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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft report**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**  
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Deployment of cohesion policy instruments by regions to address demographic change  
(2016/2245(INI))



**Amendment 1**  
**Michela Giuffrida**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to its resolution of 4 February 2016 on the special situation of islands,*

Or. it

**Amendment 2**  
**Bronis Ropè**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 18 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the Commission Communication of 26 March 2017 entitled 'An Initiative to support work-life balance for working parents and carers' (COM(2017)0252),*

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 22 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the Commission Communication of 6 May 2015 "A Digital Single Market Strategy for Europe" (COM(2015)0192),*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 4**

**Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Francisco José Millán Mon, Verónica Lope Fontagné**

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

##### **Recital A**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas demographic change is one of the main challenges for local development in the EU today, together with globalisation, ***the technological shift, climate change*** and inclusiveness;

##### *Amendment*

A. whereas demographic change is one of the main challenges for local development in the EU today, together with ***uncontrolled*** globalisation, ***climate change and the challenges posed by the technological shift*** and inclusiveness;

Or. es

#### **Amendment 5**

**Viorica Dăncilă**

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

##### **Recital A**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas demographic change is one of the main challenges for local development in the EU today, together with globalisation, the technological shift, climate change and inclusiveness;

##### *Amendment*

A. whereas demographic change is ***a genuine issue in Europe and across the globe and a key challenge representing*** one of the main challenges for local development in the EU today, together with globalisation, the technological shift, climate change and inclusiveness;

Or. ro

#### **Amendment 6**

**Fernando Ruas**

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

##### **Recital A**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas demographic change is one of the main challenges for local

##### *Amendment*

A. whereas demographic change is one of the main challenges for local

development in the EU today, together with globalisation, the technological shift, climate change and *inclusiveness*;

development *and territorial enhancement policies* in the EU today, together with globalisation, the technological shift, climate change and *social and economic inclusion*;

Or. pt

### **Amendment 7**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

##### **Recital A**

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

A. whereas demographic change is one of the main challenges for local development in the EU today, together with globalisation, the technological shift, climate change and inclusiveness;

###### *Amendment*

A. whereas demographic change is one of the main challenges for local development in the EU today, together with globalisation, the *industrial and technological shift*, climate change, *transition towards low-carbon economies* and inclusiveness;

Or. en

### **Amendment 8**

**Marc Joulaud, Maurice Ponga**

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

##### **Recital A**

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

A. whereas demographic change is one of the main challenges for local development in the EU today, together with globalisation, the technological shift, climate change and inclusiveness;

###### *Amendment*

A. whereas demographic change is one of the main challenges for local development in the EU today, together with *employment-related issues*, globalisation, the technological shift, climate change and inclusiveness;

Or. fr

### **Amendment 9**

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**Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Ángela Vallina**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital A a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**Aa.** *whereas rural towns and villages, and especially mountainous areas, are hit particularly hard by population loss through demographic change linked to agricultural policies that are causing small and medium-sized farms to disappear;*

Or. es

**Amendment 10**

**Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Francisco José Millán Mon, Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

B. whereas the European population has been characterised by increasing longevity and low fertility rates for several decades, which implies side-effects of a shrinking *workforce* and an ageing population;

B. whereas the European population has been characterised by increasing longevity and low fertility rates for several decades, which implies side-effects of a shrinking *working age population* and an ageing population;

Or. es

**Amendment 11**

**Viorica Dăncilă**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

B. whereas the European population has been characterised by increasing longevity and low fertility rates for several decades, which *implies* side-effects of a shrinking workforce and an ageing

B. whereas the European population has been characterised by increasing longevity and low fertility rates for several decades, which *is liable to alter the population structure and age pyramid,*

population;

*with the* side-effects of a shrinking workforce and an ageing population;

Or. ro

#### **Amendment 12**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

##### **Recital B**

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

B. whereas the European population has been characterised by increasing longevity and low fertility rates for several decades, which implies side-effects of a shrinking workforce and an ageing population;

###### *Amendment*

B. whereas, *as it is the case in most post-industrial societies*, the European population has been characterised by increasing longevity and low fertility rates for several decades, which implies side-effects of a shrinking workforce and an ageing population;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 13**

**Michela Giuffrida**

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

##### **Recital B a (new)**

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

###### *Amendment*

**Ba. whereas the economic crisis which has affected the entire European Union has had a strong impact on many areas and regions, particularly in the countryside, and has especially generated poverty and caused depopulation;**

Or. it

#### **Amendment 14**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***B a. whereas a persisting gender pay gap and an increasing pension gap strongly hinder the participation of women in the labour market;***

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Bronis Ropè**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

D. whereas it is projected that 132 out of 273 NUTS level 2 regions will see a decrease in population between 2015 and 2050<sup>19</sup> ;

D. whereas it is projected that 132 out of 273 NUTS level 2 regions will see a decrease in population between 2015 and 2050<sup>19</sup> ***but with different and diverging trends expected in rural, urban and metropolitan areas;***

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<sup>19</sup> Eurostat, 'Eurostat Regional Yearbook', 2016 edition.

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<sup>19</sup> Eurostat, 'Eurostat Regional Yearbook', 2016 edition.

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Ángela Vallina**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

D. whereas it is projected that 132 out of 273 NUTS level 2 regions will see a decrease in population between 2015 and 2050<sup>19</sup>;

D. whereas it is projected that 132 out of 273 NUTS level 2 regions will see a decrease in population between 2015 and 2050<sup>19</sup>; ***whereas this decrease will affect Local Administrative Units in particular;***



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<sup>19</sup> Eurostat, ‘Eurostat Regional Yearbook’, 2016 edition.

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<sup>19</sup> Eurostat, ‘Eurostat Regional Yearbook’, 2016 edition.

Or. es

**Amendment 17**

**Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Francisco José Millán Mon, Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital D a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Da. whereas the top priority for the European Union and for all the Member States is to promote growth that is at once smart, sustainable and inclusive;*

Or. es

**Amendment 18**

**Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Francisco José Millán Mon, Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital D b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Db. whereas geographic or demographic features make development problems worse which is why the Treaty of Lisbon added territorial cohesion to the economic and social cohesion goals;*

Or. es

**Amendment 19**

**Marc Joulaud, Maurice Ponga**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

E. whereas demographic change does not affect all **regions** in a uniform manner, with the majority of urban areas experiencing a population gain and most rural and remote areas experiencing a decline; whereas such imbalances represent major challenges both for **regions** suffering from depopulation and for those experiencing a population influx;

E. whereas demographic change does not affect all **territories** in a uniform manner, with the majority of urban areas experiencing a population gain and most rural and remote areas experiencing a decline, ***the picture being very mixed in the outermost regions***; whereas such imbalances represent major challenges both for **territories** suffering from depopulation and for those experiencing a population influx;

Or. fr

### **Amendment 20**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

##### **Recital E**

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

E. whereas demographic change does not affect all regions in a uniform manner, with the majority of urban areas experiencing a population gain and most rural and remote areas experiencing a decline; whereas such imbalances represent major challenges both for regions suffering from depopulation and for those experiencing a population influx;

###### *Amendment*

E. whereas demographic change does not affect all regions in a uniform manner, with the majority of urban areas experiencing a population gain and most rural and remote areas experiencing a decline; whereas ***some Member States are experiencing large scale emigration while others continue to be the subject of migration inflows***; whereas such imbalances, ***which have been aggravated by the recent economic and social crisis***, represent major challenges both for regions suffering from depopulation and for those experiencing a population influx;

Or. en

### **Amendment 21**

**Ángela Vallina, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez**

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

##### **Recital E**

*Motion for a resolution*

E. whereas demographic change does not affect all regions in a uniform manner, with the majority of urban areas experiencing a population gain and most rural and remote areas experiencing a decline; whereas such imbalances represent major challenges both for regions suffering from depopulation and for those experiencing a population influx;

*Amendment*

E. whereas demographic change does not affect all regions in a uniform manner, with the majority of urban areas experiencing a population gain and most rural and remote areas experiencing a decline, ***with a resultant serious lack of public services and especially hospital and welfare services***; whereas such imbalances represent major challenges both for regions suffering from depopulation and for those experiencing a population influx;

Or. es

**Amendment 22**

**Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Francisco José Millán Mon, Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E**

*Motion for a resolution*

E. whereas demographic change does not affect all regions in a uniform manner, ***with*** the majority of urban areas experiencing a population gain and most rural and remote areas experiencing a decline; whereas such imbalances represent major challenges both for regions suffering from depopulation and for those experiencing a population influx;

*Amendment*

E. whereas demographic change does not affect all ***countries and*** regions in a uniform manner ***as, while the general trend is towards an ageing population and population loss***, the majority of urban areas ***are*** experiencing a population gain and most rural and remote areas ***are*** experiencing a decline; whereas such imbalances represent major challenges both for ***areas and*** regions suffering from depopulation and for those experiencing a population influx;

Or. es

**Amendment 23**

**Stanislav Polčák**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

E. whereas demographic change does not affect all regions in a uniform manner, with the majority of urban areas experiencing a population gain and most rural and remote areas experiencing a decline; whereas such imbalances represent major challenges both for regions suffering from depopulation and for those experiencing a population influx;

E. whereas demographic change does not affect all regions in a uniform manner, with the majority of urban areas experiencing a population gain and most rural and remote areas experiencing a decline; whereas such imbalances represent major challenges both for regions suffering from depopulation and for those experiencing a population influx; ***draws attention, in that connection, to the effects of 'suburbanisation', which puts pressure on both the local and the regional authorities around big cities;***

Or. cs

**Amendment 24**  
**Fernando Ruas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital E**

*Motion for a resolution*

E. whereas demographic change does not affect all regions in a uniform manner, with the majority of urban areas experiencing a population gain and most rural and remote areas experiencing a decline; whereas such imbalances represent major challenges both for regions suffering from depopulation and for those experiencing a population influx;

*Amendment*

E. whereas demographic change does not affect all regions in a uniform manner, ***chiefly as a result of migratory movements, which are primarily driven by economic considerations,*** with the majority of urban areas experiencing a population gain and most rural and remote areas experiencing a decline; whereas such imbalances represent major challenges both for regions suffering from depopulation and for those experiencing a population influx;

Or. pt

**Amendment 25**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital E**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

E. whereas demographic change does not affect all regions in a uniform manner, with the majority of urban areas experiencing a population gain and most rural and remote areas experiencing a decline; whereas such imbalances represent major challenges both for regions suffering from depopulation and for those experiencing a population influx;

E. whereas demographic change does not affect all regions in a uniform manner, with the majority of urban areas experiencing a population gain and most rural and remote areas experiencing a decline; whereas such imbalances represent major challenges both for regions suffering from depopulation and for those experiencing a population influx; *whereas isolated areas and ones to which access is limited are the most exposed to democratic decline;*

Or. ro

**Amendment 26**  
**Marc Joulaud, Maurice Ponga**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ea. whereas European regions are not unbroken expanses of territory; whereas they can contain pockets of unemployment or poverty and face particular challenges, especially as regards demographic change, making it vital to set up targeted instruments to reduce subregional disparities and help bring about a better territorial balance in terms of urban, peri-urban, and rural areas;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 27**  
**Arne Gericke**  
on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*E a. whereas women, and especially*

*single mothers, are more exposed to poverty and exclusion;*

Or. en

**Amendment 28**

**Arne Gericke**

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

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*E b. whereas access to childbirth services, adequate maternal healthcare infrastructures and the guarantee of safe childbirth is lacking in rural areas;*

Or. en

**Amendment 29**

**Arne Gericke**

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

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*E c. whereas the role of women in agriculture and family-owned farms is still an important, invisible and in many cases unpaid one;*

Or. en

**Amendment 30**

**Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Francisco José Millán Mon, Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital F**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

F. whereas demographic change *is exacerbating the process of societal fragmentation and the polarisation of our societies, with growing disparities in terms of economic capacity and service accessibility;*

F. whereas demographic change *poses a challenge in regard to ensuring the social cohesion and well-being of the whole population, and encouraging balanced economic development;*

Or. es

**Amendment 31**  
**Viorica Dăncilă**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F**

*Motion for a resolution*

F. whereas demographic change is exacerbating the process of societal fragmentation and the polarisation of our societies, with growing disparities in terms of economic capacity *and service accessibility;*

*Amendment*

F. whereas demographic change is exacerbating the process of societal fragmentation and the polarisation of our societies *and has repercussions on infrastructure and the accessibility and quality of services,* with growing disparities in terms of economic capacity;

Or. ro

**Amendment 32**  
**Marc Joulaud, Maurice Ponga**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F**

*Motion for a resolution*

F. whereas demographic change is exacerbating the process of societal fragmentation and the polarisation of our societies, with growing disparities in terms of economic capacity and service accessibility;

*Amendment*

F. whereas demographic change is exacerbating the process of societal fragmentation and the polarisation of our societies, with growing disparities in terms of economic capacity and service accessibility, *which translate into connectivity divides or medical deserts;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 33**  
**Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Ángela Vallina**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F**

*Motion for a resolution*

F. whereas demographic change is exacerbating the process of societal fragmentation and the polarisation of our societies, with growing disparities in terms of economic capacity **and service accessibility**;

*Amendment*

F. whereas demographic change is exacerbating the process of societal fragmentation and the polarisation of our societies, with growing disparities in terms of economic capacity, **service accessibility, gender and access to land and whereas there is a correlation between sparsely populated areas and less developed areas**;

Or. es

**Amendment 34**  
**Bronis Ropè**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F**

*Motion for a resolution*

F. whereas demographic change is exacerbating the process of societal fragmentation and the polarisation of our societies, with growing disparities in terms of economic capacity and service accessibility;

*Amendment*

F. whereas demographic change is exacerbating the process of societal fragmentation and the polarisation of our societies, with growing disparities in terms of economic capacity and service accessibility; **whereas such challenges call for new forms of solidarity at European, national, regional and local levels**;

Or. en

**Amendment 35**  
**Monika Smolková**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*



F. whereas demographic change is exacerbating the process of societal fragmentation and the polarisation of our societies, with growing disparities in terms of economic capacity and service accessibility;

F. whereas demographic change is exacerbating the process of societal fragmentation and the polarisation of our societies, with growing disparities in terms of economic capacity and service accessibility, *which is often the result of insufficient links between urban and rural populations*;

Or. sk

### **Amendment 36**

**Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Ángela Vallina**

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

##### **Recital F a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Fa. whereas the already scarce provision of services in sparsely populated areas has been considerably worsened by the economic crisis and austerity measures;*

Or. es

### **Amendment 37**

**Fernando Ruas**

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

##### **Recital G**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

G. whereas demographic change involves major policy challenges in different areas linked to a wide range of cohesion policy fields; whereas regional policy is a key instrument for addressing this change;

G. whereas demographic change involves major policy challenges in different areas linked to a wide range of cohesion policy fields; whereas regional policy, *and its European Structural and Investment Funds, including the Cohesion Fund*, is a key instrument for addressing this change;

Or. pt

**Amendment 38**  
**Andor Deli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital G**

*Motion for a resolution*

G. whereas demographic change involves major policy challenges in different areas linked to a wide range of cohesion policy fields; whereas regional policy is a key instrument for addressing this change;

*Amendment*

G. whereas demographic change involves major policy challenges in different areas linked to a wide range of cohesion policy fields; whereas regional policy is a key instrument for addressing this change; ***whereas regional policy should contribute to youth and family oriented policies in order to increase the effectiveness of pro-demographic measures especially in the rural and remote areas;***

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***G a. whereas non-urbanised areas in the European Union are home to 113 million people, 12 million farms and 172 million hectares of agricultural land. and contribute widely to European economies, cultures and ecosystems;***

Or. en

**Amendment 40**  
**Hannu Takkula**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ga. whereas adequate infrastructure and an adequate level of services are important factors in managing the population structure in regions that are sparsely populated or suffering from emigration, where the importance of investment and jobs is greater;*

Or. fi

**Amendment 41**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ga. whereas territorial disadvantages affect the immigrant population most particularly and their ties to a local or regional setting depend on the same variables as the rest of the population;*

Or. es

**Amendment 42**  
**Krzysztof Hetman**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*G a. whereas proper infrastructure and access to public services and high-quality jobs are important factors influencing the decision whether or not to stay in a particular area;*

Or. pl

**Amendment 43**  
**Arne Gericke**  
on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***G a. whereas women are more exposed to poverty and social exclusion than men – all the more so when they are aged over 60;***

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Michela Giuffrida**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ga. whereas demographic change has a greater impact on regions which are lagging behind;***

Or. it

**Amendment 45**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital G b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Gb. whereas demographic change affecting rural areas has economic and social consequences, causes territorial fragmentation and affects quality of life and the environment, all in addition to its serious demographic consequences;***

Or. es

**Amendment 46**

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**Arne Gericke**

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

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital G b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***G b. whereas gender equality is a fundamental right, a common value of the EU and a necessary condition for the achievement of the EU objectives of growth, employment and social cohesion;***

Or. en

**Amendment 47**

**Arne Gericke**

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

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital G c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***G c. whereas gender equality represents an important tool for economic development and social cohesion;***

Or. en

**Amendment 48**

**Arne Gericke**

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

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital G d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***G d. whereas the negative demographic change increases the demand for stronger solidarity between generations;***

Or. en

## Amendment 49

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 1

##### *Motion for a resolution*

1. Stresses that demographic change entails major economic **and social** pressures on regional and local authorities in terms of providing public services and infrastructure; stresses that those pressures will be exacerbated by a declining active population and a higher dependency ratio;

##### *Amendment*

1. Stresses that demographic change entails major economic, **social, fiscal and environmental** pressures on regional and local authorities in terms of providing public services and infrastructure, **and ensuring the preservation of ecosystems through sustainable spatial planning**; stresses that those pressures will be exacerbated by a declining active population and a higher dependency ratio;

Or. en

## Amendment 50

**Fernando Ruas**

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 1

##### *Motion for a resolution*

1. Stresses that demographic change entails major economic and social pressures on regional and local authorities in terms of providing public services and infrastructure; stresses that those pressures **will be** exacerbated by a declining active population and a higher dependency ratio;

##### *Amendment*

1. Stresses that demographic change entails major economic and social pressures on regional and local authorities in terms of providing public services and **building and managing** infrastructure; stresses that those pressures **are also** exacerbated by a declining active population and a higher dependency ratio;

Or. pt

## Amendment 51

**Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Francisco José Millán Mon, Verónica Lope Fontagné**

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 1

*Motion for a resolution*

1. Stresses that demographic change entails major economic and social pressures on regional and local authorities in terms of providing public services and infrastructure; stresses that those pressures will be exacerbated by a declining active population and a higher dependency ratio;

*Amendment*

1. Stresses that demographic change entails major economic and social pressures on ***Member State governments and on*** regional and local authorities in terms of providing public services and infrastructure; stresses that those pressures will be exacerbated by a declining active population and a higher dependency ratio;

Or. es

**Amendment 52**  
**Andor Deli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

1. Stresses that demographic change entails major economic and social pressures on regional and local authorities in terms of providing public services and infrastructure; stresses that those pressures will be exacerbated by a declining active population and a higher dependency ratio;

*Amendment*

1. Stresses that demographic change entails major economic and social pressures on regional and local authorities in terms of providing public services, ***especially welfare and social services***, and infrastructure; stresses that those pressures will be exacerbated by a declining active population and a higher dependency ratio;

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Arne Gericke**

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

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***1 a. Underlines the crucial role of high-quality public and private services, especially for women; underlines the importance of accessible high-quality and affordable public and private services as a***

*tool for ensuring gender equality;*

Or. en

**Amendment 54**

**Ángela Vallina, María Lidia Senra Rodríguez**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***1a. Is strongly of the opinion that strong, good quality public services are the only way of achieving the aim of maintaining population levels and curbing population loss in rural areas;***

Or. es

**Amendment 55**

**Laurențiu Rebegea**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

2. Considers that demographic change should be tackled in a coordinated manner ***through the action of all European, national, regional and local authorities;***

2. Considers that demographic change should be tackled in a coordinated manner; ***emphasises that, in line with the principle of subsidiarity, national and local policies need to take centre stage in the management of demographic change;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 56**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2**



*Motion for a resolution*

2. Considers that demographic change should be tackled in a coordinated manner through the action of all European, national, regional and local authorities;

*Amendment*

2. Considers that demographic change should be tackled in a coordinated manner through the action of all European, national, regional and local authorities; *is of the opinion that such a coordinated and integrated answer should aim at improving the quality of life for and providing better economic opportunities to citizens, and investing in the quality, availability and affordability of social and public services in the regions concerned; highlights that all partners and stakeholders, including from civil society, should be properly involved;*

Or. en

**Amendment 57**

**Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Ángela Vallina**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Considers that demographic change should be tackled in a coordinated manner through the action of all European, national, regional and local authorities;

*Amendment*

2. Considers that demographic change should be tackled in a coordinated manner through the action of all European, national, regional and local authorities; *considers that they ought to take steps to provide sparsely populated regions with economic support, accepting that living conditions in these regions are different from those in urban areas and that, therefore, they have to ensure provision of public services and infrastructure;*

Or. es

**Amendment 58**

**Fernando Ruas**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Considers that demographic change should be tackled in a coordinated manner through the action of all European, national, regional and local authorities;

*Amendment*

2. Considers that demographic change should be tackled in a coordinated manner through the action of all European, national, regional and local authorities, ***delivering effective multi-level governance both in the architecture of these specific policies targeted at regions of low population density and in their implementation***

Or. pt

**Amendment 59**  
**Viorica Dăncilă**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Considers that demographic change should be tackled in a coordinated manner through the action of all European, national, regional and local authorities;

*Amendment*

2. Considers that demographic change should be tackled in a coordinated manner through the action of all European, national, regional and local authorities ***and by pursuing differentiated adaptation strategies reflecting local and regional realities;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 60**  
**Andor Deli**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Considers that demographic change should be tackled in a coordinated manner through the action of all European, national, regional and local authorities;

*Amendment*

2. Considers that demographic change should be tackled in a coordinated manner through the action of all European, national, regional and local authorities, ***furthermore the representatives of civil society and other stakeholders should be involved;***

**Amendment 61**

**Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Considers that demographic change should be tackled in a coordinated manner through the action of all European, national, regional and local authorities;

*Amendment*

2. Considers that demographic change should be tackled in a coordinated manner through the action of all European, national, regional and local authorities ***and preparing a common European strategy for challenging demographic progress;***

Or. en

**Amendment 62**

**Hannu Takkula**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Considers that demographic change should be tackled in a coordinated manner through the action of all European, national, regional and local authorities;

*Amendment*

2. Considers that demographic change should be tackled in a coordinated manner through the action of all European, national, regional and local authorities, ***within the limits of their competences;***

Or. fi

**Amendment 63**

**Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Francisco José Millán Mon, Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***2a. Points out that a comprehensive approach of any kind has to reflect the role of cities, rural areas, fishing and***

*coastal areas as well as areas confronted with specific problems connected with their geography or demographic situation, and that, therefore, said approach will also have to take account of the specific challenges posed by the outermost regions, northernmost regions with very low population density and island, cross-border and mountain regions, as expressly acknowledged in the Lisbon Treaty;*

Or. es

**Amendment 64**

**Arne Gericke**

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

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*2 a. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to take into account the effects of different policies on gender equality and demographic change;*

Or. en

**Amendment 65**

**Laurențiu Rebegea**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*2a. Believes that the instilling of a community spirit has a key role to play in the management of democratic change;*

Or. ro

**Amendment 66**

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**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Recognises that demographic **change, while creating new challenges, also brings development opportunities at a local level through the potential of sectors such as ecotourism, e-commerce and the silver economy; underlines in this respect the relevance of smart specialisation strategies to help regions identify high value-added activities and build attractive ecosystems;**

*Amendment*

3. Recognises that demographic **decline has not been curbed by basing development at local level on new sectors; stresses the need for wholehearted economic support for existing traditional activities; is most definitely committed to maintenance of farming as the fundamental economic pillar for development of rural and mountain areas and will promote diversification through opportunities other sectors may generate;**

Or. es

**Amendment 67**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Recognises that demographic change, while creating new challenges, also brings development opportunities at a local level through the potential of **sectors such as** ecotourism, e-commerce and the silver economy; underlines in this respect the relevance of smart specialisation strategies to help regions identify high value-added activities and build attractive ecosystems;

*Amendment*

3. Recognises that demographic change, while creating new challenges, also brings development opportunities at a local level, **as a result of shifts in demand in urban societies, especially in regard to food, leisure and rest,** through the potential of **agriculture, forestry and fishing to produce high quality, safe and distinctive products; considers that rural tourism in general and** ecotourism, e-commerce and the silver economy **in particular also provide opportunities for development at a local level;** underlines in this respect the relevance of smart specialisation strategies to help regions **and local territories** identify high value-added activities and build attractive ecosystems **on the basis of a genuine multi-functional rural development strategy that incorporates the circular economy into**

**Amendment 68**

**Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Recognises that demographic change, while creating new challenges, also brings development opportunities at a local level through the potential of sectors such as ecotourism, e-commerce and the silver economy; underlines in this respect the **relevance** of smart specialisation strategies to **help** regions **identify** high value-added activities and build attractive ecosystems;

*Amendment*

3. Recognises that demographic change, while creating new challenges, also brings development opportunities at a local level through the potential of sectors such as ecotourism, e-commerce and the silver economy; underlines in this respect the **importance** of smart specialisation strategies to **support** regions **in identifying** high value-added activities and build attractive **innovation** ecosystems;

**Amendment 69**

**Fernando Ruas**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Recognises that demographic change, while creating new challenges, also brings development opportunities at a local level through the potential of sectors such as ecotourism, e-commerce and the silver economy; underlines in this respect the relevance of smart specialisation strategies to help regions identify high value-added activities and build attractive ecosystems;

*Amendment*

3. Recognises that demographic change, while creating new challenges, also brings development opportunities at a local level through the potential of sectors such as ecotourism, **wine tourism, spiritual and religious tourism, enhancing the value of of domestic agricultural or non-agricultural products, such as handicrafts, embroidery and ceramics, via a European system of protection of geographical indications**, e-commerce and the silver economy; underlines in this respect the relevance of smart specialisation strategies to help regions

identify high value-added activities and build attractive ecosystems;

Or. pt

**Amendment 70**  
**Monika Smolková**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Recognises that demographic change, while creating new challenges, also brings development opportunities at a local level through the potential of sectors such as ecotourism, e-commerce and the silver economy; underlines in this respect the relevance of smart specialisation strategies to help regions identify high value-added activities and build attractive ecosystems;

*Amendment*

3. Recognises that demographic change, while creating new challenges, also brings development opportunities at a local level through the potential of sectors such as ecotourism, e-commerce and the silver economy; underlines in this respect the relevance of smart specialisation strategies to help regions identify high value-added activities and build attractive ecosystems; ***points out that agro-tourism, which helps to maintain a dynamic lifestyle in rural areas, is also a significant sector;***

Or. sk

**Amendment 71**  
**Andor Deli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Recognises that demographic change, while creating new challenges, also brings development opportunities at a local level through the potential of sectors such as ecotourism, e-commerce and the silver economy; underlines in this respect the relevance of smart specialisation strategies to help regions identify high value-added activities and build attractive ecosystems;

*Amendment*

3. Recognises that demographic change, while creating new challenges, also brings development opportunities at a local level through the potential of sectors such as ecotourism, e-commerce, ***community based services*** and the silver economy; underlines in this respect the relevance of smart specialisation strategies to help regions identify high value-added activities and build attractive ecosystems;

**Amendment 72**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**3 a. Is concerned by the impact of austerity policies on the financing of services of general interest and public infrastructures; stresses in particular that the expansion of medical deserts reinforces the phenomenon of spatial fragmentation already exacerbated by the effects of demographic change;**

Or. en

**Amendment 73**

**Arne Gericke**

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

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**3 a. Recalls the decision of the European Ombudsman in Case OI/8/2014/AN on respect for fundamental rights in the implementation of EU cohesion policy;**

Or. en

**Amendment 74**

**Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 3 a (new)**



*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**3 a.** *Stresses the importance of regional and local level of authority in confronting and tackling demographic challenges;*

Or. en

**Amendment 75**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**3 b.** *Highlights the importance of social dialogue and the inclusion of social partners together with other local stakeholders and authorities at all stages of programming and implementation of ESI Funds in order to better anticipate the effects of demographic change on local labour markets and develop new strategies addressing those challenges;*

Or. en

**Amendment 76**

**Arne Gericke**

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

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**3 b.** *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to actively use the European Structural Funds as tools for enhancing gender equality;*

Or. en

**Amendment 77**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Notes that the main problems relating to the demographic change currently experienced by many EU regions are *decreasing population densities, an ageing population due to structural changes in the age period, falling birth rates and gradual depopulation*;

*Amendment*

4. Notes that the main problems relating to the demographic change currently experienced by many EU regions are *low density, ageing subsequent to disruption of the population pyramid, a drop in birth rates with, therefore, a drastic drop in infant and youth populations, and constant population loss; recognises that loss of traditional activities, products and production systems, local know-how, women's invisible work, the lack of entrepreneurship, the scarcity or total lack of regional competitiveness owing to lack of investment, or loss of biodiversity, woodland lost to shrubs and fire risk, are further significant problems connected with demographic change*;

Or. es

**Amendment 78**  
**Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Ángela Vallina**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Notes that the main problems relating to the demographic change currently experienced by many EU regions are *decreasing population densities, an ageing population due to structural changes in the age period, falling birth rates and gradual depopulation*;

*Amendment*

4. Notes that the main problems relating to the demographic change currently experienced by many EU regions, *and which are causing demographic decline, are the current agricultural policy, lack of employment, young people moving away on account of lack of job opportunities, population ageing and a higher risk of poverty*;

Or. es

## Amendment 79

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 4

##### *Motion for a resolution*

4. Notes that ***the main problems relating to the demographic change*** currently experienced by many EU regions are decreasing population densities, an ageing population due to structural changes in the age period, falling birth rates and ***gradual depopulation***;

##### *Amendment*

4. Notes that, ***according to the 2015 EU Demography Report, the main demographic trends*** currently experienced by many EU regions are ***a still increasing overall EU population mainly driven by net migration flows***, decreasing population densities ***in some regions and Member States as a whole as well as increasing demographic pressures in others***, an ageing population due to structural changes in the age period, falling birth rates and ***increased life expectancy leading to a slowdown of the natural rate of population growth***; ***underlines that the impact of those trends differ significantly from one region to another***;

Or. en

## Amendment 80

**Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Francisco José Millán Mon, Verónica Lope Fontagné**

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 4

##### *Motion for a resolution*

4. Notes that the main problems relating to the demographic change currently experienced by many EU regions are ***decreasing population densities***, an ageing population due to structural ***changes in the age period***, falling birth rates ***and gradual*** depopulation;

##### *Amendment*

4. Notes that the main problems relating to the demographic change currently experienced by many EU regions are an ageing population due to structural ***age changes***, falling birth rates, ***population loss and how*** depopulation ***dynamics are recorded in certain areas***;

Or. es

**Amendment 81**  
**Ruža Tomašić**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

4. *Notes* that the main problems relating to the demographic change currently experienced by many EU regions are decreasing population densities, an ageing population due to structural changes in the age period, *falling birth rates* and gradual depopulation;

*Amendment*

4. *Stresses* that the main problems relating to the demographic change currently experienced by many EU regions are decreasing population densities, an ageing population due to structural changes in the age period, *fertility rates, migration flows, health, disability* and gradual depopulation;

Or. en

**Amendment 82**  
**Marc Joulaud, Maurice Ponga**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Notes that the main problems relating to the demographic change currently experienced by many *EU regions* are decreasing population densities, an ageing population due to structural changes in the age period, falling birth rates and gradual depopulation;

*Amendment*

4. Notes that the main problems relating to the demographic change currently experienced by many *parts of the EU* are decreasing population densities, an ageing population due to structural changes in the age period, falling birth rates and gradual depopulation;

Or. fr

**Amendment 83**  
**Monika Smolková**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Notes that the main problems relating to the demographic change

*Amendment*

4. Notes that the main problems relating to the demographic change

currently experienced by many EU regions are decreasing population densities, an ageing population due to structural changes in the age period, falling birth rates and gradual depopulation;

currently experienced by many EU regions are decreasing population densities, an ageing population due to structural changes in the age period, falling birth rates and gradual depopulation *associated with the mass movement of people to big urban centres in search of jobs and insufficient social, health and transport infrastructure and services;*

Or. sk

**Amendment 84**  
**Laurențiu Rebegea**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Notes that the main problems relating to the demographic change currently experienced by many EU regions are decreasing population densities, an ageing population due to structural changes in the age period, falling birth rates and gradual depopulation;

*Amendment*

4. Notes that the main problems relating to the demographic change currently experienced by many EU regions are decreasing population densities, an ageing population due to structural changes in the age period, falling birth rates and gradual depopulation; *stresses the importance of framing national policies to promote a higher birth rate and provide support for families;*

Or. ro

**Amendment 85**  
**Ángela Vallina, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Notes that the main problems relating to the demographic change currently experienced by many EU regions are decreasing population densities, an ageing population due to structural changes in the age period, falling birth rates and

*Amendment*

4. Notes that the main problems relating to the demographic change currently experienced by many EU regions are decreasing population densities, an ageing population due to structural changes in the age period, falling birth rates and

gradual depopulation;

gradual depopulation *caused by the lack of job opportunities in rural areas*;

Or. es

#### **Amendment 86**

**Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet**

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

##### **Paragraph 4**

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

4. Notes that the main problems relating to the demographic change currently experienced by many EU regions are decreasing population densities, an ageing population due to structural changes in the age period, falling birth rates and gradual depopulation;

###### *Amendment*

4. Notes that the main problems relating to the demographic change currently experienced by many EU regions are decreasing population densities, an ageing population due to structural changes in the age period, falling birth rates and gradual depopulation, *especially of working-age population*;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 87**

**Andor Deli**

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

##### **Paragraph 4**

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

4. Notes that the main problems relating to the demographic change currently experienced by many EU regions are decreasing population densities, an ageing population due to structural changes in the age period, falling birth rates and gradual depopulation;

###### *Amendment*

4. Notes that the main problems relating to the demographic change currently experienced by many EU regions are decreasing population densities, an ageing population *and shortage of skilled workforce* due to structural changes in the age period, falling birth rates and gradual depopulation;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 88**

**Ruža Tomašić**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**4 a.** *Emphasizes that demographic change will potentially impact on regional growth through a shrinking labour force, stresses, furthermore, that the extent to which a shrinking labour force will constitute a growth will largely depend on the educational attainment, productivity of the labour force and on future participation rates;*

Or. en

**Amendment 89**  
**Marc Joulaud, Maurice Ponga**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**4a.** *Points out, however, that the situation varies greatly from one region or territory to the next, especially in the outermost regions, some of which are having to cope with growing population pressure caused by a high birth rate and large-scale irregular migration;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 90**  
**Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Francisco José Millán Mon, Verónica Lope Fontagné**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**5.** *Stresses* that one of the main objectives of an EU demographic policy should be to take into account all the

**5.** *Emphasises the fact that while demographic change affects the whole territory, whether rural or urban, its*

territories having to contend with demographic imbalances and the specificities of those territories;

*implications differ and depend on different factors such as the intensity and speed at which change occurs or whether it affects regions with net immigration or ones with a shrinking population; stresses, therefore,* that one of the main objectives of an EU demographic policy should be to take into account all the territories having to contend with demographic imbalances and the specificities of those territories;

Or. es

**Amendment 91**  
**Monika Smolková**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Stresses that one of the main objectives of an EU demographic policy should be to take into account all the territories having to contend with demographic imbalances and the specificities of those territories;

*Amendment*

5. Stresses that one of the main objectives of an EU demographic policy should be to take into account all the territories having to contend with demographic imbalances and the specificities of those territories, *factors which cohesion policy has long been seeking to adapt to, and will have to do much more to adapt to after 2020;*

Or. sk

**Amendment 92**  
**Bronis Ropė**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Stresses that one of the main objectives of an EU demographic policy should be to take into account all the territories having to contend with

*Amendment*

5. Stresses that one of the main objectives of an EU demographic policy should be to *coordinate national demographic policies and* take into



demographic imbalances and the specificities of those territories;

account all the territories having to contend with demographic imbalances and the specificities of those territories;

Or. en

### **Amendment 93**

**Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

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

##### **Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**5 a. Stresses the need to promote and support small and medium-sized mountain and rural farms which, by using traditional techniques and production methods that exploit natural resources – such as pastures and different types of forage crops – in an integrated and sustainable manner, produce products with specific quality characteristics and could contribute to inverting or decreasing the depopulation in these areas;**

Or. en

### **Amendment 94**

**Monika Smolková**

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

##### **Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

6. Stresses that those demographic phenomena affecting the Union are not new, but have now increased with an unprecedented intensity;

6. Stresses that those demographic phenomena affecting the Union are not new, but have now increased with an unprecedented intensity, ***in particular as a result of social and economic pressures;***

Or. sk

**Amendment 95**  
**Viorica Dăncilă**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6a. Draws attention to the steady increase in the number of elderly people - around 2 million people every year reach the age of 60 - which impacts on spatial, housing and transport planning and on other types of infrastructure and services;**

Or. ro

**Amendment 96**  
**Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6 a. notes with concern that regions where the sharp decline in working-age population is coupled with a relatively low educational attainment will be particularly hardly hit by demographic challenges;**

Or. en

**Amendment 97**  
**Daniel Buda**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6a. recognises that the lack of investment, poor infrastructure, low connectivity rates, limited access to social services and a lack of jobs are key contributory factors to depopulation;**

**Amendment 98**

**Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6 b. stresses that demographic changes can have a strong impact on environmental sustainability, as both depopulation of rural areas and the increasing urbanization affect ecosystems, nature conservation and the use of natural resources, with particular implications for urban land use, infrastructure, housing markets and greenery;**

Or. en

**Amendment 99**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

7. Considers that the gender dimension of demographic change should be taken into account in a cross-cutting manner, as regions experiencing demographic decline also suffer from gender and age imbalances due to out-migration;

7. Considers that the gender dimension of demographic change should be taken into account in a cross-cutting manner, as regions experiencing demographic decline also suffer from gender and age imbalances due to out-migration; ***considers therefore that the implementation of gender mainstreaming within all ESI Funds should be further strengthened in the future, for instance by introducing clear requirements on gender indicators, gender impact assessments and gender budgeting in the adoption and implementation of partnership agreements and operational programmes;***

**Amendment 100**

**Viorica Dăncilă**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Considers that the gender dimension of demographic change should be taken into account in a cross-cutting manner, as regions experiencing demographic decline also suffer from gender and age imbalances due to out-migration;

*Amendment*

7. Considers that the gender dimension of demographic change should be taken into account in a cross-cutting manner, as regions experiencing demographic decline also suffer from gender and age imbalances due to out-migration; ***believes that the challenges presented by demographic change can and must be addressed within a policy framework propitious to gender equality, which is why that aspect must be factored into the debates on all matters connected with demographic issues;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 101**

**Arne Gericke**

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

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***7 a. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to carry out a gender analysis and to work with gender budgeting with the aim of achieving gender-equal allocation of financial resources;***

Or. en

**Amendment 102**

**Arne Gericke**

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

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**7 b.** *Considers that the challenges of declining and ageing populations will require objective, thorough and comprehensive reassessments of many established economic, social and political policies and programmes, which will need to incorporate a long-term perspective;*

Or. en

**Amendment 103**

**Arne Gericke**

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

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 7 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**7 c.** *Points out that women within marginalised communities face multiple discrimination, putting them at even greater risk of poverty and social exclusion, especially in accessing employment, education, healthcare and social services;*

Or. en

**Amendment 104**

**Arne Gericke**

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

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 7 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**7 d.** *Calls on the Commission and the*

*Member States to see intergenerational dialogue and solidarity between generations as a tool for achieving equality between women and men;*

Or. en

**Amendment 105**

**Arne Gericke**

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

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 7 e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*7 e. Points out that the female unemployment rate is underestimated given that many women are not registered as unemployed, particularly those who live in rural or remote areas or help out in family businesses and farms;*

Or. en

**Amendment 106**

**Arne Gericke**

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

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 7 f (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*7 f. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to promote women's entrepreneurship in rural areas;*

Or. en

**Amendment 107**

**Arne Gericke**

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

**Motion for a resolution**

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**Paragraph 7 g (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**7 g. Emphasises the need for facilities providing childcare and care for other dependants to be available throughout rural areas, and urges the Commission to support the Member States, including through the provision of available EU funding, in creating such facilities in a form that is accessible to all;**

Or. en

**Amendment 108**

**Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Francisco José Millán Mon, Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**7a. Recalls that the Europe 2020 Strategy addresses demographic challenges in most of its seven flagship initiatives, which were designed to overcome the problems and establish vital priorities for the EU in the fields of employment, innovation, education, poverty reduction, and climate and energy; points out that a fundamental part of implementation of the Strategy and its flagship initiatives is based on financial support through cohesion policy instruments, including provisions to tackle population change and ageing, and that these dimensions need to be stressed in all European Union instruments;**

Or. es

**Amendment 109**

**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Calls for a greater coordination of EU instruments ***in the different policy areas, such as*** the Common Agricultural Policy, European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds, European Territorial Cooperation, the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and the Connecting Europe Facility, so as to ensure a more comprehensive approach to demographic change; ***reiterates its call for the Commission to adopt a European strategy on demographic change that will deliver synergies and maximise the positive impact on European citizens;***

*Amendment*

8. Calls for a greater coordination of EU instruments, ***in particular*** the Common Agricultural Policy, European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds, European Territorial Cooperation, the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and the Connecting Europe Facility, so as to ensure a more comprehensive approach to demographic change;

Or. es

**Amendment 110**  
**Fernando Ruas**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Calls for a greater coordination of EU instruments in the different policy areas, such as the Common Agricultural Policy, European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds, European Territorial Cooperation, the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and the Connecting Europe Facility, so as to ensure a more comprehensive approach to demographic change; reiterates its call for the Commission to adopt a European strategy on demographic change that will deliver synergies and maximise the positive impact ***on*** European citizens;

*Amendment*

8. Calls for a greater coordination of EU instruments in the different policy areas, such as the Common Agricultural Policy, European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds, ***including the Cohesion Fund***, European Territorial Cooperation, the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and the Connecting Europe Facility, so as to ensure a more comprehensive approach to demographic change; reiterates its call for the Commission to adopt a European strategy on demographic change that will deliver synergies, ***more effective coordination between existing policy instruments, the promotion and dissemination of best practice in encouraging populations to remain in given areas*** and maximise the positive impact ***of these policies, together with*** European citizens;



**Amendment 111****Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 8***Motion for a resolution*

8. Calls for a greater coordination of EU instruments in the different policy areas, such as the Common Agricultural Policy, European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds, European Territorial Cooperation, the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) **and** the Connecting Europe Facility, so as to ensure a more comprehensive approach to demographic change; reiterates its call for the Commission to adopt a European strategy on demographic change that will deliver synergies and maximise the positive impact on European citizens;

*Amendment*

8. Calls for a greater coordination of EU instruments in the different policy areas, such as the Common Agricultural Policy, European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds, European Territorial Cooperation, the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), the Connecting Europe Facility **and financial instruments**, so as to ensure a more comprehensive approach to demographic change, **which will include regional and local aspects**; reiterates its call for the Commission to adopt a European strategy on demographic change that will deliver synergies and maximise the positive impact on European citizens;

Or. en

**Amendment 112****Monika Smolková****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 8***Motion for a resolution*

8. Calls for a greater coordination of EU instruments in the different policy areas, such as the Common Agricultural Policy, European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds, European Territorial Cooperation, the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and the Connecting Europe Facility, so as to ensure a more comprehensive approach to demographic change; reiterates its call for

*Amendment*

8. Calls for a greater coordination of EU instruments in the different policy areas, such as the Common Agricultural Policy, European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds, European Territorial Cooperation, the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and the Connecting Europe Facility, so as to ensure a more comprehensive approach to demographic change; reiterates its call for

the Commission to adopt a European strategy on demographic change that will **deliver** synergies and maximise the positive impact on European citizens;

the Commission to adopt a European strategy on demographic change that will **create** synergies **between the individual instruments** and maximise the positive impact on European citizens;

Or. sk

### **Amendment 113**

**Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Ángela Vallina**

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

##### **Paragraph 8**

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

8. Calls for a greater coordination of EU instruments in the different policy areas, such as the Common Agricultural Policy, European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds, European Territorial Cooperation, the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and the Connecting Europe Facility, so as to ensure a more comprehensive approach to demographic change; reiterates its call for the Commission to adopt a European strategy on demographic change that will deliver synergies and maximise the positive impact on European citizens;

###### *Amendment*

8. Calls for a greater coordination of EU instruments in the different policy areas, such as the Common Agricultural Policy, European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds, European Territorial Cooperation, the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and the Connecting Europe Facility, so as to ensure a more comprehensive approach to demographic change; reiterates its call for the Commission to adopt a European strategy on demographic change that will deliver synergies and maximise the positive impact on European citizens; ***considers that as the mechanisms employed so far have not succeeded in holding back the advance of demographic imbalances, an in-depth review of current policies and the functioning of all the aforesaid mechanisms is required;***

Or. es

### **Amendment 114**

**Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso**

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

##### **Paragraph 8**

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

###### *Amendment*

8. Calls for a greater coordination of EU instruments in the different policy areas, such as the Common Agricultural Policy, European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds, European Territorial Cooperation, the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and the Connecting Europe Facility, so as to ensure a more comprehensive approach to demographic change; reiterates its call for the Commission to adopt a European strategy on demographic change that will deliver synergies and maximise the positive impact on European citizens;

8. Calls for a greater coordination of EU instruments in the different policy areas, such as the Common Agricultural Policy, European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds, European Territorial Cooperation, the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and the Connecting Europe Facility, so as to ensure a more comprehensive approach to demographic change; **welcomes, in this context, the efforts to maximise synergies between the ESI Funds and EFSI in the omnibus proposal and the EFSI 2.0;** reiterates its call for the Commission to adopt a European strategy on demographic change that will deliver synergies and maximise the positive impact on European citizens;

Or. en

**Amendment 115**  
**Daniel Buda**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Calls for a greater coordination of EU instruments in the different policy areas, such as the Common Agricultural Policy, European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds, European Territorial Cooperation, the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and the Connecting Europe Facility, so as to ensure a more comprehensive approach to demographic change; reiterates its call for the Commission to adopt a European strategy on demographic change that will deliver synergies and maximise the positive impact on European citizens;

*Amendment*

8. Calls for a greater coordination of EU instruments in the different policy areas, such as the Common Agricultural Policy, European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds, European Territorial Cooperation, the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and the Connecting Europe Facility, so as to ensure a more comprehensive approach to demographic change; reiterates its call for the Commission to adopt a European strategy on demographic change that will deliver synergies and maximise the positive impact on European citizens; **stresses that investments through synergies between the Funds should take into account demographic trends;**

Or. ro

**Amendment 116**  
**Bronis Ropé**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Calls for a greater coordination of EU instruments in the different policy areas, such as the Common Agricultural Policy, European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds, European Territorial Cooperation, the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and the Connecting Europe Facility, so as to ensure a more comprehensive approach to demographic change; reiterates its call for the Commission to adopt a European strategy on demographic change that will deliver synergies and maximise the positive impact on European citizens;

*Amendment*

8. Calls for a greater coordination of EU instruments in the different policy areas, such as the Common Agricultural Policy, European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds, European Territorial Cooperation, the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and the Connecting Europe Facility, so as to ensure a more comprehensive approach to demographic change ***and mark out specific policy goals***; reiterates its call for the Commission to adopt a European strategy on demographic change that will deliver synergies and maximise the positive impact on European citizens;

Or. It

**Amendment 117**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

***8a. Calls once more on the Commission to adopt a strategy on demographic change which prioritises the following fields: decent employment and good quality industrial relations, paying special attention to new forms of work and their social role; the territorial aspect of policies promoting economic activity and employment, as opposed to the current dominant focus on sectors; promotion of infrastructure as a factor in business location, so territories suffering demographic challenges become***

*Amendment*

*accessible and competitive;widespread ICT cover with quality and price both competitive in territories with a lower population density;provision of basic welfare state services in territories suffering demographic challenges;public transport at a local level to ensure access to public services;youth emancipation policies, particularly in regard to conditions for access to the labour market and housing;family support policies and boosting the birth rate, including policies on work-life balance and care for dependent persons;policies on reception, integration and return of immigrants;and dissemination of new, more attractive, settings for passing on information about rural life;*

Or. es

**Amendment 118**

**Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*8 a. Underlines the importance of existing initiatives such as the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing, Ambient Assisted Living and the EIT Knowledge Innovation Centres Digital and Health;calls on the Commission to take into account the solutions already developed by these initiatives when addressing demographic challenges faced by European regions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 119**

**Michela Giuffrida**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

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*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**8a.** *Stresses the importance of the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning as a way of supporting education and training in areas at risk of depopulation;*

Or. it

**Amendment 120**

**Arne Gericke**

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

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**8 a.** *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt family mainstreaming as the underlying principle of all policy proposals;*

Or. en

**Amendment 121**

**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**8b.** *Considers that the 'better regulation' agenda should require the impact analysis conducted prior to any EU legislative initiative to include the effects the latter may have on demography;*

Or. es

**Amendment 122**

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**Iratxe García Pérez**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Highlights the importance of **a cross-cutting EU approach by mainstreaming** demographic considerations **throughout the policy spectrum**, including **cohesion, employment**, agriculture, environment, **infrastructure, transport, healthcare, youth and education, family support, social inclusion, innovation and ICT policies**, with a view to favouring new policy developments;

*Amendment*

9. Highlights the importance of **the EU incorporating** demographic considerations **in all policy fields and including in its budget headings to make development of these policies possible, particularly in** agriculture, environment, **the information society, RDI, employment, education, social policy and transport; considers that demographic impact reports need to be incorporated into the design and demographic criteria into the assessment of the outcomes and undesired effects of all its policies;**

Or. es

**Amendment 123**  
**Fernando Ruas**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Highlights the importance of a cross-cutting **EU approach by mainstreaming** demographic considerations throughout the policy spectrum, including cohesion, **employment**, agriculture, environment, infrastructure, transport, healthcare, youth and education, family support, social inclusion, innovation and ICT policies, with a view to favouring new policy developments;

*Amendment*

9. Highlights the importance of a cross-cutting **approach on the part of the EU, the Member States and local and regional authorities by means of the horizontal and vertical mainstreaming of** demographic considerations throughout the policy spectrum, including **economic, social and territorial cohesion, enhancing regions and their domestic products, job and economic growth creation**, agriculture, environment, **suitable territorial planning and forestry management policies**, infrastructure, transport, healthcare, youth and education, family support, **active ageing policies**, social inclusion, **the digital economy**, innovation and ICT policies, with a view to favouring new policy developments;

**Amendment 124**  
**Monika Smolková**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Highlights the importance of a cross-cutting EU approach by mainstreaming demographic considerations throughout the policy spectrum, including cohesion, employment, agriculture, environment, infrastructure, transport, healthcare, youth and education, family support, social inclusion, innovation and ICT policies, with a view to favouring *new policy developments*;

*Amendment*

9. Highlights the importance of a cross-cutting EU approach by mainstreaming demographic considerations throughout the policy spectrum, including cohesion, employment, agriculture, environment, infrastructure, transport, healthcare, youth and education, family support, social inclusion, innovation and ICT policies, with a view to favouring *a new, holistic approach to demographic change, involving the regional and local authorities*;

Or. sk

**Amendment 125**  
**Michela Giuffrida**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Highlights the importance of a cross-cutting EU approach by mainstreaming demographic considerations throughout the policy spectrum, including cohesion, employment, agriculture, environment, infrastructure, transport, healthcare, youth and education, family support, social inclusion, innovation and ICT policies, with a view to favouring new policy developments;

*Amendment*

9. Highlights the importance of a cross-cutting EU approach by mainstreaming demographic considerations throughout the policy spectrum, including cohesion, employment, agriculture, environment, infrastructure, transport, healthcare, youth and education, family support, social inclusion, innovation and ICT policies *and gender equality*, with a view to favouring new policy developments;

Or. it



**Amendment 126**  
**Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9 a. Is of the opinion that special attention should be paid to rural areas which face these demographic problems in a stronger way; highlights, in this context, the potential of the Smart Villages initiative, whereby with modern technologies such as 5G and innovation, rural communities can be revitalised; stresses, in addition, the importance of a strengthened cooperation between rural and urban areas;**

Or. en

**Amendment 127**  
**Bronis Ropé**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9 a. Highlights the importance of providing universal access to high quality, affordable and decentralised social and public services and infrastructures, especially for children and the elderly, in order to foster social inclusion, ensure gender equality and alleviate the effects of demographic change;**

Or. en

**Amendment 128**  
**Michela Giuffrida**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9a.** *Stresses the importance of providing new opportunities for paid employment, particularly in areas at risk of depopulation, especially for women, in order to preserve communities, at the same time creating the conditions to facilitate a satisfactory life-work balance;*

Or. it

**Amendment 129**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9a.** *Believes it is important to insist that the global vision for the territory views urban and rural areas as complementary functional spaces; stresses that greater integration between the various funds is needed, in order for there to be genuine participative and sustainable local development;*

Or. es

**Amendment 130**  
**Monika Smolková**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9a.** *points out that EU demographic policy in its current form is incomplete, insufficient and coordinated neither with the Member States nor horizontally;*

**Amendment 131**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9b. Recalls to mind that the European Union does not just contribute funds for regional development but that, in regulating the internal market through competition law, public procurement and state aid, it also shapes to a large extent the capacity of local and regional authorities to use their own funds to combat social territorial inequalities;**

Or. es

**Amendment 132**  
**Bronis Ropé**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9 b. Believes that the EU, Member States and regions should step up their efforts to combat youth unemployment, especially in the regions experiencing long-term depopulation, so as to improve the social inclusion of young people, ensure the balanced development of regions and alleviate the effects of demographic change;**

Or. en

**Amendment 133**  
**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9 c.** *Underlines the opportunities brought forward by the transition to low-carbon economies and the promotion of the circular economy in terms of creation of new local jobs that cannot be outsourced; calls therefore to increase the share of ESI Funds earmarked for such priorities in the future;*

Or. en

**Amendment 134**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9c.** *Stresses that even if, as a result of modernising state aid, those exceptions for which notification is not required have been simplified and increased in number, the current framework is still very complex and burdensome for smaller regional and local authorities;*

Or. es

**Amendment 135**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9d.** *Considers that, even if public procurement regulations were simplified in 2014, there are still too many obstacles*

*for small local and regional authorities to be able to give preference to local providers, which would help improve the economy of these sensitive areas;*

Or. es

**Amendment 136**  
**Laurențiu Rebeca**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**10. Considers that effective EU support for immigration policies in the Member States can mitigate population loss in declining areas; considers that local and regional authorities should be empowered in devising and implementing policies to promote social inclusion and multiculturalism;**

**deleted**

Or. ro

**Amendment 137**  
**Andor Deli**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**10. Considers that *effective EU support for immigration* policies in the Member States can mitigate population loss in declining areas; considers that local and regional authorities should be empowered in devising and implementing policies to promote *social inclusion and multiculturalism*;**

**10. Considers that *immigration cannot be the primary solution for demographic changes; highlights therefore the significant role of family-creating and family-supporting* policies with the aim of *decelerating the depopulation particularly in the less developed and rural* areas; considers that local and regional authorities should be empowered in devising and implementing policies to promote *large families and life in rural and remote regions*;**

**Amendment 138**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Considers that *effective EU support for* immigration policies in the Member States *can mitigate population loss in declining areas*; considers that local and regional *authorities* should be *empowered in devising and implementing* policies to *promote social inclusion and multiculturalism*;

*Amendment*

10. Considers that *that the EU should support* immigration policies in the Member States *in order to minimise negative demographic trends*; considers that local and regional *bodies* should be *authorised to implement successfully integration* policies *on the ground*;

Or. es

**Amendment 139**  
**Raffaele Fitto**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Considers that effective EU support for immigration policies in the Member States can mitigate population loss in declining areas; considers that local and regional authorities should be *empowered in devising and implementing* policies to promote social inclusion and *multiculturalism*;

*Amendment*

10. Considers that effective EU support for immigration policies in the Member States can mitigate population loss in declining areas; considers that local and regional authorities should be *given the opportunity to devise and implement* policies to promote social inclusion and *integration processes, in accordance with the principles and values of the host communities*;

Or. it

**Amendment 140**  
**Monika Smolková**

## Motion for a resolution

### Paragraph 10

#### *Motion for a resolution*

10. Considers that *effective* EU support for immigration policies in the Member States can mitigate population loss in declining areas; considers that local and regional authorities should be empowered in devising and implementing policies to promote social inclusion *and multiculturalism*;

#### *Amendment*

10. Considers that *sensible* EU support for immigration policies in the Member States can mitigate population loss in declining areas; considers that local and regional authorities should be empowered in devising and implementing policies to promote social inclusion;

Or. sk

## Amendment 141

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

## Motion for a resolution

### Paragraph 10

#### *Motion for a resolution*

10. Considers that effective EU support for immigration policies in the Member States can mitigate population loss in declining areas; considers that local and regional authorities should be empowered in devising and implementing policies to promote social inclusion and multiculturalism;

#### *Amendment*

10. Considers that effective EU support for immigration *and inclusion* policies in the Member States can mitigate population loss in declining areas; *welcomes the introduction of the reception and inclusion of migrants and refugees as a new cross-cutting objective of ESI Funds*; considers that local and regional authorities should be empowered in devising and implementing policies to promote social inclusion and multiculturalism;

Or. en

## Amendment 142

**Marc Joulaud, Maurice Ponga**

## Motion for a resolution

### Paragraph 10

#### *Motion for a resolution*

#### *Amendment*

10. Considers that effective EU support for immigration policies in the Member States can mitigate population loss in declining areas; considers that local and regional authorities should be empowered in devising and implementing policies to promote social *inclusion and multiculturalism*;

10. Considers that effective EU support for immigration policies in the Member States, *without encroaching on their sovereignty or infringing the subsidiarity principle*, can mitigate population loss in declining areas; considers that local and regional authorities should be empowered in devising and implementing policies to promote social *and cultural inclusion*;

Or. fr

**Amendment 143**  
**Bronis Ropè**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Considers that effective EU support for immigration policies in the Member States can mitigate population loss in declining areas; considers that local and regional authorities should be empowered in devising and implementing policies to promote social inclusion and multiculturalism;

*Amendment*

10. Considers that effective EU support for immigration *and integration* policies in the Member States can mitigate population loss in declining areas; considers that local and regional authorities should be empowered in, *and provided with sufficient resources for*, devising and implementing policies to promote social inclusion, *integration*, and multiculturalism;

Or. It

**Amendment 144**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*10a. Takes the view that local and regional authorities must be active participants in measures taken to address demographic challenges as part of the European Semester, and must be considered in the recommendations made*

*Amendment*



*for Member States; calls for the annual growth survey and the country-specific recommendations to consider regional disparities and imbalances between regions within Member States;*

Or. es

**Amendment 145**  
**Viorica Dăncilă**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*10a. Believes that in border regions this cooperation must reflect both the wishes and the scope for cross-border initiatives; suggests that training programmes be developed in this field in order to create a better understanding and awareness of the issues involved;*

Or. ro

**Amendment 146**  
**Raffaele Fitto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*10a. Promote the establishment of special economic zones in areas where severe demographic imbalances exist which are caused in particular by loss of economic competitiveness, promoting processes of remediation, regeneration and industrial conversion;*

Or. it

**Amendment 147**

**Arne Gericke**

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

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**10 a. Stresses the importance of local and regional authorities in implementing policies and measures that would provide employment and self-employment possibilities, especially for women, which would stem the trend of out-migration;**

Or. en

**Amendment 148**

**Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**10 a. Considers that tackling demographic problems must have an integral approach on the whole Europe and that the solving of the problem in one part of Europe should not have a negative effect on other European territories;**

Or. en

**Amendment 149**

**Viorica Dăncilă**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**10a. Calls for the creation, at a pan-European level, of networks for the exchange of good practices and experiences through which local and regional authorities as well as civil society**

*stakeholders can educate each other on addressing issues created by demographic change;*

Or. ro

**Amendment 150**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. *Believes that there is a need to enhance the effectiveness and complementarity of ESI Funds in tackling demographic challenges; considers that a greater focus on the topic as a priority area is necessary, together with* guidelines to support Member States *and regions* in addressing demographic *challenges* in devising and implementing *partnership* agreements and operational programmes;

*Amendment*

11. *Stresses that ESI Funds must address demographic change more effectively in the next programming period, by means of: a greater, better targeted focus on demographic change as a priority area in final regulations and in guidelines to support Member States, regions and local governments, exploring the potential of ESI Funds in addressing demographic change and in devising and implementing association agreements and operational programmes; a more proactive approach in demographic policy-making and the exchange of good practices and experiences for institutional learning; specific tools for the monitoring and evaluation of the potential and of the real impact of ESI Funds in addressing demographic change by drafting guidelines for the subsequent development of relevant demographic indicators; technical support to managing authorities and local stakeholders in implementing effective policies addressing demographic change at both national and regional levels; the obligatory active participation of local authorities in the design, management and in-house evaluation of programmes implementing funds and the necessary identification of regions faced with demographic challenges at NUTS 3 and local administrative unit (LAU) level;*

**Amendment 151**  
**Laurențiu Rebegea**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Believes that there is a need to enhance the effectiveness and complementarity of ESI Funds in tackling demographic challenges; considers that ***a greater focus on the topic as a priority area is necessary, together with guidelines to support*** Member States and regions ***in addressing*** demographic challenges ***in*** devising and implementing partnership agreements and operational programmes;

*Amendment*

11. Believes that there is a need to enhance the effectiveness and complementarity of ESI Funds in tackling demographic challenges; considers that Member States and regions ***should address*** demographic challenges ***as a matter of priority by*** devising and implementing partnership agreements and operational programmes;

Or. ro

**Amendment 152**  
**Bronis Ropė**  
 on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Believes that there is a need to enhance the effectiveness and complementarity of ESI Funds in tackling demographic challenges; considers that a greater focus on the topic ***as a priority area*** is necessary, together with guidelines to support Member States ***and*** regions in addressing demographic challenges in devising and implementing partnership agreements and operational programmes;

*Amendment*

11. Believes that there is a need to enhance the effectiveness and complementarity of ESI Funds in tackling demographic challenges; ***welcomes the fact that demographic challenges are considered as a cross-cutting objective of cohesion policy, but*** considers that a greater focus on the topic is necessary, together with guidelines to support Member States, ***their*** regions ***and municipalities*** in addressing demographic challenges in devising and implementing partnership agreements and operational programmes;

### **Amendment 153**

**Fernando Ruas**

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

##### **Paragraph 11**

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

11. Believes that there is a need to enhance the effectiveness and complementarity of ESI Funds in tackling demographic challenges; considers that a greater focus on the topic as a priority area is necessary, together with guidelines to support Member States and **regions** in addressing demographic challenges in devising and implementing partnership agreements and operational programmes;

###### *Amendment*

11. Believes that there is a need to enhance the effectiveness and complementarity of ESI Funds in tackling demographic challenges; considers that a greater focus on the topic as a priority area is necessary, together with guidelines to support Member States and **local and regional authorities** in addressing demographic challenges in **a suitable and effective manner, particularly by** devising and implementing partnership agreements and operational programmes;

Or. pt

### **Amendment 154**

**Ángela Vallina, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez**

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

##### **Paragraph 11**

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

11. Believes that there is a need to enhance the effectiveness and complementarity of ESI Funds in tackling demographic challenges; considers that a greater focus on the topic as a priority area is necessary, together with guidelines to support Member States and regions in addressing demographic challenges in devising and implementing partnership agreements and operational programmes;

###### *Amendment*

11. Believes that there is a need to **increase the overall budget and** enhance the effectiveness and complementarity of ESI Funds in tackling demographic challenges; considers that a greater focus on the topic as a priority area is necessary, together with guidelines to support Member States and regions in addressing demographic challenges in devising and implementing partnership agreements and operational programmes;

Or. es

## Amendment 155

Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Ruža Tomašić

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 11

##### *Motion for a resolution*

11. Believes that there is a need to enhance the effectiveness and complementarity of ESI Funds in tackling demographic challenges; considers that a greater focus on the topic as a priority area is necessary, together with guidelines to support Member States and regions in addressing demographic challenges in devising and implementing partnership agreements and operational programmes;

##### *Amendment*

11. Believes that there is a need to enhance the effectiveness and complementarity of ESI Funds in tackling demographic challenges; considers that a greater focus on the topic as a priority area is necessary, together with guidelines to support Member States and regions in addressing demographic challenges in devising and implementing partnership agreements and operational programmes; ***encourages the provision of technical support and training to local stakeholders and the managing authorities for the implementation of effective policies addressing demographic change at the national, regional and local level;***

Or. en

## Amendment 156

Iratxe García Pérez

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 11 a (new)

##### *Motion for a resolution*

##### *Amendment*

***11a. Takes the view that, in some Member States, subsidies at NUTS 2 level often conceal socio-territorial, intra-regional and even supra-regional inequalities; calls for the EU's maps to use a scale sufficient to reflect territory-related problems so that they may help target support to the most disadvantaged areas;***

Or. es

**Amendment 157**

**Raffaele Fitto**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**11a. Calls for greater complementarity and coordination between cohesion policy funding and EAFRD funding with the aim of promoting policies for the establishment of production plants in the rural areas worst affected by demographic imbalances, particularly promoting enterprise by young entrepreneurs;**

Or. it

**Amendment 158**

**Ruža Tomašić**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**11 a. Stresses that the ageing will lead to significant increases in public expenditure, in particular on pension, health and long-term care;**

Or. en

**Amendment 159**

**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**12. Highlights the fact that the European Regional Development Fund can assist regions experiencing population**

**12. Asks for the European Regional Development Fund to make a greater contribution towards helping areas with**

*change by boosting* transport, telecommunications *and public service infrastructure*;

*high ageing, rurality and* population *outflow indices to improve their* transport *and* telecommunications *infrastructure, bridge the digital divide, and enjoy better public services*;

Or. es

**Amendment 160**  
**Monika Smolková**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Highlights the fact that the European Regional Development Fund can assist regions experiencing *population change* by boosting transport, telecommunications and public service infrastructure;

*Amendment*

12. Highlights the fact that the European Regional Development Fund can assist regions experiencing *depopulation* by boosting transport, telecommunications and public service infrastructure;

Or. sk

**Amendment 161**  
**Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Highlights the fact that the European Regional Development Fund can assist regions experiencing population change by boosting transport, telecommunications *and* public service infrastructure;

*Amendment*

12. Highlights the fact that the European Regional Development Fund can assist regions experiencing population change by boosting transport, telecommunications, public service infrastructure *and support such economic sectors for which certain regions have comparative advantages*;

Or. en

**Amendment 162**

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**Bronis Ropé**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Highlights the fact that the European Regional Development Fund can assist regions experiencing population change by boosting transport, telecommunications and public service infrastructure;

*Amendment*

12. Highlights the fact that the European Regional Development Fund can assist regions experiencing population change by boosting transport, telecommunications and public service infrastructure; ***calls on the Member States and regions to better target available investments to address demographic changes and their impact;***

Or. en

**Amendment 163**  
**Kerstin Westphal**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Highlights the fact that the European Regional Development Fund can assist regions experiencing population change by boosting transport, telecommunications and public service infrastructure;

*Amendment*

12. Highlights the fact that the European Regional Development Fund can assist regions experiencing population change by boosting transport, telecommunications and public service infrastructure; ***stresses in this context the importance of the field of e-health;***

Or. de

**Amendment 164**  
**Hannu Takkula**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12a. Urges the Commission to use***

*cohesion policy measures to put a brake on increasing emigration from sparsely populated regions, where adequate infrastructure and an adequate level of services are essential preconditions particularly for retaining families with children;*

Or. fi

**Amendment 165**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Stresses that the European Social Fund *can improve employment prospects in declining regions and serve to stem trends of out-migration;*

*Amendment*

13. Stresses that the European Social Fund *should step up its work on training young people, slowing down their exodus and facilitating their return to their place of origin; adds that the fund should promote women's employability, help people strike a better work-life balance life and combat the social exclusion of elderly persons;*

Or. es

**Amendment 166**  
**Bronis Ropé**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Stresses that the European Social Fund *can* improve employment prospects in declining regions and serve to stem trends of out-migration;

*Amendment*

13. Stresses that the European Social Fund *shall be more targeted to* improve employment prospects *as well as the social inclusion of women, young people and senior citizens* in declining regions and serve to stem trends of out-migration;

Or. en

## Amendment 167

Daniel Buda

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 13

##### *Motion for a resolution*

13. Stresses that the European Social Fund can improve employment prospects *in* declining regions and serve to stem trends of out-migration;

##### *Amendment*

13. Stresses that the European Social Fund can improve employment prospects *through preparatory programmes for the inhabitants of* declining regions and serve to stem trends of out-migration;

Or. ro

## Amendment 168

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 13

##### *Motion for a resolution*

13. Stresses that the European Social Fund can improve employment prospects in declining regions and serve to stem trends of out-migration;

##### *Amendment*

13. Stresses that the European Social Fund can improve *education, training and* employment prospects in declining regions and serve to stem trends of out-migration;

Or. en

## Amendment 169

Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Ruža Tomašić

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 13

##### *Motion for a resolution*

13. Stresses that the European Social Fund can improve employment prospects in declining regions and serve to stem trends of out-migration;

##### *Amendment*

13. Stresses that the European Social Fund can improve employment prospects in declining regions and serve to stem trends of out-migration; *therefore, calls for providing funding to improve access to childcare, training for workers,*

*particularly older workers; encourages to utilize the experience, knowledge and know-how of older people, for example in coaching programmes;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 170**

**Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

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

##### **Paragraph 13**

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

13. Stresses that the European Social Fund can improve employment prospects in declining regions and serve to stem trends of out-migration;

###### *Amendment*

13. Stresses that the European Social Fund can improve employment prospects in declining regions and serve to stem trends of out-migration; *in consideration of the pivotal role of the European Social Fund in dealing with social exclusion and poverty, asks the European Commission to not reduce its budgetary allocation in the post-2020 framework;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 171**

**Monika Smolková**

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

##### **Paragraph 13**

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

13. Stresses that the European Social Fund can improve employment prospects in declining regions and serve to stem trends of out-migration;

###### *Amendment*

13. Stresses that the European Social Fund can improve employment prospects in declining regions and serve to stem trends of out-migration; *points out, in that connection, that care will be taken, when using the European Social Fund to support the outermost regions, to ensure a better balance between work life and family life;*

Or. sk

**Amendment 172**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 13 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13 a. Welcomes the publication of the new "work-life balance package" by the Commission in that better conditions for working parents and carers to reconcile their private and professional lives will improve their participation in the labour market, thereby alleviating the effects of a shrinking working population;urges the Member States to provide adequate funding, including from the use of ESI Funds, to support the provision of high quality, accessible, affordable and decentralised public health, educational (including pre-school and child care) and care services and infrastructures across all territories;***

Or. en

**Amendment 173**

**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 13 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13a. Calls on the Commission to consider setting up a specific fund dedicated to addressing areas with severe and permanent demographic disadvantages, or bringing them within the scope of existing funds by means of targeted action, deadlines and specifically defined implementation areas which cannot be circumvented by other authorities;asks for disbursement of the fund to be according to a strategic action***

*plan, underpinned by genuine land-use planning arrangements prioritising lines of action in the short, medium and long term;*

Or. es

**Amendment 174**  
**Fernando Ruas**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

13a. *Notes that the Cohesion Fund has been essential in ensuring better land use in regions, economic development and bringing people from different regions – including sparsely populated regions – closer; stresses, therefore, the importance of including the Cohesion Fund in future strategies to address demographic change, recalling that the fund was established with a view to strengthening the EU's economic, social and territorial cohesion;*

Or. pt

**Amendment 175**  
**Viorica Dăncilă**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

13a. *Believes it important for far greater support to be provided through the ESF for small organisations which develop and run innovative social projects, as well as pan-EU transnational pilot projects that address social and employment issues, so as to facilitate innovative regional, cross-border, transnational and macro-regional cooperation and hence respond to the*

*challenges created by demographic change;*

Or. ro

**Amendment 176**

**Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 13 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*13 a. Regrets that, as highlighted by the European Court of Auditors Special Report No 5/2017, the EU Youth Guarantee, which should be aimed to help young people without jobs, training or education, has made limited progress, and its results fall short of initial expectations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 177**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 13 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*13 b. Stresses the important role of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development in ensuring the necessary funding to maintain and improve access to public and social services and infrastructures in rural areas, preserving the rural environment and ecosystems, and providing opportunities for rural youth, thereby combatting rural desertification;*

Or. en

**Amendment 178**  
**Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Ángela Vallina**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**14. Stresses that the EFSI can benefit declining regions by boosting investment in energy, transport and ICT infrastructure, as well as in research, SMEs, education and social infrastructure;** **deleted**

Or. es

**Amendment 179**  
**Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**14. Stresses that the EFSI can benefit declining regions by boosting investment in energy, transport and ICT infrastructure, as well as in research, SMEs, education and social infrastructure;** **deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 180**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**14. Stresses that the EFSI can benefit declining regions by boosting investment in energy, transport and ICT infrastructure, as well as in research, SMEs, education and social infrastructure;**

**14. Takes the view that, with a view to avoiding territorial divides, the EFSI should benefit regions with the most unfavourable demographic dynamics by means of greater investment in EU**



*priority areas such as energy, transport, research, SMEs, education or social infrastructure;*

Or. es

### **Amendment 181**

**Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet**

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

##### **Paragraph 14**

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

14. Stresses that the EFSI can benefit declining regions by boosting investment in energy, transport and ICT infrastructure, as well as in research, SMEs, education and social infrastructure;

###### *Amendment*

14. Stresses that the EFSI can benefit declining regions by boosting investment in energy, transport, *educational, business* and ICT infrastructure, as well as in research, SMEs, education and social infrastructure;

Or. en

### **Amendment 182**

**Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso**

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

##### **Paragraph 14**

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

14. Stresses that the EFSI can benefit declining regions by boosting investment in energy, transport and ICT infrastructure, as well as in research, SMEs, education and social infrastructure;

###### *Amendment*

14. Stresses that the EFSI can benefit declining regions by boosting investment in energy, transport and ICT infrastructure, as well as in research, *innovation*, SMEs, education and social infrastructure;

Or. en

### **Amendment 183**

**Monika Smolková**

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

##### **Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**14 a.** *Takes the view that a special status for demographically disadvantaged regions should be considered in the development of post-2020 cohesion policy;*

Or. sk

**Amendment 184**

**Arne Gericke**

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

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**14 a.** *Calls on the Commission to use regional funds to improve decentralised birth care;*

Or. en

**Amendment 185**

**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

15. Believes that cohesion policy should play a more prominent role *to support regions in adapting to* demographic *change*;

15. Believes that cohesion policy should play a more prominent role *in addressing demographic change, as part of its explicit remit under Article 174 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union; calls for a precise definition of the notion of 'severe and permanent demographic handicaps' referred to in Article 174 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 121 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 that would enable demographic challenges to be statistically quantified;*

Or. es

**Amendment 186**

**Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Francisco José Millán Mon, Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Believes that cohesion policy should play a more prominent role to support regions in adapting to demographic change;

*Amendment*

15. Believes that cohesion policy ***provides the right tools with which to address demographic change, both in respect of population ageing and population loss, and*** should ***therefore*** play a more prominent role to support regions in adapting to demographic change;

Or. es

**Amendment 187**

**Andor Deli**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Believes that cohesion policy should play a more prominent role to support regions in adapting to demographic change;

*Amendment*

15. Believes that cohesion policy should play a more prominent role to support regions in adapting to demographic change, ***especially in connection with other EU, national and regional policies ;***

Or. en

**Amendment 188**

**Kerstin Westphal**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Believes that cohesion policy should play a more prominent role to support regions in adapting to demographic

*Amendment*

15. Believes that cohesion policy should play a more prominent role to support regions in adapting to demographic

change;

change *and that this should also be reflected in the fund-specific regulations;*

Or. de

### **Amendment 189**

**Bronis Ropè**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

##### **Paragraph 15**

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

15. Believes that cohesion policy should play a more prominent role to support regions in adapting to demographic change;

###### *Amendment*

15. Believes that cohesion policy should play a more prominent role to support regions in adapting to demographic change, *and help them develop integrated territorial strategies that promote and fully exploit the specific potential of each region and make shrinking regions more attractive for people to live, work and build their future;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 190**

**Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Ruža Tomašić**

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

##### **Paragraph 15**

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

15. Believes that cohesion policy should play a more prominent role to support regions in adapting to demographic change;

###### *Amendment*

15. Believes that cohesion policy should play a more prominent role to support regions in adapting to demographic change; *calls for greater integration of the activities promoted by the different Structural Funds and greater flexibility in their use to enhance complementarities and consistency, in order to tackle demographic challenges;*

Or. en

**Amendment 191**  
**Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Ruža Tomašić**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**15 a. Stresses that cohesion policy should promote the employability and inclusion of women, especially mothers who struggle with finding employment, calls, therefore, for women to be given access to training and learning programmes, however, points out that the qualifications obtained should respond to the need of the labour market; stresses the importance of helping young mothers to return to work by providing reliable all-day childcare facilities for children of all ages, including facilities for pre-school learning, in order to stop depopulation;**

Or. en

**Amendment 192**  
**Bronis Ropè**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**15 a. Highlights the importance of urban-rural linkages, and invites the Commission to reflect on the opportunity to complement integrated sustainable urban development strategies by partnerships for sustainable urban-rural development; is of the opinion that such partnerships could promote synergies between funds and programmes (in particular ERDF, EAFRD and ESF) in order to achieve balanced and sustainable territorial development throughout the EU and respond to common social, environmental and demographic challenges;**

**Amendment 193**  
**Michela Giuffrida**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**15a. Considers that the Commission should take proactive measures to prevent the adverse effects of demographic change and provide technical assistance to the regions most affected by depopulation;**

Or. it

**Amendment 194**  
**Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Ruža Tomašić**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**15 b. Believes that in order to address demographic challenges, the regions should use ESI Funds in a more proactive manner in order to tackle youth unemployment and give them the opportunity to start a proper career; notes that this could be achieved by supporting training programmes and entrepreneurship among young people;**

Or. en

**Amendment 195**  
**Laurențiu Rebegea**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16. Calls for the establishment of an EU-wide legal framework that specifically recognises all territories facing demographic disadvantage;** *deleted*

Or. ro

**Amendment 196**  
**Kerstin Westphal**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16. Calls for the establishment of an EU-wide legal framework that specifically recognises all territories facing demographic disadvantage;** *deleted*

Or. de

**Amendment 197**  
**Bronis Ropé**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16. Calls for the establishment of an EU-wide legal framework that specifically recognises all territories facing demographic disadvantage;** *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 198**  
**Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Francisco José Millán Mon, Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

16. Calls *for the establishment of an EU-wide legal framework that specifically recognises all territories facing demographic disadvantage*;

16. Calls *on the Commission to take into account real conditions in demographically challenged areas, given that NUTS levels do not reflect the true magnitude of the problem, since regional units differ widely from region to region; adds that it is thus necessary to consider smaller administrative units that provide a better approximation of reality*;

Or. es

**Amendment 199**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

16. Calls for the establishment of *an EU-wide* legal framework *that* specifically *recognises all territories facing demographic disadvantage*;

16. Calls for the establishment of *a* legal framework *to* specifically *recognise regions with severe and permanent demographic handicaps with a view to defining legal frameworks, instruments and financing arrangements*;

Or. es

**Amendment 200**  
**Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

16. Calls for the establishment of an EU-wide *legal* framework that specifically recognises all territories facing demographic *disadvantage*;

16. Calls for the establishment of an EU-wide framework that specifically recognises all territories facing demographic *challenges*;

Or. en



## Amendment 201

Ruža Tomašić

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 16

##### *Motion for a resolution*

16. Calls for the establishment of an EU-wide legal framework that specifically recognises all territories facing demographic disadvantage;

##### *Amendment*

16. Calls for the establishment of an EU-wide legal framework that specifically recognises all territories facing demographic disadvantage; ***reminds, the significant regional divergence in demographic patterns will most likely generate a substantial asymmetric socio-economic impact on European territories, which might further increase regional disparities in Europe;***

Or. en

## Amendment 202

Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Ruža Tomašić

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 16

##### *Motion for a resolution*

16. Calls for the establishment of an EU-wide legal framework that specifically recognises all territories facing demographic disadvantage;

##### *Amendment*

16. Calls for the establishment of an EU-wide legal framework that specifically recognises all territories facing demographic disadvantage; ***stresses a more pro-active and dedicated approach in demographic policy-making;***

Or. en

## Amendment 203

Iratxe García Pérez

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 16 a (new)

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16a.** *Calls for the strengthening and administrative streamlining of the new instruments for enhancing the bottom-up approach and multi-level governance – such as community-led local development (CLLD) and integrated territorial investment (ITI) – so as to increase local and regional involvement as part of an integrated and holistic approach to regional development;*

Or. es

**Amendment 204**

**Ruža Tomašić**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16 a.** *Calls for the new types of business models to emerge, such as portal-based services, and assist existing rural businesses to connect, integrate and cooperate better with urban based business; moreover, intelligent logistics networks would allow villages to provide their products and services more efficiently on urban and global markets;*

Or. en

**Amendment 205**

**Marc Joulaud, Maurice Ponga**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16a.** *Points to the importance of taking greater account, under the future cohesion policy, of specific territorial characteristics which manifest themselves*

*at subregional levels;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 206**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16b.** *Stresses that a lack of capacity and robust governance within many local and regional authorities is a major obstacle to the success of EFSI programmes; takes the view that EU funds should be endowed with a capacity-building instrument for the use of any competent authority responsible for managing or implementing this funding, with a view to ensuring sound financial management and compliance with rules on public procurement and state aid while facilitating the transfer of know-how among management and implementation bodies;*

Or. es

**Amendment 207**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

17. Invites the Commission to **consider the establishment of** new criteria **that could pinpoint the** territories facing demographic challenges; considers that GDP and population density **are not sufficient** indicators **in this regard**;

17. Invites the Commission to **define** new criteria **with which to distinguish** territories facing demographic challenges **by means of demographic, economic, environmental-impact and accessibility variables**; considers that GDP and population density **do not exclusively facilitate the characterisation of territory with severe and permanent demographic**

*handicaps; asks the Commission to incorporate new indicators into cohesion policy that provide a more complete picture of the specific challenges facing these regions, particularly the EU Regional Social Progress Index;*

Or. es

**Amendment 208**  
**Lambert van Nistelrooij**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

17. Invites the Commission to consider the establishment of new *criteria* that could pinpoint the territories facing demographic challenges; considers that GDP and population density are not sufficient indicators in this regard;

*Amendment*

17. Invites the Commission to consider the establishment of new *dynamic indicators besides the GDP indicator* that could pinpoint the territories facing demographic challenges, *such as a demographic indicator, or consider an additional special allocation for these regions similar to the sparsely populated areas in the current programming period (CPR Annex VII point 9)*; considers that GDP and population density are not sufficient indicators in this regard;

Or. en

**Amendment 209**  
**Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Francisco José Millán Mon, Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

17. Invites the Commission to consider the establishment of new criteria that could pinpoint the territories facing demographic challenges; *considers that GDP and population density are not sufficient indicators in this regard;*

*Amendment*

17. Invites the Commission to consider the establishment of new criteria that could pinpoint the territories facing demographic challenges *and take account of the disparity observed in this area; takes the view, therefore, that the Commission should conduct observational studies on*

*potential indicators going beyond GDP and population density;*

Or. es

### **Amendment 210**

**Bronis Ropè**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

##### **Paragraph 17**

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

17. Invites the Commission to consider the establishment of new criteria *that could* pinpoint the territories facing demographic challenges; considers that GDP and population density are not sufficient indicators in this regard;

###### *Amendment*

17. Invites the Commission to consider the establishment of new *environmental and socio-economic* criteria *to complement the GDP indicator, which would in particular* pinpoint the territories facing demographic challenges; considers that GDP and population density are not sufficient indicators in this regard;

Or. en

### **Amendment 211**

**Krzysztof Hetman**

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

##### **Paragraph 17**

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

17. Invites the Commission to consider the establishment of new criteria that could pinpoint the territories facing demographic challenges; considers that *GDP and* population density *are not* sufficient *indicators* in this regard;

###### *Amendment*

17. Invites the Commission to consider the establishment of new criteria, *such as depopulation trends or the direction of internal migration*, that could pinpoint the territories facing demographic challenges; considers that population density *is not a* sufficient *indicator* in this regard;

Or. pl

### **Amendment 212**

**Marc Joulaud, Maurice Ponga**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

17. Invites the Commission to consider the establishment of new ***criteria that could pinpoint the territories facing demographic challenges; considers that GDP and population density are not sufficient indicators in this regard;***

*Amendment*

17. Invites the Commission to consider the establishment of new ***social indicators in addition to per capita GDP, not least with a view to pinpointing the territories facing demographic or employment-related challenges;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 213**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

17. Invites the Commission to consider ***the establishment of*** new criteria that could pinpoint the territories facing demographic challenges; considers that GDP and population density ***are not sufficient indicators in this regard;***

*Amendment*

17. Invites the Commission to consider ***establishing, alongside other relevant indicators,*** new criteria that could pinpoint the territories facing demographic challenges; considers that GDP and population density ***should remain the main indicators, alongside other relevant indicators;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 214**  
**Monika Smolková**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

17. Invites the Commission to consider the establishment of new criteria that could pinpoint the territories facing demographic challenges; considers that GDP and population density are not sufficient

*Amendment*

17. Invites the Commission to consider the establishment of new criteria that could pinpoint the territories facing demographic challenges; considers that GDP and population density are not sufficient

indicators in this regard;

indicators in this regard *and that other criteria should therefore be added, including social capital, life expectancy and quality of the environment, etc.;*

Or. sk

## **Amendment 215**

**Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 17**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

17. Invites the Commission to consider the establishment of new criteria that could pinpoint the territories facing demographic challenges; considers that GDP and population density are not sufficient indicators in this regard;

##### *Amendment*

17. Invites the Commission to consider the establishment of new criteria that could pinpoint the territories facing demographic challenges ; considers that GDP and population density are not sufficient indicators in this regard *and notes that other indicators across three broad dimensions of social progress- Basic Human Needs, Foundations of Wellbeing, and Opportunity- would allow for a better understanding of the economic and social challenges all over Europe;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 216**

**Fernando Ruas**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 17 a (new)**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

##### *Amendment*

17a. *Stresses the importance of having reliable, up-to-date, disaggregated statistics for the purposes of a more efficient and objective political administration, particularly for a more detailed understanding of the intrinsic features of the EU's various sparsely populated areas; calls, therefore, for Eurostat to provide greater detail in*

*statistics of relevance for devising a suitable European demographic policy, especially demographic, family-related, social and economic indicators, and thus urges them to be broken down at at least subregional – i.e. NUTS III – level.*

Or. pt

**Amendment 217**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Considers that cohesion policy should include specific instruments for the areas most affected by demographic disadvantage, *such as allowing* for greater flexibility *as regards* co-financing rates *or the choice of thematic objectives*;

*Amendment*

18. Considers that cohesion policy should include specific instruments for the areas most affected by demographic disadvantage, *and allow* for greater flexibility *in the setting of thematic objectives or* co-financing rates, *with a view to coordinating inter-regional and intra-regional strategies within the same Member State, with local participation*;

Or. es

**Amendment 218**  
**Bronis Ropè**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Considers that cohesion policy should include specific instruments for the areas most affected by demographic disadvantage, such as allowing for greater flexibility as regards co-financing rates *or the choice of thematic objectives*;

*Amendment*

18. Considers that *the future* cohesion policy should *upheld demographic challenges as one of its cross-cutting objectives and continue to* include specific instruments for the areas most affected by demographic disadvantage, such as allowing for greater flexibility as regards co-financing rates;



**Amendment 219**

**Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Considers that cohesion policy should include specific *instruments* for the areas most affected by demographic *disadvantage*, such as allowing for greater flexibility as regards co-financing rates or the choice of thematic objectives;

*Amendment*

18. Considers that cohesion policy should include specific *measures* for the areas most affected by demographic *challenges*, such as allowing for greater flexibility as regards co-financing rates or the choice of thematic objectives;

Or. en

**Amendment 220**

**Lambert van Nistelrooij**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 18 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**18 a. Calls on the Commission to consider as a new ex ante conditionality the existence of a national strategy for demographic development;**

Or. en

**Amendment 221**

**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Calls on the Commission to *include a new* flagship initiative on *demographic change in* the Europe 2020 strategy, *which should be designed as a cross-cutting*

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*Amendment*

19. Calls on the Commission to *incorporate a* flagship initiative on *demographics into* the Europe 2020 strategy, *financed from existing ESI funds*

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*instrument and linked to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, and which could be financially supported by existing European instruments such as ESI Funds;*

*and comprising a raft of measures in three categories: smart growth, via action to help regions affected by demographic challenges in the field of ICT, RDI and SMEs; inclusive growth, via specific action to encourage young people to remain in the region, promoting the birth rate and self-employment and with social inclusion measures for immigrants; and sustainable growth, via measures to help these regions invest in the green economy, including sustainable transport systems;*

Or. es

#### **Amendment 222**

**Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Ángela Vallina**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

19. Calls on the Commission to include a new flagship initiative on demographic change in the Europe 2020 strategy, which should be designed as a cross-cutting instrument and linked to *smart*, sustainable and inclusive *growth*, and which could be financially supported by existing European instruments such as ESI Funds;

##### *Amendment*

19. Calls on the Commission to include a new flagship initiative on demographic change in the Europe 2020 strategy, which should be designed as a cross-cutting instrument and linked to sustainable and inclusive *development, including rural agro-ecological farming*, and which could be financially supported by existing European instruments such as ESI Funds;

Or. es

#### **Amendment 223**

**Ruža Tomašić**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19 a (new)**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

##### *Amendment*

**19 a. Welcomes the EU Action for "Smart Villages" which calls for policies to pay particular attention to overcoming the digital divide between rural and urban**

*areas and to develop the potential offered by connectivity and digitisation of rural areas;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 224**

**Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso**

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

##### **Paragraph 20**

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

20. Considers that the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework should give a decisive impetus to the promotion of solutions for tackling demographic challenges, through targeted measures *and an ad hoc budget with additional funding for areas with severe and permanent demographic handicaps;*

###### *Amendment*

20. Considers that the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework should give a decisive impetus to the promotion of solutions for tackling demographic challenges, through targeted measures;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 225**

**Iratxe García Pérez**

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

##### **Paragraph 20**

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

20. Considers that the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework should give a decisive impetus to *the promotion of solutions for tackling* demographic challenges, through targeted measures and an ad hoc budget with additional funding for areas with severe and permanent demographic handicaps;

###### *Amendment*

20. Considers that the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework should give a *forceful*, decisive impetus to *efforts to address demographic challenges, taking into account the current demographic situation and current* demographic trends, through targeted measures and an ad hoc budget *item* with additional funding for areas with severe and permanent demographic handicaps;

Or. es

**Amendment 226**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Considers that the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework should give a decisive impetus to the promotion of solutions for tackling demographic challenges, through targeted measures and an ad hoc budget with **additional** funding for areas with severe and permanent demographic handicaps;

*Amendment*

20. Considers that the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework should give a decisive impetus to the promotion of solutions for tackling demographic challenges, through targeted measures and an ad hoc budget with **more targeted** funding for areas with severe and permanent demographic handicaps, **where appropriate**;

Or. en

**Amendment 227**

**Monika Smolková**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Considers that the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework **should give a decisive impetus to** the promotion of solutions for tackling demographic challenges, through targeted measures and an ad hoc budget with additional funding for areas with severe and permanent demographic handicaps;

*Amendment*

20. Considers that the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework **must incorporate** the promotion of solutions for tackling demographic challenges, through targeted measures and an ad hoc budget with additional funding for areas with severe and permanent demographic handicaps;

Or. sk

**Amendment 228**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 20 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**20 a.** *Underlines the added value of the single community-led local development (CLLD) methodology across all ESI Funds to develop and implement integrated and tailor-made bottom-up solutions; regrets however that CLLD is only mandatory for EAFRD and that local and participatory approaches are declining in ERDF, ESF and EMFF; calls therefore on the Commission to make the use of CLLD obligatory across all ESI Funds;*

Or. en

**Amendment 229**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**20a.** *Calls for services and infrastructure reinforcing social inclusion to be strengthened under the second pillar of the Common Agricultural Policy, intended to foster rural development and financed under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, and for a reversal of trends towards social and economic decline and depopulation in areas with severe and permanent demographic handicaps;*

Or. es

**Amendment 230**  
**Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Ruža Tomašić**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***20 a. Calls on national, regional and local authorities to exchange experience, best practices and new approaches to preventing the negative consequences of demographic change;***

Or. en

**Amendment 231**  
**Iratxe García Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***20b. Believes that the trans-European transport networks (TEN-T) and the motorways of the sea (MoS) should serve areas with severe and permanent demographic handicaps;***

Or. es