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AMENDMENTS

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Application of the Postal Services Directive
(2016/2010(INI))

Amendment 1

Lucy Anderson, Hugues Bayet, Theresa Griffin, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Isabella De Monte

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to Article 9 TFEU on the promotion of a high level of employment and the guarantee of adequate social protection,*

Or. en

Amendment 2

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Citation 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-having regard to Articles 101 *and* 102 TFEU on the competition rules applicable to undertakings,

-having regard to Articles 101, 102 *and 106 TFEU* on the competition rules applicable to undertakings,

Or. el

Amendment 3

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Citation 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to Article 14 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,*

Or. el

Amendment 4

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Citation 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Protocol (No.26) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union on services of general interest,*

Or. el

Amendment 5

Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Róża Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Wim van de Camp

Motion for a resolution

Citation 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to Regulation (EU) No 524/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on online dispute resolution for consumer disputes and amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 and Directive 2009/22/EC,*

Or. en

Amendment 6

Lucy Anderson, Hugues Bayet, Theresa Griffin, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Isabella De Monte

Motion for a resolution

Citation 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to Directive*

Or. en

Amendment 7
Jutta Steinruck, Ismail Ertug, Lucy Anderson

Motion for a resolution
Citation 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to its resolution on
an integrated parcel delivery market for
the growth of e-commerce in the EU
(2013/2043(INI)),*

Or. en

Amendment 8
Lucy Anderson, Hugues Bayet, Theresa Griffin, Isabella De Monte

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas between 2012 and 2013
letter post services shrank by 4.85 % on
average in the EU;

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letter post services shrank by 4.85 % on
average in the EU, *albeit with significant
variations between Member States in
reduction in volume, and although there
are indications suggesting that the decline
of letter mail revenues may now have
bottomed-out;*

Or. en

Amendment 9

Tania González Peñas, Stelios Kouloglou, Kateřina Konečná

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas between 2012 and 2013 letter post services shrank by 4.85 % on average in the EU;

Amendment

A. whereas between 2012 and 2013 letter post services shrank by 4.85 % on average in the EU ***according to the European Commission Postal Statistics Database; whereas this is part of the fast declining trend of letter volume all around the EU during the last 10 years;***

Or. en

Amendment 10

Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas competition in letter markets is limited and development has been slow in most Member States where ***markets are*** still dominated by the universal service providers;

Amendment

B. whereas competition in ***mature*** letter markets is limited, ***owing to falling volumes and the process of electronic substitution,*** and ***whereas*** development has been slow in most Member States where ***this sector is*** still dominated by the universal service providers;

Or. es

Amendment 11

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas competition in letter

Amendment

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markets is limited and development has been slow in most Member States where markets are still dominated by the universal service providers;

markets is limited and development has been *too* slow in most Member States where markets are still dominated by the universal service providers;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Kosma Złotowski

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas the postal market, despite falling letter volumes, is still an area of the economy with strong prospects for growth and increasing competition;

Or. pl

Amendment 13

Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Wim van de Camp

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas implementation of the Postal Services Directive helped in opening domestic markets for competition but did not lead to the accomplishment of internal market for postal services;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Pavel Telička, Gesine Meissner, Jozo Radoš, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. *whereas the use of ICT has been continuously boosting the postal services sector by providing opportunities for innovation and allowing the market to expand;*

Or. en

Amendment 15

Tania González Peñas, Stelios Kouloglou, Kateřina Konečná, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. *whereas new competitors have mainly focused on large business customers and highly populated areas;*

Or. en

Amendment 16

Tania González Peñas, Kateřina Konečná, Stelios Kouloglou, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. *whereas the parcel delivery market is a highly competitive, **innovative** and fast-growing sector **which attained growth of 33 % between 2008 and 2011 in terms of volume, and whereas e-commerce is a driving factor;***

C. *whereas the parcel delivery market is a highly competitive and fast-growing sector **where e-commerce is a driving factor; whereas statistics show that the express mail and parcels services international market is currently dominated by few global players;***

Or. en

Amendment 17
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the parcel delivery market is a highly competitive, innovative and fast-growing sector which attained growth of 33 % between 2008 and 2011 in terms of volume, and whereas e-commerce is a driving factor;

Amendment

C. whereas the parcel delivery market is a highly competitive, innovative and fast-growing sector which attained growth of 33 % between 2008 and 2011 in terms of volume, and whereas e-commerce is a driving factor *for the market growth*;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Tania González Peñas, Kateřina Konečná, Stelios Kouloglou, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ca. whereas, according to European Commission estimations, the overall EU postal sector has experienced a net loss of jobs during the last 10 years, while low-quality and atypical forms of employment have substantially increased;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 19
Andor Deli

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ca. whereas the widespread use of

Amendment

remotely piloted aircraft systems (drones) foresees new, quick, environment-friendly and efficient modes of parcel delivery, especially in low population density, isolated and distant areas;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Kosma Złotowski

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the lack of restrictions on access to the market for postal services has increased competition between operators, thereby fostering the development of individual sectors of the market;

Or. pl

Amendment 21
José Blanco López

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the Special Eurobarometer 398 of October 2013 concluded that nearly 40% of consumers indicated that problems with delivery prevented them from shopping online;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Kosma Złotowski

Motion for a resolution
Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cb. whereas in the coming years the position of postal market operators will be determined by their technical and organisational potential to provide a comprehensive service, as well as their ability to adapt to the challenges posed by digital communication and e-commerce, as well as by growing customer expectations;

Or. pl

Amendment 23
José Blanco López

Motion for a resolution
Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cb. whereas consumers and small businesses report that problems with parcel delivery, in particular high prices, prevent them from selling more to or buying more from other Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Jill Evans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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and insured items, and other services of general economic interest such as newspapers and periodicals) meet customers' demands, the requirements are set by the national regulatory authorities (NRAs) entrusted with this task;

and insured items, and other services of general economic interest such as newspapers and periodicals) meet customers' demands, the requirements are set by the national regulatory authorities (NRAs) entrusted with this task; ***minimum standards must be regulated at the EU level, without hindering member states to apply higher standards;***

Or. en

Amendment 25 **Jill Seymour**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 1**

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that while the minimum standards associated with the universal service obligation (postal items up to 2 kg, postal packages up to 10-20 kg, registered and insured items, and other services of general economic interest such as newspapers and periodicals) meet customers' demands, the requirements are set by the national regulatory authorities (NRAs) entrusted with this task;

Amendment

1. Notes that while the minimum standards associated with the universal service obligation (postal items up to 2 kg, postal packages up to 10-20 kg, registered and insured items, and other services of general economic interest such as newspapers and periodicals) meet customers' demands, the requirements are set by the national regulatory authorities (NRAs) entrusted with this task ***and should remain so;***

Or. en

Amendment 26 **Lucy Anderson, Theresa Griffin, Hugues Bayet, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Isabella De Monte**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 1**

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that while the minimum standards associated with the universal service obligation (postal items up to 2 kg,

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postal packages up to 10-20 kg, registered and insured items, and other services of general economic interest such as newspapers and periodicals) *generally* meet customers' demands, *some detailed* requirements are set by the national regulatory authorities (NRAs) entrusted with this task;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that while the minimum standards associated with the universal service obligation (postal items up to 2 kg, postal packages up to 10-20 kg, registered and insured items, and other services of general economic interest such as newspapers and periodicals) meet customers' demands, the requirements are set by the national regulatory authorities (NRAs) entrusted with this task;

Amendment

1. Notes that while the minimum standards associated with the universal service obligation (postal items up to 2 kg, postal packages up to 10-20 kg, registered and insured items, and other services of general economic interest such as newspapers and periodicals) meet customers' demands, the requirements are *rightly* set by the national regulatory authorities (NRAs) entrusted with this task;

Or. el

Amendment 28
Daniela Aiuto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

1a. Stresses how necessary and important it is to provide universal services to the entire population, in particular by guaranteeing an essential minimum range of services in every part

of the EU;

Or. it

Amendment 29

Jill Seymour

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. *Calls on the Member States to extend the role and independence of NRAs through high professional qualification criteria, fixed terms of office and legal protection against dismissal without cause, so that they can fulfil their obligations arising from the Postal Services Directive;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 30

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Member States to extend the role and independence of NRAs through high professional qualification criteria, fixed terms of office and legal protection against dismissal without cause, so that they can fulfil their obligations arising from the Postal Services Directive;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Member States to extend the role and independence of NRAs through high professional qualification criteria, ***guaranteed*** fixed terms of office and legal protection against dismissal without cause ***with the exhaustive list of reasons justifying such dismissal (e.g. a serious violation of the law)***, so that they can fulfil their obligations arising from the Postal Services Directive ***in neutral, transparent and timely manner;***

Or. en

Amendment 31

Daniela Aiuto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Member States to extend the role and independence of NRAs through high professional qualification criteria, fixed terms of office and legal protection against dismissal without cause, so that they can fulfil their obligations arising from the Postal Services Directive;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Member States to extend the role and independence of NRAs through high professional qualification criteria, fixed terms of office and legal protection against dismissal without cause, so that they can fulfil their obligations arising from the Postal Services Directive; ***points out that postal service operators must be guaranteed fair and non-discriminatory access to in-service training;***

Or. it

Amendment 32

Lucy Anderson, Theresa Griffin, Hugues Bayet, Isabella De Monte

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. ***Calls on the Member States to extend the role and independence of NRAs through high professional qualification criteria, fixed terms of office and legal protection against dismissal without cause,*** so that they can fulfil ***their*** obligations arising from the Postal Services Directive;

Amendment

2. ***Notes the primary task of NRAs is to meet the overall objective of the Postal Services Directive to ensure the provision of the universal service; calls on the Member States to support the role of NRAs,*** so that they can fulfil ***the*** obligations arising from the Postal Services Directive, ***without exceeding them;***

Or. en

Amendment 33

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Member States to extend the role and independence of NRAs through high professional qualification criteria, fixed terms of office and legal protection against dismissal without cause, so that they can fulfil their obligations arising from the Postal Services Directive;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Member States to extend the role and independence of NRAs **both** through high professional qualification criteria **and** fixed terms of office and **through** legal protection against dismissal without cause, so that they can fulfil their obligations arising from the Postal Services Directive;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Róża Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Considers that the level of transposition of the Directive is unsatisfactory, including with regard to issues such as structural separation, access to networks and authorisation requirements; Considers that in some Member States several issues, such as effective structural separation of the regulatory functions from activities associated with ownership and control, conditions governing access to networks and authorisation requirements might not be transposed properly;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Lucy Anderson, Hugues Bayet, Theresa Griffin, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Isabella De Monte

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Considers that any expansion of the role of NRAs under new regulation in the parcels market should tackle 'cherry picking' in the deliveries sector and establish minimum standards for all operators to ensure fair and equal competition;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Marie-Christine Arnautu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Believes that obligations of independence can only be fulfilled if NRAs' regulatory functions are separated from activities associated with ownership or control of a postal operator; considers that senior NRA officials should not be permitted to work for the public postal operator or other interested parties immediately after leaving the NRA, with a view to preventing conflicts of interest;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 37
Jill Seymour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Believes that obligations of

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independence can only be fulfilled if NRAs' regulatory functions are separated from activities associated with ownership or control of a postal operator; considers that senior NRA officials should not be permitted to work for the public postal operator or other interested parties immediately after leaving the NRA, with a view to preventing conflicts of interest;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Tania González Peñas, Stelios Kouloglou, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Believes that obligations of independence can only be fulfilled if NRAs' regulatory functions are separated from activities associated with ownership or control of a postal operator; considers that senior NRA officials should not be permitted to work for the public postal operator or other interested parties immediately after leaving the NRA, with a view to preventing conflicts of interest;

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Or. en

Amendment 39

Marie-Christine Arnautu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Believes that obligations of independence can only be fulfilled if NRAs' regulatory functions are separated from activities associated with ownership

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or control of a postal operator; *considers that senior NRA officials should not be permitted to work for the public postal operator or other interested parties immediately after leaving the NRA, with a view to preventing conflicts of interest;*

or control of a postal operator;

Or. fr

Amendment 40
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Believes that obligations of independence can only be fulfilled if NRAs' regulatory functions are separated from activities associated with ownership or control of a postal operator; considers that senior NRA officials should not be permitted to work for the public postal operator or other interested parties immediately after leaving the NRA, with a view to preventing conflicts of interest;

Amendment

3. Believes that obligations of independence can only be fulfilled if NRAs' regulatory functions are ***structurally and functionally*** separated from activities associated with ownership or control of a postal operator; considers that senior NRA officials should not be permitted to work for the public postal operator or other interested parties immediately after leaving the NRA, with a view to preventing conflicts of interest; ***For this purpose Member States should introduce the law provisions allowing the imposition of sanctions on the entities violating the mentioned obligation;***

Or. en

Amendment 41
Marie-Christine Arnautu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. ***Believes that obligations of independence can only be fulfilled if***

Amendment

3. Considers that senior NRA officials should not be permitted to work for the

NRAs' regulatory functions are separated from activities associated with ownership or control of a postal operator; considers that senior NRA officials should not be permitted to work for the public postal operator or other interested parties immediately after leaving the NRA, with a view to preventing conflicts of interest;

public postal operator or other interested parties immediately after leaving the NRA, with a view to preventing conflicts of interest;

Or. fr

Amendment 42

Pavel Telička, Jozo Radoš, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Believes that obligations of independence can only be fulfilled if NRAs' regulatory functions are separated from activities associated with ownership or control of a postal operator; considers that senior NRA officials should not be permitted to work for the public postal operator or other interested parties ***immediately*** after leaving the NRA, with a view to preventing conflicts of interest;

Amendment

3. Believes that obligations of independence can only be fulfilled if NRAs' regulatory functions are separated from activities associated with ownership or control of a postal operator; considers that senior NRA officials should not be permitted to work for the public postal operator or other interested parties ***within at least six months*** after leaving the NRA, with a view to preventing conflicts of interest;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Believes that obligations of independence can only be fulfilled if NRAs' regulatory functions are separated from activities associated with ownership

Amendment

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or control of a postal operator; considers that senior NRA officials should **not** be **permitted** to work for the public postal operator or other interested parties immediately after leaving the NRA, with a view to **preventing conflicts of interest**;

or control of a postal operator; considers that senior NRA officials should be **able** to work for the public postal operator or other interested parties immediately after leaving the NRA, with a view to **providing expertise and specialist skills**;

Or. el

Amendment 44
Jill Seymour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Asks the Commission to facilitate and reinforce cooperation between NRAs with a view to greater efficiency and interoperability in cross-border delivery;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 45
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Asks the Commission to facilitate and reinforce cooperation between NRAs with a view to greater efficiency and interoperability in cross-border delivery;

Amendment

4. Asks the Commission to facilitate and reinforce cooperation between NRAs with a view to greater efficiency and interoperability in cross-border delivery and to supervise the regulatory activities of NRA in order to ensure the uniform approach within the application of the European law and the harmonization of the postal market within EU;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Lucy Anderson, Theresa Griffin, Hugues Bayet, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Isabella De Monte

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Asks the Commission to facilitate and reinforce cooperation between NRAs with a view to **greater** efficiency and interoperability in **cross-border** delivery;

Amendment

4. Asks the Commission to facilitate and reinforce cooperation **and coordination** between NRAs with a view to **fulfilling their primary task ensuring provision of the universal service, and improving** efficiency and interoperability in delivery **services**;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Jill Evans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Asks the Commission to facilitate and reinforce cooperation between NRAs with a view to greater efficiency and interoperability in cross-border delivery;

Amendment

4. Asks the Commission to facilitate and reinforce cooperation between NRAs with a view to greater efficiency and interoperability in cross-border delivery, **based on knowledge learned from best and worst practice**;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. **Asks** the Commission to **facilitate**

Amendment

4. **Calls on** the Commission to

and reinforce cooperation between NRAs with a view to greater efficiency and interoperability in cross-border delivery;

promote and reinforce cooperation between NRAs with a view to greater efficiency and interoperability in cross-border delivery;

Or. en

Amendment 49
José Blanco López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Takes the view that, for the purposes of improving statistics, NRAs need to be more knowledgeable and better informed on service providers in the parcel delivery market;

Or. es

Amendment 50
Tania González Peñas, Kateřina Konečná, Stelios Kouloglou, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Recalls that that the Postal Services Directive provides Member States with the flexibility necessary to address local specificities and to ensure universal service provision long-term sustainability while meeting the needs of users and adapting to the changes in the technical, economic and social environment;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Lucy Anderson, Theresa Griffin, Hugues Bayet, Isabella De Monte, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. *Notes the Commission's confirmation that the Postal Services Directive does not require any particular ownership structure for universal service providers (USPs); believes that USPs should not be prevented from investing and innovating in the provision of efficient and quality postal services;*

Or. en

Amendment 52

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that in some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided **for in** the Postal Services Directive; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;

5. **Considers, that the trend moves towards a narrower scope for the USO; encourages to promote consumer choice in order to define the delivery of letters within the range of USO;** stresses **therefore** the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that in some Member States national regulation exceeds the **given** flexibility provided **by** the Postal Services Directive; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;

Amendment 53
Dominique Riquet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; ***notes that in some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive***; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;

Or. fr

Amendment 54
Isabella De Monte, David-Maria Sassoli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; ***notes that in some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive***; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; ***calls on the Commission to ensure that Member States have the necessary flexibility should a level of digitalisation be provided such as to safeguard the right to information, in order to preserve the sustainability of the universal service by adapting it to users' new requirements and to recent***

obligation;

developments in the relevant market; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;

Or. it

Amendment 55

Jill Evans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that in some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density *does not* constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that in some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that *neither* low population density *nor the location of remote and mountainous areas or islands* constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Wim van de Camp

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, *comprising at*

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions; notes that, *in*

least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that in some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;

compliance with the European Directive, the Universal Service Obligation is applied differently across Member States, reflecting certain flexibility for Member States to define the Universal Service Obligation to fit their domestic circumstances and ensure its long-term sustainability;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Hannu Takkula, Paavo Väyrynen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, *comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that in some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;*

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, *notes that in compliance with the European Directive, the Universal Service Obligation is applied differently across Member States, reflecting certain flexibility for Member States to define the Universal Service Obligation to fit their domestic circumstances and ensure its long-term sustainability;*

Or. en

Amendment 58

Claudia Tapardel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that *in some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive*; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes *at the same time* that *under the EU Directive, the obligation to provide a universal service is being applied differently in different Member States, reflecting a degree of flexibility on the part of each Member State when defining the universal service obligation so as to suit domestic circumstances and ensure long-term sustainability*;

Or. ro

Amendment 59
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, *comprising at least* five *delivery* and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that in some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density *does not constitute grounds* for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, *based on delivery within five days* and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that in some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density *cannot be an excuse* for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;

Or. el

Amendment 60
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that *in some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive*; *calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation*;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that, *with a view to ensuring the long-term sustainability of the universal service, and given their specific national characteristics and geographical situations, some Member States allow a degree of flexibility in the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation in accordance with the aforementioned Directive*;

Or. es

Amendment 61
Daniel Dalton

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that *in some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive*; *calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation*;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that *the Universal Service Obligation is applied very differently across Member States, reflecting certain flexibility for Member States to define the USO to fit their domestic circumstances and ensure its long-term sustainability*;

Amendment 62

Lucy Anderson, Theresa Griffin, Hugues Bayet, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Isabella De Monte

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

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that *in some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive*; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that *the Universal Service Obligation is applied very differently across Member States, reflecting certain flexibility for Member States to define the USO to fit their domestic circumstances and ensure its long-term sustainability*;

Or. en

Amendment 63

Marie-Christine Arnautu

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

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that in some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week *within a limited distance* for every EU citizen; notes that in some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density does not constitute

delivery within the universal service obligation;

grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;

Or. fr

Amendment 64
Andor Deli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that in some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen, **when sustainable**; notes that in some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Henna Virkkunen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, **comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that in some Member States national regulation**

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions **for every EU resident; in accordance with the Postal Services Directive, the universal service shall evolve in response to the technical**

exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;

economic and social environment and to the needs of users, recalls that Member States are provided with the flexibility to make the universal service obligation fit to evolving markets and changing customers' needs and ensure its long-term sustainability.

Or. en

Amendment 66 **Sirpa Pietikäinen**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 5**

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that in *some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;*

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that in *compliance with the European Directive, the universal service obligation is applied differently across Member States, reflecting certain flexibility for Member States to define the Universal Service Obligation to fit their domestic circumstances and ensure its long-term sustainability;*

Or. en

Justification

The Postal Services Directive provides Member States with the flexibility necessary to ensure, at the national level, that the universal service meets the real needs of users in each and all of the parts of their territory. Any dispute arising from the interpretation of this provision shall be submitted to the European Court of Justice.

Amendment 67 **Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Kosma Złotowski**

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least *five* delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that in *some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive*; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, notes that *in compliance with the European Directive, the Universal Service Obligation is applied differently across Member States, reflecting certain flexibility for Member States to define the Universal Service Obligation to fit their domestic circumstances and ensure its long-term sustainability*;

Or. en

Justification

The Postal Services Directive provides Member States with the flexibility necessary to ensure, at the national level, that the universal service meets the real needs of users in each and all of the parts of their territory. Any dispute arising from the interpretation of this provision shall be submitted to the European Court of Justice.

Amendment 68
Jill Seymour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that in some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive; calls on *the Commission* to reaffirm that low

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising at least five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that in some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive; calls on *Member States* to reaffirm that low population

population density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;

density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Tania González Peñas, Kateřina Konečná, Stelios Kouloglou, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising ***at least*** five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that ***in some Member States national regulation exceeds the flexibility provided for in the Postal Services Directive; calls on the Commission to reaffirm that low population density does not constitute grounds for reducing the frequency of delivery within the universal service obligation;***

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of providing a high-quality universal service under affordable conditions, comprising ***the general obligation of*** five delivery and five collection days a week for every EU citizen; notes that, ***as stated in the Postal Services Directive, certain flexibility is needed in order to ensure long-term sustainability of the universal service and appropriate adaptation to the specific geographical characteristics and demographic trends in each Member State;***

Or. en

Amendment 70

Claudia Tapardel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

5a. Points out that the universal service will evolve in response to the need to create a European single market, but also to the technical-economic and social environment and the needs of users, and that the Postal Services Directive offers

Member States the flexibility to cater for specific local characteristics and ensure the long-term sustainability of universal service provision;

Or. ro

Amendment 71
Jill Evans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Considers that geographical coverage and accessibility to universal services for parcel deliveries can and must be improved, especially for citizens with disabilities and PRMs and those in remote areas; stresses the importance of ensuring barrier-free accessibility to postal services and the consistency of the Postal Services Directive with the Accessibility Act;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Hannu Takkula, Paavo Väyrynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Recalls that the Universal Service shall evolve in response to the technical economic and social environment and to the needs of users, and that the Postal Services Directive provides Member States with the flexibility necessary to address local specificities and to ensure universal Service provision long-term sustainability;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Miltiadis Kyrkos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Recalls that the universal service shall evolve in accordance with the technical, economic and social environment and the needs of users, and that the Postal Services Directive provides Member States with the necessary flexibility to address local specificities and to ensure long-term sustainability to the universal service provision;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Wim van de Camp

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Recalls that the Universal Service shall evolve in response to the technical economic and social environment and to the needs of users, and that the Postal Services Directive provides Member States with the flexibility necessary to address local specificities and to ensure universal Service provision long-term sustainability;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. *Notes that in many Member States, the decline in letter volumes makes the provision of universal postal services more and more difficult; recognises that many designated universal service providers use revenues from non-USO commercial activities, such as financial services or parcel delivery, to finance the USO;*

Or. en

Amendment 76
Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Kosma Złotowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. *Calls for a flexible approach of the implementation of the Postal Services Directives taking into account the right of Member States to make use of the flexibility offered by the Postal Services Directive and the need to adapt to evolving markets and local specificities.*

Or. en

Amendment 77
Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. *Notes that there are a number of instances of unfair competition in the*

postal sector and calls on the responsible authority to sanction any misconduct;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Marie-Christine Arnautu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to monitor the provision of postal services as a public service in order to ensure a common level playing field among providers and prevent cross-subsidisation, and to review whether public service compensation is implemented in a manner that is proportionate, transparent and fair;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to monitor the provision of postal services as a public service in order to ensure a common level playing field among providers and prevent cross-subsidisation, and to review whether public service compensation is implemented in a manner that is proportionate, transparent and fair, ***while ensuring, however, that the ban on cross-subsidisation does not lead to a situation in which incumbent operators would be compelled to abandon their public service tasks;***

Or. fr

Amendment 79
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to monitor the provision of postal services as a public service in order to ensure a common level playing field among providers and prevent ***cross-subsidisation, and*** to review whether public service compensation is implemented in a manner that is

Amendment

6. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to monitor the provision of postal services as a public service in order to ensure a common level playing field among providers and ***prevent cross-subsidisation; asks the Commission*** to review whether public service compensation is implemented in a manner

proportionate, transparent and fair;

that is proportionate, transparent and fair;
calls on the Commission to monitor the harmonized approach to unfair burden criterion in all Member States, based on objective and clear circumstances;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Jill Evans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to monitor the provision of postal services as a public service in order to ensure a common level playing field among providers and prevent *cross-subsidisation*, and to review whether public service compensation is implemented in a manner that is proportionate, transparent and fair;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to monitor the provision of postal services as a public service in order to ensure a common level playing field among providers and *a good quality of service to its population and* prevent *unfair competition disadvantaging more sustainable providers*, and to review whether public service compensation is implemented in a manner that is proportionate, transparent and fair;

Or. en

Amendment 81

Lucy Anderson, Theresa Griffin, Hugues Bayet, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Isabella De Monte

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to monitor the provision of postal services as a public service in order to ensure *a common level playing field among providers and prevent cross-subsidisation, and to review whether*

Amendment

6. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to monitor the provision of postal services as a public service in order to ensure *that* public service compensation is implemented in a manner that is proportionate, transparent and fair;

public service compensation is implemented in a manner that is proportionate, transparent and fair;

Or. en

Amendment 82

Tania González Peñas, Kateřina Konečná, Stelios Kouloglou

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to monitor the provision of postal services as a public service in order to ensure a common level playing field among providers ***and prevent cross-subsidisation, and to review whether public service compensation is implemented in a manner that is proportionate, transparent and fair;***

Amendment

6. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to monitor the provision of postal services as a public service in order to ensure a common level playing field among providers ***as well as a proportionate, transparent and fair implementation of*** public service compensation;

Or. en

Amendment 83

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to monitor the provision of postal services as a public service in order to ensure a common level playing field among providers and prevent cross-subsidisation, and to review whether public service compensation is implemented in a manner that is proportionate, transparent and ***fair;***

Amendment

6. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to monitor the provision of postal services as a public service in order to ensure a common level playing field among providers and prevent cross-subsidisation, and to review whether public service compensation is implemented in a manner that is proportionate, transparent and ***legal;***

Or. el

Amendment 84
Jill Seymour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Member States *and the Commission* to monitor the provision of postal services as a public service in order to ensure a common level playing field among providers and prevent cross-subsidisation, and to review whether public service compensation is implemented in a manner that is proportionate, transparent and fair;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Member States to monitor the provision of postal services as a public service in order to ensure a common level playing field among providers and prevent cross-subsidisation, and to review whether public service compensation is implemented in a manner that is proportionate, transparent and fair;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to monitor the provision of postal services as a public service in order to ensure a common level playing field among providers *and prevent cross-subsidisation*, and to *review whether public service compensation is implemented* in a manner that is proportionate, transparent and fair;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to monitor the provision of postal services as a public service in order to ensure a common level playing field among providers and to *ensure fair compensation for the public service rendered* in a manner that is proportionate, transparent and fair;

Or. es

Amendment 86
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. *Stresses the importance that prices within the scope of the USO must be affordable and must provide access to all users to the services provided; recalls that NRAs shall clearly define affordability for an item of correspondence and Member States may maintain or introduce free postal service for blind and partially sighted persons;*

Or. en

Amendment 87
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Calls on the Member States to use State aid tools in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner and to ensure that customers continue to have access to postal services, by maintaining a minimum number of services at the same access point;

7. *Calls on the Member States to maintain territorial and social cohesion and the associated quality requirements, and notes that Member States may already adapt some specific features to accommodate local demand by applying flexibility provided in Directive 97/67/EC; calls on the Member States to use State aid tools in a transparent and non-discriminatory **and appropriate** manner and to ensure that customers continue to have access to postal services, by maintaining a minimum number of services at the same access point; **calls on the Commission to ensure, that compensation funds shall be proportionate and public procurement procedures are transparent and fair;***

Or. en

Amendment 88

Lucy Anderson, Theresa Griffin, Olga Sehnalová, Hugues Bayet, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Isabella De Monte

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the Member States to use State aid tools in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner and to ensure that customers continue to have access to postal services, by maintaining a minimum number of services at the same access point;

Amendment

7. ***Recognises that postal networks and services are of general public interest;*** calls on the Member States to use State aid tools in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner and to ensure that customers continue to have access to postal services, by maintaining a minimum number of services at the same access point;

Or. en

Amendment 89

Pavel Telička, Jozo Radoš, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the Member States to use State aid tools in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner and to ensure that customers continue to have access to postal services, by maintaining a minimum number of services at the same access point;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Member States to use, ***only in exceptional cases, State aid tools in accordance with State Aid Rules,*** in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner and to ensure that customers continue to have access to postal services, by maintaining a minimum number of services at the same access point;

Or. en

Amendment 90

Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the Member States to use State aid tools in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner and to ensure that customers continue to have access to postal services, by maintaining a minimum number of services at the same access point;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Member States to use State aid tools, ***in line with EU competition policy***, in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner and to ensure that customers continue to have access to postal services, by maintaining a minimum number of services at the same access point;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Andor Deli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the Member States to use State aid tools in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner and to ensure that customers continue to have access to postal services, ***by maintaining a minimum number of services at the same access point***;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Member States to use State aid tools in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner and to ensure that customers continue to have access to postal services;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Merja Kyllönen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the Member States to use State aid tools in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner and to ensure that customers continue to have access to postal services, by maintaining a minimum

Amendment

(Does not affect the English version.)

number of services at the same access point;

Or. fi

Amendment 93
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. *Asks the Member States to take appropriate regulatory measures, available under the Postal Services Directive, to ensure that accessibility to postal services continues to satisfy the needs of users by guaranteeing, where appropriate, a minimum number of services at the same access point;*

Or. en

Amendment 94
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. *Asks the Member States to ensure that market opening continues to benefit all users, in particular consumers and small and medium size enterprises in close supervision of the market developments; encourages to further address the improvements in the speed, choice and reliability of services;*

Or. en

Amendment 95

Jill Seymour

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. *Calls on the Commission to work on a harmonised definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers; calls on the Member States to further harmonise licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 96

Isabella De Monte

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. *Calls on the Commission to work on a harmonised definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers; calls on the Member States to further harmonise licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;*

Amendment

8. *Notes that the Universal Service Obligation is applied very differently across Member states, reflecting certain flexibility for Member states to define the universal service to fit their domestic circumstances, including at local level.*

Or. en

Amendment 97

Dominique Riquet, Pavel Telička

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. *Calls on the Commission to work*

Amendment

8. *Calls on the Commission to work*

on a harmonised definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers; calls on the Member States to further harmonise licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;

on a harmonised definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers; *maintains, however, given that each market has its own specific constraints, that operators should be allowed a measure of flexibility to organise the universal service*; calls on the Member States to further harmonise licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;

Or. fr

Amendment 98
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to work on a harmonised definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers; *calls on the Member States to further harmonise licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market*;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to work on a harmonised definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum *guaranteed* level of service for consumers;

Or. el

Amendment 99
Henna Virkkunen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. *Calls on the Commission to work on a harmonised definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers*; calls on the

Amendment

8. Calls on the Member States to further harmonise licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;

Member States to further harmonise licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Andor Deli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to ***work on a harmonised*** definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers; calls on the Member States to further harmonise licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to ***improve the present*** definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers ***and takes into account market changes and fosters economic growth and social cohesion***; calls on the Member States to further harmonise licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Wim van de Camp

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to ***work on a harmonised definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers***; calls on the Member States to further harmonise licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to ***ensure Member States the flexibility already provided in the Postal Services Directive to make the USO fit to evolving markets and changing users' needs in order to ensure its sustainability***; calls on the Member States to further harmonise licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal

market;

Or. en

Amendment 102

Lucy Anderson, Hugues Bayet, Theresa Griffin, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Isabella De Monte

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to work on *a harmonised definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers*; calls on the Member States to *further harmonise* licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to work on *guidance that sets out minimum levels of service for consumers under the USO, whilst recognising variations in consumer requirements and the provision of the USO across Member States*; calls on the Member States to *review* licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;

Or. en

Amendment 103

Pavel Telička, Jozo Radoš, Hannu Takkula, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to work on a harmonised definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers; calls on the Member States to further harmonise licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to work on a harmonised definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers; calls on the Member States to further harmonise licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market, *without creating any unnecessary administrative burden*;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Tania González Peñas, Kateřina Konečná, Stelios Kouloglou, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission *to work on a harmonised* definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers; calls on the Member States to *further harmonise* licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission *and Member States to respect the current* definition of universal service, which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers; calls on the Member States to *implement* licensing procedures *according to the current Directive* in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;

Or. en

Amendment 105

Claudia Țapardel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to work on a harmonised definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers; *calls on the Member States to further harmonise licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;*

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to work on a harmonised definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers; *nevertheless requests the Commission to grant the Member States flexibility in the provision of services;*

Or. ro

Amendment 106

Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Kosma Złotowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to *work on a harmonised definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers; calls on the Member States to further harmonise licensing procedures* in order to *reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;*

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to *ensure Member States the flexibility already provided in the Postal Services Directive to make the Universal Service Obligation fit to evolving markets and changing users' needs* in order to *ensure its sustainability; this flexibility should apply to licensing procedures as well;*

Or. en

Amendment 107
Merja Kyllönen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to work on a harmonised definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers; calls on the Member States to further harmonise licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to work on a harmonised definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers; calls on the Member States to further harmonise licensing *and/or notification* procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;

Or. fi

Amendment 108
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to work on a harmonised definition of universal

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to work on a harmonised definition of universal

service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers; calls on the Member States to further harmonise licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;

service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers; calls on the Member States to further harmonise licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers *to entry* within the internal market;

Or. en

Amendment 109

Hannu Takkula, Paavo Väyrynen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to *work on a harmonised definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers; calls on the Member States to further harmonise licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;*

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to *ensure Member States the flexibility already provided in the Postal Services Directive to make the USO fit to evolving markets and changing users' needs in order to ensure its sustainability; this flexibility should apply to licensing procedures as well;*

Or. en

Amendment 110

Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to *work on a harmonised definition of universal service which stipulates a minimum level of service for consumers; calls on the Member States to further harmonise licensing procedures in order to reduce unjustified barriers within the internal market;*

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to *take account of the fact that the current definition of universal service sets a minimum level of service for consumers; calls on the Member States to study licensing procedures, paying attention to the conditions laid down in the Directive;*

Amendment 111

Jill Evans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Emphasises that the introduction of conciliation procedures, that are easily accessible and affordable, bear an interesting potential to achieving an easy and short-term solution for both the operators and the consumers in cases of disputes; encourages the Commission to introduce legislation on postal consumer rights;

Or. en

Amendment 112

Marie-Christine Arnautu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Calls on the Commission to take distinctive national features into account, given that if these were erased in the interests of interoperability, or in order to stamp out public subsidies and promote fair competition, all that would happen is that incumbent operators would give up their public service role;

Or. fr

Amendment 113

Merja Kyllönen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. *Urges the Commission, in drafting legislative proposals, to take account of digitalisation and the opportunities it brings, the specific characteristics of the Member States and overall trends in the postal and parcel markets.*

Or. fi

Amendment 114

Lucy Anderson, Hugues Bayet, Theresa Griffin, Inés Ayala Sender, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Isabella De Monte

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. *Recalls that VAT exemption for postal services has to be applied in a way that minimises distortions of competition between former monopolies and market entrants so as to ensure that all operators enjoy the freedom to provide postal services across Europe;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 115

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. *Recalls that VAT exemption for postal services has to be applied in a way that minimises distortions of competition*

9. *Recalls that VAT exemption for postal services has to be applied in a way that minimises distortions of competition*

between former monopolies and market entrants so as to ensure that all operators enjoy the freedom to provide postal services across Europe;

between former monopolies and market entrants so as to ensure that all operators enjoy the freedom to provide postal services across Europe; ***notes that the VAT exemption for the services other than universal service is a significant reduction in the development of competition in the market;***

Or. en

Amendment 116
Daniel Dalton

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Recalls that VAT exemption for postal services has to be applied in a way that minimises distortions of competition between former monopolies and market entrants ***so as to ensure*** that all operators ***enjoy the freedom*** to provide postal services across Europe;

Amendment

9. Recalls that VAT exemption for postal services has to be applied in a way that minimises distortions of competition between former monopolies and market entrants, ***whilst guaranteeing the USO's long-term sustainability***, so that all operators ***can continue*** to provide postal services across Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Recalls that VAT exemption for postal services has to be applied in a way that minimises distortions of competition between ***former*** monopolies and market entrants so as to ensure that all operators enjoy the ***freedom*** to provide postal services across Europe;

Amendment

9. Recalls that VAT exemption for postal services has to be applied in a way that minimises distortions of competition between monopolies and market entrants so as to ensure that all operators enjoy the ***possibility*** to provide postal services across Europe;

Amendment 118

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to review broadly defined concepts of items of services of general economic interests and if public service compensation and USOs are supported in a sustainable manner; asks to further define the scope of the tasks of the public services;

Or. en

Amendment 119

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9b. Calls on the Commission to ensure a common level playing field among providers both for traditional mail and the fast-expanding field of parcel delivery and between postal incumbents and new entrants; suggests, that the Commission shall be entitled to assess whether tender procedures pose an unfair burden;

Or. en

Amendment 120

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9c. *Calls on the Member States to consider that former incumbents shall neither be advantaged by state support nor disadvantaged by their public service obligation or legacy costs vis-à-vis new entrants;*

Or. en

Amendment 121
Dominique Riquet, Pavel Telička

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. *Asks the Commission to lay down minimum standards for value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures;*

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 122
Tania González Peñas, Stelios Kouloglou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. *Asks the Commission to lay down minimum standards for value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures;*

deleted

Justification:

This paragraph is not related to the universal service obligations. Over-regulation should be avoided.

Amendment 123
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. *Asks the Commission to lay down minimum standards for value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 124
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Asks the Commission to **lay down minimum** standards for value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures;

10. Asks the Commission to **look into whether or not new standards that go beyond the requirements set out in the Directive are needed in a competitive environment** for value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures, **given the work already undertaken and the investments already made by designated postal operators in this area and the need**

to ensure mid-to-long-term sustainability of these services in a changing environment;

Or. es

Amendment 125
Claudia Tapardel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. *Asks the Commission to lay down minimum standards for value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures;*

Amendment

10. *Believes that the changes in the field of postal services should reflect the need to create a European single market, but welcomes competition and the market as indicators in the innovation and development of value-added services and also of track-and-trace services, pick-up/drop-off locations, and the possibility of choosing a convenient delivery time and return procedures;*

Or. ro

Amendment 126
Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Kosma Złotowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. *Asks the Commission to lay down minimum standards for value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures;*

Amendment

10. *Considers competition and the market to be the best drivers for innovation and the development and asks the Commission to support innovation in the sector in order to promote value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures;*

Amendment 127
Isabella De Monte

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. *Asks the Commission to lay down minimum standards for value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures;*

Amendment

10. *Considers competition and the market to be the best drivers for innovation and the development of value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures;*

Or. en

Amendment 128
Andor Deli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Asks the Commission to lay down minimum standards for value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures;

Amendment

10. Asks the Commission to lay down, *by taking into account the principle of proportionality and economic justification*, minimum standards for value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 129
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Asks the Commission to lay down minimum standards for value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the **ability to choose a delivery** time, and suitable return procedures;

Amendment

10. Asks the Commission to lay down minimum standards for value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the **obligation of the service provider to deliver the order at the most convenient time for the consumer**, and suitable return procedures;

Or. el

Amendment 130
Henna Virkkunen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. **Asks the Commission to lay down minimum standards for value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures;**

Amendment

10. **Considers competition and the market to be the best drivers for innovation and the development of value-added services;**

Or. en

Amendment 131
Hannu Takkula, Paavo Väyrynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. **Asks the Commission to lay down minimum standards for** value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return

Amendment

10. **Considers competition and the market to be the best drivers for innovation and the development of** value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to

procedures;

choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 132
Jill Evans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Asks the Commission to lay down minimum standards for value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures;

Amendment

10. Asks the Commission to lay down minimum standards for value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures ***and access to easy recourse procedures***;

Or. en

Amendment 133
Daniel Dalton

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Asks the Commission to ***lay down minimum standards for*** value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures;

Amendment

10. Asks the Commission to ***support innovation in the sector in order to promote*** value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 134
Wim van de Camp

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. *Asks the Commission to lay down minimum standards for* value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures;

Amendment

10. *Considers competition and innovation as the best drivers for development of* value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Jill Seymour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Asks the *Commission* to lay down minimum standards for value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures;

Amendment

10. Asks the *Member States* to lay down minimum standards for value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 136
Lucy Anderson, Theresa Griffin, Hugues Bayet, Inés Ayala Sender, Isabella De Monte, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Asks the Commission to *lay down* minimum standards for value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return

Amendment

10. Asks the Commission to *consider* minimum standards for value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the ability to choose a delivery time, and suitable return

procedures;

procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 137

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Calls on the Commission to monitor closely Member States support of USO's and other legacy costs of postal services providers according to the main set of rules for state aid control of the SGEI (2012- Framework on Services of General Economic Interest);

Or. en

Amendment 138

Hannu Takkula, Paavo Väyrynen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Considers that service quality should be assessed on the basis of minimum Europe-wide standards with a view to creating a fully integrated European postal sector;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 139

Isabella De Monte

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

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Amendment

11. Considers that service quality should be assessed on the basis of minimum Europe-wide standards with a view to creating a fully integrated European postal sector; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 140

Daniel Dalton

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Considers that service quality should be assessed on the basis of minimum Europe-wide standards with a view to creating a fully integrated European postal sector; *deleted*

Or. en

Justification

Competitive postal markets are the best guarantors for lower price, higher quality, services. As such the Commission should focus on encouraging innovation in the postal sector, rather than setting minimum standards.

Amendment 141

Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Kosma Złotowski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Considers that service quality should be assessed on the basis of minimum Europe-wide standards with a *deleted*

view to creating a fully integrated European postal sector;

Or. en

Amendment 142
Wim van de Camp

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. *Considers that service quality should be assessed on the basis of minimum Europe-wide standards with a view to creating a fully integrated European postal sector;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 143
Inés Ayala Sender, Lucy Anderson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. *Considers that service quality should be assessed on the basis of minimum Europe-wide standards with a view to creating a fully integrated European postal sector;*

11. *Considers that service quality should be judged in the light of the standards set out in the Directive and the efforts and investment made by the European postal sector in order to increase interoperability and improve service quality.*

Or. es

Amendment 144
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Considers that service quality should be assessed *on the basis of minimum* Europe-wide *standards* with a view to creating a fully integrated European postal sector;

Amendment

11. Considers that service quality should be assessed *by consumers through the procedure of a* Europe-wide *service evaluation network* with a view to creating a fully integrated *and operational* European postal sector;

Or. el

Amendment 145
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Considers that service quality should be assessed on the basis of minimum Europe-wide standards with a view to creating a fully integrated European postal sector;

Amendment

11. Considers that service quality should be assessed on the basis of minimum Europe-wide standards with a view to creating a fully integrated European postal sector *on the benefit of European citizens*;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Marie-Christine Arnautu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Considers that service quality should be assessed on the basis of minimum Europe-wide standards *with a view to creating a fully integrated European postal sector*;

Amendment

11. Considers that service quality should be assessed on the basis of minimum Europe-wide standards;

Amendment 147
Dominique Riquet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Considers that service quality should be assessed on the basis of minimum Europe-wide standards ***with a view to creating a fully integrated European postal sector***;

Amendment

11. Considers that service quality should be assessed on the basis of minimum Europe-wide standards;

Amendment 148
Tania González Peñas, Kateřina Konečná, Stelios Kouloglou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Considers that service quality should be assessed on the basis of ***minimum Europe-wide standards*** with a view to creating a fully ***integrated*** European postal sector;

Amendment

11. Considers that service quality should be assessed on the basis of ***the Postal Services Directive requirements*** with a view to creating a fully ***interconnected*** European postal sector;

Amendment 149
Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Reiterates its support for the Postal

Users Forum, which was established in 2011 by the Commission and aims to facilitate discussion between users, operators, trade unions and other stakeholders on issues including end-user satisfaction, business-user requirements and how to improve e-commerce delivery; is of the opinion that the Forum is very useful and should meet regularly in order to identify potential solutions to improve postal and parcel delivery services;

Or. en

Amendment 150
Isabella De Monte, David-Maria Sassoli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Recognizes the investments made by the European Postal operators to upgrade the interconnectivity of their networks in order to offer new and easy-to-use services to consumers buying online as well as SME e-retailers selling cross border; considers that these investments should be protected with fair access conditions;

Or. en

Amendment 151
Jill Evans
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Invites the Commission, in cooperation with the postal sector, to

consider introducing a step-wise and interoperable approach to facilitate the use of stamps that have been purchased in one member state that can be used in other member state; in a further step, the Commission should assess the possibility of introducing stamps that can be used Europe-wide;

Or. en

Amendment 152
Hannu Takkula, Paavo Väyrynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Recognises the investments made by the European postal operators to upgrade the interconnectivity of their networks in order to offer new and easy-to-use services to consumers buying online as well as SME e-retailers selling cross-border; considers that these investments should be protected with fair access conditions;

Or. en

Amendment 153
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Recalls that the universal service shall evolve in response to the technical economic and social environment and to the needs of users, and that the Postal Services Directive provides Member States with the flexibility necessary to address

local specificities and to ensure universal services' long-term sustainability;

Or. en

Amendment 154
Miltiadis Kyrkos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Recognises the investments made by the European postal operators to upgrade the interconnectivity of their networks in order to offer new and easy-to-use services to consumers buying online as well as SME e-retailers selling cross border; considers that these investments should be protected with fair access conditions;

Or. en

Amendment 155
Tania González Peñas, Kateřina Konečná, Stelios Kouloglou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Recognises the investments made by the European universal postal service operators to upgrade the interconnectivity of their networks in order to offer wide and easy-to-use cross-borders services; considers that these investments should be protected with fair access conditions;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Kosma Złotowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Recognises the investments made by the European postal sector to upgrade the interconnectivity of their networks in order to offer new and easy-to-use services to SME e-retailers selling cross border; considers that these investments should be protected with fair access conditions.

Or. en

Amendment 157
Claudia Tapardel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Recognises the investments made by European postal operators to upgrade the interconnectivity of their networks in order to provide new and user-friendly services to their customers who make on-line purchases and to cross-border e-tailers (SMEs);

Or. ro

Amendment 158
Dominique Riquet, Pavel Telička

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. *Notes that operators are endeavouring to improve their network interconnections and in that way boost online trade on a Europe-wide scale;*

Or. fr

Amendment 159
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. *Recognises the investments made by the European postal operators to upgrade the interconnectivity of their networks in order to offer new and easy-to-use services to consumers buying online as well as SME e-retailers selling cross border; considers that these investments should be protected with fair access conditions;*

Or. en

Justification

In 2012 postal operators have committed to improve their cross-border parcel offers and launched a several year project which is now effective. It addressed the concerns of the Commission on quality of service, track and trace, small e-retailers (delivery options, easy return solutions) and customer service.

Amendment 160
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Asks the Member States to ensure the interoperability of **regional** postal networks and, where several universal service providers exist, to prevent impediments to the transport of postal items;

Amendment

12. Asks the Member States to ensure the interoperability of postal networks and, where several universal service providers exist, to prevent impediments to the transport of postal items **and to allow small and medium-sized enterprises access to the financially attractive services in cross-border deliveries by increasing the transparency of the tariffs applied by the postal operators**;

Or. en

Amendment 161
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Asks the Member States to ensure the interoperability of regional postal networks and, where several universal service providers exist, to prevent impediments to the transport of postal items;

Amendment

12. Asks the Member States to ensure the interoperability **and upgrading** of regional postal networks and, where several universal service providers exist, to prevent impediments to the transport of postal items;

Or. el

Amendment 162
Andor Deli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers that parcel delivery is a highly competitive, innovative and fast-growing sector, and that any new regulation in the parcel delivery market

Amendment

13. Considers that parcel delivery is a highly competitive, innovative and fast-growing sector, and that any new regulation in the parcel delivery market

must therefore be proportionate and supported by sound economic evidence;

must therefore be proportionate and supported by sound economic evidence, *in this respect we should consider using all advantages offered by remotely piloted aircraft systems (drones), the development and use of which could ease the delivery of postal services especially in low population density, isolated and distant areas while also taking into account safety and environmental aspects;*

Or. en

Amendment 163

Dominique Riquet, Pavel Telička

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers that parcel delivery is a highly competitive, innovative and fast-growing sector, and that any new regulation in the parcel delivery market must therefore be proportionate and supported by sound economic evidence;

Amendment

13. Considers that parcel delivery is a highly competitive, innovative and fast-growing sector; *notes that opening this sector up to competition has thus boosted the development of value-added services such as track-and-trace, pick-up/drop-off locations, the possibility of choosing a delivery time, and suitable return procedures; consequently believes* that any new regulation in the parcel delivery market must therefore be proportionate and supported by sound economic evidence;

Or. fr

Amendment 164

Lucy Anderson, Theresa Griffin, Hugues Bayet, Inés Ayala Sender, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Isabella De Monte

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers that parcel delivery is a highly competitive, innovative and fast-growing sector, **and** that any new regulation in the parcel delivery market must **therefore** be proportionate **and supported by sound economic evidence**;

Amendment

13. Considers that parcel delivery is a highly competitive, innovative and fast-growing sector; **notes the importance of affordable and reliable parcel delivery services in realising the full potential of the Digital Single Market**; believes that any new regulation in the parcel delivery market must be proportionate **whilst effectively addressing the problems faced by retailers and consumers, protecting employment rights, tackling social exclusion and encouraging environmental sustainability**;

Or. en

Amendment 165
Olga Sehnalová

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers that parcel delivery is a highly competitive, innovative and fast-growing sector, **and** that any new regulation in the parcel delivery market must **therefore** be proportionate **and supported by sound economic evidence**;

Amendment

13. Considers that parcel delivery is a highly competitive, innovative and fast-growing sector; **notes the importance of affordable and reliable parcel delivery services in realising the full potential of the Digital Single Market**; believes that any new regulation in the parcel delivery market must be proportionate **whilst effectively addressing the problems faced by retailers and consumers, protecting employment rights, tackling social exclusion and encouraging environmental sustainability**;

Or. en

Amendment 166
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers that parcel delivery is a highly competitive, innovative and fast-growing sector, and that any new regulation in the parcel delivery market must therefore be proportionate and **supported** by sound economic evidence;

Amendment

13. Considers that parcel delivery is a highly competitive, innovative and fast-growing sector, and that any new regulation in the parcel delivery market must therefore be proportionate and **operational and be accompanied in all cases** by sound economic evidence;

Or. el

Amendment 167
Jutta Steinruck, Lucy Anderson, Ismail Ertug

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers that parcel delivery is a highly competitive, innovative and fast-growing sector, and that any new regulation in the parcel delivery market must therefore be proportionate and supported by sound economic evidence;

Amendment

13. Considers that parcel delivery is a highly competitive, innovative and fast-growing sector, and that any new regulation in the parcel delivery market must therefore be proportionate and supported by sound economic **and labour market** evidence;

Or. en

Amendment 168
Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Kosma Złotowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Considers that the dynamics of the highly competitive, innovative and fast-growing parcel market should not be

hampered by unjustified regulation and unnecessary bureaucracy;

Or. en

Amendment 169
Jill Seymour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Encourages the Commission to strengthen market oversight of parcel delivery, specifically by improving national regulators' capacity to assess competition and identify anti-competitive practices;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 170
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Encourages the Commission to strengthen market oversight of parcel delivery, specifically by improving national regulators' capacity to assess competition and identify anti-competitive practices;

14. Calls on the Commission to strengthen market oversight of parcel delivery, specifically by improving national regulators' capacity to assess competition and identify anti-competitive and monopolistic practices without undermining the competence of the national competition authorities; encourages to increase the transparency of the tariffs and services availability, in particular for the retail customers and small and medium-sized enterprises;

Or. en

Amendment 171
Dominique Riquet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Encourages the Commission to strengthen market oversight of parcel delivery, specifically by improving national regulators' capacity to assess competition and identify anti-competitive practices;

Amendment

14. Encourages the Commission to strengthen market oversight of parcel delivery, specifically by improving national regulators' capacity to assess competition and identify anti-competitive practices; ***has doubts about the integrated delivery policies of large e-retailers' websites, not least as regards the cost of delivery, the way in which this is factored into the sale price, and the possibility that some of the practices involved might be tantamount to dumping;***

Or. fr

Amendment 172
Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Encourages the Commission to strengthen market oversight of parcel delivery, specifically by improving national regulators' capacity to assess competition and identify anti-competitive practices;

Amendment

14. Encourages the Commission to strengthen market oversight of parcel delivery, specifically by improving national regulators' capacity to assess competition, ***affordability of cross-border tariffs*** and identify anti-competitive practices;

Or. en

Amendment 173
Merja Kyllönen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Encourages the Commission to **strengthen** market oversight of parcel delivery, **specifically by improving** national regulators' capacity to assess competition and identify anti-competitive practices;

Amendment

14. Encourages the Commission to **develop** market oversight of parcel delivery **in a risk- and performance-based direction, and to improve** national regulators' capacity to assess competition and identify anti-competitive practices;

Or. fi

Amendment 174
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. **Encourages** the Commission to **strengthen market oversight of parcel delivery, specifically by improving** national regulators' capacity to assess competition and identify anti-competitive practices;

Amendment

14. **Recommends that** the Commission, **always working in perfect cooperation with the** national **regulatory authorities**, assess competition and identify anti-competitive practices;

Or. el

Amendment 175
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Encourages the Commission to strengthen market oversight of parcel delivery, specifically by improving national regulators' capacity to assess competition and identify anti-competitive practices;

Amendment

14. **Strongly** encourages the Commission to strengthen market oversight of parcel delivery, specifically by improving national regulators' capacity to assess competition and identify anti-competitive practices;

Amendment 176

Lucy Anderson, Hugues Bayet, Theresa Griffin, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Isabella De Monte

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Encourages the Commission to strengthen market oversight of parcel delivery, specifically by improving national regulators' capacity to *assess competition and identify* anti-competitive practices;

Amendment

14. Encourages the Commission to strengthen market oversight of parcel delivery *where necessary*, specifically by improving national regulators' capacity to *identify unfair* anti-competitive practices;

Amendment 177

Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Róża Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Welcomes the Commission's proposal on transparent and non-discriminatory cross-border access to all network elements, associated facilities, relevant services and information systems of postal networks for third parties; believes that efficient use of infrastructure could bring economic gains for Universal Service Providers and increase competition in the cross-border delivery;

Amendment 178

Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to collect more data on the parcel delivery market in order to better assess the development of this economic sector and its structural development;

Or. en

Amendment 179
Merja Kyllönen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Stresses the importance of improving consumer confidence and trust in cross-border delivery; considers that greater transparency as regards delivery options, modalities and quality/performance (speed, geographical coverage, delays and the handling of damaged or lost items), as well as trust labels, could address the lack of confidence;

15. Stresses the importance of improving consumer confidence and trust in cross-border delivery; considers that greater transparency as regards delivery options, modalities and quality/performance (speed, geographical coverage, delays and the handling of damaged or lost items), as well as trust labels, **and ensuring better protection of consumers' rights when various disruptions occur**, could address the lack of confidence;

Or. fi

Amendment 180
Daniela Aiuto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses the importance of improving *consumer confidence* and *trust* in *cross-border delivery*; considers that greater transparency as regards delivery options, modalities and quality/performance (speed, geographical coverage, delays and the handling of damaged or lost items), as well as trust labels, could address the lack of confidence;

Amendment

15. Stresses the importance of improving *the quality* and *efficiency of the service* in *order to restore an adequate level of consumer confidence*; considers that greater transparency as regards delivery options, modalities and quality/performance (speed, geographical coverage, delays and the handling of damaged or lost items), as well as trust labels, could address the lack of confidence;

Or. it

Amendment 181

Lucy Anderson, Olga Sehnalová, Hugues Bayet, Theresa Griffin, Inés Ayala Sender, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Isabella De Monte

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15**

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses the importance of improving consumer confidence and trust in cross-border delivery; considers that greater transparency as regards delivery options, modalities and quality/performance (speed, geographical coverage, delays and the handling of damaged or lost items), as well as trust labels, could address the lack of confidence;

Amendment

15. Stresses the importance of improving consumer confidence and trust in cross-border delivery; considers that greater transparency as regards *prices*, delivery options, modalities and quality/performance (speed, geographical coverage, delays and the handling of damaged or lost items), as well as trust labels, could address the lack of confidence;

Or. en

**Amendment 182
Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16**

Motion for a resolution

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable cross-border delivery prices ***in closing the*** gap between domestic and cross-border prices; calls on the ***Commission to explore why*** prices on some cross-border routes are higher in one direction than the other;

Amendment

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable cross-border delivery prices, ***particularly for SMEs and consumers and recognises the perfectly logical*** gap between domestic and cross-border prices; Calls on the ***national regulatory authorities to analyse the affordability of prices in universal service products which display and unwarranted gap between domestic and cross-border prices;***

Or. es

Amendment 183
Dominique Riquet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of ***affordable cross-border delivery prices in closing*** the gap between domestic and cross-border prices; ***calls on the Commission to explore why prices on some cross-border routes are higher in one direction than the other;***

Amendment

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of ***reducing*** the gap between domestic and cross-border prices ***and of watching out for inordinate disparities;***

Or. fr

Amendment 184
Isabella De Monte

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Asks the Member States **and the Commission** to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable cross-border delivery prices **in closing the gap between domestic and cross-border prices**; calls on the **Commission to explore why prices on some cross-border routes are higher in one direction than the other**;

Amendment

16. Asks the Member States to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable cross-border delivery prices, **especially for consumers and SMEs where necessary**; calls on the **National Regulatory Authorities to access the affordability of prices in some cross border routes in case of apparent and unreasonable anomalies on an ad-hoc basis**.

Or. en

Amendment 185
Jill Seymour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable cross-border delivery prices in closing the gap between domestic and cross-border prices; **calls on the Commission to explore why prices on some cross-border routes are higher in one direction than the other**;

Amendment

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable cross-border delivery prices in closing the gap between domestic and cross-border prices;

Or. en

Amendment 186

Lucy Anderson, Theresa Griffin, Hugues Bayet, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Isabella De Monte

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable cross-border delivery prices **in** closing the gap between domestic and cross-border prices; calls on the Commission to explore why prices on some cross-border routes are **higher in one direction** than the **other**;

Amendment

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of **ensuring** affordable cross-border delivery prices **and** closing the gap between domestic and cross-border prices, **particularly for consumers and SMEs**; calls on the Commission to **work with NRAs to** explore why prices on some cross-border routes are **considerably higher** than the **EU average**;

Or. en

Amendment 187

Pavel Telička, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable cross-border delivery prices **in closing the gap between** domestic and **cross-border prices**; calls on the Commission to explore why prices on some cross-border routes are higher in one direction than the other;

Amendment

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable cross-border delivery prices **and supports measures that increase consumer awareness and capacity to compare** domestic and **cross-border price structure**; calls on the Commission to explore why prices on some cross-border routes are higher in one

direction than the other;

Or. en

Amendment 188

Jill Evans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable cross-border delivery prices in closing the gap between domestic and cross-border prices; calls on the Commission to explore why prices on some cross-border routes are higher in one direction than the other;

Amendment

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve **affordability, barrier-free accessibility and in particular** transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable cross-border delivery prices in closing the gap between domestic and cross-border prices; calls on the Commission to explore why prices on some cross-border routes are higher in one direction than the other;

Or. en

Amendment 189

Daniel Dalton

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards pricing **conditions** and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable cross-border delivery prices **in closing the gap between domestic and cross-border prices; calls on**

Amendment

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards **public** pricing and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable cross-border delivery prices, **calls on the NRAs to explore why the multiples between**

*the Commission to explore why prices on some cross-border routes are higher **in one direction than the other**;*

*domestic and cross-border public prices on some cross-border routes are **considerably higher than the EU average; this should be done in accordance with the principle of proportionality**;*

Or. en

Justification

The national regulator, rather than the Commission, should assess the affordability of public prices in those cases where there are clear and unreasonable anomalies.

Amendment 190 **José Blanco López**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 16**

Motion for a resolution

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable cross-border delivery prices in closing the gap between domestic and cross-border prices; calls on the Commission to explore why prices on some cross-border routes are higher in one direction than the other;

Amendment

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable cross-border delivery prices in closing the gap between domestic and cross-border prices; calls on the Commission to explore why prices on some cross-border routes are higher in one direction than the other **and to come up with measures to eliminate such differences**;

Or. es

Amendment 191 **Notis Marias**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 16**

Motion for a resolution

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable cross-border delivery prices in closing the gap between domestic and cross-border prices; calls on the Commission to explore why prices on some cross-border routes are higher in one direction than the other;

Amendment

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), ***through the evaluation thereof chiefly by consumers***, especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable cross-border delivery prices in closing the gap between domestic and cross-border prices; calls on the Commission to explore why prices on some cross-border routes are higher in one direction than the other;

Or. el

Amendment 192

Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Kosma Złotowski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable ***cross-border*** delivery prices ***in closing the gap between domestic and cross-border prices***; calls on the ***Commission to explore why prices on some cross-border routes are higher in one direction than the other***;

Amendment

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce ***where necessary***; stresses the importance of affordable ***cross-border*** delivery prices, ***especially for consumers and SMEs***; calls on the ***National Regulatory Authorities to assess the affordability of prices in some cross-border routes in cases of apparent and unreasonable anomalies on an ad-hoc basis***

Or. en

Amendment 193
Wim van de Camp

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Asks the Member States **and the Commission** to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable **cross-border** delivery prices **in closing the gap between domestic and cross-border prices**; calls on the **Commission to explore why prices on some cross-border routes are higher in one direction than the other**;

Amendment

16. Asks the Member States to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially when it comes to e-commerce **where necessary**; stresses the importance of affordable **cross-border** delivery prices, **especially for consumers and SMEs**; calls on the **National Regulatory Authorities to assess why the multiples between domestic and cross-border public prices on some cross-border are considerably higher**;

Or. en

Amendment 194
Tania González Peñas, Kateřina Konečná, Stelios Kouloglou, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), **especially when it comes to e-commerce**; stresses the importance of affordable cross-border delivery prices **in closing the gap between domestic and cross-border prices**; calls on the **Commission to explore why prices on some cross-border routes are higher in one direction than the other**;

Amendment

16. Asks the Member States and the Commission to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability); stresses the importance of **setting** affordable cross-border delivery prices **while internalizing economic and environmental costs**; calls on the **National Regulatory Authorities to assess affordability of prices in cross-border routes in cases of apparent unreasonable anomalies on an ad-hoc basis**;

Or. en

Amendment 195
Claudia Tapardel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Asks the Member States **and the Commission** to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially **when it comes to** e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable cross-border delivery prices **in closing the gap between domestic and cross-border prices; calls on the Commission to explore why prices on some cross-border routes are higher in one direction than the other;**

Amendment

16. Asks the Member States to improve transparency as regards pricing conditions and service performance (delivery options, final delivery, reliability), especially **in the case of** e-commerce; stresses the importance of affordable cross-border delivery prices, **especially for consumers and SMEs; calls on the national authorities to regulate and evaluate the affordability of prices for certain cross-border routes in cases where manifest and unreasonable price anomalies appear;**

Or. ro

Amendment 196
Daniela Aiuto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

16a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to identify best practice for the traceability of deliveries, whilst ensuring there is an option for delivery status information to be provided in real time, through digital systems, and providing contact information for the operators responsible;

Amendment

Or. it

Amendment 197
Gesine Meissner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. *Notes the diversity of the European parcel markets with respect to competition, services and prices for cross-border delivery services; asks for transparency checks only where prices are not controlled by competition or unreasonably high, in order to avoid adding costs and red tape;*

Or. en

Amendment 198
Jill Seymour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. *Calls on the Commission to promote the strategy on e-commerce and cross-border parcel delivery and to establish joint delivery service quality indicators so that consumers can compare offers from different service providers; suggests improving interoperability along the delivery chain and developing best practices for e-retailers;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 199
Jill Evans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Calls on the Commission to promote the strategy on e-commerce and cross-border parcel delivery and to establish joint delivery service quality indicators so that consumers can compare offers from different service providers; suggests improving interoperability along the delivery chain and developing best practices for e-retailers;

Amendment

17. Calls on the Commission to promote the strategy on e-commerce and cross-border parcel delivery and to establish joint delivery service quality indicators so that consumers can compare offers *easily* from different service providers *on the basis of price, service options, punctuality etc.*; suggests improving interoperability along the delivery chain and developing best practices for e-retailers; *discourages pre-selection of delivery options by retailers and encourages free choice by customers*;

Or. en

Amendment 200
Henna Virkkunen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Calls on the Commission to promote the strategy on e-commerce and cross-border parcel delivery *and to establish joint delivery service quality indicators so that consumers can compare offers from different service providers*; suggests improving interoperability along the delivery chain and developing best practices for e-retailers;

Amendment

17. Calls on the Commission to promote the strategy on e-commerce and cross-border parcel delivery; suggests improving interoperability along the delivery chain and developing best practices for e-retailers;

Or. en

Amendment 201
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Calls on the Commission to promote the strategy on e-commerce and cross-border parcel delivery and to establish joint delivery service quality indicators so that consumers can compare offers from different service providers; suggests improving interoperability along the delivery chain and developing best practices for e-retailers;

Amendment

17. Calls on the Commission to promote the strategy on e-commerce and cross-border parcel delivery and to establish joint ***monitored and publicly available*** delivery service quality indicators so that consumers can compare offers from different service providers; suggests improving interoperability along the delivery chain and developing best practices for e-retailers;

Or. en

Amendment 202
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Calls on the Commission to promote the strategy on e-commerce and cross-border parcel delivery and to establish joint delivery service quality indicators so that consumers can compare offers from different service providers; suggests improving interoperability along the delivery chain and developing best practices for e-retailers;

Amendment

17. Calls on the Commission to promote the strategy on e-commerce and cross-border parcel delivery and to establish joint delivery service quality indicators so that consumers can ***without hindrance and at any moment*** compare offers from different service providers; suggests improving interoperability along the delivery chain and developing best practices for e-retailers;

Or. el

Amendment 203
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Calls on the Commission to promote the strategy on e-commerce and cross-border parcel delivery **and to establish joint delivery service quality indicators** so that consumers can compare offers from different service providers; suggests **improving** interoperability along the delivery chain and developing best practices for e-retailers;

Amendment

17. Calls on the Commission to promote the strategy on e-commerce and cross-border parcel delivery **and promote the use of open tools** so that consumers can compare offers from different service providers; suggests **facilitating** interoperability along the delivery chain and developing best practices for e-retailers;

Or. es

Amendment 204

Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Róża Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Highlights that the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Directive and the online platform established by Regulation (EU) No 524/2013 on online dispute resolution for consumer disputes may benefit consumers and businesses in cross-border transactions; is concerned that, despite the July 2015 transposition deadline, only 24 Member States have so far transposed the ADR Directive and consequently millions of European citizens are being deprived of this important redress mechanism;

Or. en

Amendment 205

Lucy Anderson, Hugues Bayet, Theresa Griffin, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Isabella De Monte

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. *Underlines the potential role of EU funding mechanisms such as Horizon 2020 , CEF and the European Structural and Investment Fund in facilitating innovation in postal and delivery services including e-commerce options of benefit for consumers, the environment and SMEs and solutions with social inclusion and accessibility objectives;*

Or. en

Amendment 206
Dominique Riquet, Pavel Telička

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. *Maintains that complaint procedures and dispute settlement arrangements need to be simple and effective and apply on a cross-border basis;*

Or. fr

Amendment 207
Jill Seymour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Encourages the Member States to support cost reductions by improving the interoperability of parcel dispatch and collection processes, *and to develop European standards for integrated tracking systems; recalls the need to*

18. Encourages the Member States to support cost reductions by improving the interoperability of parcel dispatch and collection processes;

promote the quality, reliability and sustainability of integrated logistics services; encourages the creation of platforms for cooperation and information exchange between delivery operators;

Or. en

Amendment 208

Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Kosma Złotowski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. *Encourages the Member States to support cost reductions by improving the interoperability of parcel dispatch and collection processes, and to develop European standards for integrated tracking systems; recalls the need to promote the quality, reliability and sustainability of integrated logistics services; encourages the creation of platforms for cooperation and information exchange between delivery operators;*

Amendment

18. *Appreciates the progress made by the industry in serving consumers and SMEs across the borders by enhancing interoperability, track and trace, more choices of delivery options and return solutions; evaluate the progress as confirming the market approach supported and requested by the European Parliament;*

Or. en

Amendment 209

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Encourages the Member States to support cost reductions by improving the interoperability of parcel dispatch and collection processes, and to develop European standards for integrated tracking

Amendment

18. Encourages the Member States to support cost reductions by improving the interoperability of parcel dispatch and collection processes, and to develop European standards for integrated tracking

systems; recalls the need to promote the quality, reliability and sustainability of integrated logistics services; encourages the creation of platforms for cooperation and information exchange between delivery operators;

systems; recalls the need to promote the quality, reliability and sustainability of integrated logistics services; encourages the creation of platforms for cooperation and information exchange between delivery operators *and consumers*;

Or. el

Amendment 210
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Encourages the Member States to support cost reductions by improving the interoperability of parcel dispatch and collection processes, and to develop European standards for integrated tracking systems; recalls the need to promote the quality, reliability and sustainability of integrated logistics services; encourages *the creation of* platforms for cooperation and information exchange between delivery operators;

Amendment

18. Encourages the Member States to support cost reductions by improving the interoperability of parcel dispatch and collection processes, and to develop European standards for integrated tracking systems; recalls the need to promote the quality, reliability and sustainability of integrated logistics services; encourages *to use the* platforms for cooperation and information exchange between delivery operators;

Or. en

Amendment 211
Jill Evans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to investigate the functioning of cross-border parcel delivery in accordance with the various rules resulting from either international *trade* agreements (e.g. the rules of the Universal

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to investigate the functioning of cross-border parcel delivery in accordance with the various rules resulting from either international agreements (e.g. the rules of the Universal

Postal Union (UPU) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) or EU law (e.g. the Union Customs Code), especially the universal service obligation, which can be misused and create *market distortion*;

Postal Union (UPU) and the *Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF)*, International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), *the International Labour Organisation (ILO)*) or EU law (e.g. the Union Customs Code), especially the universal service obligation, which can be misused and create *unfair competition to the disadvantage of more sustainable providers*;

Or. en

Amendment 212
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to investigate the functioning of cross-border parcel delivery in accordance with the various rules resulting from either international trade agreements (e.g. the rules of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) or EU law (e.g. the Union Customs Code), especially the universal service obligation, which can be misused and create market distortion;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to investigate the functioning of cross-border parcel delivery in accordance with the various rules resulting from either international trade agreements (e.g. the rules of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) or EU law (e.g. the Union Customs Code), especially the universal service obligation, which can be misused and create market distortion; *encourages the European Union to apply for membership at the Universal Postal Union in order to achieve a fully integrated European postal sector*;

Or. en

Amendment 213
Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to investigate the functioning of cross-border parcel delivery in accordance with the various rules resulting from either international trade agreements (e.g. the rules of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) or EU law (e.g. the Union Customs Code), especially the universal service obligation, which can be misused and create market distortion;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to investigate the functioning of cross-border parcel delivery in accordance with the various rules resulting from either international trade agreements (e.g. the rules of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) or EU law (e.g. the Union Customs Code), especially the universal service obligation, which can be misused and create market distortion; ***calls on the Commission and the Member States to study and adopt best practice for cross-border delivery and e-commerce;***

Or. hr

Amendment 214

Lucy Anderson, Theresa Griffin, Hugues Bayet, Inés Ayala Sender, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Isabella De Monte

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to investigate the functioning of cross-border parcel delivery in accordance with the various rules resulting from either international trade agreements (e.g. the rules of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) or EU law (e.g. the Union Customs Code), ***especially the universal service obligation, which can be misused and create market distortion;***

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to investigate the functioning of cross-border parcel delivery in accordance with the various rules resulting from either international trade agreements (e.g. the rules of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) or EU law (e.g. the Union Customs Code);

Or. en

Amendment 215
Marie-Christine Arnautu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to investigate the functioning of cross-border parcel delivery in accordance with the various rules resulting from either international trade agreements (e.g. the rules of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) or EU law (e.g. the Union Customs Code), especially the universal service obligation, ***which can be misused and create market distortion***;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to investigate the functioning of cross-border parcel delivery in accordance with the various rules resulting from either international trade agreements (e.g. the rules of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) or EU law (e.g. the Union Customs Code), especially the universal service obligation;

Or. fr

Amendment 216
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ***investigate*** the functioning of cross-border parcel delivery in accordance with the various rules resulting from either international trade agreements (e.g. the rules of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) or EU law (e.g. the Union Customs Code), ***especially*** the universal service obligation, ***which can be misused and create market distortion***;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ***look into*** the functioning of cross-border parcel delivery in accordance with the various rules resulting from either international ***and intergovernmental*** trade agreements (e.g. the rules of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) or EU law (e.g. the Union Customs Code), ***taking particular account of the requirements of third countries regarding*** the universal service obligation;

Or. es

Amendment 217

Jill Seymour

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the *Commission and the* Member States to investigate the functioning of cross-border parcel delivery in accordance with the various rules resulting from either international trade agreements (e.g. the rules of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) or EU law (e.g. the Union Customs Code), especially the universal service obligation, which can be misused and create market distortion;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Member States to investigate the functioning of cross-border parcel delivery in accordance with the various rules resulting from either international trade agreements (e.g. the rules of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) or EU law (e.g. the Union Customs Code), especially the universal service obligation, which can be misused and create market distortion;

Or. en

Amendment 218

Dominique Riquet, Pavel Telička

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Supports the principle of compiling statistics on the parcel delivery market in order to gain a clearer picture of the leading market players, the competition pattern, and market trends;

Or. fr

Amendment 219

Jutta Steinruck, Ismail Ertug, Lucy Anderson

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the Member States to ensure decent working conditions for all employees in the postal services sector; ***recommends close monitoring of*** whether labour-market-related developments in the postal services sector comply with national law;

Amendment

20. Calls on the Member States to ensure decent working conditions for all employees in the postal services sector ***irrespective of whether their employment status is self-employed, subcontractor, temporary staff member or contract worker; calls on the Commission and Member States to closely monitor*** whether labour-market-related developments in the postal services sector comply with national law ***as well as to elaborate new means of automated postal deliveries, their impact on working conditions and employment and to assess the need for the modernisation of social and employment legislation to stay abreast of changes in the postal sector; encourages social partners to likewise update collective agreements where necessary so that high working and employment standards in the workplace can be ensured; highlights in this regard the importance of strong and independent social partners in the postal sector, an institutionalized social dialogue and the participation of employees in company matters;***

Or. en

Amendment 220
Henna Virkkunen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the Member States to ensure decent working conditions for all employees in the postal services sector; ***recommends close monitoring of whether labour-market-related developments in the postal services sector comply with national law;***

Amendment

20. Calls on the Member States to ensure decent working conditions for all employees in the postal services sector;

Amendment 221

Tania González Peñas, Kateřina Konečná, Stelios Kouloglou, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the Member States to ensure decent working conditions for all employees in the postal services sector; recommends close monitoring of whether labour-market-related developments in the postal services sector comply with national law;

Amendment

20. Calls on the Member States to ensure decent working conditions for all employees in the postal services sector; recommends close monitoring of whether labour-market-related developments in the postal services sector comply with ***Union and*** national law, ***administrative provisions and collective agreements negotiated by social partners***;

Amendment 222

Daniela Aiuto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the Member States to ensure decent working conditions for all employees in the postal services sector; recommends close monitoring of whether labour-market-related developments in the postal services sector comply with national law;

Amendment

20. Calls on the Member States to ensure decent working conditions for all employees in the postal services sector, ***ensuring equal access and treatment for men and women***; recommends close monitoring of whether labour-market-related developments in the postal services sector comply with national law;

Amendment 223

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the Member States to ensure decent working conditions for all employees in the postal services sector; recommends close monitoring of whether labour-market-related developments in the postal services sector comply with national law;

Amendment

20. Calls on the Member States to ensure decent working conditions for all employees in the postal services sector, ***with full respect for labour and social rights***; recommends close monitoring of whether labour-market-related developments in the postal services sector comply with national law;

Or. el

Amendment 224
Jutta Steinruck, Ismail Ertug, Lucy Anderson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Stresses the importance of monitoring compliance with mandatory driving and resting times as well as working hours in the postal sector; recalls that all tasks in relation to the activity of an employee are to be considered working time; stresses likewise the importance of monitoring compliance with European standards regarding the protection of health and safety at work, including conditions in vehicles, for all people involved in postal deliveries irrespective of whether their employment status is self-employed, subcontractor, temporary staff member or contract worker; believes that monitoring should take place by means of digital monitoring devices installed in the vehicle;

Or. en

Amendment 225

Daniela Aiuto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. *Points out that in the postal services sector there are often cases of social dumping and calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt suitable measures to prevent such unfair practices which distort competition and harm small and medium-sized enterprises in particular;*

Or. it

Amendment 226

Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. *Takes note that the liberalization of the postal sector has in some Member States led to substantial differences in working conditions and wages between universal service providers and competing companies providing specific postal services;*

Or. en

Amendment 227

Marie-Christine Arnautu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. *Calls on the Commission to put an*

end to the posted worker system, which is exacerbating unemployment among local wage-earners and making posted workers vulnerable to exploitation;

Or. fr

Amendment 228

Jutta Steinruck, Ismail Ertug, Lucy Anderson

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. Stresses that the key to a socially sustainable transformation and adaptation in the postal sector lies in employee training; regards it as the employer's task to acquaint employees properly with new technologies such as IT and tracking applications; stresses that in the case of temporary contracts, the agency supplying the staff must give them adequate preparation and training;

Or. en

Amendment 229

Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Notes that in recent years technological advances and digitalisation have transformed the postal services sector and that the modernisation and diversification of postal services has had a major impact on working conditions and employment in the sector;

Or. en

Amendment 230
Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to compile more data on workforce size and working conditions in the postal service sector to better assess the actual situation following the complete opening up of the markets and respond promptly to developments and to tackle potential problems;

Or. en

Amendment 231
Marie-Christine Arnautu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to take stronger measures to combat undeclared work and the exploitation of posted workers;

Or. fr

Amendment 232
Jill Evans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Considers that increased competition should not generate illegal

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social practices or lead to the degradation of working conditions;

social practices or lead to the degradation of working conditions; ***calls on the Commission to closely monitor market developments, in particular new business models that downgrade job quality and security and to prevent the potential for social dumping, deterioration of social standards; calls on the Commission and Member States to guarantee coherent enforcement of all legal provisions by all operators;***

Or. en

Amendment 233

Jutta Steinruck, Ismail Ertug, Lucy Anderson

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Considers that increased competition should not generate illegal social practices or lead to the degradation of working conditions;

Amendment

21. Considers that increased competition should not generate illegal social practices or lead to the degradation of working conditions; ***is concerned about the already extremely high amount of outsourcing in the postal sector and the frequently accompanying evasion of working and employment standards; highlights in this context the long-term social and financial implications of precarious employment for individuals as well as social security systems;***

Or. en

Amendment 234

Tania González Peñas, Kateřina Konečná, Stelios Kouloglou, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Considers that *increased* competition *should not generate illegal social practices or lead to the degradation of working conditions*;

Amendment

21. *Acknowledges the current trends showing a significant increase of low-quality and atypical forms of employment; considers that addressing these unfair competition practices in the EU postal sector shall be a major priority for the Commission and the Member States; calls on the Member States to introduce appropriate control devices and ensure effective implementation of EU and national existing social requirements.*

Or. en

Amendment 235
Merja Kyllönen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

21a. Notes that, if postal undertakings have the opportunity to develop and expand their production innovatively, particularly in peripheral areas, this should also have the effect of promoting employment.

Amendment

Or. fi