan effectively and implement the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for the 2014-2020 period;*

Amendment

5. Expresses its concern about the delay in the implementation of cohesion policy 2014-2020, including the delay in adoption of Operational Programmes, with **148** Operational Programmes adopted at the end of 2014, as well as a backlog in payments amounting to ca EUR 25 billion for the 2007-2013 programming period; *but welcomes the recent efforts of Member States and the Commission which will mean that three quarters of all Cohesion Policy programmes will have been adopted by the end of the first quarter of 2015;*

Or. en

Amendment 40
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Expresses its serious concern about the significant delay in the implementation of cohesion policy 2014-2020, including the delay in adoption of Operational Programmes, with only just over 100 Operational Programmes adopted at the end of 2014, as well as a backlog in payments amounting to ca EUR 25 billion for the 2007-2013 programming period; stresses that these delays are undermining the credibility of cohesion policy, effectiveness and sustainability, challenging national, regional and local

Amendment

5. Expresses its serious concern about the significant delay in the implementation of cohesion policy 2014-2020, including the delay in adoption of Operational Programmes, with only just over 100 Operational Programmes adopted at the end of 2014 *and a small number adopted in 2015 through the carry-over procedure*, as well as a backlog in payments amounting to ca EUR 25 billion for the 2007-2013 programming period; stresses that these delays are undermining the credibility of cohesion policy, effectiveness

authorities' capacity to plan effectively and implement the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for the 2014-2020 period;

and sustainability, challenging national, regional and local authorities' capacity to plan effectively and implement the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for the 2014-2020 period; ***calls on the Commission to make use of all its resources, to make sure that all remaining Operational Programmes are adopted with no further delay once the MFF revision necessary to use unallocated 2014 resources, and the accompanying Draft Amending Budget are adopted;***

Or. en

Amendment 41
Ramón Luis Valcárcel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Expresses its serious concern about the significant delay in the implementation of cohesion policy 2014-2020, including the delay in adoption of Operational Programmes, with only just over 100 Operational Programmes adopted at the end of 2014, ***as well as a*** backlog in payments amounting to ca EUR 25 billion for the 2007-2013 programming period; stresses that these delays are undermining the credibility of cohesion policy, effectiveness and sustainability, challenging national, regional and local authorities' capacity to plan effectively and implement the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for the 2014-2020 period;

Amendment

5. Expresses its serious concern about the significant delay in the implementation of cohesion policy 2014-2020, including the delay in adoption of Operational Programmes, with only just over 100 Operational Programmes adopted at the end of 2014, ***increasing the pressure on payment appropriations, especially in 2017 and 2018, a situation which adds to the concern about the current*** backlog in payments amounting to ca EUR 25 billion for the 2007-2013 programming period; stresses that these delays are undermining the credibility of cohesion policy, effectiveness and sustainability, challenging national, regional and local authorities' capacity to plan effectively and implement the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for the 2014-2020 period;

Or. es

Amendment 42
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Expresses its serious concern about the **significant delay** in the **implementation of** cohesion policy **2014-2020, including the delay in** adoption of Operational Programmes, **with only just over 100 Operational Programmes adopted at the end of 2014**, as well as a backlog in payments amounting to ca EUR 25 billion for the 2007-2013 programming period; stresses that these delays are undermining the credibility of cohesion policy, effectiveness and sustainability, challenging national, regional and local authorities' capacity to plan effectively and implement the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for the 2014-2020 period;

Amendment

5. Expresses its serious concern about the **structural delays in commencing the new** cohesion policy **planning periods resulting from the late** adoption of **the** Operational Programmes **by the Commission**, as well as a backlog in payments amounting to ca EUR 25 billion for the 2007-2013 programming period; stresses that these delays are undermining the credibility of cohesion policy, effectiveness and sustainability, challenging national, regional and local authorities' capacity to plan effectively and implement the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for the 2014-2020 period;

Or. nl

Amendment 43
Tamás Deutsch, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Expresses its serious concern about the significant delay in the implementation of cohesion policy 2014-2020, including the delay in adoption of Operational Programmes, **with only just over 100 Operational Programmes adopted at the end of 2014, as well as a** backlog in payments amounting to ca EUR 25 billion

Amendment

5. Expresses its serious concern about the significant delay in the implementation of cohesion policy 2014-2020, including the delay in adoption of Operational Programmes; **although the situation in the cohesion area is better than in rural development and fisheries, a concern remains that for some Member States a**

for the 2007-2013 programming period; stresses that these delays are undermining the credibility of cohesion policy, effectiveness and sustainability, challenging national, regional and local authorities' capacity to plan effectively and implement the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for the 2014-2020 period;

significant number of their programmes are yet to be adopted; is equally concerned by the backlog in payments amounting to ca EUR 25 billion for the 2007-2013 programming period; stresses that these delays are undermining the credibility of cohesion policy, effectiveness and sustainability, challenging national, regional and local authorities' capacity to plan effectively and implement the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for the 2014-2020 period;

Or. en

Amendment 44 **Ivana Maletić**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 5**

Motion for a resolution

5. Expresses its serious concern about the significant delay in the implementation of cohesion policy 2014-2020, including the delay in adoption of Operational Programmes, with only just over **100** Operational Programmes adopted at the end of 2014, as well as a backlog in payments amounting to ca EUR 25 billion for the 2007-2013 programming period; stresses that these delays are undermining the credibility of cohesion policy, effectiveness and sustainability, challenging national, regional and local authorities' capacity to plan effectively and implement the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for the 2014-2020 period;

Amendment

5. Expresses its serious concern about the significant delay in the implementation of cohesion policy 2014-2020, including the delay in adoption of Operational Programmes, with only just over **263** Operational Programmes adopted at the end of 2014, as well as a backlog in payments amounting to ca EUR 25 billion for the 2007-2013 programming period; stresses that these delays are undermining the credibility of ***the EU budget and*** cohesion policy, effectiveness and sustainability, challenging national, regional and local authorities' capacity ***to finalize implementation of the 2007-2013 period and*** to plan effectively and implement the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for the 2014-2020 period;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Iskra Mihaylova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Expresses its serious concern about the **significant** delay in the implementation of cohesion policy 2014-2020, including the delay in adoption of Operational Programmes, with **only just over 100** Operational Programmes adopted **at** the end of 2014, as well as a backlog in payments amounting to ca EUR 25 billion for the 2007-2013 programming period; stresses that these delays **are undermining** the credibility of cohesion policy, effectiveness and sustainability, challenging national, regional and local authorities' capacity to plan effectively and implement the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for the 2014-2020 period;

Amendment

5. Expresses its serious concern about the delay in the implementation of cohesion policy 2014-2020, including the delay in adoption of Operational Programmes, with **251 ESIF Operational Programmes (43% of all ESIF** operational programmes) adopted **by** the end of 2014, as well as a backlog in payments amounting to ca EUR 25 billion for the 2007-2013 programming period; stresses that these delays **might undermine** the credibility of cohesion policy, effectiveness and sustainability, challenging national, regional and local authorities' capacity to plan effectively and implement the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for the 2014-2020 period;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Isabella Adinolfi, Rosa D'Amato, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Expresses its serious concern about the significant delay in the implementation of cohesion policy 2014-2020, including the delay in adoption of Operational Programmes, with only just over 100 Operational Programmes adopted at the end of 2014, **as well as a** backlog in payments amounting to ca EUR 25 billion for the 2007-2013 programming period; **stresses** that these delays are undermining

Amendment

5. Expresses its serious concern about the significant delay in the implementation of cohesion policy 2014-2020, including the delay in adoption of Operational Programmes, with only just over 100 Operational Programmes adopted at the end of 2014; **regrets the** backlog in payments amounting to ca EUR 25 billion for the 2007-2013 programming period, **stressing** that these delays are undermining

the credibility of cohesion policy, effectiveness and sustainability, challenging national, regional and local authorities' capacity to plan effectively and implement the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for the 2014-2020 period;

the credibility of cohesion policy, effectiveness and sustainability, challenging national, regional and local authorities' capacity to plan effectively and implement the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for the 2014-2020 period;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Underlines that the aforementioned backlog under Heading 1b of the EU budget is in fact the most important immediate factor endangering the implementation of cohesion policy, both in the previous and, prospectively, in the current 2014-2020 programming period; reiterates that the impact of this backlog is felt forcefully by the cohesion policy actors on the ground, sometimes to the extreme; calls, therefore, on the Commission to elaborate a roadmap, envisaging a specific timeline of concrete, step-by-step policy actions, backed up by singled-out budgetary means, in order to reduce, and then eliminate, the backlog; is convinced that the first objective of these actions ought to be making 2015 the year in which this backlog reduction is felt in a tangible manner;

Amendment

6. Underlines that the aforementioned backlog under Heading 1b of the EU budget is in fact the most important immediate factor endangering the implementation of cohesion policy, both in the previous and, prospectively, in the current 2014-2020 programming period; reiterates that the impact of this backlog is felt forcefully by the cohesion policy actors on the ground, sometimes to the extreme; calls, therefore, on the Commission to elaborate a roadmap, envisaging a specific timeline of concrete, step-by-step policy actions, backed up by singled-out budgetary means, in order to reduce, and then eliminate, the backlog; ***hopes the Council will finally realize the seriousness and unsustainability of the situation, and be ready to actively contribute to a stable solution of the problem;*** is convinced that the first objective of these actions ought to be making 2015 the year in which this backlog reduction is felt in a tangible manner;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Iskra Mihaylova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses that it is imperative to start the implementation of the Operational Programmes as soon as they are adopted, in order to maximise the results of the investments, boost job creation and raise productivity growth, and that the Commission and the Member States should do their utmost to speed up their adoption; ***demands that the Commission – while keeping a high focus on quality and the need to keep up the fight against fraud – analyses all possible ways of streamlining its internal procedures in order to ensure that Operational Programmes resubmitted after the deadline of 24 November 2014 are also taken into consideration; is aware that two scenarios are envisaged for the adoption of Operational Programmes, both implying further delays as regards the start of implementation;***

Amendment

7. Stresses that it is imperative to start the implementation of the Operational Programmes as soon as they are adopted, in order to maximise the results of the investments, boost job creation and raise productivity growth, and that the Commission and the Member States should do their utmost to speed up their adoption;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

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do their utmost to speed up their adoption; demands that the Commission – while keeping a high focus on quality and the need to keep up the fight against fraud – analyses all possible ways of streamlining its internal procedures in order to *ensure that Operational Programmes resubmitted after the deadline of 24 November 2014 are also taken into consideration; is aware that* two scenarios *are* envisaged for the adoption of Operational Programmes, *both implying* further delays *as regards* the start of implementation;

do their utmost to speed up their adoption; demands that the Commission – while keeping a high focus on quality and the need to keep up the fight against fraud – analyses all possible ways of streamlining its internal procedures in order to *speed up procedures based on the* two scenarios envisaged for the adoption of Operational Programmes, *to avoid any* further delays *in* the start of implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 50 **Terry Reintke**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 7**

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses that it is imperative to start the implementation of the Operational Programmes as soon as they are adopted, in order to maximise the results of the investments, boost job creation *and* raise productivity growth, and that the Commission and the Member States should do their utmost to speed up their adoption; demands that the Commission – while keeping a high focus on quality and the need to keep up the fight against fraud – analyses all possible ways of streamlining its internal procedures in order to ensure that Operational Programmes resubmitted after the deadline of 24 November 2014 are also taken into consideration; is aware that two scenarios are envisaged for the adoption of Operational Programmes, both implying further delays as regards the start of implementation;

Amendment

7. Stresses that it is imperative to start the implementation of the Operational Programmes as soon as they are adopted, in order to maximise the results of the investments, boost job creation, raise productivity growth *and contribute to the Union's climate and energy targets*, and that the Commission and the Member States should do their utmost to speed up their adoption; demands that the Commission – while keeping a high focus on quality and the need to keep up the fight against fraud – analyses all possible ways of streamlining its internal procedures in order to ensure that Operational Programmes resubmitted after the deadline of 24 November 2014 are also taken into consideration; is aware that two scenarios are envisaged for the adoption of Operational Programmes, both implying further delays as regards the start of

implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Isabella Adinolfi, Rosa D'Amato, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses that it is imperative to start the implementation of the Operational Programmes as soon as they are adopted, in order to maximise the results of the investments, boost job creation and raise productivity growth, and that the Commission and the Member States should do their utmost to speed up their adoption; demands that the Commission – while keeping a high focus on **quality and** the need to keep up the fight against fraud – analyses all possible ways of streamlining its internal procedures in order to ensure that Operational Programmes resubmitted after the deadline of 24 November 2014 are also taken into consideration; is aware that two scenarios are envisaged for the adoption of Operational Programmes, both implying further delays as regards the start of implementation;

Amendment

7. Stresses that it is imperative to start the implementation of the Operational Programmes as soon as they are adopted, in order to maximise the results of the investments, boost job creation and raise productivity growth, and that the Commission and the Member States should do their utmost to speed up their adoption, ***without any prejudice to their quality***; demands that the Commission – while keeping a high focus on the need to keep up the fight against fraud – analyses all possible ways of streamlining its internal procedures in order to ensure that Operational Programmes resubmitted after the deadline of 24 November 2014 are also taken into consideration; is aware that two scenarios are envisaged for the adoption of Operational Programmes, both implying further delays as regards the start of implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Iskra Mihaylova

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Asks the Commission, in view of the above, to present to Parliament the measures it envisages to facilitate, as soon as possible, the implementation of the Operational Programmes, together with the timeline it envisages, as well as to explain the impact of the delay in payments on the start of implementation of the new Operational Programmes, and to put forward solutions to limit the damage as far as possible; demands, furthermore, that the Commission, in the context of the report on the outcome of the negotiations provided for in Article 16(3) of the Common Provisions Regulation, analyses the possible impact of the belated start-up of the 2014-2020 cohesion policy on growth and jobs, and provides recommendations based on the lessons learnt;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 53
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Asks the Commission, in view of the above, to present to Parliament the measures it envisages to facilitate, as soon as possible, the implementation of the Operational Programmes, together with the timeline it envisages, as well as to explain the impact of the delay in payments on the start of implementation of the new Operational Programmes, and to put forward solutions to limit the damage as far as possible; demands, furthermore, that the Commission, in the context of the report on

8. Asks the Commission, in view of the above, to present to Parliament the measures it envisages to facilitate, as soon as possible, the implementation of the Operational Programmes, **especially in order to avoid decommitments of funds in 2017**, together with the timeline it envisages, as well as to explain the impact of the delay in payments on the start of implementation of the new Operational Programmes, and to put forward solutions to limit the damage as far as possible;

the outcome of the negotiations provided for in Article 16(3) of the Common Provisions Regulation, analyses the possible impact of the belated start-up of the 2014-2020 cohesion policy on growth and jobs, and provides recommendations based on the lessons learnt;

demands, furthermore, that the Commission, in the context of the report on the outcome of the negotiations provided for in Article 16(3) of the Common Provisions Regulation, analyses the possible impact of the belated start-up of the 2014-2020 cohesion policy on growth and jobs, and provides recommendations based on the lessons learnt;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Georgi Pirinski, Iliana Iotova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Urges Member States, which have not yet covered the ex-ante conditionalities applicable to their operational programmes, to strictly implement their time schedules and to avoid delays in the implementation of programmes by successfully meeting the deadline for such conditionalities at the end of 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Mercedes Bresso, Andrea Cozzolino

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a Considers that the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework resulting from the Commission's proposed modification of the MFF Regulation carrying over to 2015 alone

appropriations not allocated in 2014 significantly increases the risk of decommitment in 2018 in respect of programmes not adopted in 2014 and hence fails to encourage the full take-up of EU of resources or effective support for EU investment in growth and jobs; calls on the Commission, in drawing up the 2017 strategic report provided for in Art. 53 of Regulation 1303/2013, to propose sufficiently well in advance appropriate legislative and other measures, so as to avoid the risk of decommitment;

Or. it

Amendment 56
Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Is concerned with the low absorption of funds in the 2007-2013 programming period in certain Member States and warns that the underlying reasons should be tackled in order to avoid recurrence of the same problems in the next period; underlines that administrative capacity is essential for the effective and efficient implementation of Cohesion Policy; stresses that instability in the civil service, combined with weak policy coordination may undermine the successful implementation of the ESIF and pose a threat to effective policy management overall;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Tamás Deutsch, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Suggests that it can be considered for the preparation of the next programming period that regulatory provisions concerning programming are introduced separately and in advance of budgetary proposals thus decoupling debates about content and money and leaving enough time for thorough preparations of programmes; reminds that despite the fact that the regulatory provisions are very extensive, this does not lead to complete assurance to Member States and regions, and may be a source of differing interpretations; there is still room for simplifying regulatory provisions;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Calls on the Commission to consider carefully - taking into account possible repercussions on growth and jobs - the application of financial corrections or suspension of payments;

Or. it

Amendment 59
Josu Juaristi Abaunz
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Younous Omarjee, Martina Michels, Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Reiterates the original role of cohesion policy to promote economic, social and territorial development and reduce regional disparities; ***underlines that by its nature and original set up, as stipulated in the Treaty, the policy contributes inherently to the objectives of the Union, in particular to the Europe 2020 goals of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth;***

Amendment

9. Reiterates the original role of cohesion policy to promote economic, social and territorial development and reduce regional disparities;

Or. en

Amendment 60

Iskra Mihaylova

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Reiterates the original role of cohesion policy to promote economic, social and territorial ***development*** and reduce regional disparities; ***underlines that by its nature and original set up, as stipulated in the Treaty, the policy contributes inherently to the objectives of the Union, in particular to the Europe 2020 goals of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth;***

Amendment

9. Reiterates the original role of cohesion policy to promote economic, social and territorial ***cohesion*** and reduce regional disparities, ***providing particular support to less developed regions***; ***underlines that by its nature and original set up, as stipulated in the Treaty, the policy contributes inherently to the objectives of the Union, in particular to the Europe 2020 goals of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth;***

Or. en

Amendment 61

Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Reiterates the original role of cohesion policy to promote economic, social and territorial development and reduce regional disparities; underlines that by its nature and original set up, as stipulated in the Treaty, the policy contributes inherently to the objectives of the Union, in particular to the Europe 2020 goals of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth;

Amendment

9. Reiterates the original role of cohesion policy to promote economic, social and territorial development and reduce regional disparities; underlines that by its nature and original set up, as stipulated in the Treaty, the policy contributes inherently to the objectives of the Union, in particular to the Europe 2020 goals of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth; ***as well as the fundamental Treaty objective to strengthen territorial cohesion;***

Or. en

Amendment 62
Isabella Adinolfi, Rosa D'Amato, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. ***Welcomes the*** new European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) and its potential leverage effect; advises the parties concerned to build on the experiences gained from the implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan in 2008, in particular regarding smart investments; calls for the coordination of all EU investment policies – in particular cohesion policy – ***to ensure complementarity and avoid overlaps;*** suggests that the implementation of this new EU investment plan build on the experiences of the three joint initiatives JEREMIE, JESSICA and JASMINE, which allowed an increase in the delivery of Structural Funds from EUR 1.2 billion in 2000-2006 to EUR 8.4 billion in 2007-2012;

Amendment

10. ***Takes note of the*** new European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) and its potential leverage effect; advises the parties concerned to build on the experiences gained from the implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan in 2008, in particular regarding smart investments; calls for the coordination of all EU investment policies – in particular cohesion policy – ***and asks to avoid any contribution of the ESIF to EFSI;*** suggests that the implementation of this new EU investment plan build on the experiences of the three joint initiatives JEREMIE, JESSICA and JASMINE, which allowed an increase in the delivery of Structural Funds from EUR 1.2 billion in 2000-2006 to EUR 8.4 billion in 2007-2012;

Amendment 63

Josu Juaristi Abaunz

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Younous Omarjee, Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. **Welcomes** the new European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) and its potential leverage effect; advises the parties concerned to build on the experiences gained from the implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan in 2008, **in particular regarding smart investments**; calls for the coordination of all EU investment policies – in particular cohesion policy – to ensure complementarity and avoid overlaps; **suggests that the implementation of this new EU investment plan build on the experiences of the three joint initiatives JEREMIE, JESSICA and JASMINE, which allowed an increase in the delivery of Structural Funds from EUR 1.2 billion in 2000-2006 to EUR 8.4 billion in 2007-2012;**

Amendment

10. **Takes note of** the new European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) and its potential leverage effect; **underlines that the EFSI's main objective should be the economic, social and territorial cohesion and that it should therefore benefit to all the regions of the EU;** advises the parties concerned to build on the experiences gained from the implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan in 2008.; calls for the coordination of all EU investment policies – in particular cohesion policy – to ensure complementarity and avoid overlaps;

Amendment 64

Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the new European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) and its

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potential leverage effect; *advises the parties concerned to build on the experiences gained from the implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan in 2008, in particular regarding smart investments; calls for the coordination of all EU investment policies – in particular cohesion policy – to ensure complementarity and avoid overlaps; suggests that the implementation of this new EU investment plan build on the experiences of the three joint initiatives JEREMIE, JESSICA and JASMINE, which allowed an increase in the delivery of Structural Funds from EUR 1.2 billion in 2000-2006 to EUR 8.4 billion in 2007-2012;*

potential leverage effect; *highlights the need to ensure the additionality of its resources and hence complementarity and synergy between this fund and European Structural and Investment Funds; advises the parties concerned to build on the experience gained in the implementation of the 2008 European economic recovery plan, particularly as regards smart investments;*

Or. it

Amendment 65 **Terry Reintke**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 10**

Motion for a resolution

10. *Welcomes* the new European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) and its potential leverage effect; advises the parties concerned to build on the experiences gained from the implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan in 2008, in particular regarding smart investments; calls for the coordination of all EU investment policies – in particular cohesion policy – to ensure complementarity and avoid overlaps; suggests that the implementation of this new EU investment plan build on the experiences of the three joint initiatives JEREMIE, JESSICA and JASMINE, which allowed an increase in the delivery of Structural Funds from EUR 1.2 billion

Amendment

10. *Takes note of* the new European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) and its potential leverage effect; advises the parties concerned to build on the experiences gained from the implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan in 2008, in particular regarding smart investments; calls for the coordination of all EU investment policies – in particular cohesion policy – to ensure complementarity and avoid overlaps *as well as to guarantee a high degree of quality in the use of EU money*; suggests that the implementation of this new EU investment plan build on the experiences of the three joint initiatives JEREMIE, JESSICA and JASMINE, which allowed

in 2000-2006 to EUR 8.4 billion in 2007-2012;

an increase in the delivery of Structural Funds from EUR 1.2 billion in 2000-2006 to EUR 8.4 billion in 2007-2012;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. *Welcomes* the new European Fund for Strategic Investment (*EFSI*) and its potential leverage effect; advises the parties concerned to build on the experiences gained from the implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan in 2008, in particular regarding smart investments; calls for the coordination of all EU investment policies – in particular cohesion policy – to ensure complementarity and avoid overlaps; suggests that the implementation of this new EU investment plan build on the experiences of the three joint initiatives JEREMIE, JESSICA and JASMINE, which allowed an increase in the delivery of Structural Funds from EUR 1.2 billion in 2000-2006 to EUR 8.4 billion in 2007-2012;

Amendment

10. *Is curious as to the future implications of the proposed* new European Fund for Strategic Investment and its potential leverage effect; advises the parties concerned to build on the experiences gained from the implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan in 2008, in particular regarding smart investments; calls for the coordination of all EU investment policies – in particular cohesion policy – to ensure complementarity and avoid overlaps; suggests that the implementation of this new EU investment plan build on the experiences of the three joint initiatives JEREMIE, JESSICA and JASMINE, which allowed an increase in the delivery of Structural Funds from EUR 1.2 billion in 2000-2006 to EUR 8.4 billion in 2007-2012;

Or. nl

Amendment 67
Tamás Deutsch, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the new European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) and its potential leverage effect; advises the parties concerned to build on the experiences gained from the implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan in 2008, in particular regarding smart investments; calls for the coordination of all EU investment policies – in particular cohesion policy – to ensure complementarity and avoid overlaps; suggests that the implementation of this new EU investment plan build on the experiences of the three joint initiatives JEREMIE, JESSICA and JASMINE, which allowed an increase in the delivery of Structural Funds from EUR 1.2 billion in 2000-2006 to EUR 8.4 billion in 2007-2012;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the new European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) and its potential leverage effect; ***while remaining fully separate***, advises the parties concerned to build on the experiences gained from the implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan in 2008, in particular regarding smart investments; calls for the coordination of all EU investment policies – in particular cohesion policy – to ensure complementarity and avoid overlaps; suggests that the implementation of this new EU investment plan build on the experiences of the three joint initiatives JEREMIE, JESSICA and JASMINE, which allowed an increase in the delivery of Structural Funds from EUR 1.2 billion in 2000-2006 to EUR 8.4 billion in 2007-2012;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Sophie Montel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the new European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) and its potential leverage effect; advises the parties concerned to build on the experiences gained from the implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan in 2008, in particular regarding smart investments; calls for the coordination of all EU investment policies – in particular cohesion policy – to ensure complementarity and avoid overlaps; suggests that the implementation of this

Amendment

10. Welcomes the new European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) and its potential leverage effect, ***although the latter is overrated***; advises the parties concerned to build on the experiences gained from the implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan in 2008, in particular regarding smart investments; calls for the coordination of all EU investment policies – in particular cohesion policy – to ensure complementarity and avoid overlaps;

new EU investment plan build on the experiences of the three joint initiatives JEREMIE, JESSICA and JASMINE, which allowed an increase in the delivery of Structural Funds from EUR 1.2 billion in 2000-2006 to EUR 8.4 billion in 2007-2012;

suggests that the implementation of this new EU investment plan build on the experiences of the three joint initiatives JEREMIE, JESSICA and JASMINE, which allowed an increase in the delivery of Structural Funds from EUR 1.2 billion in 2000-2006 to EUR 8.4 billion in 2007-2012;

Or. fr

Amendment 69
Iskra Mihaylova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the new European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) and its potential leverage effect; advises the parties concerned to build on the experiences gained from the implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan in 2008, in particular regarding smart investments; calls for the coordination of all EU investment policies – in particular cohesion policy – to ensure complementarity and avoid overlaps; suggests that the implementation of this new EU investment plan build on the experiences of the three joint initiatives JEREMIE, JESSICA and JASMINE, which allowed an increase in the delivery of Structural Funds from EUR 1.2 billion in 2000-2006 to EUR 8.4 billion in 2007-2012;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the new European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) and its potential leverage effect; advises the parties concerned to build on the experiences gained from the implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan in 2008, in particular regarding smart investments; calls for the coordination of all EU investment policies – in particular cohesion policy – to ensure complementarity, *enhanced synergy* and avoid overlaps; suggests that the implementation of this new EU investment plan build on the experiences of the three joint initiatives JEREMIE, JESSICA and JASMINE, which allowed an increase in the delivery of Structural Funds from EUR 1.2 billion in 2000-2006 to EUR 8.4 billion in 2007-2012;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the new European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) and its potential leverage effect; advises the parties concerned to build on the experiences gained from the implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan in 2008, in particular regarding smart investments; calls for the coordination of all EU investment policies – in particular cohesion policy – to ensure complementarity and avoid overlaps; suggests that the implementation of this new EU investment plan build on the experiences of the three joint initiatives JEREMIE, JESSICA and JASMINE, which allowed an increase in the delivery of Structural Funds from EUR 1.2 billion in 2000-2006 to EUR 8.4 billion in 2007-2012;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the new European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) and its potential leverage effect; advises the parties concerned to build on the experiences gained from the implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan in 2008, in particular regarding smart investments; calls for the coordination of all EU investment **and development** policies – in particular cohesion policy – to ensure complementarity and avoid overlaps; suggests that the implementation of this new EU investment plan build on the experiences of the three joint initiatives JEREMIE, JESSICA and JASMINE, which allowed an increase in the delivery of Structural Funds from EUR 1.2 billion in 2000-2006 to EUR 8.4 billion in 2007-2012;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Ramón Luis Valcárcel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the new European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) and its potential leverage effect; advises the parties concerned to build on the experiences gained from the implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan in 2008, in particular regarding smart investments; calls for **the** coordination **of all** EU investment policies – in particular cohesion policy – to ensure

Amendment

10. Welcomes the new European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) and its potential leverage effect; advises the parties concerned to build on the experiences gained from the implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan in 2008, in particular regarding smart investments; calls for coordination **and consistency with the other** EU investment policies – in

complementarity and avoid overlaps; suggests that the implementation of this new EU investment plan build on the experiences of the three joint initiatives JEREMIE, JESSICA and JASMINE, which allowed an increase in the delivery of Structural Funds from EUR 1.2 billion in 2000-2006 to EUR 8.4 billion in 2007-2012;

particular *with* cohesion policy – to ensure complementarity and avoid overlaps; suggests that the implementation of this new EU investment plan build on the experiences of the three joint initiatives JEREMIE, JESSICA and JASMINE, which allowed an increase in the delivery of Structural Funds from EUR 1.2 billion in 2000-2006 to EUR 8.4 billion in 2007-2012;

Or. es

Amendment 72
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Calls for the coordination and concertation of all EU investment policies, in particular cohesion policy, to guarantee complementarity and avoid overlaps; recommends that the implementation of this new EU investment plan build on experience acquired with three joint initiatives JEREMIE, JESSICA and JASMINE, which allowed an increase in the delivery of Structural Funds from EUR 1.2 billion in 2000-2006 to EUR 8.4 billion in 2007-2012; calls for broad and detailed analysis, in consultation with the European Parliament, of the role and capital build-up of the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Investment Fund (EIF);

Or. it

Amendment 73
Ramón Luis Valcárcel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Underlines that cohesion policy legislation provides for the extended use of financial instruments, in order to double their contribution to about EUR 25-30 billion in 2014-2020, by extending their thematic scope and offering more flexibility to Member States and regions; **supports, in particular, the risk-sharing “SME initiative”, and** calls on the Commission to make all efforts to make financial instruments easily usable and tempting for Member States and regions, thus ensuring that the doubling is achieved on its own merits and that stakeholder ownership of this target is well established;

Amendment

11. Underlines that cohesion policy legislation provides for the extended use of financial instruments, in order to double their contribution to about EUR 25-30 billion in 2014-2020, by extending their thematic scope and **at times** offering more flexibility to Member States and regions; calls on the Commission to make all efforts to make financial instruments easily usable and tempting for Member States and regions, thus ensuring that the doubling is achieved on its own merits and that stakeholder ownership of this target is well established;

Or. es

Amendment 74
Terry Reintke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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ownership of this target is well established;

ownership of this target is well established; *emphasises the need to ensure transparency, accountability and scrutiny for financial instruments that involve EU money;*

Or. en

Amendment 75
Iskra Mihaylova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

11. Underlines that cohesion policy legislation provides for the extended use of financial instruments, in order to double their contribution to about EUR 25-30 billion in 2014-2020, by extending their thematic scope and offering more flexibility to Member States and regions; *highlights their role in mobilising additional public or private co-investments in order to address market failures in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy and cohesion policy priorities;* supports, in particular, the risk-sharing ‘SME initiative’, and calls on the Commission to make all efforts to make financial instruments easily usable and tempting for Member States and regions, thus ensuring that the doubling is achieved on its own merits and that stakeholder ownership of this target is well established;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Marc Joulaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Warns, however, that the EFSI should not undermine the strategic coherence and long-term perspective of cohesion policy programming; stresses that a re-direction of Structural Funds would be counterproductive, putting their effectiveness – and the development of the regions – at risk; points out that the financial allocations to Member States agreed on under Heading 1b in the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 cannot be modified in response to potential needs of the EFSI; emphasises that the replacement of grants by loans, equity or guarantees, while having certain advantages, must be carried out with caution, taking into account regional disparities; points out that the regions most in need of investment stimuli have low administrative and absorption capacities;

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Or. en

Amendment 77
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 78
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment 79
Terry Reintke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

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Or. en

Amendment 80
Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Warns that the flexibility in the project selection within EFSI poses a risk

to undermine the economic, social and territorial cohesion by channelling investments to more developed Member States; asks the Commission to closely monitor the relationship between EFSI and ESIF;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Tamás Deutsch, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Highlights the importance of all measures aimed at increasing the effectiveness, efficiency and result orientation of cohesion policy;

Amendment

13. Highlights the importance of all measures aimed at increasing the effectiveness, *simplification*, efficiency and result orientation of cohesion policy; *suggests in this respect to come forward with technical adjustments of the ESIF regulations concerned;*

Or. en

Amendment 82
Iskra Mihaylova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Highlights the importance of all measures aimed at increasing the effectiveness, efficiency and result orientation of cohesion policy;

Amendment

13. Highlights the importance of all measures aimed at increasing the effectiveness, efficiency and result orientation of cohesion policy *that should ensure a shift from funds absorption criteria towards quality of spending and high added value of the co-financed operations;*

Amendment 83
Terry Reintke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Highlights the importance of all measures aimed at increasing the effectiveness, efficiency and result orientation of cohesion policy;

Amendment

13. Highlights the importance of all measures aimed at increasing the effectiveness, efficiency and result **and performance** orientation of cohesion policy;

Amendment 84
Terry Reintke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

13a. Underlines the added-value deriving from the horizontal principles and the mechanisms introduced in the regulatory framework for their strengthening in order to ensure compliance with and contributions to Union policies in the field of gender equality, non-discrimination and climate spending;

Amendment 85
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Welcomes the thematic concentration supporting investments in smart, sustainable and inclusive growth; ***maintains, at the same time, the requirement of some flexibility for the regions, depending on local and regional specificities, especially in the context of the severe crisis***; calls for a genuinely integrated and territorial approach to target programmes and projects that address the needs on the ground;

Amendment

14. Welcomes the thematic concentration supporting investments in smart, sustainable and inclusive growth; calls for a genuinely integrated and territorial approach to target programmes and projects that address the needs on the ground;

Or. nl

Amendment 86

Terry Reintke

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Welcomes the thematic concentration supporting investments in smart, sustainable and inclusive growth; ***maintains, at the same time, the requirement of some flexibility for the regions, depending on local and regional specificities, especially in the context of the severe crisis***; calls for a genuinely integrated and territorial approach to target programmes and projects that address the needs on the ground;

Amendment

14. Welcomes the thematic concentration supporting investments in smart, sustainable and inclusive growth; calls for a genuinely integrated and territorial approach to target programmes and projects that address the needs on the ground;

Or. en

Amendment 87

Andrew Lewer

on behalf of the ECR Group

Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

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Amendment

14. Welcomes the thematic concentration supporting investments in smart, sustainable and inclusive growth; maintains, at the same time, the requirement of *greater* flexibility for the regions, depending on local and regional specificities, especially in the context of the severe crisis; calls for a genuinely integrated and territorial approach to target programmes and projects that address the needs on the ground;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Ramón Luis Valcárcel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes the importance of a solid macroeconomic environment for cohesion investments and welcomes the link of the ESIF to the European Semester;

Amendment

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 89
Josu Juaristi Abaunz
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
Younous Omarjee, Martina Michels, Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Notes the importance of a solid macroeconomic environment for cohesion investments and welcomes the link of the ESIF to the European Semester;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 90

José Blanco López, Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Notes the *importance* of a solid macroeconomic environment for cohesion investments *and welcomes the link of the ESIF to the European Semester;*

15. Notes *that good, efficient governance institutions are necessary for vigorous economic and social development and is mindful of the possible implications of a solid macroeconomic environment for cohesion investments; expresses concern at the fact that ESI Funds might be jeopardised on account of macroeconomic conditionality, undermining the aims of cohesion policy, the main EU investment policy, in particular for promoting European growth and economic and social development projects;*

Or. es

Amendment 91

Pascal Arimont

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Notes the importance of a solid macroeconomic environment for cohesion

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Or. de

Amendment 92
Georgi Pirinski, Iliana Iotova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes the importance of a solid macroeconomic environment for cohesion investments and welcomes the link of the ESIF to the European Semester;

Amendment

15. Notes the importance of a solid macroeconomic environment for cohesion investments and welcomes the link of the ESIF to the European Semester; *Calls on the Commission to continue considering the option for applying an investment clause in the preventive arm of the SGP allowing temporary deviation, linked to the national expenditure on projects co-funded by the ESIF, from the structural deficit path towards the Medium-Term Objective (MTO) set in the country specific recommendations, or the MTO for Member States that have reached it;*

Or. en

Amendment 93
Ivana Maletić

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes the importance of a solid macroeconomic environment for cohesion investments and welcomes the link of the ESIF to the European Semester;

Amendment

15. Notes the importance of a solid macroeconomic environment for cohesion investments and welcomes the link of the ESIF to the European Semester; *especially having in mind correlation between good economic governance and absorption capacity. Calls on the Commission to encourage the use of ESIF by prolongation of the fiscal adjustment period, when they are used as a flanking measure for structural reforms and increase of investments.*

Or. en

Amendment 94
Terry Reintke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes the importance of a solid macroeconomic environment for *cohesion* investments and welcomes the link of the ESIF to the European Semester;

Amendment

15. Notes the importance of a solid macroeconomic environment for *local and regional development in order to facilitate and continue necessary public* investments and welcomes the link of the ESIF to the European Semester;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Iskra Mihaylova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Emphasises, in this context, Parliament's responsibility to control; demands that the Commission and the Council provide full, transparent and timely information on the criteria for, and on the entire procedure that could trigger, a suspension of commitments or payments of the ESIF in accordance with in Article 23(15) of the Common Provisions Regulation;

Amendment

16. Emphasises, in this context, Parliament's responsibility to control; demands that the Commission and the Council provide full, transparent and timely information on the criteria for, and on the entire procedure that could trigger, a suspension of commitments or payments of the ESIF in accordance with in Article 23(15) of the Common Provisions Regulation; ***points out that the decision on the suspension of payments should be taken as a last resort, when all other options have been exhausted and after assessment of possible repercussions on growth and jobs, because suspending payments could have serious consequences for the respective programmes and regions severely hit by the crisis, as well as for the achievement of cohesion policy goals as a whole;***

Or. en

Amendment 96

Josu Juaristi Abaunz

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Younous Omarjee, Martina Michels, Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Emphasises, in this context, ***Parliament's*** responsibility to control; demands that the Commission and the Council provide full, transparent and timely information on the criteria for, and on the entire procedure that could trigger, a suspension of commitments or payments of the ESIF in accordance with in Article 23(15) of the Common Provisions Regulation;

Amendment

16. Emphasises, in this context, ***European Parliament's initial opposition and*** responsibility to control ***article 23 of the CPR;*** demands that the Commission and the Council provide full, transparent and timely information on the criteria for, and on the entire procedure that could trigger, a suspension of commitments or payments of the ESIF in accordance with in Article 23(15) of the Common Provisions

Regulation; ***Recalls that suspensions would have a very negative impact for national, regional, and local authorities;***

Or. en

Amendment 97
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Emphasises, in this context, Parliament's responsibility to control; demands that the Commission and the Council provide full, transparent and timely information on the criteria for, and on the entire procedure that could trigger, a suspension of commitments or payments of the ESIF in accordance with in Article 23(15) of the Common Provisions Regulation;

Amendment

16. Emphasises, in this context, Parliament's responsibility to ***be fully involved and to control and scrutinize;*** demands that the Commission and the Council provide full, transparent and timely information on the criteria for, and on the entire procedure that could trigger, a suspension of commitments or payments of the ESIF in accordance with in Article 23(15) of the Common Provisions Regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Terry Reintke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Emphasises, in this context, Parliament's responsibility to control; demands that the Commission and the Council provide full, transparent and timely information on the criteria for, and on the entire procedure that could trigger, a suspension of commitments or payments of the ESIF in accordance with in Article

Amendment

16. Emphasises, in this context, Parliament's responsibility to control; demands that the Commission and the Council provide full, transparent and timely information on the criteria for, and on the entire procedure that could trigger, a suspension of commitments or payments of the ESIF in accordance with in Article

23(15) of the Common Provisions
Regulation;

23(15) of the Common Provisions
Regulation; *recalls that a proposal for re-
programming submitted in accordance
with Article 23(4) of that regulation
requires the prior consultation of the
monitoring committee concerned as
referred to in Article 49(3) of the same
regulation;*

Or. en

Amendment 99
José Blanco López, Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Emphasises, *in this context*, Parliament's responsibility to control; demands that the Commission and the Council provide full, transparent and timely information on the criteria for, and on the entire procedure that could trigger, a suspension of commitments or payments of the ESIF in accordance with in Article 23(15) of the Common Provisions Regulation;

Amendment

16. Emphasises, *as regards the linking of the Structural and Investment Funds to the European Semester*, Parliament's responsibility to control; demands that the Commission and the Council provide full, transparent and timely information on the criteria for, and on the entire procedure that could trigger, *reprogramming or* a suspension of commitments or payments of the ESIF in accordance with in Article 23(15) of the Common Provisions Regulation;

Or. es

Amendment 100
Ramón Luis Valcárcel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Emphasises, *in this context*, Parliament's responsibility to control;

Amendment

16. Emphasises Parliament's responsibility to control; demands that the Commission

demands that the Commission and the Council provide full, transparent and timely information on the criteria for, and on the entire procedure that could trigger, a suspension of commitments or payments of the ESIF in accordance with in Article 23(15) of the Common Provisions Regulation;

and the Council provide full, transparent and timely information on the criteria for, and on the entire procedure that could trigger, a suspension of commitments or payments of the ESIF in accordance with in Article 23(15) of the Common Provisions Regulation;

Or. es

Amendment 101

José Blanco López, Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Considers that macroeconomic conditionality should serve the sole purpose of making cohesion policy more sustainable and efficient and rejects the idea that regions, localities, and/or citizens should be penalised for macroeconomic reasons that have arisen at national or European level; points to the importance of close institutional coordination of all tiers of government and draws attention to the possibly considerable administrative workload entailed in reprogramming of funds and to the unduly severe disadvantage resulting from a suspension of commitments or payments, and therefore calls on the Commission and Council to proceed with caution whenever they propose to apply Article 23 of the Common Provisions Regulation;

Or. es

Amendment 102

Iskra Mihaylova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Points out that **a** simplification of management and procedures would also allow for error rates in the implementation of cohesion programmes to be reduced; underlines that these errors stem to a considerable degree from legislation outside of cohesion policy, such as public procurement and state *aide* rules; is concerned about the low rates of disbursement of financial instruments to beneficiaries, in particular in view of the objective to increase the use of these instruments;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 103
Pascal Arimont

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Points out that ***a simplification of management and procedures would also***

Amendment

17. Points out that ***non-fraudulent errors stem to a considerable degree from***

allow for error rates in the implementation of cohesion programmes to be reduced; underlines that these errors stem to a considerable degree from legislation outside of cohesion policy, such as public procurement and state aide rules; is concerned about the low rates of disbursement of financial instruments to beneficiaries, in particular in view of the objective to increase the use of these instruments;

ignorance of the law, complex requirements and regulations, and legislation outside of cohesion policy, such as public procurement and State aid rules; underlines that the number of irregularities in the implementation of cohesion programmes could be reduced by simplification of management and procedures and by early transposition of the newly adopted relevant directives; is concerned about the low rates of disbursement of financial instruments to beneficiaries, in particular in view of the objective to increase the use of these instruments;

Or. de

Amendment 104
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Points out that a simplification of management and procedures would also allow for error rates in the implementation of cohesion programmes to be reduced; *underlines that these errors stem to a considerable degree from legislation outside of cohesion policy, such as public procurement and state aide rules;* is concerned about the low rates of disbursement of financial instruments to beneficiaries, in particular in view of the objective to increase the use of these instruments;

Amendment

17. Points out that a simplification of management and procedures would also allow for error rates in the implementation of cohesion programmes to be reduced; *stresses the need for efforts to minimise administrative burdens for beneficiaries arising from the verifications necessary to ensure proper use of European Structural and Investment Fund appropriations;* is concerned about the low rates of disbursement of financial instruments to beneficiaries, in particular in view of the objective to increase the use of these instruments;

Or. nl

Amendment 105
Constanze Krehl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Points out that a simplification of management and procedures would also allow for error rates in the implementation of cohesion programmes to be reduced; underlines that these errors stem to a considerable degree from legislation outside of cohesion policy, such as public procurement and state aid rules; is concerned about the low rates of disbursement of financial instruments to beneficiaries, in particular in view of the objective to increase the use of these instruments;

Amendment

17. Points out that a simplification of management and procedures would also allow for error rates in the implementation of cohesion programmes to be reduced; underlines that these errors stem to a considerable degree from legislation outside of cohesion policy, such as public procurement and state aid rules; is concerned about the low rates of disbursement of financial instruments to beneficiaries, in particular in view of the objective to increase the use of these instruments; ***in this regard, asks Member States, managing authorities and relevant stakeholders working with these financial instruments to make full use of the technical assistance provided through the Financial Instruments-Technical Advisory Platform (FI-TAP) and the fi-compass.***

Or. en

Amendment 106

Josu Juaristi Abaunz

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Younous Omarjee, Ángela Vallina, Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Points out that a simplification of management and procedures would also allow for error rates in the implementation of cohesion programmes to be reduced; underlines that these errors stem to a considerable degree from legislation outside of cohesion policy, such as public

Amendment

17. Points out that a simplification of management and procedures ***and a reinforcement of administrative capacity in the less developed regions*** would also allow for error rates in the implementation of cohesion programmes to be reduced; underlines that these errors stem to

procurement and state aid rules; is concerned about the low rates of disbursement of financial instruments to beneficiaries, in particular in view of the objective to increase the use of these instruments;

a considerable degree from legislation outside of cohesion policy, such as public procurement and state aid rules; is concerned about the low rates of disbursement of financial instruments to beneficiaries, in particular in view of the objective to increase the use of these instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Constanze Krehl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Reiterates the need for better coordination between the ESIF and other Union and national funding instruments; invites the Commission to report on synergies in the forthcoming Cohesion Reports;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Ramón Luis Valcárcel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Stresses that the ESIF could make a significant contribution to reversing the negative social consequences of the crisis, and that, for this to happen, an integrated approach offered by multi-fund programming should be pursued, with more efficient coordination of, and greater flexibility among, the funds, allowing for

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better exploitation of the synergies between the ESF and the ERDF, in particular; emphasises that investments funded by the ESF cannot produce optimal results if *the relevant* infrastructure and *appropriate* institutions are not in place; *stresses that the integrated and territorial approach is particularly essential when it comes to environmental and energy matters*; draws attention to the fact that the ESIF can effectively support social inclusion, *and should therefore be mobilised to help the integration of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups such as Roma and persons with disabilities*;

better exploitation of the synergies between the ESF and the ERDF, in particular; emphasises that investments funded by the ESF cannot produce optimal results if *properly equipped* infrastructure and institutions are not in place; draws attention to the fact that the ESIF *and the European Social Fund in particular* can effectively support social inclusion *by focusing on people at risk of poverty or social exclusion, whose numbers have risen sharply as a result of the crisis*;

Or. es

Amendment 109 **Terry Reintke**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 18**

Motion for a resolution

18. Stresses that the ESIF could make a significant contribution to reversing the negative social consequences of the crisis, and that, for this to happen, an integrated approach *offered by* multi-fund programming should be pursued, with more efficient coordination of, *and greater flexibility among*, the funds, allowing for better exploitation of the synergies between the ESF and the ERDF, in particular; emphasises that investments funded by the ESF *cannot* produce optimal results if the relevant infrastructure and appropriate institutions are not in place; *stresses that the integrated and territorial approach is particularly essential when it comes to environmental and energy matters*; draws attention to the fact that the ESIF can effectively support social inclusion, and should therefore be mobilised to help the

Amendment

18. Stresses that the ESIF could make a significant contribution to reversing the negative social consequences of the crisis, and that, for this to happen, an integrated approach *such as* multi-fund programming should be pursued, with more efficient coordination of the funds, allowing for better exploitation of the synergies between the ESF and the ERDF, in particular; emphasises that investments funded by the ESF *may not* produce optimal results if the relevant infrastructure and appropriate institutions are not in place; draws attention to the fact that the ESIF can effectively support social inclusion, and should therefore be mobilised to help the integration of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups such as Roma and persons with disabilities;

integration of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups such as Roma and persons with disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Iskra Mihaylova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Stresses that the ESIF could make a significant contribution to reversing the negative social consequences of the crisis, and that, for this to happen, an integrated approach offered by multi-fund programming should be pursued, with more efficient coordination of, and greater flexibility among, the funds, allowing for better exploitation of the synergies between the ESF and the ERDF, in particular; emphasises that investments funded by the ESF cannot produce optimal results if the relevant infrastructure and appropriate institutions are not in place; stresses that the integrated and territorial approach is particularly essential when it comes to environmental and energy matters; draws attention to the fact that the ESIF can effectively support social inclusion, and should therefore be mobilised to help the integration of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups such as Roma and persons with disabilities;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 111
Mercedes Bresso, Andrea Cozzolino

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Stresses that the ESIF could make a significant contribution to reversing the negative social consequences of the crisis, and that, for this to happen, an integrated approach offered by multi-fund programming should be *pursued*, with more efficient coordination of, and greater flexibility among, the funds, allowing for better exploitation of the synergies between the ESF and the ERDF, in particular; emphasises that investments funded by the ESF cannot produce optimal results if the relevant infrastructure and appropriate institutions are not in place; stresses that the integrated and territorial approach is particularly essential when it comes to environmental and energy matters; draws attention to the fact that the ESIF can effectively support social inclusion, and should therefore be mobilised to help the integration of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups such as Roma and persons with disabilities;

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18. Stresses that the ESIF could make a significant contribution to reversing the negative social consequences of the crisis, and that, for this to happen, an integrated approach offered by multi-fund programming should be *facilitated and simplified* with more efficient coordination of, and greater flexibility among, the funds, allowing for better exploitation of the synergies between the ESF and the ERDF, in particular; emphasises that investments funded by the ESF cannot produce optimal results if the relevant infrastructure and appropriate institutions are not in place; stresses that the integrated and territorial approach is particularly essential when it comes to environmental and energy matters; draws attention to the fact that the ESIF can effectively support social inclusion, and attention to the fact that the ESIF can effectively support social inclusion, and should therefore be mobilised to help the integration of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups such as Roma and persons with disabilities;

Or. it

Amendment 112
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Emphasises the key role of SMEs in job creation, smart growth, and the digital

Amendment

19. . Emphasises the key role of SMEs in job creation, smart growth, and the digital

and low-carbon economies; calls for a favourable regulatory environment that is conducive to the setting up and running of such enterprises; underlines the importance of cutting bureaucratic burdens imposed on SMEs and of facilitating their access to finance, as well as the need to support programmes and trainings that promote the development of entrepreneurial skills;

and low-carbon economies; calls for a favourable regulatory environment that is conducive to the setting up and running of such enterprises, *especially those launched by young people and those situated in rural areas*; underlines the importance of cutting bureaucratic burdens imposed on SMEs and of facilitating their access to finance, as well as the need to support programmes and trainings that promote the development of entrepreneurial skills;

Or. ro

Amendment 113
Ramón Luis Valcárcel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Emphasises the key role of SMEs in job creation, smart growth, and the digital and low-carbon economies; calls for a favourable regulatory environment that is conducive to the *setting up* and running of such enterprises; underlines the importance of cutting bureaucratic burdens imposed on SMEs and of facilitating their access to finance, as well as the need to support programmes and *trainings* that promote the development of entrepreneurial skills;

Amendment

19. Emphasises the key role of SMEs in job creation *and points to their potential for promoting* smart growth and the digital and low-carbon economies; calls for a favourable regulatory environment that is conducive to the *setting-up* and running of such enterprises; underlines the importance of cutting bureaucratic burdens imposed on SMEs and of facilitating their access to finance, as well as the need to support programmes and *training* that promote the development of entrepreneurial skills;

Or. es

Amendment 114
Terry Reintke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Stresses that the integrated and territorial approach is particularly essential when it comes to environmental and energy matters; regrets that the opportunities offered by the new regulations to invest in clean and renewable energies, sustainable and multi-modal mobility as well as prevention, recycling and reuse of waste have not been sufficiently used; demands further efforts to be taken to shift towards a low-carbon, resource-efficient economy and green jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 115

Miroslav Mikolášik, Anna Záborská

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Bearing in mind that family-run companies, being locally based, are a cornerstone of regional development and territorial cohesion, urges the EU and the Member States to promote businesses of this type and encourage women to become more actively involved in family firms;

Or. fr

Amendment 116

Ramón Luis Valcárcel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Warns that the alarming rates of youth unemployment threaten to bring about the loss of an entire generation; insists that advancing the integration of young people into the job market must remain a top priority, **to the attainment of which** the integrated use of the ESF and the ERDF can make a major contribution; considers that a more results-oriented approach should be taken in this regard to ensure the most effective use of available resources;

Amendment

20. Warns that the alarming rates of youth unemployment threaten to bring about the loss of an entire generation, **especially in those regions which have been harder hit by the crisis and unemployment**; insists that advancing the integration of young people into the job market must remain a top priority **and that, if it is to be attained, the necessary resources must be provided as soon as possible in order to implement the Youth Guarantee and the other measures covered by the Youth Employment Initiative**; **believes in addition** that the integrated use of the ESF and the ERDF can **likewise** make a major contribution; considers that a more results-oriented approach should be taken in this regard to ensure the most effective use of available resources;

Or. es

Amendment 117

Tamás Deutsch, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

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20. Warns that the alarming rates of youth unemployment threaten to bring about the loss of an entire generation; insists that advancing the integration of young people into the job market must remain a top priority, to the attainment of which the integrated use of the ESF and the ERDF can make a major contribution; considers that a more results-oriented approach should be taken in this regard to ensure the most effective use of available resources; **underlines in this context the vital role of the Youth Guarantee in helping young**

people under 25 to either find a good quality job or acquire the education, skills and experience needed in order to find employment;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Warns that the alarming rates of youth unemployment threaten to bring about the loss of an entire generation; insists that advancing the integration of young people into the job market must remain a top priority, to the attainment of which the integrated use of the ESF and the **ERDF** can make a major contribution; considers that a more results-oriented approach should be taken in this regard to ensure the most effective use of available resources;

Amendment

20. Warns that the alarming rates of youth unemployment threaten to bring about the loss of an entire generation; insists that advancing the integration of young people into the job market must remain a top priority, to the attainment of which the integrated use of the ESF, **ERDF** and the **Cohesion Fund** can make a major contribution; considers that a more results-oriented approach should be taken in this regard to ensure the most effective use of available resources;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Josu Juaristi Abaunz
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
Younous Omarjee, Ángela Vallina, Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Warns that the alarming rates of youth unemployment threaten to bring about the loss of an entire generation; insists that advancing the integration of young people

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Or. en

Amendment 120

Terry Reintke

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Warns that the alarming rates of youth unemployment threaten to bring about the loss of an entire generation; insists that advancing the integration of young people into the job market must remain a top priority, to the attainment of which the integrated use of the ESF and the ERDF can make a major contribution; considers that a more results-oriented approach should be taken in this regard to ensure the most effective use of available resources;

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20. Warns that the alarming rates of youth unemployment threaten to bring about the loss of an entire generation; insists that advancing the integration of young people into the job market must remain a top priority, to the attainment of which the integrated use of the ESF, *YEI* and the ERDF can make a major contribution; considers that a more results-oriented approach should be taken in this regard to ensure the most effective use of available resources;

Or. en

Amendment 121

Isabella Adinolfi, Rosa D'Amato, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

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loss of an entire generation; insists that advancing the integration of young people into the job market must remain a top priority, to the attainment of which the integrated use of the ESF and the ERDF can make a major contribution; considers that a more results-oriented approach should be taken in this regard to ensure the most effective use of available resources; ***calls on Member States to establish strong partnerships with stakeholders and to use the European Social Fund and the other structural funds effectively and in synergy with other national policies in this area, and to make impact indicators clear and readily understandable so that their contribution to growth and employment may be properly gauged;***

Or. en

Amendment 122

Isabella Adinolfi, Rosa D'Amato, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Warns that the alarming rates of youth unemployment threaten to bring about the loss of an entire generation; insists that advancing the integration of young people into the job market must remain a top priority, to the attainment of which the integrated use of the ESF and the ERDF can make a major contribution; considers that a more results-oriented approach should be taken in this regard to ensure the most effective use of available resources;

Amendment

20. Warns that the alarming rates of youth unemployment threaten to bring about the loss of an entire generation ***and that the EU must commit itself to making an active contribution to solving this issue;*** insists that advancing the integration of young people into the job market must remain a top priority, to the attainment of which the integrated use of the ESF and the ERDF can make a major contribution; considers that a more results-oriented approach should be taken in this regard to ensure the most effective use of available resources;

Or. en

Amendment 123
Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Warns that the alarming rates of youth unemployment threaten to bring about the loss of an entire generation; insists that advancing the integration of young people into the job market must remain a top priority, to the attainment of which the integrated use of the ESF and the ERDF can make a major contribution; considers that a more results-oriented approach should be taken in this regard to ensure the most effective use of available resources;

Amendment

20. Warns that the alarming rates of youth unemployment threaten to bring about the loss of an entire generation, ***especially in less developed Member States***; insists that advancing the integration of young people into the job market must remain a top priority, to the attainment of which the integrated use of the ESF and the ERDF can make a major contribution; considers that a more results-oriented approach should be taken in this regard to ensure the most effective use of available resources;

Or. en

Amendment 124
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Warns that the alarming rates of youth unemployment threaten to bring about the loss of an entire generation; insists that advancing the integration of young people into the job market must remain a top priority, to the attainment of which the integrated use of the ESF and the ERDF can make a major contribution; considers that a more results-oriented approach should be taken in this regard to ensure the most effective use of available resources;

Amendment

20. Warns that the alarming rates of youth unemployment threaten to bring about the loss of an entire generation; insists that advancing the integration of young people into the job market must remain a top priority, to the attainment of which the integrated use of the ESF and the ERDF can make a major contribution; considers that a more results-oriented approach should be taken in this regard to ensure the most effective use of available resources, ***so as to boost EU competitiveness and generate more revenue, thereby benefiting***

the entire EU economy;

Or. ro

Amendment 125
Ramón Luis Valcárcel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Maintains that further solutions must continue to be sought in order to improve performance as regards youth employment, given that, notwithstanding the adoption of the ESF Regulation and the Youth Employment Initiative, the results have not been good; points out that the EU is politically committed to providing immediate support for the integration of young people into the job market;

Or. es

Amendment 126
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Stresses the importance of the European Social Fund with the Youth Guarantee and the Youth Employment Initiative, which must sustain as many viable job-creation projects as possible, in the form of business initiatives for example;

Or. ro

Amendment 127
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Stresses the importance of the European Social Fund with the Youth Guarantee and the Youth Employment Initiative, which must sustain as many viable job-creation projects as possible, in the form of business initiatives for example;

Or. ro

Amendment 128
Terry Reintke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Emphasises that cohesion policy ***needs*** to be conducted within the spirit of properly functioning multi-level governance, combined with an effective set-up for responding to the requests of the public and ***businesses***, and with transparent and innovative public procurement, all of which is crucial to enhancing the ***policy's*** impact; stresses, in this regard, that, notwithstanding the importance of decisions taken at EU and Member State levels, local and regional authorities often have primary administrative responsibility for public investment, and that cohesion policy is a vital tool enabling these authorities to play a key role in the EU; stresses that this level of responsibility should be ***taken into consideration, in keeping with the partnership principle;***

21. Emphasises that cohesion policy ***has*** to be conducted within the spirit of properly functioning multi-level governance, combined with an effective set-up for responding to the requests of the public and ***private sector as well as civil society***, and with transparent and innovative public procurement, all of which is crucial to enhancing the ***policy's*** impact; stresses, in this regard, that, notwithstanding the importance of decisions taken at EU and Member State levels, local and regional authorities often have primary administrative responsibility for public investment, and that cohesion policy is a vital tool enabling these authorities to play a key role in the EU; stresses that this level of responsibility should be ***further empowered including by means of***

capacity building and technical assistance;

Or. en

Amendment 129
Constanze Krehl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Emphasises that cohesion policy needs to be conducted within the spirit of properly functioning multi-level governance, combined with an effective set-up for responding to the requests of the public and businesses, and with transparent and innovative public procurement, all of which is crucial to enhancing the policy's impact; stresses, in this regard, that, notwithstanding the importance of decisions taken at EU and Member State levels, local and regional authorities often have primary administrative responsibility for public investment, and that cohesion policy is a vital tool enabling these authorities to play a key role in the EU; ***stresses that this level of responsibility should be taken into consideration, in keeping with the partnership principle;***

Amendment

21. Emphasises that cohesion policy needs to be conducted within the spirit of properly functioning multi-level governance, combined with an effective set-up for responding to the requests of the public and businesses, and with transparent and innovative public procurement, all of which is crucial to enhancing the policy's impact; stresses, in this regard, that, notwithstanding the importance of decisions taken at EU and Member State levels, local and regional authorities often have primary administrative responsibility for public investment, and that cohesion policy is a vital tool enabling these authorities to play a key role in the EU; ***reiterates hereby the need of widespread implementation of the partnership principle as detailed in the Common Provision Regulation and the Code of Conduct on Partnership;***

Or. en

Amendment 130
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Emphasises that cohesion policy needs to be conducted within the spirit of properly functioning multi-level governance, combined with an effective set-up for responding to the requests of the public and businesses, and with transparent and innovative public procurement, all of which is crucial to enhancing the policy's impact; stresses, in this regard, that, notwithstanding the importance of decisions taken at EU and Member State levels, local and regional authorities often have primary administrative responsibility for public investment, and that cohesion policy is a vital tool enabling these authorities to play a key role in the EU; stresses that *this level* of responsibility should be taken into consideration, in keeping with the partnership principle;

Amendment

21. Emphasises that cohesion policy needs to be conducted within the spirit of properly functioning multi-level governance, combined with an effective set-up for responding to the requests of the public and businesses, and with transparent and innovative public procurement, all of which is crucial to enhancing the policy's impact; stresses, in this regard, that, notwithstanding the importance of decisions taken at EU and Member State levels, local and regional authorities often have primary administrative responsibility for public investment, and that cohesion policy is a vital tool enabling these authorities to play a key role in the EU; stresses that *Member States and Managing authorities should involve the local and regional levels* of responsibility should be taken into consideration, in keeping with the partnership principle, *detailed in the Article 5 of the Common Provisions Regulation*;

Or. en

Amendment 131

Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Emphasises that cohesion policy needs to be conducted within the spirit of properly functioning multi-level governance, combined with an effective set-up for responding to the requests of the public and businesses, and with transparent and innovative public procurement, all of which is crucial to enhancing the policy's impact; stresses, in this regard, that,

Amendment

21. Emphasises that cohesion policy needs to be conducted within the spirit of properly functioning multi-level governance, combined with an effective set-up for responding to the requests of the public and businesses, and with transparent and innovative public procurement, all of which is crucial to enhancing the policy's impact; stresses, in this regard, that,

notwithstanding the importance of decisions taken at EU and Member State levels, local and regional authorities often have primary administrative responsibility for public investment, and that cohesion policy is a vital tool enabling these authorities to play a key role in the EU; stresses that this level of responsibility should be taken into consideration, in keeping with the partnership principle;

notwithstanding the importance of decisions taken at EU and Member State levels, local and regional authorities often have primary administrative responsibility for public investment, ***are more familiar with the situation and requirements at local and regional level, and have a greater political interest in carrying out projects to meet citizens' needs,*** and that cohesion policy is a vital tool enabling these authorities to play a key role in the EU; stresses that this level of responsibility should be taken into consideration, in keeping with the partnership principle;

Or. hr

Amendment 132

Josu Juaristi Abaunz

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Younous Omarjee, Martina Michels, Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Emphasises that cohesion policy needs to be conducted within the spirit of properly functioning multi-level governance, combined with an effective set-up for responding to the requests of the public and businesses, and with transparent and innovative public procurement, all of which is crucial to enhancing the policy's impact; stresses, in this regard, that, notwithstanding the importance of decisions taken at EU and Member State levels, local and regional authorities often have primary administrative responsibility for public investment, and that cohesion policy is a vital tool enabling these authorities to play a key role in the EU; stresses that this level of responsibility should be ***taken into consideration***, in

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21. Emphasises that cohesion policy needs to be conducted within the spirit of properly functioning multi-level governance, combined with an effective set-up for responding to the requests of the public and businesses, and with transparent and innovative public procurement, all of which is crucial to enhancing the policy's impact; stresses, in this regard, that, notwithstanding the importance of decisions taken at EU and Member State levels, local and regional authorities often have primary administrative ***and political*** responsibility for public investment, and that cohesion policy is a vital tool enabling these authorities to play a key role in the EU; stresses that this level of responsibility should be ***strengthened***,

keeping with the partnership principle;

in keeping with the partnership principle;

Or. en

Amendment 133
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Emphasises that cohesion policy needs to be conducted within the spirit of properly functioning multi-level governance, combined with an effective set-up for responding to the requests of the public and businesses, and with transparent and innovative public procurement, all of which is crucial to enhancing the policy's impact; stresses, in this regard, that, notwithstanding the importance of decisions taken at EU and Member State levels, local and regional authorities often have primary administrative responsibility for public investment, and that cohesion policy is a vital tool enabling these authorities to play a key role in the EU; stresses that this level of responsibility should be taken into consideration, in keeping with the partnership principle;

Amendment

21. Emphasises that cohesion policy needs to be conducted within the spirit of properly functioning multi-level governance, combined with an effective set-up for responding to the requests of the public and businesses, and with transparent and innovative public procurement, all of which is crucial to enhancing the policy's impact; stresses, in this regard, that, notwithstanding the importance of decisions taken at EU and Member State levels, local and regional authorities often have primary administrative responsibility for public investment, and that cohesion policy is a vital tool enabling these authorities to ***boost development in their territories, and therefore*** play a key role in the EU; stresses that this level of responsibility should be taken into consideration, in keeping with the partnership principle;

Or. en

Amendment 134
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to ensure coherence between National Reform Programmes and Operational Programmes with the aim to adequately address Country Specific Recommendations and to provide full alignment with the economic governance procedures, thus limiting the risk of early reprogramming;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Iskra Mihaylova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Regrets that the Sixth Cohesion report does not include in-depth assessment on the achievements of the technical assistance facility JASPERS, which provided the Member States during 2007-2013 period with the technical expertise needed to prepare high quality major projects to be co-financed by EU funds; welcomes the launched in 2013 JASPERS Networking Platform for capacity building activities and the established in 2014 Networking and Competence Centre division for delivery of specialist expertise in project preparation for the programming period 2014-2020; welcomes the establishment of a Competence Centre on administrative capacity building regarding ESIF that should contribute to enhancing the capacity of all authorities in the Member States involved in management and implementation of ESIF;

Amendment 136
Terry Reintke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Welcomes that increasing attention is paid by the Commission to the role of governance and agrees that good governance and high-quality public services including the absence of corruption are essential for a stable investment environment; requests high ambitions for making Cohesion Policy spending less prone to fraudulent use and for strict application of anti-fraud measures;

Or. en

Amendment 137
Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Calls on the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy to act without delay, through specific bodies, expressly with a view to remedying shortcomings in national regional policy implementation systems and improving the work of national managing agencies in order to increase the uptake of earmarked cohesion policy resources;

Or. hr

Amendment 138
Terry Reintke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22b. Welcomes the strengthening of the partnership principle which acknowledges the key role of the various partners for ownership of the policy and transparency and effectiveness in implementation; congratulates those Member States and regions who have managed to involve their partners for the preparation of the Partnership Agreements and Operational Programmes in accordance with the Code of Conduct on Partnership; however, raises serious concerns about the numerous cases of weak application of the partnership principle and calls on the Commission not to approve programmes for which the involvement of partners has not been sufficient;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Is convinced that the Code of Conduct on Partnership will strengthen participation in programming in the regions, in form and substance, and has a fundamental role to play in boosting the effects of cohesion policy and consolidating its impact;

23. Is convinced that the **European** Code of Conduct on Partnership will **oblige Member States and Managing Authorities to** strengthen participation in programming in the regions, in form and substance, and has a fundamental role to play in boosting the effects of cohesion policy and consolidating its impact **on the ground,**

increasing efficiency and absorption rates; furthermore asks the Commission to report to the Parliament on the state-of-play of the implementation of the Partnership Principle and how Member States are dealing with the involvement of associations of local and regional authorities, as well as of civil society organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 140
Constanze Krehl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Is convinced that the Code of Conduct on Partnership will strengthen participation in programming in the regions, in form and substance, and has a fundamental role to play in boosting the effects of cohesion policy and consolidating its impact;

Amendment

23. Is convinced that the Code of Conduct on Partnership will strengthen participation in programming in the regions, in form and substance, and has a fundamental role to play in boosting the effects of cohesion policy and consolidating its impact;
stresses the importance of disseminating examples of good practices of organising partnership as detailed in the Code of Conduct on Partnership; asks furthermore the European Commission to present to the Parliament an annual report assessing the state-of-play of implementation of the partnership principle.

Or. en

Amendment 141
Georgi Pirinski, Iliana Iotova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Is convinced that the Code of Conduct on Partnership will strengthen participation in **programming** in the regions, in form and substance, and has a fundamental role to play in boosting the effects of cohesion policy and consolidating its impact;

Amendment

23. Is convinced that the Code of Conduct on Partnership will strengthen participation in **implementation of the operational programs** in the regions, in form and substance, and has a fundamental role to play in boosting the effects of cohesion policy and consolidating its impact; **calls on the Commission to inform Parliament about the partners' participation in programming for ESIF assistance for 2014-2020;**

Or. en

Amendment 142
Terry Reintke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Is convinced that the Code of Conduct on Partnership will strengthen participation **in** programming in the regions, in form and substance, and has a fundamental role to play in boosting the effects of cohesion policy and consolidating its impact;

Amendment

23. Is convinced that the Code of Conduct on Partnership will strengthen participation **at all stages of** programming in the regions, in form and substance, and has a fundamental role to play in boosting the effects of cohesion policy and consolidating its impact;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Is convinced that the Code of Conduct

Amendment

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on Partnership will strengthen participation in programming in the regions, in form and substance, and has a fundamental role to play in boosting the effects of cohesion policy and consolidating its impact;

on Partnership will strengthen participation in programming in the regions, in form and substance, and ***must be fully implemented as it*** has a fundamental role to play in boosting the effects of cohesion policy and consolidating its impact;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Calls on the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy to analyse the execution and performance of national systems for EU regional policy, correlating them with various assumptions (structure, OP system, ratio of national OPs to regional-level OPs, role and responsibilities of ministries in the EU regional policy implementation procedure, subsidiarity, role of national, regional, and local authorities in implementing EU regional policy, handling of national contributions to project financing, degree of decentralisation, etc.); believes that the purpose of the above should be to determine priorities regarding the shortcomings occurring in given national systems; considers that, to some extent, the fact that Member States have different regional policy systems determines the quality of execution and the achievement of results;

Or. hr

Amendment 145
Georgi Pirinski, Iliana Iotova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Asks the Commission and the Member States to ensure enhanced coordination between different funds and instruments in order to avoid overlapping and duplication of the support for identical projects;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Notes with concern the relative lack of a territorial approach, ***and in particular of references to cross-border co-operation***, in the Sixth Cohesion Report; points out that the inclusion of cross-border aspects would have had an enriching effect, as far as e.g. infrastructure, labour market and mobility, environment, water use and disposal, waste management, health care, research and development, tourism, public services and governance are concerned, ***as all of these areas include remarkable cross-border elements and potential; is convinced that in the programming period 2014-2020 the performance of European border and cross-border regions in coming to terms with the crisis, by growing smarter, more inclusive and more sustainable, will improve considerably;***

24. Notes with concern the relative lack of a territorial approach in the Sixth Cohesion Report; points out that the inclusion of cross-border ***and macro-regional*** aspects would have had an enriching effect, as far as e.g. infrastructure, labour market and mobility, environment, water use and disposal, waste management, health care, research and development, tourism, public services and governance are concerned;

Or. it

Amendment 147
Ramón Luis Valcárcel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Notes with concern the relative lack of a territorial approach, and in particular of references to cross-border co-operation, in the Sixth Cohesion Report; points out that the inclusion of cross-border aspects would have had an enriching effect, as far as e.g. infrastructure, labour market and mobility, environment, water use and disposal, waste management, health care, research and development, tourism, public services and governance are concerned, as all of these areas include remarkable cross-border elements and potential; is convinced that in the programming period 2014-2020 the performance of European border and cross-border regions in coming to terms with the crisis, by growing smarter, more inclusive and more sustainable, will improve considerably;

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Or. es

Amendment 148
Ruža Tomašić

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Or. en

Amendment 149

Josu Juaristi Abaunz

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Younous Omarjee, Martina Michels, Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

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Amendment

24. Notes with concern the relative lack of a territorial approach, and in particular of references to cross-border co-operation, in the Sixth Cohesion Report, ***while it is an essential tool to strengthen economic, social and territorial cohesion***; points out that the inclusion of ***all the*** cross-border aspects would have had an enriching effect, as far as e.g. infrastructure, labour market and mobility, environment, water use and disposal, waste management, health care, research and development, tourism, public services and governance are concerned, as all of these areas include remarkable cross-border elements and potential; is convinced that in the programming period 2014-2020 the performance of European border and cross-border regions in coming to terms

considerably;

with the crisis, by growing smarter, more inclusive and more sustainable, will improve considerably;

Or. en

Amendment 150
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Hopes that the new set of programmes will accord a central role in the achievement of cohesion policy objectives to rural areas, islands, mountain areas, remote and outlying areas and, in general, all areas with permanent natural or demographic disadvantages;

Or. it

Amendment 151
Victor Boștinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Stresses the importance of macroregional strategies, which allow regions facing a common issue to address them in a more strategic and coordinated way, favouring the achievement of Cohesion Policy objectives in the most appropriate and targeted way; points out on the important results already achieved by macroregional strategies, and encourages increased attention and

support towards them;

Or. en

Amendment 152

Tamás Deutsch, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Welcomes the introduction of new tools to integrate coordination of stakeholders and EU policies, and to focus investments on the real needs on the ground, such as the Integrated Territorial Investments and the Community-Led Local Development instruments; points to the importance of adopting instruments for assessing the territorial impact of policies, the main objective of which is to consider the territorial impact of EU policies on local and regional authorities and to draw greater attention to that impact in the legislative process; calls for an overall integrated EU investment strategy, and a strengthening of the EU Territorial Agenda 2020 that was adopted under the Hungarian Presidency 2011 and that is scheduled to be evaluated by the presidencies of 2015; is of the opinion that particular attention should be paid to strengthening the role of small- and medium-sized urban areas *in the framework of an EU Urban Agenda*;

Amendment

25. Welcomes the introduction of new tools to integrate coordination of stakeholders and EU policies, and to focus investments on the real needs on the ground, such as the Integrated Territorial Investments and the Community-Led Local Development instruments, *seeking balanced territorial development*; points to the importance of adopting instruments for assessing the territorial impact of policies, the main objective of which is to consider the territorial impact of EU policies on local and regional authorities and to draw greater attention to that impact in the legislative process, *while noting the existing challenges to implement integrated territorial approaches given the remaining regulatory differences across the EU funds and the greatly varying degree of empowerment of regional and local communities that is experienced across Member States and Managing Authorities*; calls for an overall integrated EU investment strategy, and a strengthening of the EU Territorial Agenda 2020 that was adopted under the Hungarian Presidency 2011 and that is scheduled to be evaluated by the presidencies of 2015 *which includes the EU Urban Agenda as part of it*; is of the opinion that particular attention should be paid to strengthening the role of small- and medium-sized urban areas;

Amendment 153
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Welcomes the introduction of new tools to integrate coordination of stakeholders and EU policies, and to focus investments on the real needs on the ground, such as the Integrated Territorial Investments and the Community-Led Local Development instruments; points to the importance of adopting instruments for assessing the territorial impact of policies, the main objective of which is to consider the territorial impact of EU policies on local and regional authorities and to draw greater attention to that impact in the legislative process; calls for an overall integrated EU investment strategy, and a strengthening of the EU Territorial Agenda 2020 that was adopted under the Hungarian Presidency 2011 and that is scheduled to be evaluated by the presidencies of 2015; is of the opinion that particular attention should be paid to strengthening the role of *small- and medium-sized* urban areas in the framework of an EU Urban Agenda;

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Or. nl

Amendment 154
Terry Reintke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

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tools to integrate coordination of stakeholders and EU policies, and to focus investments on the real needs on the ground, such as the Integrated Territorial Investments and the Community-Led Local Development instruments; ***regrets, that the use of CLLD is only voluntary for the ERDF thus calling on Member States and regions to use it more often***; points to the importance of adopting instruments for assessing the territorial impact of policies, the main objective of which is to consider the territorial impact of EU policies on local and regional authorities and to draw greater attention to that impact in the legislative process; calls for an overall integrated EU investment strategy, and a strengthening of the EU Territorial Agenda 2020 that was adopted under the Hungarian Presidency 2011 and that is scheduled to be evaluated by the presidencies of 2015; is of the opinion that particular attention should be paid to strengthening the role of small- and medium-sized urban areas in the framework of an EU Urban Agenda;

Or. en

Amendment 155
Iskra Mihaylova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Notes with concern the lack of reference to how the principles and priorities of the EU Territorial Agenda 2020 have been taken into account through the implementation of 2007-2013 cohesion policy programmes; calls for undertaking appropriate evaluation mechanisms during 2014-2020 period to assess the territorial dimension of

cohesion policy;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Ramón Luis Valcárcel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Approves, nevertheless, of the fact that urban issues are highlighted by the report, given the importance of cities in the globalised economy and their potential impact in terms of sustainability; notes the commitment of European regions and cities to making the transition to greener growth, as embodied by the Covenant of Mayors; suggests that the major gaps in development between rural and urban areas also be duly addressed;

Amendment

26. Approves, nevertheless, of the fact that urban issues are highlighted by the report, given the importance of cities in the globalised economy and their potential impact in terms of sustainability; notes the commitment of European regions and cities to making the transition to greener growth, as embodied by the Covenant of Mayors; suggests that the major gaps in development between rural and urban areas also be duly addressed, *as should the problems in metropolitan regions, which are showing resilience while remaining vulnerable;*

Or. es

Amendment 157
Iskra Mihaylova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Regrets that the Sixth Cohesion Report does not refer to polycentric territorial development as a key element of achieving territorial cohesion and territorial competitiveness in line with the EU Territorial Agenda 2020 and the ESPON Report "Making Europe Open and Polycentric"(2013); highlights the

role of small and medium-sized towns and the importance of enhancing the functional links of the urban centres with their surrounding areas to achieve balanced territorial development;

Or. en

Amendment 158

Younous Omarjee

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Calls for greater respect for Article 174 TFEU on territorial cohesion, in particular in rural areas, with attention duly paid to the important relationship between cohesion policy and rural development, in particular as regards areas affected by industrial transition, and regions that suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps, such as northernmost regions with low population density and island, cross-border and mountain regions; recommends that consideration also be given to other demographic challenges that have a major impact on regions, such as depopulation, an ageing population and highly dispersed populations; asks the Commission to pay particular attention to the most geographically and demographically disadvantaged areas when implementing cohesion policy;

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27. Calls for greater respect for Article 174 TFEU on territorial cohesion, in particular in rural areas, with attention duly paid to the important relationship between cohesion policy and rural development, in particular as regards areas affected by industrial transition, and regions that suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps, such as ***outermost regions***, northernmost regions with low population density and island, cross-border and mountain regions; recommends that consideration also be given to other demographic challenges that have a major impact on regions, such as depopulation, an ageing population and highly dispersed populations; asks the Commission to pay particular attention to the most geographically and demographically disadvantaged areas when implementing cohesion policy;

Or. en

Amendment 159

Iskra Mihaylova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Notes with regret that the role of Cohesion Policy in supporting macroregional strategies has not been developed in the Sixth Cohesion Report and points out their potential to address macroregional challenges, to rationalise existing resources and use them more efficiently;

Or. en

Amendment 160
Georgi Pirinski, Iliana Iotova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29. Calls for closer coordination between cohesion policy and the EU Neighbourhood Policy, as well as for better assessment and dissemination of the results of projects;

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Or. en

Amendment 161
Marc Joulaud, Milan Zver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29a. Expresses its concern because of a too low limit set by the Commission (EUR 5 million) for support by ERDF to small-

scale cultural and sustainable tourism infrastructures which is defined as total costs instead of eligible costs, and stresses the strong positive impact that such projects can have on regional development, in terms of socio-economic impact, social inclusion and attractiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 162
Georgi Pirinski, Iliana Iotova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to fully explore the potential of the macroregional strategies for solving common problems faced by the participating regions and thus contributing to better use of the available EU funds and achievement of mutually beneficial results;

Or. en

Amendment 163
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30. Recalls, in view of all of the above, the necessity for a new dynamic to be given to the EU cohesion policy debate; states that the 2019 European Parliament election *year* will be decisive, as the then newly-elected Parliament, and new Commission,

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will have to deal with the termination of the Europe 2020 strategy and an upcoming new MFF, as well as prepare new legislation for cohesion policy; notes that the cohesion policy debate has to take into account the serious time constraints and delays experienced at the beginning of the current programming period;

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Or. it

Amendment 164

Josu Juaristi Abaunz

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Younous Omarjee, Martina Michels, Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

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Or. en

Amendment 165

Josu Juaristi Abaunz

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Younous Omarjee, Martina Michels, Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Stresses the crucial importance of administrative capacities; calls on policy makers at all governance levels to favour targeted technical assistance for the implementation of cohesion policies in general, ***and for the extended use of financial instruments combined with ESIF in particular;***

Amendment

31. Stresses the crucial importance of administrative capacities; calls on policy makers at all governance levels to favour targeted technical assistance for the implementation of cohesion policies in general;

Or. en

Amendment 166
Terry Reintke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

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31. Stresses the crucial importance of administrative capacities; calls on policy makers at all governance levels to favour targeted technical assistance for the implementation of cohesion policies in general, and for the extended use of financial instruments combined with ESIF in particular; ***calls on Member States to reinforce multi-level governance including by advancing de-centralisation and stronger involvement of local and regional authorities in investment decisions;***

Or. en

Amendment 167
Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 168
Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31a. Believes, as regards the long term, that cohesion policy has to allow for disparities in levels of development, social and economic assumptions, conditions, resources, comparative advantages, and development opportunities, as well as for differing development needs in individual Member States, when it comes to shaping the cohesion policy to be pursued after 2020; considers that such an approach would create the preconditions for a high standard of implementation in individual Member States and for the attainment of objectives at EU level;

Or. hr

Amendment 169
Terry Reintke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31a. Recalls that the impacts of the crisis should be thoroughly analysed as well as the adaptability of Cohesion Policy; Considers that emphasis should be given to reflections on the ability of the Union's economy, society and environment to resist an economic shock and to recover from it and on appropriate contributions from Cohesion Policy to make EU regions more resilient and increase their adaptive capacity;

Or. en

Amendment 170
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31a. Calls on the Member States to conduct regularly a high level political debate, within National Parliaments, on effectiveness, efficiency and timely implementation of ESIF and on cohesion policy's contribution to the fulfilment of macroeconomic objectives;

Or. en