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Boosting growth and cohesion in EU border regions
(COM(2017)0534 – 2018/2054(INI))

Amendment 1
Marc Joulaud

Motion for a resolution
Citation 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to its resolution of 17 April 2018 on strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in the EU: the 7th report of the European Commission^{1a}*

Or. fr

Amendment 2
Martina Anderson

Motion for a resolution
Citation 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the European Parliament resolution of 14 March 2018 on the framework of the future EU-UK relationship;^{2a}*

^{2a} *Texts adopted, P8_TA(2018)0069*

Or. en

Amendment 3
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions of 8 February 2017 entitled 'Missing transport links in*

Amendment 4
Martina Anderson

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas 40 internal EU **border** regions represent 40 % of the Union's territory and close to 30 % of the EU's population;

Amendment

A. whereas ***the EU and its immediate neighbours in the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) count*** 40 internal EU ***borders, and these*** regions represent 40 % of the Union's territory and close to 30 % of the EU's population;

Amendment 5
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas 40 internal **EU** border regions ***represent*** 40 % of the Union's territory ***and close to 30 % of the*** EU's population;

Amendment

A. whereas ***EU and EFTA have*** 40 internal ***land borders and EU internal*** border regions ***cover*** 40 % of the Union's territory, ***account for 30 % of*** EU's population ***and produce almost one third of EU's GDP;***

Amendment 6
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. *whereas the European Union and its immediate neighbours forming part of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) have 40 internal land borders;*

Or. it

Amendment 7

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas border regions generally perform less well economically than other regions within the Member States;

Amendment

B. whereas border regions *mostly face worse conditions for social and economic development and* generally perform less well economically than other regions within the Member States;

Or. hr

Amendment 8

Bronis Ropė

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas border regions generally perform less well economically than other regions within the Member States;

Amendment

B. whereas border regions, *especially those with lower density of population,* generally perform less well economically than other regions within the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas border regions generally perform less well economically than other regions within the Member States;

Amendment

B. whereas border regions generally perform less well economically than other regions within the Member States **and their full economic potential is untapped**;

Or. en

Amendment 10

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 mass departures from border regions, especially on the part of young people and skilled labour, illustrates the lack of economic opportunities in such regions and even more makes them less attractive in terms of employment and economic development;

Or. en

Amendment 11

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas, in spite of the efforts already undertaken, obstacles – mainly administrative and legal barriers – still persist and hamper **growth** and cohesion in the border regions;

Amendment

C. whereas, in spite of the efforts already undertaken, obstacles – mainly administrative and legal barriers – still persist and hamper **economic and social development** and cohesion in the border regions;

Amendment 12

Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas, in spite of the efforts already undertaken, obstacles – mainly administrative and legal barriers – still persist and hamper growth and cohesion in the border regions;

Amendment

C. whereas, in spite of the efforts already undertaken, obstacles – mainly administrative, *linguistic* and legal barriers – still persist and hamper growth and cohesion in the border regions;

Or. ro

Amendment 13

Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas, in spite of the efforts already undertaken, obstacles – mainly administrative and legal barriers – still persist and hamper growth and cohesion *in the* border regions;

Amendment

C. whereas, in spite of the efforts already undertaken, obstacles – mainly administrative and legal barriers – still persist and hamper growth and cohesion *between and within* border regions;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Pascal Arimont

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the removal of only 20 % of the existing obstacles in the border regions would bring about an increase in

Amendment

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their GDP by 2 %, or around EUR 91 billion, which would translate into approximately one million new jobs;

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highlights that territorial cooperation including cross-border cooperation have been widely acknowledged as bringing genuine and visible added value to, in particular, European citizens living along internal borders.

Or. en

Amendment 15

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the removal of only 20 % of the existing obstacles in the border regions would bring about an increase in their GDP by 2 %, or around EUR 91 billion, which would translate into approximately one million new jobs;

Amendment

D. whereas *it is estimated^{6a} that* the removal of only 20 % of the existing obstacles in the border regions would bring about an increase in their GDP by 2 %, or around EUR 91 billion, which would translate into approximately one million new jobs;

^{6a} *COM(2017)0534*

Or. en

Amendment 16

Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Da. whereas physical and/or geographical barriers also contribute to restricting economic, social and territorial cohesion between border regions, both within and outside the EU,

Amendment

particularly in the case of mountain regions;

Or. it

Amendment 17
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the total number of cross-border workers active in another EU country is approximately **1.3 million, or** 0.6 % of all employees across the EU-28;

Amendment

E. whereas the total number of cross-border workers **and students** active in another EU country is approximately **2 millions, of which 1,3 million workers, representing** 0.6 % of all employees across the EU-28;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

E a. whereas in current MFF 95% of TEN-T-CEF funds go to the core corridors of the TEN-T, whilst small projects on the comprehensive network and interventions linking up with the TEN-T network, although essential to solving specific problems and to the development of cross-border connections and economies, are often not eligible for co-financing, or for national financing;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Marc Joulaud

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas several challenges faced by the external border regions of the EU would also merit a stance being adopted by the Commission;

Amendment

G. whereas several challenges faced by the external border regions of the EU, ***especially the outermost regions***, would also merit a stance being adopted by the Commission;

Or. fr

Amendment 20

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas ***several*** challenges faced by the external border regions of the EU would also merit a stance being adopted by the Commission;

Amendment

G. whereas ***multiple*** challenges faced by the external border regions of the EU would also merit a stance being adopted by the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Martina Anderson

Motion for a resolution

Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G a. whereas as a result of the British exit from the EU, the Irish border region faces the possibility of no longer being an internal EU border region; whereas the north of Ireland in particular is a region that has benefitted greatly from the EU's cohesion policy, contributing decisively to the Irish peace process and to cross-

Amendment 22
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the Commission communication on ‘Boosting growth and cohesion in EU border regions’ which, as the result of two years of research and dialogue, provides a valuable insight into the challenges and obstacles faced by the internal EU border regions;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission communication on ‘Boosting growth and cohesion in EU border regions’ which, as the result of two years of research and dialogue, provides a valuable insight into the challenges and obstacles faced by the internal EU border regions; ***in this context, underlines the importance of using and publicizing the good practices, as is done by this Commission communication;***

Amendment 23
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the Commission communication on ‘Boosting growth and cohesion in EU border regions’ which, as the result of two years of research and dialogue, provides a valuable insight into the challenges and obstacles faced by the internal EU border regions;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission communication on ‘Boosting growth and cohesion in EU border regions’ which, as the result of two years of research and dialogue, provides a valuable insight into the challenges and obstacles faced by the internal EU border regions ***and urges it to be followed by the similar analysis as it regards external EU border regions;***

Amendment 24
Maria Gabriela Zoană

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Points out that access to public services is crucial for the 150 million-strong cross-border population, and is hampered by numerous legal and administrative barriers; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to maximise their efforts to remove these barriers, especially when related to health services, transport, education, labour mobility, as well as regulation and business development;

Amendment

2. Points out that access to public services, ***in line with their development***, is crucial for the 150 million-strong cross-border population, ***which is steadily increasing***, and is hampered by numerous legal and administrative barriers; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to maximise their efforts ***and step up cooperation*** to remove these barriers, especially when related to health services, transport, education, labour mobility, as well as regulation and business development;

Or. ro

Amendment 25
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Points out that access to public services is crucial for the 150 million-strong cross-border population, and is hampered by numerous legal and administrative barriers; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to maximise their efforts to remove these barriers, especially when related to health services, transport, education, labour mobility, as well as regulation and business development;

Amendment

2. Points out that access to public services is crucial for the 150 million-strong cross-border population, and is hampered by numerous legal and administrative barriers; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to maximise their efforts to remove these barriers, especially when related to health services, transport, ***construction of vital physical infrastructure***, education, ***communications***, labour mobility, as well as regulation and business development;

Or. hr

Amendment 26
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Points out that access to public services is crucial for the 150 million-strong cross-border population, and is hampered by numerous legal and administrative barriers; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to maximise their efforts to remove these barriers, especially when related to health services, transport, education, labour mobility, as well as regulation and business development;

Amendment

2. Points out that access to public services, is crucial for the 150 million-strong cross-border population, and is hampered by numerous legal and administrative barriers; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to maximise their efforts to remove these barriers, **and to promote and establish the use of e-government**, especially when related to health services, transport, education, labour mobility, as well as regulation and business development;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Points out that access to public services is crucial for the 150 million-strong cross-border **population**, and is hampered by numerous legal and administrative barriers; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to maximise their efforts to remove these barriers, especially when related to health services, transport, education, labour mobility, as well as regulation and business development;

Amendment

2. Points out that access to public services is crucial for the 150 million-strong **population of internal** cross-border **areas**, and is **frequently** hampered by numerous legal and administrative barriers; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to maximise their efforts to remove these barriers, especially when related to health services, transport, education, labour mobility, **environment**, as well as regulation and business development;

Or. en

Amendment 28

John Flack

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

2. Points out that access to public services is crucial for the 150 million-strong cross-border population, and is hampered by numerous legal and administrative barriers; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to maximise their efforts to remove these barriers, especially when related to health services, transport, education, labour mobility, as well as regulation, **cross-border commerce** and business development;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Krzysztof Hetman

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Points out that access to public services is crucial for the 150 million-strong cross-border population, and is hampered by numerous legal and administrative barriers; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to maximise their efforts to remove these barriers, especially when related to health services, transport, education, labour mobility, as well as regulation and business development;

Amendment

2. Points out that access to public services is crucial for the 150 million-strong cross-border population, and is hampered by numerous legal and administrative barriers; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to maximise their efforts to remove these barriers, especially when related to health services, transport, education, **culture, sport**, labour mobility, as well as regulation and business development;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Daniel Buda

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Points out that access to public services is crucial for the 150 million-strong cross-border population, and is hampered by numerous legal and administrative barriers; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to maximise their efforts to remove these barriers, especially when related to health services, transport, education, labour mobility, as well as regulation and business development;

Amendment

2. Points out that access to public services is crucial for the 150 million-strong cross-border population, and is hampered by numerous legal, *linguistic* and administrative barriers; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to maximise their efforts to remove these barriers, especially when related to health services, transport, education, labour mobility, as well as regulation and business development;

Or. ro

Amendment 31
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. *Calls on the Commission urgently to address the problems arising from the existence of physical and geographical barriers between border regions;*

Or. it

Amendment 32
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Underlines that the problems faced by the border regions are common to some extent, but also vary from region to region

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and depend on the individual characteristics of a given region, which makes an individual approach in tackling these obstacles a necessity;

*and from Member State to Member State, and depend on the individual characteristics of a given region **as well as the legal system of the Member States concerned**, which makes an individual approach in tackling these obstacles a necessity; **therefore encourages tailor-made approach, integrated and place-based approaches, such as the Community-Led Local Development (CLLD)**;*

Or. en

Amendment 33

Daniel Buda, Maria Gabriela Zoană

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Underlines that the problems faced by the border regions are common to some extent, but also vary from region to region and depend on the individual characteristics of a given region, which makes an individual approach in tackling these obstacles a necessity;

Amendment

3. Underlines that the problems faced by the border regions are common to some extent, but also vary from region to region and depend on the individual characteristics of a given region, which makes an individual approach in tackling these obstacles a necessity; **acknowledges the shared development potential of cross-border regions in general**;

Or. ro

Amendment 34

Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Underlines that the problems faced by the border regions are common to some extent, but also vary from region to region and depend on the individual characteristics of a given region, which

Amendment

3. Underlines that the problems **and challenges** faced by the border regions are common to some extent, but also vary from region to region and depend on the individual characteristics of a given region,

makes *an* individual approach *in tackling* these *obstacles a necessity*;

which makes *necessary to develop a tailor-made*, individual approach *to each one of* these *regions*;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Underlines that the problems faced by the border regions are common to some extent, but also vary from region to region and depend on the individual characteristics of a given region, which makes an individual approach in tackling these obstacles a necessity;

Amendment

3. Underlines that the problems faced by the border regions are common to some extent, but also vary from region to region *or between Member States* and depend on the individual characteristics of a given region, which makes an individual approach in tackling these obstacles a necessity;

Or. hr

Amendment 36

Martina Anderson

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Underlines that the problems faced by the border regions are common to some extent, but also vary from region to region and depend on the *individual* characteristics of a given region, which makes an *individual* approach in tackling these obstacles a necessity;

Amendment

3. Underlines that the problems faced by the border regions are common to some extent, but also vary from region to region and depend on the *particular* characteristics of a given region, which makes an *original and community-led* approach in tackling these obstacles a necessity;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underlines that the differing legal frameworks of the Member States can lead to legal uncertainty in the border regions, which results in an increase in the time needed and the cost of the projects, and constitutes an additional obstacle for citizens and enterprises in the border regions; stresses, therefore, that greater complementarity between the Member States, or at least at border region level, is desirable;

Amendment

4. Underlines that the differing legal **and institutional** frameworks of the Member States can lead to legal uncertainty in the border regions, which results in an increase in the time needed and the cost of **implementing** the projects, and constitutes an additional obstacle for citizens, **institutions** and enterprises in the border regions; stresses, therefore, that greater complementarity **and willingness to tackle barriers** between the Member States, or at least at border region level, is desirable;

Or. hr

Amendment 38

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underlines that the differing legal frameworks of the Member States can lead to legal uncertainty in the border regions, which results in an increase in the time needed and the cost of the projects, and constitutes an additional obstacle for citizens and enterprises in the border regions; stresses, therefore, that greater complementarity between the Member States, or at least at border region level, is desirable;

Amendment

4. Underlines that the differing legal frameworks of the Member States can lead to legal uncertainty in the border regions, which results in an increase in the time needed and the cost of the projects, and constitutes an additional obstacle for citizens and enterprises in the border regions, **frequently hindering or even halting good ideas**; stresses, therefore, that greater complementarity between the Member States, or at least at border region level, is desirable;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underlines that the differing legal frameworks of the Member States can lead to legal uncertainty in the border regions, which results in an increase in the time needed and the cost of the projects, and constitutes an additional obstacle for citizens and enterprises in the border regions; stresses, therefore, that greater complementarity between the Member States, *or at least* at border region level, *is* desirable;

Amendment

4. Underlines that the differing legal frameworks of the Member States can lead to legal uncertainty in the border regions, which results in an increase in the time needed and the cost of the projects, and constitutes an additional obstacle for citizens and enterprises in the border regions; stresses, therefore, that greater complementarity *and interoperability* between the Member States, *particularly* at border region level, *are* desirable;

Or. it

Amendment 40
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underlines that the differing legal frameworks of the Member States can lead to legal uncertainty in the border regions, which results in an increase in the time needed and the cost of the projects, and constitutes an additional obstacle for citizens and enterprises in the border regions; stresses, therefore, that *greater complementarity* between *the* Member States, or at least at border region level, *is* desirable;

Amendment

4. Underlines that the differing legal frameworks of the Member States can lead to legal uncertainty in the border regions, which results in an increase in the time needed and the cost of the projects, and constitutes an additional obstacle for citizens and enterprises in the border regions; stresses, therefore, that *better coordination and communication* between Member States, or at least at border region level, *is* desirable;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Takes note that attractiveness of cross-border areas for life and investment heavily depend on quality of life, availability of public and commercial services for citizens and for businesses, as well as quality of transportation – the conditions which could be met and maintained only in close co-operation of national, regional and local authorities as well as businesses on both sides of the border;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Recognises the special situation of cross-border workers, who are most seriously affected by the challenges present in the border regions, including, in particular, the recognition of diplomas and other qualifications, healthcare, transport and access to information on job vacancies, social security and taxation systems; calls, in this context, on the Member States to step up their efforts to overcome these obstacles and allow for greater powers and flexibility for regional authorities in border regions to improve the quality of life of cross-border workers;

5. Recognises the special situation of cross-border workers, who are most seriously affected by the challenges present in the border regions, including, in particular, the recognition of diplomas and other qualifications, healthcare, transport and access to information on job vacancies, social security and taxation systems; calls, in this context, on the Member States to step up their efforts to overcome these obstacles and allow for greater powers and flexibility for regional authorities in border regions to improve the quality of life of cross-border workers; ***stresses that these problems are even more complex for cross-border workers to non-EU countries, and calls therefore on the Commission to explore the possibility of concluding comprehensive agreements to protect the rights of these workers with all the third countries concerned;***

Amendment 43
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Recognises the special situation of cross-border workers, who are most seriously affected by the challenges present in the border regions, including, in particular, the recognition of diplomas and other qualifications, healthcare, transport and access to information on job vacancies, social security and taxation systems; calls, in this context, on the Member States to step up their efforts to overcome these obstacles and allow for greater powers and flexibility for regional authorities in border regions to improve the quality of life of cross-border workers;

Amendment

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Amendment 44
Maria Gabriela Zoană

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Recognises the special situation of cross-border workers, who are most seriously affected by the challenges present in the border regions, including, in particular, the recognition of diplomas and other qualifications, healthcare, transport and access to information on job vacancies, social security and taxation systems; calls, in this context, on the Member States to

Amendment

5. Recognises the special situation of cross-border workers, who are most seriously affected by the challenges present in the border regions, including, in particular, the recognition of diplomas and other qualifications ***obtained after lengthy retraining***, healthcare, transport and access to information on job vacancies, social security and taxation systems; calls, in this

step up their efforts to overcome these obstacles and allow for greater powers and flexibility for regional authorities in border regions to improve the quality of life of cross-border workers;

context, on the Member States to step up their efforts to overcome these obstacles and allow for greater powers and flexibility for regional authorities in border regions to improve the quality of life of cross-border workers;

Or. ro

Amendment 45
Pascal Arimont

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

5. Recognises the special situation of cross-border workers, who are most seriously affected by the challenges present in the border regions, including, in particular, the recognition of diplomas and other qualifications, healthcare, transport and access to information on job vacancies, social security and taxation systems; calls, in this context, on the Member States to step up their efforts to overcome these obstacles and allow for greater powers and **sufficient flexibility to approximate neighbouring national legal and administrative systems in order** to improve the quality of life of cross-border workers;

Or. de

Amendment 46
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. **Recognises** the special situation of cross-border workers, who are most seriously affected by the challenges present in the border regions, including, in

Amendment

5. **Stresses the need for increased cross-border worker mobility; recognises** the special situation of cross-border workers, who are most seriously affected

particular, the recognition of diplomas and other qualifications, healthcare, transport and access to information on job vacancies, social security and taxation systems; calls, in this context, on the Member States to step up their efforts to overcome these obstacles and allow for greater powers and flexibility for regional authorities in border regions to improve the quality of life of cross-border workers;

by the challenges present in the border regions, including, in particular, the recognition of diplomas and other qualifications, healthcare, transport and access to information on job vacancies, social security and taxation systems; calls, in this context, on the Member States to step up their efforts to overcome these obstacles and allow for greater powers and flexibility for regional authorities in border regions to improve the quality of life of cross-border workers;

Or. ro

Amendment 47

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

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5. Recognises the special situation of cross-border workers, who are most seriously affected by the challenges present in the border regions, including, in particular, the recognition of diplomas and other qualifications, healthcare, transport and access to information on job vacancies, social security and taxation systems; calls, in this context, on the Member States to step up their efforts to overcome these obstacles and allow for greater powers, ***funds*** and flexibility for regional ***and local*** authorities in border regions to improve the quality of life of cross-border workers;

Or. hr

Amendment 48

Martina Anderson

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Recognises the special situation of cross-border workers, who are most seriously affected by the challenges present in the border regions, including, in particular, the recognition of diplomas and other qualifications, healthcare, transport and access to information on job vacancies, social security and taxation systems; calls, in this context, on the Member States to step up their efforts to overcome these obstacles and allow for greater powers and flexibility for regional authorities in border regions to improve the quality of life of cross-border workers;

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Or. en

Amendment 49

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Underlines, however that in absence of adequate supply of jobs or other economic opportunities as well as in case of low level of salaries, the well-educated workforce tends to migrate to regions where such opportunities are in adequate supply thus making situation in remote border areas even more challenging – this is tendency very well seen within the Common Market;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Points to the challenges related to business activities carried out in the border regions, in particular when related to taxation, public procurement or social security systems; calls on the Member States to better align and harmonise the relevant legal provisions and achieve convergence in regulatory frameworks, in order to allow for more flexibility in the implementation of national legislation, as well as to improve the dissemination of information on cross-border issues, e.g. by creating one-stop-shops;

Amendment

6. Points to the challenges related to business activities carried out in the border regions, in particular when related to taxation, public procurement or social security systems; calls on the Member States to better align and harmonise the relevant legal provisions and achieve convergence in regulatory frameworks, in order to allow for more flexibility in the implementation of national legislation, as well as to improve the dissemination of information on cross-border issues, e.g. by creating one-stop-shops ***to enable workers and companies to fulfill their obligations and to realize their rights to full extent as requested by the legislative system of the member state where they provide their services;***

Or. en

Amendment 51

Marc Joulaud, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Points to the challenges related to business activities carried out in the border regions, in particular when related to taxation, public procurement or social security systems; calls on the Member States to better align and harmonise the relevant legal provisions and achieve convergence in regulatory frameworks, in order to allow for more flexibility in the implementation of national legislation, as well as to improve the dissemination of information on cross-border issues, e.g. by creating one-stop-shops;

Amendment

6. Points to the challenges related to business activities carried out in the border regions, in particular when related to taxation, public procurement or social security systems; calls on the Member States to better align and harmonise the relevant legal provisions and achieve convergence in regulatory frameworks, in order to allow for more flexibility in the implementation of national legislation, as well as to improve the dissemination of information on cross-border issues, e.g. by creating one-stop-shops, ***while guaranteeing funding for existing cooperation structures;***

Or. fr

Amendment 52

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Points to the challenges related to business activities carried out in the border regions, in particular when related to taxation, public procurement or social security systems; calls on the Member States to better align and harmonise the relevant legal provisions and achieve convergence in regulatory frameworks, in order to allow for more flexibility in the implementation of national legislation, as well as to improve the dissemination of information on cross-border issues, e.g. by creating one-stop-shops;

Amendment

6. Points to the challenges related to business activities carried out in the border regions, in particular when related to ***the adoption of labour and commercial law***, taxation, public procurement or social security systems; calls on the Member States to better align and harmonise the relevant legal provisions and achieve convergence in regulatory frameworks, in order to allow for more flexibility in the implementation of national legislation, as well as to improve the dissemination of information on cross-border issues, e.g. by creating one-stop-shops;

Or. hr

Amendment 53

Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Points to the challenges related to business activities carried out in the border regions, in particular when related to taxation, public procurement or social security systems; calls on the Member States to better align and harmonise the relevant legal provisions and achieve convergence in regulatory frameworks, in order to allow for more flexibility in the implementation of national legislation, as well as to improve the dissemination of information on cross-border issues, e.g. by creating one-stop-shops;

Amendment

6. Points to the challenges related to business activities carried out in the border regions, in particular when related to taxation, public procurement or social security systems; calls on the Member States ***and the regions*** to better align and harmonise the relevant legal provisions and achieve convergence in regulatory frameworks, in order to allow for more ***legal coherence and*** flexibility in the implementation of national legislation, as well as to improve the dissemination of information on cross-border issues, e.g. by creating one-stop-shops;

Amendment 54
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Points to the challenges related to business activities carried out in the border regions, in particular when related to taxation, public procurement or social security systems; calls on the Member States to better align and harmonise the relevant legal provisions and achieve convergence in regulatory frameworks, in order to allow for more flexibility in the implementation of national legislation, as well as to improve the dissemination of information on cross-border issues, e.g. by creating one-stop-shops;

Amendment

6. Points to the challenges related to business activities carried out in the border regions, in particular when related to taxation, public procurement or social security systems; calls on the Member States to better align and harmonise the relevant legal provisions and achieve convergence in regulatory frameworks, in order to allow for more flexibility in the implementation of national legislation, as well as to improve the dissemination of information on cross-border issues, e.g. by creating one-stop-shops, **or by better using existing ones**;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Bronis Ropé
 on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Points to the challenges related to business activities carried out in the border regions, in particular when related to taxation, public procurement or social security systems; calls on the Member States to better align **and harmonise** the relevant legal provisions **and achieve convergence in regulatory frameworks, in order to allow for more flexibility in the implementation** of national legislation, as well as to improve the dissemination of

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6. Points to the challenges related to business activities carried out in the border regions, in particular when related to taxation, public procurement or social security systems; calls on the Member States to better align the relevant legal provisions **with the challenges posed by the cross-border areas, allowing sufficient flexibility** of national legislation, as well as to improve the dissemination of information on cross-border issues, e.g. by

information on cross-border issues, e.g. by creating one-stop-shops;

creating one-stop-shops;

Or. en

Amendment 56
John Flack

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Points to the challenges related to business activities carried out in the border regions, in particular when related to taxation, public procurement or social security systems; calls on the Member States to better align *and harmonise the* relevant legal provisions and *achieve convergence in* regulatory frameworks, in order to allow for more flexibility in the implementation of national legislation, as well as to improve the dissemination of information on cross-border issues, e.g. by creating one-stop-shops;

Amendment

6. Points to the challenges related to business activities carried out in the border regions, in particular when related to taxation, public procurement or social security systems; calls on the Member States to better align relevant legal provisions and *promote complementarity between* regulatory frameworks, in order to allow for more flexibility in the implementation of national legislation, as well as to improve the dissemination of information on cross-border issues, e.g. by creating one-stop-shops;

Or. en

Amendment 57
John Flack

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

6 a. Expresses disappointment that the Commission's communication did not include a specific assessment of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), including extra support which can be provided to them; believes that SMEs face particular challenges when it comes to cross-border interaction which includes, but is not limited to, those related to language, administrative capacity,

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cultural differences and legal divergence; meeting this challenge is particularly important as SMEs employ 67% of those in the EU's non-financial business sectors, and create 57% of value added generation^{1a};

^{1a} Annual Report on European SMEs 2016/2017, p6

Or. en

Amendment 58

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Points out that transport services are still insufficiently developed *in the border regions*, which hampers cross-border mobility; stresses, furthermore, that cross-border transport infrastructure is also particularly adversely affected by complex regulatory and administrative arrangements; awaits the forthcoming Commission study on missing railway links along internal EU borders; underlines that any such study or future recommendations should be based on information and experience from local and regional authorities;

Amendment

7. Points out that *in cross-border regions, especially those with lower density of population*, transport services are still insufficiently developed, which hampers cross-border mobility *and prospects for economic development*; stresses, furthermore, that cross-border transport infrastructure is also particularly adversely affected by complex regulatory and administrative arrangements; *underlines the existing potential for developing sustainable transportation, first of all based on public transport and in this regard* awaits the forthcoming Commission study on missing railway links along internal EU borders; underlines that any such study or future recommendations should be based on information and experience from local and regional authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Tonino Picula

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Points out that transport services are still insufficiently developed in the border regions, which hampers cross-border mobility; stresses, furthermore, that cross-border transport infrastructure is also particularly adversely affected by complex regulatory and administrative arrangements; awaits the forthcoming Commission study on missing railway links along internal EU borders; underlines that any such study or future recommendations should be based on information and experience from local and regional authorities;

Amendment

7. Points out that transport services are still insufficiently developed in the border regions, which hampers cross-border mobility; stresses, furthermore, that cross-border transport infrastructure is also particularly adversely affected by complex regulatory and administrative arrangements; awaits the forthcoming Commission study on missing railway links along internal EU borders; ***emphasizes the benefits further development of waterways can deliver for local and regional economies; reminds that some existing railway infrastructure falls in disuse due to the lack of support from national level;*** underlines that any such study or future recommendations should be based on information and experience from local and regional authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Marc Joulaud, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Points out that transport services are still insufficiently developed in the border regions, which hampers cross-border mobility; stresses, furthermore, that cross-border transport infrastructure is also particularly adversely affected by complex regulatory and administrative arrangements; awaits the forthcoming Commission study on missing railway links along internal EU borders; underlines that any such study or future recommendations should be based on

Amendment

7. Points out that transport services are still insufficiently developed in the border regions, which hampers cross-border mobility; stresses, furthermore, that cross-border transport infrastructure is also particularly adversely affected by complex regulatory and administrative arrangements; awaits the forthcoming Commission study on missing railway links along internal EU borders; underlines that any such study or future recommendations should be based on

information and experience from local and regional authorities;

information and experience from local and regional authorities; ***calls for a CEF axis, with an adequate budget, to be dedicated to filling the missing links in transport infrastructure in border regions;***

Or. fr

Amendment 61

Maria Gabriela Zoană, Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Points out that transport services are still insufficiently developed in the border regions, which hampers cross-border mobility; stresses, furthermore, that cross-border transport infrastructure is also particularly adversely affected by complex regulatory and administrative arrangements; awaits the forthcoming Commission study on missing railway links along internal EU borders; underlines that any such study or future recommendations should be based on information and experience from local and regional authorities;

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7. Points out that transport services are still insufficiently developed ***and coordinated*** in the border regions, which hampers cross-border mobility; stresses, furthermore, that cross-border transport infrastructure is also particularly adversely affected by complex regulatory and administrative arrangements; awaits the forthcoming Commission study on missing railway links along internal EU borders; underlines that any such study or future recommendations should be based on information and experience from local and regional authorities ***and take account of any proposals for cross-border cooperation and, where this is already in place, for better cross-border connections;***

Or. ro

Amendment 62

Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Points out that transport services are still insufficiently developed in the border regions, which hampers cross-

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border mobility; stresses, furthermore, that cross-border transport infrastructure is also particularly adversely affected by complex regulatory and administrative arrangements; awaits the forthcoming Commission study on missing railway links along internal EU borders; underlines that any such study or future recommendations should be based on information and experience from local and regional authorities;

border mobility; stresses, furthermore, that cross-border transport infrastructure is also particularly adversely affected by complex regulatory and administrative arrangements; awaits the forthcoming Commission study on missing railway links along internal EU borders; underlines that any such study or future recommendations should be based on information and experience from local and regional authorities **and calls on cross-border regional authorities to propose ways of bridging existing gaps in transport networks;**

Or. ro

Amendment 63

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Points out that transport services are still insufficiently developed in the border regions, which hampers cross-border mobility; stresses, furthermore, that cross-border transport infrastructure is also particularly adversely affected by complex regulatory and administrative arrangements; awaits the forthcoming Commission study on missing railway links along internal EU borders; underlines that any such study or future recommendations should be based on information and experience from local and regional authorities;

Amendment

7. Points out that transport services are still insufficiently developed in the border regions, which hampers cross-border mobility; stresses, furthermore, that cross-border transport infrastructure is also particularly adversely affected by complex regulatory and administrative arrangements; awaits the forthcoming Commission study on missing railway links along internal EU borders; underlines that any such study or future recommendations should be based on information and experience from local and regional authorities; **stresses the need to tackle transport bottlenecks, which hamper economic activities, such as transport, tourism and citizens' travel;**

Or. hr

Amendment 64

Matthijs van Miltenburg

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Points out that transport services are still insufficiently developed in the border regions, which hampers cross-border mobility; stresses, furthermore, that cross-border transport infrastructure is also particularly adversely affected by complex regulatory and administrative arrangements; awaits the forthcoming Commission study on missing railway links along internal EU borders; underlines that any such study or future recommendations should be based on information and experience from local and regional authorities;

Amendment

7. Points out that transport services are still insufficiently developed in the border regions, **partly because of missing links**, which hampers cross-border mobility; stresses, furthermore, that cross-border transport infrastructure is also particularly adversely affected by complex regulatory and administrative arrangements; awaits the forthcoming Commission study on missing railway links along internal EU borders; underlines that any such study or future recommendations should be, **amongst others**, based on information and experience from local and regional authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Points out that transport services are still insufficiently developed in the border regions, which hampers cross-border mobility; stresses, furthermore, that cross-border transport infrastructure is also particularly adversely affected by complex regulatory and administrative arrangements; awaits the forthcoming Commission study on missing railway links along internal EU borders; underlines that any such study or future recommendations should be based on information and experience from local **and** regional authorities;

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7. Points out that transport, **particularly public transport** services, are still insufficiently developed in the border regions, which hampers cross-border mobility; stresses, furthermore, that cross-border transport infrastructure is also particularly adversely affected by complex regulatory and administrative arrangements; awaits the forthcoming Commission study on missing railway links along internal EU borders; underlines that any such study or future recommendations should be based on information and experience from local, regional **and national** authorities;

Amendment 66
Pascal Arimont

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Points out that transport services are still insufficiently developed in the border regions, which hampers cross-border mobility; stresses, furthermore, that cross-border transport infrastructure is also particularly adversely affected by complex regulatory and administrative arrangements; awaits the forthcoming Commission study on missing railway links along internal EU borders; underlines that any such study or future recommendations should be based on information and experience from local and regional authorities;

Amendment

7. Points out that ***cross-border*** transport services are still insufficiently developed in the border regions, which hampers cross-border mobility; stresses, furthermore, that cross-border transport infrastructure is also particularly adversely affected by complex regulatory and administrative arrangements; awaits the forthcoming Commission study on missing railway links along internal EU borders; underlines that any such study or future recommendations should be based on information and experience from local and regional authorities;

Or. de

Amendment 67
Pascal Arimont

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Regrets that different and complex procedures of prior authorisation of healthcare services and their payments/reimbursements, administrative burdens for patients in dealing with cross-border consultations with specialists, incompatibilities in the use of technology and in the sharing of patients' data as well as lack of unified accessible information, not only limit accessibility from both sides of the border and therefore hamper the full use of the

health care facilities, but also impede emergency and rescue services in carrying out their cross-border interventions.

Or. en

Amendment 68
Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Emphasizes the role EU border regions can have concerning the environment and preservation of it as environmental pollution and natural disasters are often cross-border; in this context supports the cross-border projects on environmental protection for EU external border regions as these regions often face environmental challenges caused by different environmental standards and legal regulation in the EU neighbouring countries; calls also for better cooperation and coordination in internal water management to prevent natural disasters such as floods;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Underlines that creating additional cross-border transportation infrastructure, while being costly and environmentally challenging, might not always be a single best solution and therefore underlines the potential for

boosting cross-border transportation links provided by soft measures, such as better coordination of public transportation schedules, inclusive planning and tailor-made innovations of cross-border local and regional authorities having granted sufficient autonomy to pursue common goals;

Or. en

Amendment 70

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 b. Takes note of frequently insufficient availability of funding in cross-border regions and therefore calls for reflection on improvement of rules regulating private-public partnerships and co-funding in the cross-border regions, allowing to attract more and diverse capital;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Considers that mutual trust, political will and a flexible approach among multi-level stakeholders are vital to overcoming the abovementioned persistent obstacles and boosting growth and development in border regions; calls, therefore, for better coordination, dialogue

8. Considers that mutual trust, political will and a flexible approach among multi-level stakeholders, *including civil society*, are vital to overcoming the abovementioned persistent obstacles and boosting growth and development in border regions; calls, therefore, for better

and a further exchange of best practices among authorities; urges the Commission and the Member States to enhance such cooperation;

coordination, dialogue and a further exchange of best practices among authorities; urges the Commission and the Member States to enhance such cooperation; *and also calls for the Member States to ensure adequate functional and financial autonomy of respective local and regional authorities;*

Or. en

Amendment 72
John Flack

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Considers that mutual trust, political will and a flexible approach among multi-level stakeholders are vital to overcoming the abovementioned persistent obstacles *and boosting growth and development in* border regions; calls, therefore, for better coordination, dialogue and a further exchange of best practices among authorities; urges the Commission and the Member States to enhance such cooperation;

Amendment

8. Considers that mutual trust, political will and a flexible approach among multi-level stakeholders are vital to overcoming the abovementioned persistent obstacles *believes that the value of Cohesion Policy for* border regions *is based on the goal of boosting jobs and growth and that this action must be initiated at Union, Member State regional and local level*; calls, therefore, for better coordination, dialogue and a further exchange of best practices among authorities; urges the Commission and the Member States to enhance such cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Maria Gabriela Zoană, Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Considers that mutual trust, political will and a flexible approach

Amendment

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among multi-level stakeholders are vital to overcoming the abovementioned persistent obstacles **and** boosting growth and development in border regions; calls, therefore, for better coordination, dialogue and a further exchange of best practices among authorities; urges the Commission and the Member States to enhance such cooperation;

among multi-level stakeholders are vital to overcoming the abovementioned persistent obstacles, boosting growth and development in border regions **and creating new jobs**; calls, therefore, for better coordination, dialogue, **more effective exchanges of information** and a further exchange of best practices among authorities; urges the Commission and the Member States to enhance such cooperation;

Or. ro

Amendment 74
Marc Joulaud, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Considers that mutual trust, political will and a flexible approach among multi-level stakeholders are vital to overcoming the abovementioned persistent obstacles and boosting growth and development in border regions; calls, therefore, for better coordination, dialogue and a further exchange of best practices among authorities; urges the Commission and the Member States to enhance such cooperation;

Amendment

8. Considers that mutual trust, political will and a flexible approach among multi-level stakeholders are vital to overcoming the abovementioned persistent obstacles and boosting growth and development in border regions; calls, therefore, for better coordination, dialogue and a further exchange of best practices among authorities; urges the Commission and the Member States to enhance such cooperation **and provide funding for cooperation structures**;

Or. fr

Amendment 75
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Considers that mutual trust, political will and a flexible approach

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among multi-level stakeholders are vital to overcoming the abovementioned persistent obstacles and boosting growth and development in border regions; calls, therefore, for better coordination, dialogue and a further exchange of best practices among authorities; urges the Commission and the Member States to enhance such cooperation;

among multi-level stakeholders are vital to overcoming the abovementioned persistent obstacles and boosting growth and development in border regions; calls, therefore, for better coordination, dialogue and a further exchange of best practices among authorities, ***particularly at local and regional level***; urges the Commission and the Member States to enhance such cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Considers that mutual trust, political will and a flexible approach among multi-level stakeholders are vital to overcoming the abovementioned persistent obstacles and boosting growth and development in border regions; calls, therefore, for better coordination, dialogue and a further exchange of best practices among authorities; urges the Commission and the Member States to enhance such cooperation;

Amendment

8. Considers that mutual trust, political will and a flexible approach among multi-level stakeholders, ***from local to national level***, are vital to overcoming the abovementioned persistent obstacles and boosting growth and development in border regions; calls, therefore, for better coordination, dialogue and a further exchange of best practices among authorities; urges the Commission and the Member States to enhance such cooperation;

Or. hr

Amendment 77

John Flack

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. ***Underlines the importance of education, and, in particular, the opportunities to step up efforts to promote***

deleted

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multilingualism in border regions;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Pascal Arimont

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Underlines the importance of *education*, and, *in particular, the opportunities to step up efforts to promote multilingualism in border regions;*

Amendment

9. Underlines the importance of *multilingualism and urges Member States, regions and municipalities along the internal borders to introduce mandatory second language teaching into their curricula from preschool and to make bilingual education compulsory throughout a pupil's school career; stresses, moreover, the importance of promoting a bilingual approach at all administrative levels;*

Or. de

Amendment 79
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Underlines the importance of education, and, in particular, the opportunities to step up efforts to promote multilingualism in border regions;

Amendment

9. Underlines the importance of education, and, in particular, the opportunities to step up efforts to promote multilingualism in border regions; *emphasizes the potential of schools and local mass media in these endeavours;*

Or. en

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Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9**

Motion for a resolution

9. Underlines the importance of education, and, in particular, the opportunities to step up efforts to promote multilingualism in border regions;

Amendment

9. Underlines the importance of education ***and culture***, and, in particular, the opportunities to step up efforts to promote multilingualism ***and intercultural dialogue*** in border regions;

Or. hr

Amendment 81

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Emphasize the importance of small-scale and cross-border projects in bringing people together and in that way opening new potentials for local development;

Or. en

Amendment 82

John Flack

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Welcomes the eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020¹³ as a tool to achieve an efficient and inclusive public administration, and recognises the particular value of this plan for simplification measures in the border regions; is, however, concerned by the

10. Welcomes the eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020¹³ as a tool to achieve an efficient and inclusive public administration, and recognises the particular value of this plan for simplification measures in the border regions; ***notes that the interoperability of***

patchy implementation of the plan in some Member States; is also concerned about the low level of online services available for foreign entrepreneurs to start doing business in another country;

existing e-government systems is needed at the national, regional and local administrative levels; is, however, concerned by the patchy implementation of the plan in some Member States; is also concerned about the low level of online services available for foreign entrepreneurs to start doing business in another country; notes that ongoing and future e-government projects should also seek to engage border stakeholders from neighbouring third countries to ensure the interoperability of digital systems across borders; believes that such cooperation will facilitate cross-border transactions by avoiding administrative duplication and keeping verification steps for users and businesses at a minimum;

¹³ Commission communication of 19 April 2016 entitled ‘EU eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020 – Accelerating the digital transformation of government’ (COM(2016)0179).

¹³ Commission communication of 19 April 2016 entitled ‘EU eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020 – Accelerating the digital transformation of government’ (COM(2016)0179).

Or. en

Amendment 83

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020¹³ as a tool to achieve an efficient and inclusive public administration, and recognises the particular value of this plan for simplification measures in the border regions; is, however, concerned by the patchy implementation of the plan in some Member States; is also concerned about the low level of online services available for foreign entrepreneurs to start doing

Amendment

10. Welcomes the eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020¹³ as a tool to achieve an efficient and inclusive public administration, and recognises the particular value of this plan for simplification measures in the border regions; is, however, concerned by the patchy implementation of the plan in some Member States; is also concerned about the low level of online services available for foreign entrepreneurs to start doing business in another country *and therefore*

business in another country;

calls for Member States to take measures in order to facilitate access, including linguistic tools, to their digital services for the potential users from the neighbouring areas;

¹³ Commission communication of 19 April 2016 entitled ‘EU eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020 – Accelerating the digital transformation of government’ (COM(2016)0179).

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Or. en

Amendment 84 **Matthijs van Miltenburg**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 10**

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

10. Welcomes the eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020¹³ as a tool to achieve an efficient and inclusive public administration, and recognises the particular value of this plan for simplification measures in the border regions; is, however, concerned by the patchy implementation of the plan in some Member States; is also concerned about the low level of online services available for foreign entrepreneurs to start doing business in another country; ***urges member states' and regional/local authorities to step up their efforts on e-government projects that will positively impact the life and work of border citizens;***

¹³ Commission communication of 19 April 2016 entitled ‘EU eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020 – Accelerating the digital transformation of government’ (COM(2016)0179).

Or. en

Amendment 85
Daniel Buda, Maria Gabriela Zoană

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

10. Welcomes the eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020¹³ as a tool to achieve an efficient and inclusive public administration, and recognises the particular value of this plan for simplification measures in the border regions; is, however, concerned by the patchy implementation of the plan in some Member States; is also concerned about the low level of online services available for foreign entrepreneurs to start doing business in another country; ***calls on the authorities in cross-border regions to set up electronic portals for the development of cross-border business initiatives;***

Or. ro

Amendment 86
Pascal Arimont

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020¹³ as a tool to achieve an efficient and inclusive public administration, and recognises the particular value of this plan for simplification measures in the border

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regions; is, however, concerned by the patchy implementation of the plan in some Member States; is also concerned about the low level of online services available for foreign entrepreneurs to start doing business in another country;

¹³ Commission communication of 19 April 2016 entitled ‘EU eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020 – Accelerating the digital transformation of government’ (COM(2016)0179).

regions; is, however, concerned by the patchy implementation of the plan in some Member States; is also concerned about *the often inadequate interoperability of the authorities' electronic systems and* the low level of online services available for foreign entrepreneurs to start doing business in another country;

¹³ Commission communication of 19 April 2016 entitled ‘EU eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020 – Accelerating the digital transformation of government’ (COM(2016)0179).

Or. de

Amendment 87

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. *Stresses that all border regions have to play a decisive role in tackling climate change challenges, in coordinated actions with their surrounding regions;*

Or. en

Amendment 88

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 b. *Points out that the climate change has a serious effect on the border regions including but not limited to the need to search for a common cross-border tailor-*

*made solutions to such natural disasters
as forest fires and floods;*

Or. en

Amendment 89

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 c. Underlines the potential of cross-border cooperation and especially sparser inhabited cross-border areas in such fields as renewable energy, circular economy and environment protection and calls to make better use of existing opportunities;

Or. en

Amendment 90

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 d. Emphasize the potential of the less inhabited border areas to develop sustainable and green economy thus making an added value to the local development in opening new green jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 91

Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution

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Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Notes that some border regions face serious migration challenges, and encourages the measured use of Interreg programmes, as well as the exchange of good practices between local and regional authorities in the border areas, in the framework of the integration of refugees under international protection; underlines the need for national governments to support local and regional authorities in addressing these challenges;

Amendment

11. Notes that some border regions face serious migration challenges ***as a consequence of insufficient national and European policy support; reminds that these challenges often go beyond the capacity of the border regions*** and encourages the measured use of Interreg programmes, as well as the exchange of good practices between local and regional authorities in the border areas, in the framework of the integration of refugees under international protection; underlines the need for national governments to support local and regional authorities in addressing these challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 92 Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Notes that some border regions face serious migration challenges, and encourages the measured use of Interreg programmes, as well as the exchange of good practices between local and regional authorities in the border areas, in the framework of the integration of refugees under international protection; underlines the need for national governments to support local and regional authorities in addressing these challenges;

Amendment

11. Notes that some border regions face serious migration challenges, and encourages the measured use of Interreg programmes, as well as the exchange of good practices between local and regional authorities in the border areas, in the framework of the integration of refugees under international protection; underlines the need for ***support and coordination at European level, as well as the need for*** national governments to support local and regional authorities in addressing these challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 93

Marc Joulaud, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Notes that some border regions face serious migration challenges, and encourages the measured use of Interreg programmes, as well as the exchange of good practices between local and regional authorities in the border areas, in the framework of the integration of refugees under international protection; underlines the need for national governments to support local and regional authorities in addressing these challenges;

Amendment

11. Notes that some border regions face serious migration challenges, and encourages the measured use of Interreg programmes, as well as the exchange of good practices between local and regional authorities in the border areas, in the framework of the integration of refugees under international protection, ***while respecting the sovereignty of the Member States***; underlines the need for national governments to support local and regional authorities in addressing these challenges;

Or. fr

Amendment 94

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Notes that some border regions face serious migration challenges, and encourages the measured use of Interreg programmes, as well as the exchange of good practices between local and regional authorities in the border areas, in the framework of the integration of refugees under international protection; underlines the need for national governments to support local and regional authorities in addressing these challenges;

Amendment

11. Notes that some ***internal and external*** border regions face serious migration challenges, and encourages the measured use of Interreg programmes, as well as the exchange of good practices between local and regional authorities in the border areas, in the framework of the integration of refugees under international protection; underlines the need for national governments to support local and regional authorities in addressing these challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 95

Mercedes Bresso

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Notes that some border regions face serious migration challenges, and encourages the *measured* use of Interreg programmes, as well as the exchange of good practices between local and regional authorities in the border areas, in the framework of the integration of refugees under international protection; underlines the need for national governments to support local and regional authorities in addressing these challenges;

Amendment

11. Notes that some border regions face serious migration challenges, and encourages the *appropriate* use of Interreg programmes, as well as the exchange of good practices between local and regional authorities in the border areas, in the framework of the integration of refugees under international protection; underlines the need for national governments to support local and regional authorities in addressing these challenges;

Or. it

Amendment 96
Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Krzysztof Hetman

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Underlines the importance of sport as a tool for facilitating the integration of communities living in border regions and calls on the Member States and the European Commission to allocate appropriate economic resources in territorial cooperation programmes to finance local sport infrastructure;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

11 a. *Considers that the role of the EU macro-regional strategies in addressing challenges related to the border regions should be further enhanced;*

Or. en

Amendment 98
Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Awaits the Commission's position on internal maritime as well as external border regions; reiterates, in this context, that the features of and the challenges faced by all border regions are common to some extent, while requiring a differentiated approach;

Amendment

12. Awaits the Commission's position on internal maritime as well as external border regions; ***calls for additional support for cross-border projects of EU external border regions with the border regions of the neighboring countries, in particular regions of those third countries that are involved into the EU integration process***; reiterates, in this context, that the features of and the challenges faced by all border regions are common to some extent, while requiring a differentiated approach;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Marc Joulaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Awaits the Commission's position on internal maritime as well as external border regions; reiterates, in this context, that the features of and the challenges faced by all border regions are common to some extent, while requiring a differentiated approach;

Amendment

12. Awaits the Commission's position on internal maritime as well as external border regions; reiterates, in this context, that the features of and the challenges faced by all border regions are common to some extent, while requiring a differentiated approach; ***stresses the need***

to give special attention and adequate support to outermost regions along the external borders of the EU;

Or. fr

Amendment 100

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. *Awaits the Commission's position on* internal maritime as well as external border regions; reiterates, in this context, that the features of and the challenges faced by all border regions are common to some extent, while requiring a differentiated approach;

Amendment

12. *Urges the Commission to present its insights on coping with challenges faced by the* internal maritime as well as external border regions; reiterates, in this context, that the features of and the challenges faced by all border regions are common to some extent, while requiring a differentiated approach;

Or. en

Amendment 101

Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Awaits the Commission's position on internal maritime as well as external border regions; reiterates, in this context, that the features of and the challenges faced by all border regions are common to some extent, while requiring a *differentiated* approach;

Amendment

12. Awaits the Commission's position on internal maritime as well as external border regions; reiterates, in this context, that the features of and the challenges faced by all border regions are common to some extent, while requiring a *tailor-made* approach;

Or. en

Amendment 102

Martina Anderson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. *Regrets that as a result of the British exit from the EU, the Irish border region faces the prospect of no longer being an internal EU border; believes it is desirable that the entire border region in Ireland should continue to be able to benefit from EU general cohesion policy and EU-supported cross-border schemes and co-operation, in order to protect existing progress, and to prevent a hardening of the border; fears that an end to these programmes in the north of Ireland would endanger border communities, cross-community relations, and therefore the peace process;*

Or. en

Amendment 103
Marc Joulaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. *Stresses that future cohesion policy must provide adequate support to the European regions most exposed to the consequences of the UK's exit from the European Union, in particular those that will, as a result, find themselves situated on external EU (sea or land) borders;*

Or. fr

Amendment 104
Pascal Arimont

Motion for a resolution

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Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Member States to ***ensure genuine cooperation in the field of cross-border healthcare, in order to ensure that patients' rights are respected, as provided for in the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive;***

Amendment

13. Calls on the Member States to ***improve complementarity of their health services in border regions and to engage in cross-border collaboration in order to facilitate access to safe and high quality cross-border healthcare; Calls on the Member States, regions and municipalities to conclude bilateral or multilateral framework agreements on cross-border healthcare cooperation and, in this context, draws attention to so called ZOAST areas (Zones Organisées d'Accès aux Soins Transfrontaliers) where residents of six border territories can receive health care on both sides of the border in designated health care institutions without any administrative or financial barriers and which have become benchmarks for cross-border healthcare cooperation across Europe.***

Or. en

Amendment 105

Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Member States to ensure genuine cooperation in the field of cross-border healthcare, in order to ensure that patients' rights are respected, as provided for in the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Member States to ensure genuine cooperation in the field of cross-border ***provision of emergency services such as*** healthcare, in order to ensure that patients' rights are respected, as provided for in the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive, ***police cooperation and fire brigades intervention;***

Or. en

Amendment 106

Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Member States to ensure genuine cooperation in the field of cross-border healthcare, in order to ensure that patients' rights are respected, as provided for in the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Member States to ensure genuine cooperation in the field of cross-border healthcare, in order to ensure that patients' rights are respected, as provided for in the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive *as well as the availability and quality of services increased*;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

13a. Calls on the Commission to explore the possibilities of enhancing cooperation and overcoming barriers to regional development at the external borders with neighbouring regions, in particular, with regions of those countries preparing for EU accession;

Or. hr

Amendment 108
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Calls for a better access to finance

for border regions to enable investments in the local energy transition, including energy efficiency, decentralised distribution of energy and circular economy;

Or. en

Amendment 109

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 b. Underlines the importance of learning from and further using the potential of success stories of some border regions;

Or. en

Amendment 110

Pascal Arimont

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Underlines the positive role of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes in the development and cohesion of border regions; ***calls on the Commission*** to preserve ETC as an important objective, with a more distinct role within cohesion policy post-2020, as well as a significantly increased budget; underlines at the same time the need to simplify the programmes and reduce the administrative burdens for beneficiaries;

14. Underlines the positive role of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes in the development and cohesion of border regions; ***welcomes the Commission's proposal for a Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027*** to preserve ETC as an important objective, with a more distinct role within cohesion policy post-2020, as well as a significantly increased budget; ***underlines ETC's perceptible European added value and calls on the Council to adopt the appropriations proposed in this regard***; underlines at the same time the need to simplify the programmes and

reduce the administrative burdens for beneficiaries;

Or. de

Amendment 111

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Underlines the positive role of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes in the development and cohesion of border regions; calls on the Commission to preserve ETC as an important objective, with a more distinct role within cohesion policy post-2020, as well as a significantly increased budget; underlines at the same time the need to simplify the programmes and reduce the administrative burdens for beneficiaries;

Amendment

14. Underlines the positive role of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes, ***and in particular cross-border cooperation programmes***, in the development and cohesion of border regions; calls on the Commission to preserve ETC as an important objective ***in the next programming period***, with a more distinct role within cohesion policy post-2020, as well as a significantly increased budget; underlines at the same time the need to simplify the programmes and reduce the administrative burdens for beneficiaries ***and to facilitate more investment in infrastructure projects through cross-border cooperation programmes***;

Or. hr

Amendment 112

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Underlines the positive role of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes in the development and cohesion of border regions; calls on the Commission to preserve ETC as an

Amendment

14. Underlines the positive role of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes in the development and cohesion of border regions; calls on the Commission to preserve ETC as an

important objective, with a more distinct role within cohesion policy post-2020, as well as a significantly increased budget; underlines at the same time the need to simplify the programmes *and* reduce the administrative burdens for beneficiaries;

important objective, with a more distinct role within cohesion policy post-2020, as well as a significantly increased budget; underlines at the same time the need to simplify the programmes, *ensure better coherence of ETC with the overall goals of the EU and of the programmes flexibility to better address local challenges as well as importance to* reduce the administrative burdens for beneficiaries;

Or. en

Amendment 113

Daniel Buda, Maria Gabriela Zoană

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Underlines the positive role of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes in the development and cohesion of border regions; calls on the Commission to preserve ETC as an important objective, with a more distinct role within cohesion policy post-2020, as well as a significantly increased budget; underlines at the same time the need to simplify the programmes and reduce the administrative burdens for beneficiaries;

Amendment

14. Underlines the positive role of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes in the development and cohesion of border regions; calls on the Commission to preserve ETC as an important objective, with a more distinct role within cohesion policy post-2020, as well as a significantly increased budget; underlines at the same time the need to simplify the programmes and reduce the administrative burdens for beneficiaries *and calls on authorities in cross-border regions to make more intensive use of the support provided through these programmes;*

Or. ro

Amendment 114

Elsi Katainen, Urmas Paet, Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Underlines the positive role of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes in the development and cohesion of border regions; calls on the Commission to preserve ETC as an important objective, with a more distinct role within cohesion policy post-2020, as well as a significantly increased budget; underlines at the same time the need to simplify the programmes and reduce the administrative burdens for beneficiaries;

Amendment

14. Underlines the ***very important and*** positive role of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes in the ***economic and social*** development and cohesion of border regions; ***including maritime and external border regions***, calls on the Commission to preserve ETC as an important objective, with a more distinct role within cohesion policy post-2020, as well as a significantly increased budget; underlines at the same time the need to simplify the programmes and reduce the administrative burdens for beneficiaries;

Or. en

Amendment 115

Marc Joulaud, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Underlines the positive role of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes in the development and cohesion of border regions; calls on the Commission to preserve ETC as an important objective, with a more distinct role within cohesion policy post-2020, as well as a significantly increased budget; underlines at the same time the need to simplify the programmes and reduce the administrative burdens for beneficiaries;

Amendment

14. Underlines the positive role of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes in the development and cohesion of border regions; calls on the Commission to preserve ETC as an important objective, with a more distinct role within cohesion policy post-2020, as well as a significantly increased budget, ***particularly for the cross-border component***; underlines at the same time the need to simplify the programmes and reduce the administrative burdens for beneficiaries;

Or. fr

Amendment 116

Maria Gabriela Zoană, Daniel Buda

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Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Underlines the positive role of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes in the development and cohesion of border regions; calls on the Commission to preserve ETC as an important objective, with a more distinct role within cohesion policy post-2020, as well as a significantly increased budget; underlines at the same time the need to simplify the programmes **and reduce** the administrative **burdens** for beneficiaries;

Amendment

14. Underlines the positive role of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes in the development and cohesion of border regions; calls on the Commission to preserve ETC as an important objective, with a more distinct role within cohesion policy post-2020, as well as a significantly increased budget; underlines at the same time the need to simplify the programmes **while making them more flexible and reducing** the administrative **burden** for beneficiaries;

Or. ro

Amendment 117

Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Underlines the positive role of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes in the development and cohesion of border regions; calls on the Commission to preserve ETC as an important objective, with a more distinct role within cohesion policy post-2020, as well as a significantly increased budget; underlines at the same time the need to simplify the programmes and reduce the administrative burdens for beneficiaries;

Amendment

14. Underlines the positive role of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes in the development and cohesion of border regions; calls on the Commission to preserve ETC as an important objective, with a more distinct role within cohesion policy post-2020, as well as a significantly increased budget **in the next programming period**; underlines at the same time the need to simplify the programmes and reduce the administrative burdens for beneficiaries;

Or. en

Amendment 118

John Flack

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Underlines the positive role of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes in the development and cohesion of border regions; calls on the Commission to preserve ETC as an important objective, with a more distinct role within cohesion policy post-2020, **as well as a significantly increased budget**; underlines at the same time the need to simplify the programmes and reduce the administrative burdens for beneficiaries;

Amendment

14. Underlines the positive role of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes in the development and cohesion of border regions; calls on the Commission to preserve ETC as an important objective, with a more distinct role within cohesion policy post-2020; underlines at the same time the need to simplify the programmes and reduce the administrative burdens for beneficiaries;

Or. en

Amendment 119

John Flack

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

14. Underlines the positive role of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes in the development and cohesion of border regions; calls on the Commission to preserve ETC as an important objective, with a more distinct role within cohesion policy post-2020, **as well as a significantly increased budget**; underlines at the same time the need to simplify the programmes and reduce the administrative burdens for beneficiaries;

Amendment

14 a. Reminds the Commission that in order to assess effectively the impacts of ETC programmes on growth in border regions appropriate measurement indicators must be in place; the conclusion from the 2007-2013 programming period was that there were considerable deficiencies in this area^{1a} which makes an objective assessment of the benefits of ETC programmes impossible;

^{1a} **European Territorial Cooperation, Work Package 11, Ex-post evaluation of Cohesion Policy programmes 2007-2013, focusing on the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Cohesion Fund (CF), p. 119**

Or. en

Amendment 120

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Believes that border regions with particular challenges should receive tailor-made support (e.g. greater synergies between ERDF, ESF and EGF) for developing and implementing long-term strategies based on economic diversification and retraining policies for laid-off workers;

Or. en

Amendment 121

John Flack

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Encourages the Commission to enhance the use of existing innovative tools, which contribute to the ongoing modernisation of cross-border cooperation, such as Border Focal Point, reinforced SOLVIT, as well as the Single Digital Gateway, aimed at organising expertise and advice on cross-border regional aspects, and to further develop new ones;

15. Encourages the Commission to enhance the use of existing innovative tools, which contribute to the ongoing modernisation of cross-border cooperation, such as Border Focal Point, reinforced SOLVIT, as well as the Single Digital Gateway, aimed at organising expertise and advice on cross-border regional aspects, and to further develop new ones; ***calls on the Commission and Member States to make public administrations digital by default insofar as possible to ensure end-to-end digital public services to citizens and businesses in border regions;***

Or. en

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Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Encourages the Commission to enhance the use of existing innovative tools, which contribute to the ongoing modernisation of cross-border cooperation, such as Border Focal Point, reinforced SOLVIT, as well as the Single Digital Gateway, aimed at organising expertise and advice on cross-border regional aspects, and to further develop new ones;

Amendment

15. ***Calls the Commission to deliver an annual report to the European parliament on a list of obstacles that have been removed in the field of cross-border cooperation;*** encourages the Commission to enhance the use of existing innovative tools, which contribute to the ongoing modernisation of cross-border cooperation, such as Border Focal Point, reinforced SOLVIT, as well as the Single Digital Gateway, aimed at organising expertise and advice on cross-border regional aspects, and to further develop new ones;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Encourages the Commission to enhance the use of existing innovative tools, which contribute to the ongoing modernisation of cross-border cooperation, such as Border Focal Point, reinforced SOLVIT, as well as the Single Digital Gateway, aimed at organising expertise and advice on cross-border regional aspects, and to further develop new ones;

Amendment

15. Encourages the Commission to enhance the use of existing innovative tools, which contribute to the ongoing modernisation ***and deepening*** of cross-border cooperation, such as Border Focal Point, reinforced SOLVIT, as well as the Single Digital Gateway, aimed at organising expertise and advice on cross-border regional aspects, and to further develop new ones;

Or. en

Amendment 124

Pascal Arimont

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. *Calls on the Commission to put forward a new legislative proposal for a European cross-border convention (ECBC), which would allow, in the case of a territorially circumscribed cross-border infrastructure or service (e.g. a hospital or tramline), to apply the national normative framework and/or the standards of just one of the two or several countries concerned.*

Or. en

Amendment 125
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. *Underlines the importance of the Commission collecting information on cross-border interaction for a better and more informed decision making process in cooperation with the member states, regions and municipalities, by supporting and financing pilot-projects, programmes, studies, analysis and territorial research;*

Or. en

Amendment 126
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. *Believes that cohesion policy*

should be more geared towards investment in people as border regions' economies can be boosted by an effective mix of investments in innovation, human capital, good governance and institutional capacity;

Or. en

Amendment 127

John Flack

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Regrets that the potential of the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation is not being fully exploited, *which could be due partly to* regional and local authorities' *reservations, and partly to their unfounded fear of* a transfer of competences;

Amendment

16. Regrets that the potential of the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation is not being fully exploited, *recognises that reservations from* regional and local authorities *exist and stem from the concern that ETC programmes could lead to* a transfer *and loss* of competences; *recalls that the primary role of the European Commission in ETC programmes should be to facilitate cooperation between Member States, rather than create as an additional centralisation of authority;*

Or. en

Amendment 128

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Regrets that the potential of the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation is not being fully exploited, which could be due partly to regional and local authorities' reservations, and partly to

Amendment

16. Regrets that the potential of the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation is not being fully exploited, which could be due partly to regional and local authorities' reservations, and partly to

their unfounded fear of a transfer of competences;

their unfounded fear of a transfer of competences *and due to still existing lack of awareness and respective competences;*

Or. en

Amendment 129

Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Regrets that the potential of the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation is not being fully exploited, *which could be due partly to regional and local authorities' reservations, and partly to their unfounded fear of a transfer of competences;*

Amendment

16. Regrets that the potential of the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation is not being fully exploited; *calls for identification and swift addressing of the causes of such outcome;*

Or. en

Amendment 130

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Regrets that the potential of the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation is not being fully exploited, *which could be due partly to regional and local authorities' reservations, and partly to their unfounded fear of a transfer of competences;*

Amendment

16. Regrets that the potential of the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation is not being fully exploited, *and calls on the Commission to propose measures to overcome the obstacles to the effective application of this instrument;*

Or. hr

Amendment 131

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. *Urges that consideration be given to the experiences of the numerous Euroregions that exist and are operating across internal and external border regions of the EU in order to further the opportunities for economic and social development and the quality of life of citizens living in border regions;*

Or. hr

Amendment 132
Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. *Calls for assessment of the work of Euroregions in the field of regional cooperation and their relation to the initiatives and work of EU border regions in order to coordinate and optimise the results of their work in this field;*

Or. en

Amendment 133
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. *Calls for better use to be made of the potential that EU macro-regional strategies can offer to border regions;*

Or. hr

Amendment 134
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Underlines that the Territorial Impact Assessment contributes to a better understanding of the spatial impact of policies; calls on the Commission to consider a Territorial Impact Assessment ultimately being made compulsory before any EU legislative initiative is proposed;

Amendment

17. Underlines that the Territorial Impact Assessment contributes to a better understanding of the spatial impact of policies; calls on the Commission to consider a Territorial Impact Assessment ultimately being made compulsory before any EU legislative initiative *that may include territorial elements* is proposed;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Elsi Katainen, Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Underlines that the Territorial Impact Assessment contributes to a better understanding of the spatial impact of policies; calls on the Commission to consider *a* Territorial Impact Assessment *ultimately being made compulsory before any* EU legislative *initiative is* proposed;

Amendment

17. Underlines that the Territorial Impact Assessment contributes to a better understanding of the spatial impact of policies; calls on the Commission to consider *giving* Territorial Impact Assessment *a stronger role when* EU legislative *initiatives are* proposed;

Or. en

Amendment 136
Martina Anderson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Awaits the prospective proposal for a regulation from the Commission on a cross-border cooperation management tool, in order to assess its usefulness for the *EU* regions in question;

18. Awaits the prospective proposal for a regulation from the Commission on a cross-border cooperation management tool, in order to assess its usefulness for the regions in question;

Or. en

Amendment 137

Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the *Council and the* Commission.

Amendment

19. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, *Council, national and regional parliaments of the member states, the CoR and the EESC.*

Or. en