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Implementation of EU macro-regional strategies

(2017/2040(INI))

Amendment 1

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas a macro-region can be defined as **an** area including **territory** from a number of different countries **or regions** associated with one or more common features or challenges¹²;

¹² Schmitt et al (2009), EU macro-regions and macro-regional strategies – A scoping study, NORDREGIO electronic working paper 2009:4.

Amendment

A. whereas a macro-region can be defined as **a geographical** area including **regions** from a number of different countries associated with one or more common features or challenges¹²;

¹² Schmitt et al (2009), EU macro-regions and macro-regional strategies – A scoping study, NORDREGIO electronic working paper 2009:4.

Or. hr

Amendment 2

Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas macro-regional strategies (MRS) are significant, as they are able to mobilise institutional actors and civil society towards EU policy goals;

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 3

Davor Škrlec

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas macro-regional strategies (MRS) are significant, as they are able to mobilise institutional actors and civil society towards EU policy goals;

Amendment

B. whereas macro-regional strategies (MRS) are significant, as they are able to mobilise institutional actors, **private sector** and civil society towards EU policy goals;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Rosa D'Amato, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas macro-regional strategies (MRS) are significant, as they are able to mobilise institutional actors and civil society towards EU policy goals;

Amendment

B. whereas macro-regional strategies (MRS) are significant, as they are able to mobilise institutional actors and civil society, **and integrate existing resources**, towards EU policy goals;

Or. it

Amendment 5

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas macro-regional strategies (MRS) are significant, as they are able to mobilise institutional actors and civil society towards EU policy goals;

Amendment

B. whereas macro-regional strategies (MRS) are significant, as they are able to mobilise **public** institutional actors and civil society towards **common** EU policy goals;

Or. hr

Amendment 6
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas MRS provide a platform for cooperation between EU Member States and among third countries for the purposes of addressing common challenges, and fostering cooperation between and improving the integration of different policy sectors;

Amendment

C. whereas MRS provide a platform for cooperation **at regional and cross-border level** between EU Member States and among third countries for the purposes of addressing common challenges, and fostering cooperation between and improving the integration of **different partners and** different policy sectors;

Or. ro

Amendment 7
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas MRS provide a platform for cooperation between EU Member States and **among third countries** for the purposes of addressing common challenges, and fostering cooperation between and improving the integration of different policy sectors;

Amendment

C. whereas MRS provide a platform for cooperation between EU Member States and **neighbouring non-Member States** for the purposes of addressing common challenges, **joint planning** and fostering cooperation between and improving the integration of different policy sectors;

Or. hr

Amendment 8
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas MRS provide a platform for cooperation between EU Member States ***and among third countries*** for the purposes of addressing common challenges, and fostering cooperation between ***and improving the integration of*** different policy sectors;

Amendment

C. whereas MRS provide a platform for cooperation between EU Member States for the purposes of addressing common challenges and fostering cooperation between different policy sectors;

Or. fr

Amendment 9

Marc Joulaud, Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution

Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ca. whereas macro-regional strategies are geared to addressing territorial challenges that can be solved more effectively across national borders (connectivity, biodiversity, environmental protection, blue growth, competitiveness of mountain areas, etc.);

Or. fr

Amendment 10

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas macro-regions are involved in the implementation of long-term, interconnected, cross-cutting political issues;

Amendment

D. whereas macro-regions are involved in the implementation of long-term, interconnected, ***useful and*** cross-cutting political issues;

Or. hr

Amendment 11
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. *whereas macro-regions act as ambassadors of the European Union in order to demonstrate that trust, dialogue, cross-border cooperation and solidarity work successfully, and are tangible, in the EU;*

Or. de

Amendment 12
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas MRS are based on the ‘three no’s’ principle of no new funding, no new structures and no new legislation within the existing EU political framework;

E. whereas MRS are based on the ‘three no’s’ principle of no new funding, no new structures and no new legislation ***for now*** within the existing EU political framework;

Or. hr

Amendment 13
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas pre-existing cooperation mechanisms facilitate the implementation

F. whereas pre-existing cooperation mechanisms ***at EU level and between***

of macro-regional strategies, particularly in the early phases;

Member States facilitate the implementation of macro-regional strategies, particularly in the early phases;

Or. hr

Amendment 14
Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas MRS became integral part of the EU policy framework so they can reinforce synergies between different EU policies and instruments and are anchored in the cohesion policy framework;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas the Commission adopts a single report on the implementation of all existing EU macro-regional strategies every two years, with the next report due by the end of 2018;

G. whereas the Commission adopts a single report on the implementation of all **four** existing EU macro-regional strategies every two years, with the next report due by the end of 2018;

Or. de

Amendment 16
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the Commission adopts a single report on the implementation of all existing EU macro-regional strategies every two years, with the next report due by the end of 2018;

Amendment

G. whereas the Commission adopts a single report on the **success of the** implementation of all existing EU macro-regional strategies every two years, with the next report due by the end of 2018;

Or. hr

Amendment 17
Davor Škrlec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. The relevance of the MRS has been underlined by the globalisation process, which has rendered individual countries interdependent and necessitates solutions to the cross-border problems involved;

Amendment

1. The relevance of the MRS has been underlined by the globalisation process, which has rendered individual countries interdependent and necessitates solutions to the cross-border problems involved **with special regard to climate change effects**;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. The relevance of the MRS has been underlined by the globalisation process, which has rendered individual countries interdependent and necessitates solutions to the cross-border problems involved;

Amendment

1. The relevance of the MRS has been underlined by the globalisation process, which has rendered individual countries interdependent and necessitates solutions to the cross-border problems involved, **better coordination and joint planning**;

Amendment 19
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Points out that MRS have been established in areas that are already particularly interdependent, and represent the natural evolution of the long-term work done by the EU on cross-border cooperation;

Or. it

Amendment 20
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Recognises that – to a varying degree – elements such as commitment, ownership, resources and governance remain difficult to overcome in achieving the pre-determined goals;

2. Recognises that – to a varying degree – elements ***on which the quality of implementation depends***, such as commitment, ownership, resources and governance, remain difficult to overcome in achieving the pre-determined goals;

Or. hr

Amendment 21
Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Recognises that – to a varying degree – elements such as commitment, ownership, resources and governance remain difficult to overcome in achieving the pre-determined goals and calls on the Commission to explore mechanisms which can encourage the active participation of all stakeholders;

Or. it

Amendment 22

Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Stresses that MRS continue to make an invaluable contribution to cross-border, cross-sector and multi-level cooperation in Europe;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 23

Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Stresses that MRS continue to make an invaluable contribution to cross-border, cross-sector and multi-level cooperation in Europe;

3. Stresses that MRS continue to make an invaluable contribution to cross-border, cross-sector and multi-level cooperation in Europe ***with a view to boosting connectivity in order to consolidate economic ties and knowledge transfer between regions with a similar potential for development;***

Amendment 24
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Stresses that MRS continue to make an invaluable contribution to cross-border, cross-sector and multi-level cooperation *in Europe*;

Amendment

3. Stresses that MRS continue to make an invaluable *and innovative* contribution to cross-border, cross-sector and multi-level cooperation, *the potential of which is not sufficiently taken advantage of*;

Or. hr

Amendment 25
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

3a. Stresses the positive impact of environmental risk management projects at regional and particularly cross-border level, along with projects focusing on the conservation of biodiversity, landscapes and air, water and soil quality;

Or. ro

Amendment 26
Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Stresses that MRS continue to make an invaluable contribution to cross-border, cross-sector and multi-level cooperation in Europe;

Or. it

Amendment 27
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Is of the opinion that multi-level governance should be embedded in all macro-regional strategy from its inception;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 28
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Is of the opinion that multi-level governance *should be embedded in* all macro-regional *strategy from its inception*;

4. Is of the opinion that multi-level governance *is the cornerstone of* all macro-regional *strategies*;

Or. hr

Amendment 29
Davor Škrlec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Is of the opinion that multi-level governance should be embedded in all macro-regional strategy from its inception;

Amendment

4. Is of the opinion that multi-level governance should be embedded in all macro-regional strategy from its inception; ***encourages the Member States and regions involved to develop appropriate governance structures and working arrangement to facilitate cooperation including joint planning, alignment of funding opportunities and bottom-up approach;***

Or. en

Amendment 30
Dimitrios Papadimoulis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Is of the opinion that multi-level governance should be embedded in all macro-regional strategy from its inception;

Amendment

4. Is of the opinion that multi-level governance , ***with a simultaneous strengthening of the role of the regions in it,*** should be embedded in all macro-regional strategy from its inception;

Or. el

Amendment 31
Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

4a. Is of the opinion that multi-level governance should be embedded in all macro-regional strategy from its inception, involving local communities and public and private stakeholders in the

Amendment

process;

Or. it

Amendment 32
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Encourages improved coordination and better partnerships between the different actors *and* policies at national and regional level in order to facilitate the implementation of the MRS;

Amendment

5. Encourages improved coordination and better partnerships between the different *public and private* actors, *academics and NGOs, and the different* policies at national and regional level in order to facilitate the implementation of the MRS *and improve cross-border cooperation;*

Or. ro

Amendment 33
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Encourages improved coordination and better partnerships between the different actors and policies at national *and regional* level in order to facilitate the implementation of the MRS;

Amendment

5. Encourages improved coordination and better partnerships between the different actors and policies at national, *regional and local* level, *as well as international organisations operating in this field*, in order to facilitate *and improve* the implementation of the MRS;

Or. hr

Amendment 34

Davor Škrlec

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Encourages improved coordination and better partnerships between the different actors and policies at national **and regional** level in order to facilitate the implementation of the MRS;

Amendment

5. Encourages improved coordination and better partnerships between the different actors and policies at national, **regional and local** level in order to facilitate the implementation of the MRS;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Encourages improved coordination and better partnerships between the different actors and policies at national and regional level in order to facilitate the implementation of the MRS;

Amendment

5. Encourages improved coordination and better partnerships, **both vertical and horizontal**, between the different actors and policies at national and regional level in order to facilitate the implementation of the MRS;

Or. ro

Amendment 36

Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Notes that access to EU funds for MRS projects is more difficult, as process of agreeing for joint action at multi-level and multi country/region is demanding and time consuming. Stresses that as a

consequence the MRS projects are less competitive than national projects;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Marc Joulaud, Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Stresses the need to improve coordination and convergence between the different components of territorial cooperation in macroregional strategy spaces in order to reinforce the positive externalities of the projects being financed;

Or. fr

Amendment 38
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Emphasises the importance of developing administrative capacity in order to ensure the effective implementation of the strategies;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 39
Lambert van Nistelrooij, Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Emphasises the importance of developing administrative capacity in order to ensure the effective implementation of the strategies;

Amendment

6. Emphasises the importance of developing administrative capacity in order to ensure the effective implementation of the strategies; ***highlights, in this regard, the creation of the structural reform support programme (SRSP), which can provide assistance in capacity building and effective implementation on the request of a Member State;***

Or. en

Amendment 40 Andrea Cozzolino

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Emphasises the importance of developing administrative capacity in order to ensure the effective implementation of the strategies;

Amendment

6. Emphasises the importance of developing administrative capacity in order to ensure the effective implementation of the strategies ***and calls on the Commission to actively promote the dissemination and application of good administrative practice;***

Or. it

Amendment 41 Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Emphasises the importance of developing administrative capacity in order to ensure the effective implementation of

Amendment

6. Emphasises the importance of developing administrative capacity in ***the competent state authorities in*** order to

the strategies;

ensure the effective implementation of the strategies;

Or. hr

Amendment 42
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines the fact that MRS must be flexible enough to be adjusted and respond to unforeseen events which may affect the regions involved and the EU in general; ***highlights the necessity of the Commission's coordinating role in this regard;***

Amendment

7. Underlines the fact that MRS must be flexible enough to be adjusted and respond to unforeseen events which may affect the regions involved and the EU in general;

Or. fr

Amendment 43
Andrea Cozzolino

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines the fact that MRS must be flexible enough to be adjusted and respond to unforeseen events which may affect the regions involved and the EU in general; highlights the necessity of the Commission's coordinating role in this regard;

Amendment

7. Underlines the fact that MRS must be flexible enough to be adjusted and respond to unforeseen events which may affect the regions involved and the EU in general; highlights the necessity of the Commission's coordinating role in this regard ***and, should it be required, also with a view to redefining the specific objectives of each strategy;***

Or. it

Amendment 44
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines the fact that MRS must be flexible enough to be adjusted and respond to unforeseen events which may affect the regions involved and the EU in general; highlights the necessity of the Commission's coordinating role in this regard;

Amendment

7. Underlines the fact that MRS must be flexible enough to be adjusted and respond to unforeseen events which may affect the regions involved and the EU in general; ***insists that the implementation of MRS should take account of specific local conditions***; highlights the necessity of the Commission's coordinating role in this regard;

Or. ro

Amendment 45
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines the fact that MRS must be flexible enough to be adjusted and respond to unforeseen events which may affect the regions involved and the EU in general; highlights the necessity of the Commission's coordinating role in this regard;

Amendment

7. Underlines the fact that MRS must be flexible enough to be adjusted and respond to unforeseen events which may affect the regions involved, ***the Member States*** and the EU in general; highlights the necessity of the Commission's coordinating role in this regard;

Or. hr

Amendment 46
Dimitrios Papadimoulis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Considers it important that the medium-term objectives should have the possibility of rapid adaptation in the event of emergencies or crises such as the migratory/refugee crisis in order to respond effectively to the needs of local and regional actors;

Or. el

Amendment 47

Rosa D'Amato, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 – point 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(1) Stresses the need for a territorial approach with regard to cooperation activities, pooling the resources of each macro-region on a case-by-case basis;

Or. it

Amendment 48

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Stresses the important roles played by the experiences drawn from previous successful macro-regional strategies in ensuring the effective implementation of all macro-regional strategies.

Or. hr

Amendment 49
Davor Škrlec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. Specially stresses the importance of aligning the MRS objectives with the Paris Agreement in order to strengthen the ability of the Member States to adapt with the climate change impacts;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Davor Škrlec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Stresses the importance of aligning the MRS with the Europe 2020 strategy objectives, Energy Union priorities, Circular Economy Package and other EU level flagship initiatives;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Welcomes the results achieved since the launch of the strategy in 2009, particularly with regard to the cooperation mechanisms not only between but also

8. Welcomes the results achieved since the launch of the strategy in 2009, particularly with regard to the cooperation mechanisms not only between but also

within the countries involved;

within the *regions and* countries involved;

Or. hr

Amendment 52
Davor Škrlec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Highlights the experience of the Baltic Sea region which shows that long-term strategic thinking must remain the basis for macro-regional cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Notes the good example of the EUSBSR communication strategy; highlights that support for communication strategies should also be pursued at national and regional levels in order to increase their impact;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 54
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Highlights the positive impact the strategy has had on cooperation between the participating countries;

Amendment

11. Highlights the positive impact the strategy has had on cooperation between the participating countries, ***by improving mobility and interconnections for all modes of transport, promoting culture and tourism and, in particular, promoting direct contacts between people;***

Or. ro

Amendment 55

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Highlights the positive impact the strategy has had on cooperation between the participating countries;

Amendment

11. Highlights the positive impact the strategy has had on cooperation between the participating countries ***and regions;***

Or. hr

Amendment 56

Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Highlights the extremely valuable initial implementation support offered by the EP through pilot projects and preparatory actions which ensures efficient, user friendly and non-bureaucratic governance support in the most sensitive period of implementation of the Strategies;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. Regrets the untimely closure of the Danube Strategy Point in Brussels which will delay the smooth transition to new implementation support arrangements;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Considers the Danube Financing Dialogue as a clear positive example of a way to overcome difficulties in financing the obstacles which projects of transnational relevance often face;

12. Considers the Danube Financing Dialogue as a clear positive example of a way to overcome difficulties in financing the obstacles which projects of transnational relevance often face; ***draws attention to the major differences in development among regions in the Danube basin and stresses the need to channel investments to reduce those differences;***

Or. ro

Amendment 59
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Considers the Danube Financing Dialogue as a clear positive example of a way to overcome difficulties in financing the obstacles which projects of transnational relevance often face;

Amendment

12. Considers the Danube Financing Dialogue as a clear positive example of a way to overcome difficulties in financing the obstacles which projects of transnational **and cross-border** relevance often face;

Or. hr

Amendment 60
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12b. Draws attention to the management of environmental risks, bearing in mind that regions downstream along the river are far more environmentally vulnerable and far more exposed to the accumulation of waste from further upstream, and proposes financing an action plan with the aim of mobilising citizens to keep the Danube area clean; highlights, in this context, the Keep Danube Clean initiative that aims to raise public awareness of environmental risks and stresses the need to step up actions aimed at reducing those risks;

Or. ro

Amendment 61
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Highlights the positive impact of cooperation between all interested parties within a new format for cross-border cooperation, which will generate a transfer of expertise and skill between local and regional authorities;

Or. ro

Amendment 62
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Stresses the prime importance of investment aimed at consolidating mobility and intermodality, and eliminating missing links;

Or. ro

Amendment 63
Laurențiu Rebegea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Stresses that it is essential to maintain a high degree of political support **and** increase resources **and** capacity in order to **tackle the remaining challenges;**

13. Stresses that it is essential to maintain a high degree of political support, increase **financial** resources, **by involving the private sector, and consolidate administrative** capacity in order to **be in a position to manage the strategy's implementation and coordination;**

Or. ro

Amendment 64
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses that it is essential to maintain a high degree of political support and increase resources and capacity in order to tackle the remaining challenges;

Amendment

13. Stresses that it is essential to maintain a high degree of political support and increase resources and capacity ***of competent state authorities*** in order to tackle the remaining challenges ***and improve implementation***;

Or. hr

Amendment 65
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Given the natural interlink between the Danube river and the Black sea, invites the participating countries to enhance coordination between the EUSDR and the Black Sea Cross Border Cooperation and to work closely for overcoming shared socio-economic, environmental and transport challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Davor Škrlec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Stresses the utmost importance of nature and biodiversity preservation of the Danube River, with special attention to the protected areas endangered by increasing number of unsustainable connectivity projects

Or. en

Amendment 67
Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Welcomes the process of design of the strategic projects, as it significantly contributes to the visibility of the EUSDR;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Stresses the importance of the strategy in the process of integration of the non-Member States;

Or. hr

Amendment 69
Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Highlights the distinct nature of the EUSAIR on account of the number of potential and candidate participating countries, and considers that this format of cooperation can be a great opportunity for the entire region;

Amendment

14. Highlights the distinct nature of the EUSAIR on account of the number of potential and candidate participating countries, and considers that this format of cooperation can be a great opportunity for the entire region; ***takes the view that EUSAIR should be the catalyst for the continuation and revitalisation of the European Union enlargement process;***

Or. hr

Amendment 70

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Highlights the distinct nature of the EUSAIR on account of the number of potential and candidate participating countries, and considers that this format of cooperation can be a great opportunity for the entire region;

Amendment

14. Highlights the distinct nature of the EUSAIR on account of the number of potential and candidate participating countries, and considers that this format of cooperation can be a great opportunity for the entire region, ***in particular as regards the European integration process;***

Or. hr

Amendment 71

Dimitrios Papadimoulis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Additional support is needed to deepen cooperation between regions from non-EU, accession countries so that joint programmes respond to common

problems, shortcomings and challenges;

Or. el

Amendment 72
Dimitrios Papadimoulis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Notes with concern the lack of substantial support from the Facility Point which was created for this very purpose;

Or. el

Amendment 73
Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Notes with concern the persistent problems of resources, governance and ownership, which are preventing the strategy's objectives from being fully achieved;

15. Notes with concern the persistent problems of resources, governance and ownership, which are preventing ***concrete results and*** the strategy's objectives from being fully achieved; ***stresses the need to strengthen administrative support for the development and financing of projects, to better coordinate the relevant existing sources of financing, and to allocate additional funds – in particular from the European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) and the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) – with a view to completing strategic projects for the development of transport and energy infrastructure in order to strengthen connectivity;***

Amendment 74
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes with concern the persistent problems of resources, governance and ownership, which are preventing the strategy's objectives from being fully achieved;

Amendment

15. Notes with concern the persistent problems of resources, governance and ownership, which are preventing the strategy's objectives from being fully achieved, ***and calls on the involved countries to bolster and provide greater support to the competent authorities in implementing the strategy, where such a need exists;***

Or. hr

Amendment 75
Dimitrios Papadimoulis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes with concern the persistent problems ***of*** resources, governance and ownership, which are preventing the strategy's objectives from being fully achieved;

Amendment

15. Notes with concern the persistent problems ***as regards the lack of effective linkage and effectiveness of available resources with EUSAIR's strategic priorities,*** governance and ownership, which are preventing the strategy's objectives from being fully achieved;

Or. el

Amendment 76
Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes with concern the persistent problems of resources, governance and ownership, which are preventing the strategy's objectives from being fully achieved;

Amendment

15. Notes with concern the persistent problems of resources, governance and ownership, which are preventing the strategy's objectives from being fully achieved; ***calls for a range of measures to improve the administrative capacity of the MRS;***

Or. it

Amendment 77
Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Invites the EC to facilitate overcoming the implementation problems also in respect to different arrangements within non EU countries; welcomes the efforts made to promote cooperation between the ESIF and the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) which should contribute to the achievement of EUSAIR objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses that the region has been at the forefront of the migration crisis in

deleted

Amendment

the recent years; considers that the EUSAIR could help alleviate such challenges;

Or. fr

Amendment 79
Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses that the region has been at the forefront of the migration crisis in the recent years; considers that the EUSAIR could help *alleviate* such challenges;

Amendment

16. Stresses that the region has been at the forefront of the migration crisis in the recent years; considers that the EUSAIR could help *address* such challenges *if it had the necessary instruments and resources*;

Or. it

Amendment 80
Dimitrios Papadimoulis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses that the region has been at the forefront of the migration crisis in the recent years; considers that the EUSAIR *could* help alleviate such challenges;

Amendment

16. Stresses that the region has been at the forefront of the migration crisis in the recent years; considers that the EUSAIR *must* help alleviate such challenges;

Or. el

Amendment 81
Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses that the region has been at the forefront of the migration crisis in the recent years; considers that the EUSAIR could help alleviate such challenges;

Amendment

16. Stresses that the region has been at the forefront of the migration crisis in the recent years; considers that the EUSAIR could help alleviate such challenges;
invites EC to look into the possibilities of facilitating access to financial resources for migration related joint activities within the region;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Dimitrios Papadimoulis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

This macro-region is of particular importance for sectors such as transport, as most of it consists of maritime routes, sustainable tourism and blue growth, both in coastal continental areas and in the islands. This entails strengthening small and medium-sized enterprises, creating new jobs, exploiting fish stocks with respect for biodiversity and strengthening research and innovation for fish farms.

Or. el

Amendment 83
Rosa D'Amato, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 – point 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(1) Calls in particular for the macro-region to promote an integrated approach towards migration which provides for a radical change in asylum policy from the point of view of solidarity between Member States and a careful analysis of the overall strategy on cooperation with third countries;

Or. it

Amendment 84
Rosa D'Amato, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 – point 2 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(2) Stresses the need - given the close link between this macro-region and coastal activities - to defend the blue economy as one of the solutions to the economic crisis because, if adequately supported by specific training, it promotes the creation of new jobs and, in particular, employment for women and young people in coastal and island countries;

Or. it

Amendment 85
Rosa D'Amato, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 – point 3 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(3) Stresses the need, given the serious deficiencies in the infrastructure networks in that macro-region, to develop sustainable intermodality with the aim

also of achieving greater social cohesion among the Member States participating in the strategy;

Or. it

Amendment 86
Rosa D'Amato, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Calls for greater recognition of the high potential of the renewable energy sources which concern the macro-region and which are currently broadly underused;

Or. it

Amendment 87
Davor Škrlec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Points out that the climate change had a serious effect on the region, thus cooperation in the field of renewable energy sector and environment protection needs to be strengthened with the EUSAIR providing a solid platform;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. *Highlights the strategy's enormous potential to stimulate development and better integration in the region's transport and energy infrastructure;*

Or. hr

Amendment 89

Davor Škrlec

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. *Highlights the issue of marine litter in the Adriatic and Ionian Sea as an obstacle for achieving the blue growth and developing sustainable and green tourism sectors in the region that can play a crucial role in creating jobs and boosting the local economy;*

Or. en

Amendment 90

Davor Škrlec

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16c. *Recommends close cooperation and coordination of the inland, the coastal area and the islands to achieve synergies between clean energy projects and healthy food production*

Or. en

Amendment 91

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Considers the EUSALP as proof that the macro-regional concept can also be applied to more developed regions;

Amendment

17. Considers the EUSALP as proof that the macro-regional concept can also be applied *advantageously* to more developed regions *of the Member States*;

Or. hr

Amendment 92

Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Considers the EUSALP as proof that the macro-regional concept can also be applied to more developed regions;

Amendment

17. Considers the EUSALP as proof that the macro-regional concept can also be applied *successfully* to more developed regions;

Or. de

Amendment 93

Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Stresses that the EUSALP can be a good example of a template strategy for territorial cohesion, as it incorporates different specific areas, productive areas, mountains and rural areas and some of the

Amendment

19. Stresses that the EUSALP can be a good example of a template strategy for territorial cohesion, as it incorporates different specific areas, productive areas, mountains and rural areas and some of the

most important cities in the EU;

most important cities in the EU; *calls the participating countries to pay more attention to the use of the Interreg Alpine Space programme and find opportunities in other significant funds such as Horizon 2020, COSME, CEF and LIFE program;*

Or. en

Amendment 94

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Stresses that the EUSALP can be a good example of a template strategy for territorial cohesion, as it incorporates different specific areas, productive areas, mountains and rural areas and some of the most important cities in the EU;

Amendment

19. Stresses that the EUSALP can be a good example of a template strategy for territorial cohesion, as it *simultaneously* incorporates different specific areas, productive areas, mountains and rural areas and some of the most important *and developed* cities in the EU;

Or. hr

Amendment 95

Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Stresses that the EUSALP offers seven countries, 48 regions and 80 million people a platform for jointly addressing the challenges they face (climate change, demographic changes, migration, global competition, energy supply, transport and mobility, and the digital divide);

Or. de

Amendment 96
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Stresses that participating states and regions should identify new solutions for a more effective use of the Structural Funds and of direct EU funding, in addition to the EFSI, to support coordinated plans and address common priorities;

Or. it

Amendment 97
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Stresses that the *Alpine region is delineated by many borders and that the EUSALP can also provide the opportunity to strengthen **cross-border** cooperation, to **forge links and networks between people and to** eliminate existing **borders and** barriers for **workers and** economic activities;*

20. Stresses that the EUSALP can also provide the opportunity to strengthen cooperation **between border regions and** eliminate existing barriers for economic activities;

Or. fr

Amendment 98
Marc Joulaud, Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Stresses that the Alpine region is delineated by many borders and that the EUSALP can also provide the opportunity to strengthen cross-border cooperation, to forge links and networks between people and to eliminate existing borders and barriers for workers and economic activities;

Amendment

20. Stresses that the Alpine region is delineated by many borders and that the EUSALP can also provide the opportunity to strengthen cross-border cooperation, to forge links and networks between people and to eliminate existing borders and barriers for workers and economic activities; ***stresses the importance of the challenges facing the Alpine region, in particular in terms of interconnections in transport and digital coverage, innovation and adjustment to climate change;***

Or. fr

Amendment 99
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Stresses that the Alpine region is delineated by many borders and that the EUSALP can ***also*** provide ***the*** opportunity to strengthen cross-border cooperation, to forge links and networks between people and to eliminate existing borders and barriers for workers and economic activities;

Amendment

20. Stresses that the Alpine region is delineated by many borders and that ***removing those barriers is a prerequisite for cooperation to work; points out that*** the EUSALP can provide ***an*** opportunity to strengthen cross-border cooperation, to forge links and networks between people and to eliminate existing borders and barriers for workers and economic activities, ***having regard also to the fact that there are many small firms in the Alpine region;***

Or. de

Amendment 100
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Stresses that the Alpine region is delineated by many borders and that the EUSALP can also provide the opportunity to strengthen cross-border cooperation, to forge links and networks between people and to eliminate existing borders and barriers for workers and economic activities;

Amendment

20. Stresses that the Alpine region is delineated by many borders and that the EUSALP can also provide the opportunity to strengthen *transnational* cross-border cooperation *between regions and cities*, to forge links and networks between people and to eliminate existing borders and barriers for workers and economic activities;

Or. hr

Amendment 101 Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution Subheading 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Points out that the Alpine region is an area that is fragile with regard to its hydrogeological situation and has huge natural resources; stresses the importance, therefore, of new and swift coordinated measures to combat and adapt to climate change;

Or. it

Amendment 102 Laurențiu Rebegea

Motion for a resolution Subheading 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Stresses that the role of macro-regional strategies needs to be consolidated in the framework regulations for the post-2020

period;

Or. ro

Amendment 103
Laurențiu Rebegea

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Takes the view that consideration could be given to new macro-regional strategies with added value, for example a macro-regional strategy for the Carpathian region, along the lines of the EU Strategy for the Alpine region;

Or. ro

Amendment 104
Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Points out that MRS bear fruit if they are rooted in a long-term political perspective and organised in such a way that all stakeholders are effectively represented from the outset;

21. Points out that MRS bear fruit if they are rooted in a long-term political perspective and organised in such a way that all stakeholders are effectively represented from the outset; *considers it necessary to strengthen the multi-level governance of MRS, which should be clear and transparent, with more effective coordination and communication mechanisms;*

Or. it

Amendment 105
Dimitrios Papadimoulis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Points out that MRS bear fruit if they are rooted in a long-term political perspective and organised in such a way that all stakeholders are effectively represented from the outset;

Amendment

21. Points out that MRS bear fruit if they are rooted in a long-term political perspective and organised in such a way that all stakeholders are effectively represented from the outset; ***this requires the effective exchange of information, best practices, know-how and experience between macro-regions.***

Or. el

Amendment 106
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Points out that MRS ***bear fruit*** if they are rooted in a long-term political perspective and organised in such a way that all stakeholders are effectively represented from the outset;

Amendment

21. Points out that MRS ***attain the planned results*** if they are rooted in a long-term political perspective and organised in such a way that all stakeholders are effectively represented from the outset, ***in particular taking account of the representation of local and regional levels of government;***

Or. hr

Amendment 107
Davor Škrlec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Points out that MRS bear fruit if they are rooted in a long-term political perspective and organised in such a way that all stakeholders are effectively represented from the outset;

Amendment

21. Points out that MRS bear fruit if they are rooted in a long-term political perspective and organised in such a way that all stakeholders ***including public institutions, academia, private sector and civil society***, are effectively represented from the outset;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Believes that strategy implementation can only be successful if based on efficient coordination and cooperation structures ***and*** backed by adequate funding; highlights the need, in this respect, to seek synergies and complementarities of regional, national funding with EU funding instruments;

Amendment

22. Believes that strategy implementation can only be successful if based on efficient coordination and cooperation structures, ***on shared long-term political commitment among the institutional levels concerned and is*** backed by adequate funding; highlights the need, in this respect, to seek synergies and complementarities of regional, national funding with EU funding instruments, ***which, in addition to enhancing the European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes, should result in specific choices in the regional and national programming of the European Structural and Investment Funds;***

Or. it

Amendment 109
Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Believes that strategy implementation can only be successful if based on efficient coordination and cooperation structures and backed by adequate funding; highlights the need, in this respect, to seek synergies and complementarities of regional, national funding with EU funding instruments;

Amendment

22. Believes that strategy implementation can only be successful if based on efficient coordination and cooperation structures and backed by adequate funding; highlights the need, in this respect, to seek synergies and complementarities of regional, national funding with EU funding instruments; ***recommends further building of the administrative capacity to ensure that political commitment translates into effective implementation;***

Or. en

Amendment 110

Rosa D'Amato, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Believes that strategy implementation can only be successful if based on efficient coordination and cooperation structures and backed by adequate funding; highlights the need, in this respect, to seek synergies and complementarities of regional, national funding with EU funding instruments;

Amendment

22. Believes that strategy implementation can only be successful if based on efficient coordination and cooperation structures and backed by adequate funding; highlights the need, in this respect, to seek synergies and complementarities of regional, national funding with EU funding instruments ***and to align the national and regional operational programmes of the countries involved in the strategies' objectives;***

Or. it

Amendment 111

Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Believes that strategy implementation can only be successful if based on efficient coordination and cooperation structures and backed by adequate funding; highlights the need, in this respect, to seek synergies and complementarities of regional, national funding with EU funding instruments;

Amendment

22. Believes that strategy implementation can only be successful if based on efficient coordination and cooperation structures and backed by adequate funding; highlights the need, in this respect, to seek synergies and complementarities of regional, national funding with EU funding instruments, ***also by promoting cross-border projects within the EFSI and through direct funding;***

Or. it

Amendment 112 Laurențiu Rebegea

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Believes that strategy implementation can only be successful if based on efficient coordination and cooperation structures and backed by adequate funding; highlights the need, in this respect, to ***seek synergies and complementarities of regional, national funding with EU funding instruments;***

Amendment

22. Believes that strategy implementation can only be successful if based on efficient coordination and cooperation structures and backed by adequate funding; highlights the need, in this respect, to ***improve national coordination mechanisms and boost the involvement of all economic and social partners and civil society, in order to guarantee the added value of MRS;***

Or. ro

Amendment 113 Lambert van Nistelrooij, Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Believes that strategy implementation can only be successful if based on efficient coordination and cooperation structures and backed by adequate funding; highlights the need, in this respect, to seek synergies and complementarities of regional, national funding with EU funding instruments;

Amendment

22. Believes that strategy implementation can only be successful if based on efficient coordination and cooperation structures and backed by adequate funding; highlights the need, in this respect, to seek synergies and complementarities of regional, national funding with *existing* EU funding instruments, *including the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)*;

Or. en

Amendment 114

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Believes that strategy implementation can only be successful if based on efficient coordination and cooperation structures and backed by adequate funding; highlights the need, in this respect, to seek synergies and complementarities of regional, national funding with EU funding instruments;

Amendment

22. Believes that strategy implementation can only be successful if based on efficient coordination and cooperation structures, *including specific multi-level governance*, and backed by adequate funding; highlights the need, in this respect, to seek synergies and complementarities of regional, national funding with EU funding instruments;

Or. hr

Amendment 115

Marc Joulaud, Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Stresses the importance of

bringing about a convergence between the perimeters of transnational European territorial cooperation programmes and the perimeters of macro-regions in order to strengthen the strategic dimension of transnational programmes and to simplify the financing of macro-regional strategies;

Or. fr

Amendment 116

Davor Škrlec

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Encourages Member States to strongly embed the MRS objectives in their operational programmes; encourages stronger cross-border cooperation to attain accumulation of projects through smart synergies, thus better contributing to achieving the Strategy's goals and attracting private investments;

Or. en

Amendment 117

Laurențiu Rebegea

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Stresses the need to coordinate the financial resources available at the various levels; considers it necessary both to boost efforts to involve the private sector and to use other financial

instruments to finance projects as part of MRS;

Or. ro

Amendment 118
Davor Škrlec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22b. *Believes that the simplification of the funds and structures behind the macro-regional strategies would increase their effectiveness;*

Or. en

Amendment 119
Davor Škrlec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Proposes that the participating countries make clear commitments in terms of funding from the outset;

23. Proposes that the participating countries make clear commitments in terms of funding from the outset; ***encourages all macro regional strategies to apply green public procurement in order to boost eco-innovation, development of new business models and use of secondary raw material;***

Or. en

Amendment 120
Andrea Cozzolino

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Proposes that the participating countries make clear commitments in terms of funding from the outset;

Amendment

23. Proposes that the participating countries make clear commitments in terms of funding from the outset; ***calls on the Commission to promote good practice or to develop incentives to encourage the active participation of all parties concerned;***

Or. it

Amendment 121
Rosa D'Amato, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Proposes that the participating countries make clear commitments in terms of funding from the outset;

Amendment

23. Proposes that the participating countries make clear commitments in terms of funding ***and human resources*** from the outset;

Or. it

Amendment 122
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Proposes that the participating countries make clear commitments in terms of funding from the outset;

Amendment

23. Proposes that the participating countries make clear commitments in terms of funding ***for implementation*** from the outset;

Or. hr

Amendment 123
Davor Škrlec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Points out the importance that beside the local, regional and national authority representatives, the MRS governing boards should also include private sector and civil society representatives in order to improve their effectiveness, while assuring gender balance;

Or. en

Amendment 124
Andrea Cozzolino

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Stresses the importance of a level of governance that is consistent with the MRS objectives; calls on the Commission to promote the spread of good practice and to develop mechanisms that can make it easier to achieve results more effectively;

Or. it

Amendment 125
Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Stresses that greater result-orientation is required in order to justify the investment of resources, which should, for its part, be commensurate with the objectives set;

Amendment

24. Stresses that greater result-orientation is required **and concrete challenges need to be overcome** in order to **develop plans which have a real impact on the territory and** to justify the investment of resources, which should, for its part, be commensurate with the objectives set;

Or. it

Amendment 126
Andrea Cozzolino

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Stresses that greater result-orientation is required in order to justify the investment of resources, which should, for its part, be commensurate with the objectives set;

Amendment

24. Stresses that greater result-orientation is required in order to justify the investment of resources, which should, for its part, be commensurate with the objectives set, **which must relate to the true needs of the territories concerned**;

Or. it

Amendment 127
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Stresses that greater **result-orientation** is required in order to justify the investment of resources, which should, for its part, be commensurate with the objectives set;

Amendment

24. Stresses that greater **orientation towards the achievement of results** is required in order to justify the investment of resources, which should, for its part, be commensurate with the objectives set;

Or. hr

Amendment 128
Rosa D'Amato, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 – point 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(1) Stresses the need for greater involvement in the decision-making process of both stakeholders and local communities, with the aim of ensuring that their specific priorities are adhered to as much as possible, especially those relating to the environment and health;

Or. it

Amendment 129
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Calls for any questions about the MRS, such as on ownership and the necessary political incentives, to be addressed in an appropriate manner;

25. Calls for any questions about the MRS, such as on ownership and the necessary political incentives, **as well as the stronger and higher-quality involvement of all levels of government in implementation**, to be addressed in an appropriate manner;

Or. hr

Amendment 130
Rosa D'Amato, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Calls for any questions about the MRS, such as on ownership and the necessary political incentives, to be addressed in ***an appropriate manner***;

Amendment

25. Calls for any questions about the MRS, such as on ownership and the necessary political incentives, to be addressed in ***accordance with a modus operandi that is agreed on in advance by all the regions concerned***;

Or. it

Amendment 131
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Is of the opinion that the visibility of ***and*** awareness ***about the*** activities of ***the macro-regions*** need to be enhanced;

Amendment

26. Is of the opinion that the visibility of ***the activities of the macro-regions and public*** awareness ***of those*** activities ***in the regions targeted*** need to be enhanced ***by carrying out information campaigns and exchanges of best practice, including through online platforms and social networks***;

Or. ro

Amendment 132
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Is of the opinion that the visibility of ***and awareness about*** the activities of the macro-regions need to be enhanced;

Amendment

26. Is of the opinion that the visibility ***and public perception of*** the activities of the macro-regions need to be enhanced;

Or. de

Amendment 133

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Is of the opinion that the visibility of and awareness about the activities of the macro-regions need to be enhanced;

Amendment

26. Is of the opinion that the visibility of ***the results achieved*** and awareness about the activities of the macro-regions need to be enhanced;

Or. hr

Amendment 134

Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Underlines that in order to improve governance, MRS require the support of the European Commission, which should actively encourage national coordination and should work to strengthen the link between EU policies and the implementation of MRS, paying particular attention to the regional and local perspective. Considers that the EC should improve coordination across different directorate-generals and address existing overlaps at the level of EU;

Or. en

Amendment 135

Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27. *Emphasises that the **planning and revision of the objectives should be aligned with the multiannual financial framework (MFF) programming periods in order to strengthen the link with EU priorities;***

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 136 Andrea Cozzolino

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27. *Emphasises that the **planning and revision of the objectives should be aligned with the multiannual financial framework (MFF) programming periods in order to strengthen the link with EU priorities;***

27. *Emphasises that the **next** revision of the **multiannual financial framework (MFF) offers the opportunity to revise the MRS objectives at the same time,** in order to strengthen **their** link with EU priorities **and consolidate the financial commitments relating thereto;***

Or. it

Amendment 137 Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. *Encourages the Commission and participating countries to create better synergies and cooperation of their programmes and projects under respective macroregional strategies with other national and cross-border programmes*

and projects of neighbouring regions in order to enhance the positive outcome of their implementation and efficiency of the resources invested;

Or. en

Amendment 138
Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Highlights the need to use regional smart specialisation strategies (S3) to guide MRS towards industrial policy priorities, with a view to promoting collaboration between regions with complementary specialisations;

Or. it

Amendment 139
Davor Škrlec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Urges all macro regional strategies to implement circular economy with the aim to achieve highest levels of environmental protection, health protection and non-toxic material cycles.

Or. en

Amendment 140
Andrea Cozzolino

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Calls on the Commission to submit, as part of its next revision of cohesion policy rules, proposals to promote a better implementation of MRS;

Or. it

Amendment 141
Davor Škrlec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27b. Calls for a greater climate related spending with respect to the Paris Agreement objectives and reiterates commitment of the EU to the implementation of the SDGs

Or. en

Amendment 142
Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 – point a a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(aa) effectiveness of the EU funding instruments which can provide assistance;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) indicators which could be integrated in each MRS in order to allow better result-orientation ***and monitoring***;

Amendment

(b) indicators which could be integrated in each MRS in order to allow better result-orientation, ***monitoring and evaluation***;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 – point b a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ba) indicators which could be integrated in individual EU policies in the future, in order to allow better assessment of their territorial impact;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) measures to strengthen the link with EU priorities;

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 146
Rosa D'Amato, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 – point d

Motion for a resolution

(d) simplification of the implementation and mainstreaming of funding schemes;

Amendment

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Or. it

Amendment 147
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 – point d a (new)

Motion for a resolution

(da) the issue of the quality of the involvement of regional and local government in the implementation;

Amendment

Or. hr

Amendment 148
Lambert van Nistelrooij, Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Stresses that, *in order to be able to tackle new upcoming challenges in a given geographic area, it is important to carefully examine initiatives aimed at creating new macro-regional strategies;*

Amendment

29. Stresses that *before examining initiatives aimed at creating new macro-regional strategies, a deeper and stronger implementation of the existing macro-regional strategies should be achieved;*

Or. en

Amendment 149
Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 150
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

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Or. ro

Amendment 151
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29a. Stresses that a Carpathian macro-regional strategy, similar to the strategy for the Alpine region, could help to preserve traditional economic activities, encourage innovation and the development of new initiatives, contribute to the development of tourism in the wider region, including through thematic tourist routes and itineraries (food and wine tourism, sports tourism, etc.), as well as helping to support non-EU countries with a view to strengthening ties with the EU and mitigating possible negative effects on the EU's external borders;

Or. ro

Amendment 152
Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29a. Recalls that the Carpathians - Europe's second largest mountain range,

with the highest mountain population - comprises some of the poorest areas of the EU, which have immediate need of infrastructure, transport and environmental investment and support for local entrepreneurship, which could be ensured by a separate European strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 153

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29a. It is necessary to consider the sustainability of the existing 'three no's' principle with regard to the quality of implementation, and to consider new solutions that would include the minimum funds and structures needed to improve the implementation and achievement of results;

Or. hr

Amendment 154

Franc Bogovič

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29a. Calls on the Commission and participating countries in MRS to communicate the results achieved by the strategies as broadly as possible in order to increase visibility of the strategies, in particular for the general public;

