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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 276**

**Draft report**  
**Anthea McIntyre**  
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How can the European Union contribute to creating a hospitable environment for enterprises, businesses and start-ups to create jobs?  
(2013/2176(INI))

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*United in diversity*

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**Amendment 1**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 2 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**- having regard to the Small Business Act  
(COM(2008)394),**

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**- having regard to the UK government  
business taskforce report (October 2013),**

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

– having regard to the Commission  
communication on EU regulatory fitness  
(COM(2012)0746),

– having regard to the Commission  
communication on EU regulatory fitness  
(COM(2013)685),

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Philippe De Backer**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**- having regard to the European Parliament resolution ‘Improving access to finance for SMEs’ (T7-0036/2013),**

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Philippe De Backer**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**- having regard to the new programme for Employment and Social innovation (EaSI) which will, amongst others, extend the support given to microcredit providers under the current European Progress Microfinance Facility,**

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**- having regard to the Eurofound report of January 2013 entitled ‘Born global: The potential of job creation in new international businesses’,**

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 11 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**- having regard to the Eurofound report of 2013 entitled ‘Public policy and support for restructuring in SMEs’,**

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 11 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**- having regard to the Eurofound report of 2010 entitled ‘job creation measures’,**

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

A. whereas *it* takes between 13 days (UK) and 40 days (Malta) **to set up a business in Europe<sup>2</sup>**;

A. whereas **on average a business start-up in Europe** takes between 13 days (UK) and 40 days (Malta) **and costs up to 20% of average annual per capita income<sup>2</sup>**;

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<http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/IC.RE.G.DURS>

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<http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/IC.RE.G.DURS><http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/sme/facts-figures->

Or. de

**Amendment 10**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A**

*Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas *it takes* between *13 days (UK) and 40 days (Malta)* to set up a business *in Europe*,<sup>2</sup>

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<http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/IC.RE.G.DURS>

*Amendment*

A. whereas *there are worrying differences* between *member states in the time it takes* to set up a business *ranging from 13 days to 40 days in certain cases*,<sup>2</sup>

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<http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/IC.RE.G.DURS>

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Philippe Boulland**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A**

*Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas it takes *between 13 days (UK) and 40 days (Malta)* to set up a business in Europe,<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>.<http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/IC.RE.G.DURS>.

*Amendment*

A. whereas *the time* it takes to set up a business in Europe *varies between 13 and 40 days*;

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<sup>2</sup>.<http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/IC.RE.G.DURS>.

Or. fr

**Amendment 12**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***B. whereas labour market rigidities have been identified as having a negative impact on job creation;***

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Inês Cristina Zuber**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

B. whereas labour market ***rigidities have*** been identified as having a ***negative*** impact on ***job creation***;

B. whereas ***the creation of a skilled*** labour market, ***with motivated workers whose social and labour rights are guaranteed,*** ***has*** been identified as having a ***positive*** impact on ***companies' success***;

Or. pt

**Amendment 14**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

B. whereas labour ***market rigidities have*** been identified as having a ***negative*** impact on job creation;

B. whereas labour ***standards that combine flexibility and job security can provide a more favourable framework for*** job creation;

Or. es

**Amendment 15**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas labour market rigidities have been identified as having a negative impact on **job creation**;

*Amendment*

B. whereas labour market rigidities have been identified **in some countries** as having a negative impact on **an inclusive labour market where there is a divide between insiders and outsiders in terms of security**;

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Danuta Jazłowiecka**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas labour market rigidities have been identified as having a negative impact on job creation;

*Amendment*

B. whereas **various factors such as** labour market rigidities, **high labour costs, red tape** have been identified as having a negative impact on job creation;

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Danuta Jazłowiecka**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C**

*Motion for a resolution*

C. whereas the single market can play a key role in achieving the Europe 2020

*Amendment*

C. whereas the single market **and European human resources potential** can



employment targets;

play a key role in achieving the Europe  
2020 employment targets;

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

D. whereas SMEs are the backbone of the EU economy and have a huge potential for job creation;

*Amendment*

D. whereas SMEs are the backbone of the EU economy and have a huge potential for job creation ***being responsible for 85% of the newly created jobs;***

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ea. whereas the cost per employee to comply with regulatory obligations can be up to ten times higher for SMEs than for large businesses (COM(2011)803);***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ea. whereas due to the financial crisis, and the credit crunch that arose in consequence SMEs are facing the highest cost of credit and the contraction of its availability. Whereas according to the Institute of International Finance smaller businesses in the peripheral countries are paying between 4 and 6 percentage points more for bank lending than their counterparts in central Europe, putting them in significant disadvantage and thus hampering the region's prospects for economic revival and net job creation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Eb. whereas corporate bond, equity and securitisation markets in Europe remain relatively underdeveloped compared to other economies, and non-bank financing remains largely inaccessible to SMEs, undermining their potential to grow and create jobs;***

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ec. whereas with a heavy dependence on domestic markets, SMEs have been coping with a sharp drop in demand while facing a bigger struggle than larger companies to establish export markets or find new ones;*

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ed. whereas SMEs are highly diverse and therefore require tailor made programmes throughout their whole lifecycle that take appropriately into account their size/turnover and financial needs;*

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Eb. whereas the effective provision of services is crucial for future growth, innovation and job creation;*

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, Konstantinos Poupakis**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Eb. whereas while we have the best educated generation of youth in Europe's history, and member states have invested huge amounts of money in education and training, our youth are largely cut-off from the labour market and their skills remain unused as they compete for temporary and underpaid positions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Phil Bennion**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ea. notes the important role played by the European Social Fund in assisting Member States to provide opportunities and training for unemployed people to re-enter the labour market;***

Or. en

**Amendment 27**  
**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, Konstantinos Poupakis**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ea. whereas the unemployment rate for young Europeans (15-24) reaches the***

*unsustainable rate of 23% and is above 50% in those member states most severely hit by the crisis; whereas this massive youth unemployment leads to a huge brain drain and significantly undermines our capacity for sustainable growth in the future;*

Or. en

**Amendment 28**  
**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, Konstantinos Poupakis**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ec. whereas the EU is threatened by the prospect of 'jobless growth' which will further undermine the social and economic fabric of our societies as well as the long-term prospects of the EU competing on an equal footing within a globalized knowledge-based economy;*

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Job creation*

*(Does not affect English version)*

Or. de

**Amendment 30**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

## Motion for a resolution

### Paragraph 1

#### *Motion for a resolution*

1. Is concerned at the cost, complexity and time involved in establishing a business in some parts of Europe; believes that if the EU is to regain competitiveness, Member States must work to simplify and speed up this process;

#### *Amendment*

1. Is concerned at the cost, complexity and time involved in establishing a business in some parts of Europe; believes that if the EU is to regain competitiveness, Member States must work to simplify and speed up this process ***and make it less costly***;

Or. de

## Amendment 31

Heinz K. Becker

## Motion for a resolution

### Paragraph 1

#### *Motion for a resolution*

1. Is concerned at the cost, complexity and time involved in establishing a business in some parts of Europe; believes that if the EU is to regain competitiveness, Member States must work to simplify and speed up this process;

#### *Amendment*

1. Is concerned at the cost, complexity and time involved in establishing a business in some parts of Europe; believes that if the EU is to regain competitiveness, Member States must work to simplify and speed up this process ***and to offer adequate assistance and support arrangements***;

Or. de

## Amendment 32

Phil Bennion

## Motion for a resolution

### Paragraph 1

#### *Motion for a resolution*

1. Is concerned at the cost, complexity and time involved in establishing a business in some parts of ***Europe***; believes that if the EU is to ***regain*** competitiveness, Member States must work to simplify and speed up

#### *Amendment*

1. Is concerned at the cost, complexity and time involved in establishing a business in some parts of ***the European Union***; believes that if the EU is to ***improve its*** competitiveness, Member States must work

this process;

to simplify and speed up this process;

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***1a. Notes that young enterprises that quickly and intensively internationalise after start-up show promising contributions to the economy by creating innovation themselves, fostering innovation in other companies, engaging in international supply chains and creating sustainable and good quality jobs. Stresses however, that these companies are confronted with considerable challenges in the start-up phase which has to be realised quickly as well as with low levels of capital, so that low-cost, simple and quick start-up procedures would be beneficial for them;***

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

2. Notes that global trends have created competitive pressures as well as opportunities for businesses; stresses the need for Member States to create the right regulatory framework to ***help businesses create jobs;***

2. Notes that global trends have created competitive pressures as well as opportunities for businesses; stresses the need for Member States to create the right regulatory framework to ***foster the creation of sustainable decent work;***

**Amendment 35**

**Phil Bennion**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Notes that global trends have created competitive pressures as well as opportunities for businesses; stresses the need for Member States to create the right regulatory framework to help businesses create jobs;

*Amendment*

2. Notes that global trends have created competitive pressures as well as opportunities for businesses; stresses the need for Member States **and the European Union** to create the right regulatory framework to help businesses create jobs **whilst ensuring a safe working environment**;

Or. en

**Amendment 36**

**Philippe Boulland**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Notes that global trends have created competitive pressures as well as opportunities for businesses; stresses the need for Member States to create the right regulatory framework to help businesses create jobs;

*Amendment*

2. Notes that global trends have created competitive pressures as well as opportunities for businesses; stresses the need for Member States to create the right regulatory **and fiscal** framework to help businesses create jobs;

Or. fr

**Amendment 37**

**Jürgen Creutzmann**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2 a (new)**



*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**2a. Strongly believes that businesses can create jobs only if the right conditions exist, including access to a qualified workforce, availability of flexible contractual arrangements, and keeping administrative burdens to a minimum;**  
*(Moved here from paragraph 15)*

Or. de

**Amendment 38**  
**Philippe Boulland**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Believes that in order to create a hospitable environment for job creation, Member States must, with support from the EU institutions, **address the following factors**: skills, entrepreneurship, **demographics**, market access, **finance** and the labour market;

*Amendment*

3. Believes that in order to create a hospitable environment for job creation, Member States must, with support from the EU institutions, **put in place the reforms needed to promote better matching of skills, entrepreneurship, a better fiscal incentive policy and recognition for training courses and apprenticeships, to mainstream the principles of CSR, to facilitate market access and to make the labour market accessible to all, non-graduates as well as graduates;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 39**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Believes that in order to create a

*Amendment*

3. Believes that in order to create a

hospitable environment for job creation, Member States must, with support from the *EU institutions*, address the following factors: skills, entrepreneurship, demographics, market access, finance *and the labour market*;

hospitable environment for job creation, Member States must, with support from the *European Union*, address the following factors: *skilled workers' levels of qualification*, entrepreneurship, demographics, market access, finance, *SMEs' specific needs and better regulation*;

Or. de

**Amendment 40**  
**Phil Bennion**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Believes that in order to create a hospitable environment for job creation, Member States must, with support from the EU institutions, address the following factors: skills, entrepreneurship, demographics, market access, finance *and the labour market*;

*Amendment*

3. Believes that in order to create a *more* hospitable environment for job creation, Member States must, with support from the EU institutions, address the following factors: skills, entrepreneurship, demographics, market access, finance, *the labour market and excessive national regulation and bureaucracy*;

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Believes that in order to create a hospitable environment for job creation, Member States must, with support from the EU institutions, address the following factors: skills, entrepreneurship, *demographics*, market access, finance and

*Amendment*

3. Believes that in order to create a hospitable environment for job creation, Member States must, with support from the EU institutions, address the following factors: *sustainable public investment, fair competition for social and*

the labour market;

*environmentally responsible enterprises, skills, entrepreneurship, the impact of demographic change, rights at work, taxation shift from labour to environmental taxation, property and consumption, market access, long term finance and the labour market;*

Or. en

**Amendment 42**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Believes that in order to create a hospitable environment for job creation, Member States must, with support from the EU institutions, address the following factors: skills, entrepreneurship, demographics, market access, finance and the labour market;

*Amendment*

3. Believes that in order to create a hospitable environment for job creation, Member States must, with support from the EU institutions *where appropriate*, address the following factors: skills, entrepreneurship, demographics, market access, finance and the labour market;

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Heinz K. Becker**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Believes that in order to create a hospitable environment for job creation, Member States must, with support from the EU institutions, address the following factors: skills, entrepreneurship, demographics, market access, finance and the labour market;

*Amendment*

3. Believes that in order to create a hospitable environment for job creation, Member States must, with support from the EU institutions, address the following factors: skills, entrepreneurship, demographics, market access, *cutting administrative costs*, finance and the labour market;

**Amendment 44**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***3a. Highlights the job potential of the green economy which according to Commission estimates could create 5 million jobs by 2020 in the energy efficiency and renewable energy sectors alone, provided that ambitious climate and energy policies are put in place; calls on the Member States to ensure sufficient levels of investment in these sectors and to anticipate future skills of workers and to guarantee job quality of ‘Green jobs’;***

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Phil Bennion**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***3a. Notes the important role of EU free trade agreements in creating and maintaining investment and jobs in EU member states;***

Or. en

**Amendment 46**  
**Konstantinos Poupakis, Ioannis A. Tsoukalas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**3a. Takes the view that the steady development and deepening of the EU internal market is creating many substantial new opportunities for businesses of all sizes, clearly necessitating flexible framework provisions to promote entrepreneurship and self-employment, while the smooth functioning thereof requires a set of minimum regulatory standards, particularly in respect of public health and safety, health and safety at the workplace, food safety and environmental protection;**

Or. el

**Amendment 47**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Skills***

***Skilled workers' levels of qualification***

Or. de

**Amendment 48**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

4. ***Believes*** the EU is faced ***with serious***

4. ***considers that*** the EU is faced ***with***

skills shortages and mismatches which are hindering *economic growth*;

skills shortages and mismatches *in certain regions and sectors*, which are hindering *the achievement of the objectives of the EU 2020 strategy*;

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Jan Kozłowski**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Believes the EU is faced with serious skills shortages and mismatches which are hindering economic growth;

*Amendment*

4. Believes the EU is faced with serious skills shortages and mismatches which are hindering economic growth; ***notes that in the EU there are over 1.85 million unfilled vacancies; is concerned that the latest results of The Survey of Adult Skills (PIAAC) conducted by OECD and supported by the Commission's DG Education and Culture show that 20% of the EU working age population has low literacy and low numeracy skills and 25% of adults lack the skills to effectively make use of ICTs;***

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Philippe Boulland**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

***4a. Considers that active policies to promote training courses, continuing education, school-business partnerships, and apprenticeships could permit better matching of skills to those sought by businesses;***

**Amendment 51**  
**Philippe Boulland**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Notes the trend towards more skill-intensive jobs, with almost 90 % of jobs expected to be created or become vacant by 2020 requiring medium or high qualifications;

*Amendment*

5. Notes the trend towards more skill-intensive jobs, with almost 90 % of jobs expected to be created or become vacant by 2020 requiring medium or high qualifications; ***notes also that the European trade policy pursued over the last few years has led Europe to specialise in services and advanced technology at the expense of the industrial and agricultural sectors which provide less qualified jobs;***

**Amendment 52**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Notes the trend towards more skill-intensive jobs, with almost 90 % of jobs expected to be created or become vacant by 2020 requiring medium or high qualifications;

*Amendment*

5. Notes the trend towards more skill-intensive jobs, with almost 90 % of jobs expected to be created or become vacant by 2020 requiring medium or high qualifications; ***underlines the importance of investment in education, lifelong learning and labour mobility to fill these jobs with qualified workers;***

**Amendment 53**  
**Konstantinos Poupakis, Ioannis A. Tsoukalas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***5a. Stresses that, while excellence, innovation and human resources are what constitute the comparative advantages of the Union, dwindling investment in research, education and training, coupled with the particularly high unemployment rates in individual Member States and in the euro area, are driving many Europeans to seek employment on other labour markets; stresses that the brain drain is a major obstacle to growth, greater Union competitiveness and measures to promote entrepreneurship;***

Or. el

**Amendment 54**  
**Phil Bennion**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6. Is concerned that Europe's education and training systems are not adapted to businesses' skills needs; notes with concern that in 2015 the estimated shortage of qualified ICT personnel in the EU will rise to between 384 000 and 700 000 and that the supply of science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills will not match the increasing demands of businesses in the coming years;***

***6. Believes that some Member States' education and training systems should be better adapted to businesses' skills needs; notes with concern that in 2015 the estimated shortage of qualified ICT personnel in the EU will rise to between 384 000 and 700 000 and that the supply of science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills will not match the increasing demands of businesses in the coming years;***



## Amendment 55

**Marije Cornelissen**

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 6

##### *Motion for a resolution*

6. **Is concerned** that Europe's education and training systems **are not adapted to** businesses' skills needs; notes with concern that in 2015 the estimated shortage of qualified ICT personnel in the EU will rise to between 384 000 and 700 000 and that the supply of science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills will not match the increasing demands of businesses in the coming years;

##### *Amendment*

6. **stresses** that Europe's education and training systems **should converge with future** businesses' skills needs, **but separately from that have the primary aim to equip the individual with competencies and skills**; notes with concern that in 2015 the estimated shortage of qualified ICT personnel in the EU will rise to between 384 000 and 700 000 and that the supply of science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills will not match the increasing demands of businesses in the coming years; **notes with concern skill shortages and lack of qualified labour needed for working with emerging low-carbon technologies, calls for support for workers with low and obsolete skills because of transforming economies so as to prevent the risk of structural unemployment and inactivity**;

Or. en

## Amendment 56

**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, Konstantinos Poupakis**

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 6

##### *Motion for a resolution*

6. Is concerned that Europe's education and training systems are not adapted to businesses' skills needs; notes with

##### *Amendment*

6. Is concerned that Europe's education and training systems are not adapted to businesses' skills needs; notes with

concern that in 2015 the estimated shortage of qualified ICT personnel in the EU will rise to between 384 000 and 700 000 and that the supply of science, technology, engineering and mathematics *skills* will not match the increasing demands of businesses in the coming years;

concern that in 2015 the estimated shortage of qualified ICT personnel in the EU will rise to between 384 000 and 700 000 and that the supply of *STEM skills* (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) will not match the increasing demands of businesses in the coming years, *while the declining rate of women participating in those subjects has not been properly addressed*;

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Nadja Hirsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Is concerned that Europe's education and training systems are not adapted to businesses' skills needs; notes with concern that in 2015 the estimated shortage of qualified ICT personnel in the EU will rise to between 384 000 and 700 000 and that the supply of science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills will not match the increasing demands of businesses in the coming years;

*Amendment*

6. Is concerned that Europe's education and training systems are not adapted to businesses' skills needs; notes with concern that in 2015 the estimated shortage of qualified ICT personnel in the EU will rise to between 384 000 and 700 000 and that the supply of science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills will not match the increasing demands of businesses in the coming years; *advocates, therefore, that Member States be encouraged to establish dual education and training systems focusing on the STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), fields in which the need for people with professional qualifications is particularly great*;

Or. de

**Amendment 58**  
**Ria Oomen-Ruijten**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Is concerned that Europe's education and training systems are not adapted to businesses' skills needs; notes with concern that in 2015 the estimated shortage of qualified ICT personnel in the EU will rise to between 384 000 and 700 000 and that the supply of science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills will not match the increasing demands of businesses in the coming years;

*Amendment*

6. Is concerned that Europe's education and training systems are not adapted to businesses' skills needs; notes with concern that in 2015 the estimated shortage of qualified ICT personnel in the EU will rise to between 384 000 and 700 000 and that the supply of science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills will not match the increasing demands of businesses in the coming years; ***considers, therefore, that Member States should promote retraining and further training of workers (particularly those who have become unemployed);***

Or. nl

**Amendment 59**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6a. Believes Member States must be more responsive to labour market needs, notably by fostering work-based learning and apprenticeships;***

*(Moved here from paragraph 16)*

Or. de

**Amendment 60**  
**Jan Kozłowski**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6a. Welcomes the Commission ‘Opening up Education’ communication that aims to ensure that young people are equipped with the digital skills;***

Or. en

**Amendment 61**  
**Philippe De Backer**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6a. Believes that developing entrepreneurship skills and programmes to learn how the market, economy and the financial system operate, function and interact should be included in basic education systems; believes that a well prepared business plan is the first step towards better access to finance and viability; calls on the Commission and the Member States to include financial education in their education programmes without any delay; supports in this connection the ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ programme, designed to promote an entrepreneurial culture and develop the single market and competitiveness;***

Or. en

**Amendment 62**  
**Danuta Jazłowiecka**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6a. Believes it is indispensable to introduce teaching of entrepreneurial skills already in early childhood education systems;**

Or. en

**Amendment 63**

**Konstantinos Poupakis, Ioannis A. Tsoukalas**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6a. Calls on the Member States to encourage the development of cooperation between enterprises, public education institutions and universities, so as to ensure that specialist areas of study and educational and training curricula in the context of lifelong learning are compatible and in line with the needs of the market, and promote traineeship and apprenticeship opportunities as part of the curricula, focusing on technical vocational training;**

Or. el

**Amendment 64**

**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, Konstantinos Poupakis**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6a. Calls for initiatives that will foster partnerships between businesses, research centres and universities, which will**

*provide the necessary skills to Europeans to access ICT, energy-related and high-tech manufacturing jobs;*

Or. en

**Amendment 65**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*6b. Advocates, in view of the skills shortage, that the European Union and the Member States pursue a more open migration policy, geared in particular to labour market demand;*

Or. de

**Amendment 66**  
**Danuta Jazłowiecka**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*6b. Underlines the need to improve the pace of school- to- work transition enabling the young to enter the labour market as soon as possible and avoiding the risk of NEET;*

Or. en

**Amendment 67**  
**Nadja Hirsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Is concerned that the number of EU citizens who want to be self-employed has dropped from 45 % to 37 % in the last 3 years almost one half being afraid of going bankrupt and more than 50 % saying it is difficult to obtain sufficient information on how to start a business;

*Amendment*

7. Is concerned that the number of EU citizens who want to be self-employed has dropped from 45 % to 37 % in the last **three** years, almost one half being afraid of going bankrupt and more than 50 % saying it is difficult to obtain sufficient information on how to start a business; **advocates that Member States be encouraged to put in place business start-up advice in universities and vocational training colleges and to regard investment in entrepreneurial learning at school level as a resource;**

Or. de

**Amendment 68**

**Marije Cornelissen**

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Is concerned that the number of EU citizens who want to be self-employed has dropped from 45 % to 37 % in the last 3 years almost one half being afraid of going bankrupt and more than 50 % saying it is difficult to obtain sufficient information on how to start a business;

*Amendment*

7. Is concerned that the number of EU citizens who want to be self-employed has dropped from 45 % to 37 % in the last 3 years almost one half being afraid of going bankrupt and more than 50 % saying it is difficult to obtain sufficient information on how to start a business; **expresses concern about increases in self-employment as a result of deteriorating job prospects; calls for adequate social security arrangements for self-employed;**

Or. en

**Amendment 69**

**Philippe Boulland**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***7a. Stresses the major supporting and advisory role which has devolved on banks, and the adverse effects of the recent economic crisis on borrowing conditions and risks covered for new entrepreneurs;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 70**

**Mikael Gustafsson, Minodora Cliveti**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***7a. Notes with concern that women represent only 30% of all entrepreneurs in Europe; stresses the need to promote female entrepreneurship by facilitating access to technical, scientific and business support networks, the development of coaching/mentoring programmes for women entrepreneurs and appropriate financing instruments specifically targeted to women;***

Or. en

**Amendment 71**

**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***7a. Considers that SMEs growth is linked to entrepreneurship, including social entrepreneurship; stresses that start-ups and self-employment create employment***



*opportunities, help build strong industrial and services sectors in the long run and reduce social exclusion; calls therefore on Member States to promote entrepreneurial mindsets and skills at different education levels, coaching for entrepreneurs and adequate skill development for SMEs staff;*

*(This amendment should appear before the original paragraph 7 within the Entrepreneurship section)*

Or. en

**Amendment 72**  
**Konstantinos Poupakis, Ioannis A. Tsoukalas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*7a. Notes that the ‘risk’ factor regarding self-employment revealed in the course of the crisis is a deterrent to engaging in such entrepreneurial activities; recommends accordingly that consideration be given to adoption of measures by the Member States to strengthen the welfare safety net for the self-employed without detracting from the flexibility of this particular type of activity, so as to make it a more attractive and a safer option;*

Or. el

**Amendment 73**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Welcomes the Commission's Entrepreneurship Action Plan supporting Member States' efforts to make it easier for sound businesses to survive and for honest entrepreneurs to get a second chance;

*Amendment*

***8. Is worried that the financial crisis and subsequent recession has hard hit many European SMEs where a significant volume have ended in liquidation, rather than with the company getting a fresh start. Highlights the importance of creating favourable legal, regulatory and accounting rules to favour healthy restructurings and bankruptcy protection to provide sound companies with the opportunity to have a second chance to grow and avoid job losses.*** Welcomes the Commission's Entrepreneurship Action Plan supporting Member States' efforts to make it easier for sound businesses to survive and for honest entrepreneurs to get a second chance;

Or. en

**Amendment 74**  
**Philippe De Backer**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

**Amendment 75**  
**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas**

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

*Amendment*

***8a. Underlines hereby the responsibility of the Member States to fully use the Commission's offered support for improving the climate for entrepreneurs;***

Or. en

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**8a. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to inform citizens and businesses about the funding opportunities in the European level, as for example the editions 'Overview of the financial rules' and 'funding opportunities 2007-2013' and encourages it to continue and expand similar initiatives;**

Or. en

**Amendment 76**  
**Philippe De Backer**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**8b. Urges therefore the Commission to come forward with an overview of all actions taken in the different Member States to enhance the climate for entrepreneurship;**

Or. en

**Amendment 77**  
**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**8b. Underlines the need for connecting experienced mentors to aspiring young entrepreneurs and facilitating the creation of support structures for innovative startups, such as incubators and accelerators;**

**Amendment 78**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Welcomes schemes such as Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs that are aimed at helping new entrepreneurs to acquire relevant skills for managing a business, and believes that such programmes should be further promoted in order to help more entrepreneurs develop and create jobs;

*Amendment*

9. Welcomes schemes such as Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs that are aimed at helping new entrepreneurs to acquire relevant skills for managing a business, and believes that such programmes should be further promoted in order to help more entrepreneurs develop and create jobs;  
***calls on the Commission and the Member States to take this into account in the implementation of the COSME programme;***

Or. de

**Amendment 79**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

9a. Believes that young entrepreneurs and growth-oriented SMEs are the necessary enablers of innovation and job creation;

*Amendment*

***9a. Believes that young entrepreneurs and growth-oriented SMEs are the necessary enablers of innovation and job creation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 80**  
**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, Konstantinos Poupakis**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9a. Believes that the Commission and the Member States should promote schemes that would enable easier access for first time professionals to the labour market, especially by lowering the complexity and cost of becoming self-employed, including lowering indirect labour costs. In this spirit encourages the establishment of a European definition of the ‘auto-entrepreneur’ for activities related to the European digital economy;**

Or. en

**Amendment 81**

**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, Konstantinos Poupakis**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 9 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9b. Underlines the importance of providing entrepreneurial education and attitudes to young Europeans; In this context welcomes the strengthening of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) which has a clear focus on providing entrepreneurial and innovative skills to 10.000 Masters and 10.000 PhD students by 2020;**

Or. en

**Amendment 82**

**Marije Cornelissen**

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Believes that **university programmes** such as the Birmingham Skills for Enterprise and Employability Network (BSEEN) in the UK, financed by the ERDF, which nurture enterprise and entrepreneurial skills by providing mentoring, intensive start-up support and incubator space for new ventures, are key to future job creation;

*Amendment*

10. Believes that **EU funding can play an essential role in targeted employment creation and stresses the success of EU-funded projects** such as the Birmingham Skills for Enterprise and Employability Network (BSEEN) in the UK, financed by the ERDF, which nurture enterprise and entrepreneurial skills by providing mentoring, intensive start-up support and incubator space for new ventures, are key to future job creation;

Or. en

**Amendment 83**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Believes that university programmes such as the Birmingham Skills for Enterprise and Employability Network (BSEEN) in the UK, financed by the ERDF, which nurture enterprise and entrepreneurial skills by providing mentoring, intensive start-up support and incubator space for new ventures, are key to future job creation;

*Amendment*

10. **Notes the importance of the establishment and support of ‘comprehensive’ business incubators providing young entrepreneurs with the opportunity to test their ideas, familiarise them with the business frameworks and help them to contact potential partners, clients and investors. Emphasises that mentoring is not only needed at start-up, but also continuously throughout the critical years following the start-up phase;** believes that university programmes such as the Birmingham Skills for Enterprise and Employability Network (BSEEN) in the UK, financed by the ERDF, which nurture enterprise and entrepreneurial skills by providing mentoring, intensive start-up support and incubator space for new ventures, are key to future job creation;

Or. en

**Amendment 84**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***10a. Calls on Member States to draw up and implement national strategies, based on proven practice, for entrepreneurial education and training: such strategies to include the incorporation into national curricula of entrepreneurial education and training, especially its practical aspects such as school-company projects and compulsory training placements;***

Or. de

**Amendment 85**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***10a. Welcomes the growth in recent years of the social economy as a new form of entrepreneurship in the European Union; calls on the Member States to deepen regulations and programmes promoting its creation and development;***

Or. es

**Amendment 86**  
**Heinz K. Becker**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***10a. Notes the link between current demographic change and the growing potential for social businesses in the green and white sectors, along with new entrepreneurial opportunities, particularly for young people; calls on Member States, as a matter of urgency, to develop strategies for making the corresponding career profiles in the social economy more attractive to young people;***

Or. de

**Amendment 87**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***10. Draws attention to the fact that, faced with the threat of closure, workers in many European companies can take over ownership of these companies through cooperative societies; calls for consideration to be given to possible new lines of support through the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund and the European Investment Bank for companies involved in key sectors under the Europe 2020 strategy;***

Or. es

**Amendment 88**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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



*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***10c. Is concerned about the growing phenomenon of bogus self-employment in the European Union (people who want to work as employees but, in the absence of jobs, end up becoming self-employed, or employees forced by their companies to become economically dependent self-employed workers in order to save on social costs); calls on the Member States to adopt specific policies to avoid this such as, for the former, sufficient employment opportunities or, for the latter, better labour inspections;***

Or. es

**Amendment 89**

**Marije Cornelissen**

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Subheading 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Demographics***

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 90**

**Jürgen Creutzmann**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Subheading 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Demographics***

***(Does not affect English version.)***

Or. de

**Amendment 91**  
**Inês Cristina Zuber**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Believes Member States should be encouraged to *promote the retention of older workers on the labour market by encouraging the extension of working lives, developing flexible labour markets and valuing experience;*

*Amendment*

11. Believes Member States should be encouraged to *create statutory schemes under which those with the largest profits and incomes make a significant contribution to public social security systems, thereby complying with the principle of solidarity and wealth distribution, guaranteeing that all workers have a right to a decent and quality retirement;*

Or. pt

**Amendment 92**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Believes Member States should be encouraged to promote the retention of older workers on the labour market *by encouraging the extension of working lives, developing flexible labour markets and valuing experience;*

*Amendment*

11. Believes Member States should be encouraged to promote the retention of older workers on the labour market, *in line with the text approved by the European Parliament in its recommendations for active ageing in the European Union;*

Or. es

**Amendment 93**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Believes Member States should be encouraged to promote the retention of older workers on the labour market **by encouraging the extension of working lives, developing flexible labour markets and** valuing experience;

*Amendment*

11. Believes Member States should be encouraged to promote the retention of older workers on the labour market; **amongst others by developing individualised paths that enable flexible exit from work into retirement, by valuing experience and by adapting working conditions to the needs of older workers;**

Or. en

**Amendment 94**  
**Ria Oomen-Ruijten**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Believes Member States should be encouraged to promote the retention of older workers on the labour market by encouraging the extension of working lives, developing flexible labour markets and valuing experience;

*Amendment*

11. Believes Member States should be encouraged, **inter alia in the context of solidarity between generations**, to promote the retention of older workers on the labour market by encouraging the extension of working lives, developing flexible labour markets and valuing experience; **stresses that an older labour force and longer working lives can make a positive contribution to the recovery and future growth; emphasises, therefore, the importance of lifelong learning, in particular for older workers who perform physically and/or mentally demanding tasks; stresses, finally, that older people are indispensable with a view to passing on knowledge and experience to younger generations;**

Or. nl

**Amendment 95**  
**Olle Ludvigsson**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Believes Member States should be encouraged to promote the retention of older workers on the labour market by encouraging the extension of working lives, developing flexible labour markets and valuing experience;

*Amendment*

11. Believes Member States should be encouraged to promote the retention of older workers on the labour market by encouraging the extension of working lives, ***by measures to enhance knowledge about health and safety at work and by*** developing flexible labour markets and valuing experience;

Or. sv

**Amendment 96**  
**Philippe Boulland**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Believes Member States should be encouraged to promote the retention of older workers on the labour market by encouraging the extension of working lives, developing flexible labour markets and valuing experience;

*Amendment*

11. Believes Member States should be encouraged to promote the retention of older workers on the labour market by encouraging the extension of working lives, ***promoting the training within businesses of younger by senior workers,*** developing flexible labour markets and valuing experience;

Or. fr

**Amendment 97**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Believes Member States should be

*Amendment*

11. Believes ***that, given the widespread***

encouraged to promote the retention of older workers on the labour market by encouraging the extension of working lives, developing flexible labour markets and valuing experience;

*phenomenon of population ageing*, Member States should be encouraged to promote the retention of older workers on the labour market by encouraging the extension of working lives, developing flexible labour markets and valuing experience;

Or. de

**Amendment 98**  
**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Believes Member States should be encouraged to promote the retention of older workers on the labour market by encouraging the extension of working lives, developing flexible labour markets and valuing experience;

*Amendment*

11. Believes Member States should be encouraged to promote the retention of older workers on the labour market by encouraging the extension of working lives **and retention of indispensable skills in the labour market**, developing flexible labour markets and valuing experience;

Or. en

**Amendment 99**  
**Mikael Gustafsson, Minodora Cliveti**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Believes Member States should be encouraged to promote the retention of older workers on the labour market by encouraging the extension of working lives, developing flexible labour markets and valuing experience;

*Amendment*

11. Believes Member States should be encouraged to promote the retention of older workers **both women and men** on the labour market by encouraging the extension of working lives, developing flexible labour markets and valuing experience;

Or. en

**Amendment 100**  
**Phil Bennion**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**11a. Calls on Member States to effectively implement EU legislation that outlaws discrimination in the workplace on the grounds of age, disability, sexual orientation and religion or belief;**

Or. en

**Amendment 101**  
**Danuta Jazłowiecka**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**11a. Underlines the need of introducing measures to facilitate reconciliation of work and family life;**

Or. en

**Amendment 102**  
**Phil Bennion**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

12. Stresses that the opportunities afforded by the single market must be used to inject new life into Europe's economies by opening up borders **and** creating new business opportunities;

12. Stresses that the opportunities afforded by the **European Union's** Single Market must be used to inject new life into Europe's economies by opening up borders, creating new business

opportunities, *creating jobs and attracting inward investment from across the world*;

Or. en

### **Amendment 103**

**Jan Kozłowski**

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

##### **Paragraph 12**

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

12. Stresses that the opportunities afforded by the single market must be used to inject new life into Europe's economies by opening up borders *and* creating new business opportunities;

###### *Amendment*

12. Stresses that the opportunities afforded by the single market must be used to inject new life into Europe's economies by opening up borders, creating new business opportunities *and jobs*;

Or. en

### **Amendment 104**

**Danuta Jazłowiecka**

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

##### **Paragraph 12**

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

12. Stresses that the opportunities afforded by the single market must be used to inject new life into Europe's economies by opening up borders and creating new business opportunities;

###### *Amendment*

12. Stresses that the opportunities afforded by the single market must be used to inject new life into Europe's economies by opening up borders, *removing still existing obstacles that hamper workers' mobility* and creating new business opportunities;

Or. en

### **Amendment 105**

**Philippe Boulland**

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

##### **Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Stresses that the opportunities afforded by the single market must be used to inject new life into Europe's economies by opening up borders and creating new business opportunities;

*Amendment*

12. Stresses that the opportunities afforded by the single market must be used to inject new life into Europe's economies by opening up borders and creating new business opportunities, ***particularly by means of reciprocal access to public procurement contracts***;

Or. fr

**Amendment 106**

**Minodora Cliveti, Mikael Gustafsson**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Stresses that the opportunities afforded by the single market must be used to inject new life into Europe's economies by opening up borders and creating new business opportunities;

*Amendment*

12. Stresses that the opportunities afforded by the single market must be used to inject new life into Europe's economies by opening up borders and creating new business opportunities, ***taking into account under these circumstances the situation of women, who have to reconcile the professional and private life***;

Or. en

**Amendment 107**

**Ria Oomen-Ruijten**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Stresses that the opportunities afforded by the single market must be used to inject new life into Europe's economies by opening up borders and creating new business opportunities;

*Amendment*

12. Stresses that the opportunities afforded, ***precisely***, by the single market must be used to inject new life into Europe's economies by opening up borders and creating new business opportunities;



**Amendment 108**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12a. Calls for the remaining barriers to the cross-border provision of services to be dismantled and for the introduction of a standard VAT form and a European Private Company Statute as means of boosting companies' growth in the internal market and thus enabling them to create more jobs;***

Or. de

**Amendment 109**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12a. Stresses that for SMEs, size does matter. Larger scale allows SMEs to more easily withstand economic cycles, build deeper expertise, find new customers and markets, link into global supply chains, and obtain easier access to bank financing and broaden funding sources and thus create more jobs. Believes that the Commission and the Member States should encourage the provision of education in management and business strategy for SME owners looking to expand their businesses. Highlights the importance of aid to SMEs to develop connections to untapped foreign markets by redirecting existing public agencies to***

*work with banks and SMEs' associations towards that end;*

Or. en

**Amendment 110**  
**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12a. Stresses the opportunities that ICT technologies play in enhancing productivity and competitiveness; Underlines the need to unleash the potential of the digital single market and reminds that the cost of creating a typical ICT start-up has fallen by a factor of 100 in the last 10 years ago, mainly due to technologies like ultra-fast and ubiquitous broadband, cloud computing, open source software, open data and access to public sector information;***

Or. en

**Amendment 111**  
**Konstantinos Poupakis, Ioannis A. Tsoukalas**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12a. Stresses that the introduction of suitable and flexible single market framework provisions to promote entrepreneurship and support small and medium-sized undertakings forming the economic backbone of the Union must not, under any circumstances, be achieved to the detriment of minimum European labour standards and fundamental labour***

*rights;*

Or. el

**Amendment 112**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12b. Welcomes the continued funding from COSME for successful schemes such as the Enterprise Europe Network and the China IPR SME Helpdesk as means of supporting SMEs, in particular, in developing new markets; calls on the Commission and Member States to allocate adequate resources to such schemes at the implementation stage, where they bring added value to national measures;***

Or. de

**Amendment 113**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12b. Notes that Support for SMEs looking to internationalize through medium- and long-term loans or equity investments and educate SMEs in how to access trade financing is crucial;***

Or. en

**Amendment 114**  
**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, Konstantinos Poupakis**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12b. Notes the importance that the digital economy has for creating jobs, especially when linked to sectors that Europe is traditionally strong, like the creative industries, cultural heritage and tourism;***

Or. en

**Amendment 115**  
**Philippe De Backer**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

13. Believes there are real benefits in new forms of financing through innovative schemes and non-bank routes, ***such as peer-to-peer lending, micro-lending and other tools, which can provide vital investment for start-ups to grow and create jobs;***

13. Believes there are real benefits in new forms of financing through innovative schemes and non-bank routes;

Or. en

**Amendment 116**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

13. Believes there are real benefits in new forms of financing through innovative schemes and non-bank routes, such as

13. Believes ***that SMEs in Europe are too reliant on bank funding and that this increases their vulnerability. Notes that***

peer-to-peer lending, micro-lending and other tools, which can provide vital investment for *start-ups to grow and create jobs*;

there are real benefits in new forms of financing through innovative schemes and non-bank routes, such as peer-to-peer lending, micro-lending and other tools, which can provide vital investment for *SME's to create jobs. New forms of financing would be beneficial for young, dynamic businesses which have difficulties in accessing more traditional sources of finance due to their 'newness'. Important activities would be the creation of awareness and the provision of information about such non-traditional financing options and the provision of incentives for investors. Highlights that such new forms of finance should not be limited to start-up and growth phases. Fostering alternative capital markets would also be beneficial for realising positive outcomes for both, the company and its employees, in case of restructuring*;

Or. en

**Amendment 117**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Believes there are real benefits in new forms of financing through innovative schemes and non-bank routes, such as peer-to-peer lending, micro-lending and other tools, which can provide vital investment for start-ups to grow and create jobs;

*Amendment*

13. *Notes that bank lending is still the most common source of finance in Europe*; believes *however*, there are real benefits in new forms of financing through innovative schemes and non-bank routes, such as peer-to-peer lending, micro-lending and other tools, which can provide vital investment for start-ups to grow and create jobs;

Or. en

**Amendment 118**  
**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, Konstantinos Poupakis**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Believes there are real benefits in new forms of financing through innovative schemes and non-bank routes, such as peer-to-peer lending, micro-lending and other tools, which can provide vital investment for start-ups to grow and create jobs;

*Amendment*

13. Believes there are real benefits in new forms of financing through innovative schemes and non-bank routes, such as **crowd-funding**, peer-to-peer lending, micro-lending and other tools, which can provide vital investment for start-ups to grow and create jobs;

Or. en

**Amendment 119**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Believes there are real benefits in new forms of financing through innovative schemes and non-bank routes, such as peer-to-peer lending, micro-lending and other tools, which can provide vital investment for start-ups to grow and create jobs;

*Amendment*

13. Believes there are real benefits in new forms of financing through innovative schemes and non-bank routes, such as **SME angels**, peer-to-peer lending, micro-lending and other tools, which can provide vital investment for start-ups to grow and create jobs;

Or. en

**Amendment 120**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**13a. Believes that information about SME**

*creditworthiness is too costly and difficult to obtain The lack of such information substantially raises the costs of assessing SMEs, making it impractical for banks to serve some segments and raising barriers for new sources of funding to be developed. Highlights the importance of, further reducing information costs and increasing transparency. Developing common minimum quality standards on external evaluation of mid-caps and SMEs could further facilitate their access to finance, including across borders, and deepen market integration;*

*(This amendment should appear before paragraph 13 inside the Finance section)*

Or. en

**Amendment 121**  
**Philippe Boulland**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13a. Stresses the importance of creating easily accessible microcredit agencies in all regions;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 122**  
**Philippe De Backer**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13a. calls therefore on the Commission to support the development of a broad range of tailored programmes, instruments and initiatives, ranging across equity (such as***

*business angels, crowd funding and multilateral trading facilities), quasi-equity (such as mezzanine finance) and debt instruments (such as micro lending, small-ticket company bonds, guarantee facilities and platforms), in partnerships between banks and other operators involved in SME financing (accountancy professionals, business or SME associations or chambers of commerce), in order to support businesses in their start-up, growth and transfer phases, taking into account their size, turnover and financing needs;*

Or. en

**Amendment 123**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*13a. Believes that new forms of finance such as crowdfunding can provide innovative solutions to the existing funding gap faced by many SMEs and micro-enterprises;*

Or. en

**Amendment 124**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*13b. Stresses the importance of further developing a deep venture capital sector, dedicated markets and networks for SMEs, new well regulated securitisation*



*instruments for SMEs in addition to COSME programme, as well as other ‘non-traditional’ sources of finance. Notes that in view of the wide differences between industrial sectors and between investment cycles, these instruments should be differentiated. Highlights the importance of ensuring that these markets grow on a sustainable basis and are properly regulated;*

Or. en

**Amendment 125**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Welcomes initiatives to make it easier for businesses to access EU support via a single portal offering information on the Structural Funds, *including the ESF*; believes that more must be done to *disseminate information to* existing and potential entrepreneurs *through ‘one-stop-shops’*;

*Amendment*

14. Welcomes initiatives to make it easier for businesses to access EU support via a single portal offering information on the Structural Funds, *Horizon 2020 and COSME; welcomes too the Enterprise Europe Network’s endeavours in this field*; believes, *nonetheless*, that more must be done to *give* existing and potential entrepreneurs *clear and comprehensive information about funding opportunities and to encourage financial intermediaries to make greater use of the sources of funding available*;

Or. de

**Amendment 126**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Welcomes initiatives to make it easier for businesses to access EU support via a single portal offering information on the Structural Funds, including the ESF; believes that more must be done to disseminate information to existing and potential entrepreneurs through ‘one-stop-shops’;

*Amendment*

14. Welcomes initiatives to make it easier for ***citizens, organisations, and*** businesses to access EU support via a single portal offering information on the Structural Funds, including the ESF; believes that more must be done to disseminate information to existing and potential entrepreneurs through ‘one-stop-shops’;

Or. en

**Amendment 127**

**Nadja Hirsch**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Welcomes initiatives to make it easier for businesses to access EU support via a single portal offering information on the Structural Funds, including the ESF; believes that more must be done to disseminate information to existing and potential entrepreneurs through ‘one-stop-shops’;

*Amendment*

14. Welcomes initiatives to make it easier for businesses to access EU support via a single portal offering information on the Structural Funds, including the ESF; believes that more must be done to disseminate information to existing and potential entrepreneurs through ‘one-stop-shops’, ***and that the single portal should direct them to the relevant contact points in their areas;***

Or. de

**Amendment 128**

**Ria Oomen-Ruijten**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Welcomes initiatives to make it easier for businesses to access EU support via a

*Amendment*

14. Welcomes initiatives to make it easier for businesses to access EU support via a

single portal offering information on the Structural Funds, including the ESF; believes that more must be done to disseminate information to existing and potential entrepreneurs through ‘one-stop-shops’;

single **multilingual** portal offering information on the Structural Funds, including the ESF; believes that more must be done to disseminate information to existing and potential entrepreneurs through ‘one-stop-shops’;

Or. nl

**Amendment 129**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**14a. Calls for implementation of the Youth Guarantee cash collateral for youth entrepreneurship loans through the EIB;**

Or. es

**Amendment 130**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**14a. Welcomes the simplification of reimbursement methods as part of the Commission’s proposal for a Common Provisions Regulation on Structural Funds, given the important role that these instruments play in many regions in the promotion of entrepreneurship and skills; asks the Commission to monitor and report to Parliament about the access of SMEs to Community funding;**

Or. en

**Amendment 131**  
**Inês Cristina Zuber**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***14a. Takes the view that public investment and state support for the setting-up and continued operation of undertakings is crucial; takes the view that states should demand safeguards and guarantees from companies setting up in each Member State and receiving public support;***

Or. pt

**Amendment 132**  
**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, Konstantinos Poupakis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***14a. Underlines the importance of streamlining and simplifying the framework that will enable angel-, seed-, and venture capital investors to engage in cross-border funding of innovative business and start-ups; Underlines the significance of lowering taxes on capital gains from research-driven innovative SMEs investments;***

Or. en

**Amendment 133**  
**Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***14a. Welcomes legislative moves directed to make start-ups and innovative SMEs less dependent on bank lending and have better access to capital markets;***

Or. en

**Amendment 134**

**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, Konstantinos Poupakis**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 14 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***14b. Asks for a better coordination of EU funding mechanisms, including Structural Funds, ERDF, Horizon 2020 and EIB investments, especially when it comes to funding innovative SMEs, and asks for an assessment of current obstacles that in several member states banks fail to transfer funds and loan guarantees to SMEs and the real economy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 135**

**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, Konstantinos Poupakis**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 14 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***14c. Underlines the importance of research and innovation for enhancing the competitiveness, productivity, sustainability and job-creation potential of European SMEs and notes the significant focus that Horizon 2020 and***

*the EIT place in creating and supporting  
high-growth innovative SMEs;*

Or. en

**Amendment 136**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Labour market*

*deleted*

Or. de

**Amendment 137**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*15. Strongly believes that businesses can  
only create jobs if the right conditions  
exist, including access to a qualified  
workforce, availability of flexible  
contractual arrangements, and keeping  
administrative burdens to a minimum;*

*deleted*

*(Moved to paragraph 2a (new))*

Or. de

**Amendment 138**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Strongly believes that businesses can only create jobs if the right conditions exist, including access to a qualified workforce, ***availability of flexible contractual arrangements***, and keeping administrative burdens to a minimum;

*Amendment*

15. Strongly believes that businesses can only create jobs if the right conditions exist, including access to a qualified workforce and keeping administrative burdens to a minimum;

Or. es

**Amendment 139**  
**Marije Cornelissen**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. ***Strongly*** believes that businesses can only create jobs if the right conditions exist, including access to ***a qualified workforce, availability of flexible contractual arrangements***, and keeping administrative burdens to ***a minimum***;

*Amendment*

15. Believes that businesses can only create ***decent*** jobs if the right conditions ***for a level playing field*** exist, including ***decent labour conditions and pay***, access to ***training for workers, access to social security for workers regardless of their contractual arrangement***, and keeping administrative burdens to ***a minimum***; ***stresses the positive employment effects of shifting tax burden from labour to environmentally harmful activities***;

Or. en

**Amendment 140**  
**Philippe De Backer**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Strongly believes that businesses can only create jobs if the right conditions exist, including access to a qualified

*Amendment*

15. Strongly believes that businesses can only create jobs if the right conditions exist, including access to a qualified

workforce, *availability of flexible contractual arrangements*, and keeping administrative burdens to a minimum;

workforce, *an equilibrium between a flexible job market and a good work-life balance*, and keeping administrative burdens to a minimum;

Or. en

**Amendment 141**  
**Philippe Boulland**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Strongly believes that businesses can only create jobs if the right conditions exist, including access to a qualified workforce, availability of flexible contractual arrangements, and keeping administrative burdens to a minimum;

*Amendment*

15. Strongly believes that businesses can only create jobs if the right conditions exist, including access to a qualified workforce, availability of flexible contractual arrangements, *tax incentives, the introduction of CSR* and keeping administrative burdens to a minimum;

Or. fr

**Amendment 142**  
**Jan Kozłowski**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Strongly believes that businesses can only create jobs if the right conditions exist, including access to a qualified workforce, availability of flexible contractual arrangements, and keeping administrative burdens to a minimum;

*Amendment*

15. Strongly believes that businesses can only create jobs if the right conditions exist, including access to a qualified workforce, availability of flexible contractual arrangements, and keeping administrative *and regulatory* burdens to a minimum; *stresses the positive employment effects of shifting tax burden from labour to environmentally harmful activities*;

Or. en



### Amendment 143

Phil Bennion

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 15

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

15. Strongly believes that businesses can only create jobs if the right conditions exist, including access to a qualified workforce, availability of flexible contractual arrangements, and keeping administrative burdens to a minimum;

###### *Amendment*

15. Strongly believes that businesses can only create jobs if the right conditions exist, including access to a qualified workforce, availability of flexible contractual arrangements, and keeping administrative burdens to a minimum; ***recognises the benefits that the EU free movement of workers can offer in satisfying local skill shortages and labour demand;***

Or. en

### Amendment 144

Danuta Jazłowiecka

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 15

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

15. Strongly believes that businesses can only create jobs if the right conditions exist, including access to a qualified workforce, availability of flexible contractual arrangements, and keeping administrative burdens to a minimum;

###### *Amendment*

15. Strongly believes that businesses can only create jobs if the right conditions exist, including access to a qualified workforce, availability of flexible contractual arrangements, ***reasonable labour costs*** and keeping administrative burdens to a minimum;

Or. en

### Amendment 145

Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, Konstantinos Poupakis

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Strongly believes that businesses can only create jobs if the right conditions exist, including access to a qualified workforce, availability of flexible contractual arrangements, and keeping administrative burdens to a minimum;

*Amendment*

15. Strongly believes that businesses can only create jobs if the right conditions exist, including access to a qualified **and highly-skilled** workforce, availability of flexible contractual arrangements, and keeping administrative burdens to a minimum;

Or. en

**Amendment 146**  
**Heinz K. Becker**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15a. Underscores the importance of dual education and training systems, combining practice-based education in vocational schools with learning in the workplace, which have proved the most effective means of smoothing the transition from school to labour market; notes that such systems are underpinned by cooperation between workers' and employers' representatives and that this has proved highly successful and effective;***

Or. de

**Amendment 147**  
**Heinz K. Becker**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15b. Notes the importance of workplace flexisecurity, on the one hand giving workers a fair degree of security and, on the other, allowing economic operators to react in a flexible way to changes in the market;***

Or. de

**Amendment 148**  
**Heinz K. Becker**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15c. Sees the introduction of ‘youth coaches’ in employment agencies as an important step towards further reducing the numbers of young people who fail to make the transition from education to the labour market;***

Or. de

**Amendment 149**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***16. Believes Member States must be more responsive to labour market needs, notably by fostering work-based learning and apprenticeships;***

***deleted***

*(Moved to paragraph 6a (new))*

Or. de

**Amendment 150**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Believes Member States must ***be more responsive to labour market needs***, notably by fostering work-based learning and apprenticeships;

*Amendment*

16. Believes Member States must ***invest more in human capital to boost the economy***, notably by fostering work-based learning and apprenticeships, ***guaranteeing access to lifelong learning and providing social security for all workers regardless of contractual arrangements and self-employed***;

Or. en

**Amendment 151**  
**Ria Oomen-Ruijten**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Believes Member States must be more responsive to labour market needs, notably by fostering work-based learning and apprenticeships;

*Amendment*

16. Believes Member States must be more responsive to labour market needs, notably by fostering work-based learning and apprenticeships; ***calls on the Commission and the Member States to cooperate on achieving higher comparability of school and university curricula and more standardisation of European education; calls, therefore, also for further simplification of the mutual recognition of diplomas; welcomes the fact, in this context, that there are more and more cross-border cooperation schemes between colleges and universities***;

Or. nl

**Amendment 152**  
**Nadja Hirsch**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Believes Member States must be more responsive to labour market needs, notably by fostering work-based learning and apprenticeships;

*Amendment*

16. Believes Member States must be more responsive to labour market needs, notably by fostering work-based learning and apprenticeships; **welcomes initiatives in the Member States to expand the provision of educational and career guidance for school and college students with a view to reducing drop-out rates;**

Or. de

**Amendment 153**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Believes Member States must be more responsive to labour market needs, notably by fostering work-based learning **and** apprenticeships;

*Amendment*

16. Believes Member States must be more responsive to labour market needs, notably by **ensuring strong links between the world of education and the world of work; ensuring that young people are equipped with the right information, advice and guidance to make sound career choices; and by** fostering work-based learning apprenticeships;

Or. en

**Amendment 154**  
**Mikael Gustafsson, Minodora Cliveti**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Believes Member States must be more responsive to labour market needs, notably by fostering work-based learning and apprenticeships;

*Amendment*

16. Believes Member States must be more responsive to labour market needs, notably by fostering work-based learning and apprenticeships; ***believes also that, in order to reduce the unemployment rate, creating job offers for women and young people is stringent;***

Or. en

**Amendment 155**  
**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, Konstantinos Poupakis**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Believes Member States must be more responsive to labour market needs, notably by fostering work-based learning and apprenticeships;

*Amendment*

16. Believes Member States must be more responsive to labour market needs, notably by fostering work-based learning and apprenticeships, ***as well as re-training of employees and provision of life-long learning opportunities;***

Or. en

**Amendment 156**  
**Konstantinos Poupakis, Ioannis A. Tsoukalas**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***16a. Considers that there is major scope for increasing the involvement of the social partners and the bodies concerned in the formulation of a long-term strategy for small and medium-sized enterprises,***

*this being the only way of identifying malfunctions, formulating intelligent and flexible legislation, avoiding market fragmentation and promoting the creation and development of sustainable and quality employment;*

Or. el

**Amendment 157**  
**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, Konstantinos Poupakis**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*16a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to create viable transition schemes from higher education and vocational training to the labour market, especially for first-time young professionals;*

Or. en

**Amendment 158**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*17. Believes SMEs are among the most innovative businesses in the EU, playing a crucial role in providing pathways into work;*

*17. Considers that SMEs have great innovative potential within the European economy and play a crucial role in providing pathways into work; regrets that in many Member States they are excluded from public research, innovation and development policy, and thus calls for a radical reversal of that trend;*

**Amendment 159**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

17. Believes SMEs are **among the most innovative businesses** in the EU, playing a crucial role in providing pathways into work;

*Amendment*

17. Believes SMEs are the **main drivers of innovation** in the EU, playing a crucial role in providing pathways into work;

Or. de

**Amendment 160**  
**Mikael Gustafsson, Minodora Cliveti**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

17. Believes SMEs are among the most innovative businesses in the EU, playing a crucial role in providing pathways into work;

*Amendment*

17. Believes SMEs are among the most innovative businesses in the EU, playing a crucial role in providing pathways into work **for all ages, both women and men equally**;

Or. en

**Amendment 161**  
**Phil Bennion**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

17. Believes SMEs are among the most innovative businesses in the EU, playing a

*Amendment*

17. Believes SMEs are among the most innovative businesses in the EU, playing a



crucial role in providing pathways into work;

crucial role in providing pathways into work **and driving economic growth**;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 162**

**Konstantinos Poupakis, Ioannis A. Tsoukalas**

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

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***17a. Welcomes European legislation setting out framework provisions regarding late payment in commercial transactions and calls on the Member States to ensure that they are properly implemented and that remedial action is taken, the crisis having shown that late payment, particularly for public contracts, is one of the problems further increasing the vulnerability of small and medium-sized enterprises;***

Or. el

#### **Amendment 163**

**Jan Kozłowski**

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

#### **Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

18. Underlines the ‘think small first’ principle; ***recognises the benefits of e-commerce in providing new opportunities for SMEs to access the single market, reduce costs and compete globally;***

18. Underlines the ‘think small first’ principle;

Or. en

**Amendment 164**  
**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, Konstantinos Poupakis**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Underlines the ‘think small first’ principle; recognises the benefits of e-commerce in providing new opportunities for SMEs to access the single market, reduce costs and compete globally;

*Amendment*

18. Underlines the ‘think small first’ principle; recognises the benefits of **cross-border** e-commerce in providing new opportunities for SMEs to access the single market, reduce costs and compete globally;

Or. en

**Amendment 165**  
**Jan Kozłowski**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***18a. Recognises the benefits of e-commerce in providing new opportunities for SMEs to access the single market, reduce costs and compete globally;***

Or. en

**Amendment 166**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***18a. Notes that many SMEs are reluctant to operate outside the borders of their own country;***

Or. en

**Amendment 167**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***18b. Believes that the lack of adequate protection for SMEs can in many cases cripple businesses and can stall economic growth, and may also discourage entrepreneurs from taking chances;***

Or. en

**Amendment 168**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

19. Notes that the main barriers facing start-ups and affecting the development of high-growth SMEs are access to and cost of finance, burdensome regulation, indirect labour costs, access to export markets, ***average*** payment ***times*** and skills shortages;

19. Notes that the main barriers facing start-ups and affecting the development of high-growth SMEs are ***difficult*** access to, and ***the*** cost of, finance, burdensome regulation, indirect labour costs, ***restricted*** access to export markets, ***a lax attitude to*** payment and skills shortages;

Or. de

**Amendment 169**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Notes that the main barriers facing start-ups and affecting the development of high-growth SMEs are access to and cost of finance, **burdensome regulation, indirect labour costs**, access to export markets, average payment times and skills shortages;

*Amendment*

19. Notes that the main barriers facing start-ups and affecting the development of high-growth SMEs are access to and cost of finance, access to export markets, average payment times and skills shortages **as well as in some Member States complicated administrative burdens; highlights the importance of completing the banking union in this respect;**

Or. en

**Amendment 170**  
**Inês Cristina Zuber**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Notes that the main barriers facing start-ups and affecting the development of high-growth SMEs are access to and cost of finance, burdensome regulation, **indirect labour costs**, access to export markets, average payment times **and** skills shortages;

*Amendment*

19. Notes that the main barriers facing start-ups and affecting the development of high-growth SMEs are access to and cost of finance, burdensome regulation, **high taxes**, access to export markets, average payment times, skills shortages, **high energy and telecommunications costs and the high price of tolls;**

Or. pt

**Amendment 171**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Notes that the main barriers facing start-ups and affecting the development of high-growth SMEs are access to and cost of finance, burdensome regulation, **indirect labour costs**, access to export markets,

*Amendment*

19. Notes that the main barriers facing start-ups and affecting the development of high-growth SMEs are access to and cost of finance, burdensome regulation, **current expenditure**, access to export markets,

average payment times and skills shortages;

average payment times and skills shortages;

Or. es

**Amendment 172**  
**Jan Kozłowski**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Notes that the main barriers facing start-ups and affecting the development of high-growth SMEs are access to and cost of finance, burdensome regulation, indirect labour costs, access to export markets, average payment times **and** skills shortages;

*Amendment*

19. Notes that the main barriers facing start-ups and affecting the development of high-growth SMEs are access to and cost of finance, burdensome regulation, indirect labour costs, access to export markets, average payment times, skills shortages **and high taxation**;

Or. en

**Amendment 173**  
**Olle Ludvigsson**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Notes that the main barriers facing start-ups and affecting the development of high-growth SMEs are access to and cost of finance, **burdensome regulation**, indirect labour costs, access to export markets, average payment times and skills shortages;

*Amendment*

19. Notes that the main barriers facing start-ups and affecting the development of high-growth SMEs are access to and cost of finance, **lack of knowledge about regulations**, indirect labour costs, access to export markets, average payment times and skills shortages;

Or. sv

## Amendment 174

Olle Ludvigsson

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 20

##### *Motion for a resolution*

20. Welcomes the introduction of the ‘SME test’; believes that mitigating measures must be introduced, e.g. longer implementation time, **fewer** inspections **or lighter** paperwork, but without creating a two-tier labour market;

##### *Amendment*

20. Welcomes the introduction of the ‘SME test’; believes that mitigating measures must be introduced, e.g. longer implementation time, **better and more effective** inspections **and guidelines to simplify firms’** paperwork but without creating a two-tier labour market;

Or. sv

## Amendment 175

Marije Cornelissen

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 20

##### *Motion for a resolution*

20. Welcomes the introduction of the ‘SME test’; believes that mitigating measures must be introduced, e.g. longer implementation time, **fewer** inspections or lighter paperwork, but without creating a two-tier labour market;

##### *Amendment*

20. Welcomes the introduction of the ‘SME test’; believes that mitigating measures must be introduced, e.g. longer implementation time, **efficient and effective** inspections or lighter paperwork, but without creating a two-tier labour market;

Or. en

## Amendment 176

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 20

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Welcomes the introduction of the ‘SME test’; believes that mitigating measures must be introduced, e.g. longer implementation time, *fewer inspections* or lighter paperwork, but without creating a two-tier labour market;

*Amendment*

20. Welcomes the introduction of the ‘SME test’ *however regrets that only few Member States have integrated it in their national decision making process.* Believes that mitigating measures must be introduced, e.g. longer implementation time, or lighter paperwork, but without creating a two-tier labour market;

Or. en

**Amendment 177**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Welcomes the introduction of the ‘SME test’; believes that mitigating measures must be introduced, e.g. longer implementation time, *fewer inspections* or lighter paperwork, but without creating a two-tier labour market;

*Amendment*

20. Welcomes the introduction of the ‘SME test’; believes that mitigating measures must be introduced, e.g. longer implementation time or lighter paperwork, but without creating a two-tier labour market;

Or. es

**Amendment 178**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Welcomes the introduction of the ‘SME test’; believes that mitigating measures must be introduced, e.g. longer implementation time, fewer inspections or lighter paperwork, but without creating a two-tier labour market;

*Amendment*

20. Welcomes the introduction *by the EU and many Member States* of the ‘SME test’ *and the Commission’s declared intention to ease the burden on SMEs by introducing regulatory exemptions and less stringent provisions; calls on all the*

*Member States to subject national legislative proposals to an ‘SME test’; believes that mitigating measures must be introduced, e.g. longer implementation time, fewer inspections or lighter paperwork, but without creating a two-tier labour market;*

Or. de

**Amendment 179**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Welcomes the introduction of the ‘SME test’; believes that mitigating measures must be introduced, e.g. longer implementation time, fewer inspections or lighter paperwork, but without creating a two-tier labour market;

*Amendment*

20. Welcomes the introduction of the ‘SME test’ *and the Commission’s commitment to propose lighter regulatory regimes for SMEs and exemption for micro-businesses on a cases by case basis, without compromising on health, safety and employment standards*; believes that mitigating measures must be introduced *across a range of legislative proposals* e.g. longer implementation time, fewer inspections or lighter paperwork, but without creating a two-tier labour market;

Or. en

**Amendment 180**  
**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*20a. Underlines the importance that pre-commercial procurement can play in accelerating innovation from ‘lab to market’ and supporting research-focused*



***SMEs that provide innovative products  
and services;***

Or. en

**Amendment 181**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 22**

*Motion for a resolution*

22. Believes that Member States must be encouraged to share best practice on innovative ways to reduce bureaucracy and red tape, particularly for SMEs and micro-enterprises;

*Amendment*

22. Believes that Member States must be encouraged to share best practice on innovative ways to reduce bureaucracy and red tape, particularly for SMEs and micro-enterprises ***without however lowering health and safety standards at the workplace;***

Or. en

**Amendment 182**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 22**

*Motion for a resolution*

22. Believes that Member States must be encouraged to share best practice on innovative ways to reduce bureaucracy and red tape, particularly for SMEs and micro-enterprises;

*Amendment*

22. Believes that Member States must be encouraged to share best practice – ***for example, through the European Network of SME Envoys*** – on innovative ways to reduce bureaucracy and red tape, particularly for SMEs and micro-enterprises;

Or. de

## Amendment 183

Olle Ludvigsson

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 22

##### *Motion for a resolution*

22. Believes that Member States must be encouraged to share best practice on innovative ways to reduce bureaucracy and red tape, particularly for SMEs and micro-enterprises;

##### *Amendment*

22. Believes that Member States must be encouraged to share best practice on innovative ways to reduce bureaucracy and red tape **and improve mutual communication**, particularly for SMEs and micro-enterprises;

Or. sv

## Amendment 184

Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, Konstantinos Poupakis

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 22

##### *Motion for a resolution*

22. Believes that Member States must be encouraged to share best practice on innovative ways to reduce bureaucracy and red tape, particularly for SMEs and micro-enterprises;

##### *Amendment*

22. Believes that Member States must be encouraged to share best practice on innovative ways to reduce bureaucracy and red tape, **and unlock access to capital**, particularly for SMEs and micro-enterprises;

Or. en

## Amendment 185

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 22 a (new)

##### *Motion for a resolution*

##### *Amendment*

**22a. Believes that the debate on corporate social responsibility is a major differentiating factor of the European**

*business model, which puts it at the forefront of social rights; calls for further progress on this concept and for its development to take account of the diversity, size and extent of SMEs;*

Or. es

**Amendment 186**  
**Philippe De Backer**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*22a. Believes that also organisations representing SMEs should be encouraged to share cross border best practices on innovative ways to reduce bureaucracy and red tape;*

Or. en

**Amendment 187**  
**Phil Bennion**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*22a. Believes that access to EU financing instruments for SMEs should be simplified;*

Or. en

**Amendment 188**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 22 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***22b. Regrets that the labour reforms taking place in various Member States are resulting in many workers no longer being protected by collective agreements, especially in SMEs; considers that any improvements in labour flexibility should be accompanied by adequate labour protection which can only be guaranteed by collective bargaining;***

Or. es

**Amendment 189**  
**Phil Bennion**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 22 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***22b. Believes that the framework for SME participation in public procurement should be improved;***

Or. en

**Amendment 190**  
**Olle Ludvigsson**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

23. Stresses the need for efficient regulation that ***can*** be implemented in a simple manner and can help entrepreneurs operate within the rule of law and benefit from the opportunities and protection afforded by employment and health and safety legislation;

23. Stresses the need for efficient ***and clearly worded*** regulation ***with guidelines*** that ***enable it to*** be implemented in a simple manner and can help entrepreneurs operate within the rule of law and benefit from the opportunities and protection afforded by employment and health and safety legislation;

**Amendment 191**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. Stresses the need for efficient regulation that can be implemented in a simple manner and can help entrepreneurs operate within the rule of law and benefit from the opportunities and protection afforded by employment and health and safety legislation;

*Amendment*

23. Stresses the need for **more** efficient regulation that can be implemented in a simple manner and can help entrepreneurs operate within the rule of law and benefit from the opportunities and protection afforded by employment and health and safety legislation;

Or. de

**Amendment 192**  
**Mikael Gustafsson, Minodora Cliveti**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. Stresses the need for efficient regulation that can be implemented in a simple manner and can help entrepreneurs operate within the rule of law and benefit from the opportunities and protection afforded by employment and health and safety legislation;

*Amendment*

23. Stresses the need for efficient regulation that can be implemented in a simple manner and can help entrepreneurs, **both women and men**, operate within the rule of law and benefit from the opportunities and protection afforded by employment and health and safety legislation;

Or. en

**Amendment 193**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. Stresses the need for efficient regulation that can be implemented in a simple manner and can help entrepreneurs operate within the rule of law and benefit from the opportunities and protection afforded by employment and health and safety legislation;

*Amendment*

23. Stresses the need for efficient regulation that can be implemented in a simple manner and can help entrepreneurs operate within the rule of law and **that entrepreneurs and workers should** benefit from the opportunities and protection afforded by employment and health and safety legislation;

Or. es

**Amendment 194**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. Stresses the need for efficient regulation that can be implemented in a simple manner and can help entrepreneurs operate within the rule of law and benefit from the opportunities and protection afforded by employment and health and safety legislation;

*Amendment*

23. Stresses the need for efficient regulation that can be implemented in a simple manner and can help **all actors including** entrepreneurs operate within the rule of law and benefit from the opportunities and protection afforded by employment and health and safety legislation;

Or. en

**Amendment 195**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. **Welcomes** the Commission's review of the 'Top 10' most burdensome laws for SMEs; **believes there is a need to ensure that the EU takes account of the specific needs of businesses, in particular SMEs and micro-enterprises, in the policy process;**

*Amendment*

24. **Is concerned about** the Commission's review of the 'Top 10' most burdensome laws for SMEs; **stresses that while the aim of reducing barriers for business start-ups is a valid one, core European environmental and social standards must never be compromised in the process of simplifying legislation for SMEs as this would destroy the European level playing field;**

Or. en

**Amendment 196**  
**Olle Ludvigsson**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. Welcomes the Commission's review of the 'Top 10' most burdensome laws for SMEs; believes there is a need to ensure that the EU takes account of the specific needs of businesses, in particular SMEs and micro-enterprises, in the policy process;

*Amendment*

24. Welcomes the Commission's review of the 'Top 10' most burdensome laws for SMEs; believes there is a need to ensure that the EU takes account of the specific needs of, **and considers support measures for.** businesses, in particular SMEs and micro-enterprises, in the policy process;

Or. sv

**Amendment 197**  
**Phil Bennion**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. Welcomes the Commission's review of the 'Top 10' most burdensome laws for SMEs; believes there is a need to ensure

*Amendment*

24. Welcomes the Commission's review of the 'Top 10' most burdensome laws for SMEs; believes there is a need to ensure

that the EU **takes** account of the specific needs of businesses, in particular SMEs and micro-enterprises, in the policy process;

that the EU **and Member States take** account of the specific needs of businesses, in particular SMEs and micro-enterprises, in the policy process;

Or. en

**Amendment 198**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. Welcomes the Commission's review of the 'Top 10' most burdensome laws for SMEs; believes there is a need to ensure that the EU takes account of the specific needs of businesses, in particular SMEs and micro-enterprises, in the policy process;

*Amendment*

24. Welcomes the Commission's **actions to address the results of the** review of the 'Top 10' most burdensome laws for SMEs; believes **that the Commission should urgently prioritise the improvement of these regulations in ways that address SMEs concerns; believes** there is a need to ensure that the EU takes account of the specific needs of businesses, in particular SMEs and micro-enterprises, in the policy process;

Or. en

**Amendment 199**  
**Mikael Gustafsson, Minodora Cliveti**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. Welcomes the Commission's review of the 'Top 10' most burdensome laws for SMEs; believes there is a need to ensure that the EU takes account of the specific needs of businesses, in particular SMEs and micro-enterprises, in the policy process;

*Amendment*

24. Welcomes the Commission's review of the 'Top 10' most burdensome laws for SMEs; believes there is a need to ensure that the EU takes account of the specific needs of businesses, in particular SMEs and micro-enterprises, in the policy process, **while considering the gender dimension;**



**Amendment 200**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***24a. Stresses that health and safety at work and workers' protection cannot be considered burdensome regulations; calls on the Commission to simplify excessive administrative burdens while always ensuring health and safety at work and guaranteeing that SMEs provide adequate knowledge and resources to manage employees working environment properly;***

Or. en

**Amendment 201**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***24a. Notes that social partner agreements apply to a wide range of businesses and employees; is concerned that negotiations have not kept pace with the EU better regulation agenda; believes that all social partner agreements should undergo independent impact assessments;***

Or. en

**Amendment 202**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

25. Welcomes the new health and safety strategy; hopes it will focus on *simplification*, *prevention* and better implementation of *existing* legislation *instead of additional regulation*;

*Amendment*

25. Welcomes the new health and safety strategy; hopes it will focus on *prevention*, *usability* and better implementation of *all* legislation; *stresses that the Health and Safety framework directive addresses all possible risks and that there are advantages such as legal certainty to specifying health and safety provisions for specific health and safety risks*;

Or. en

**Amendment 203**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

25. Welcomes the new health and safety strategy; hopes it will focus on simplification, prevention and better implementation of existing legislation *instead of additional regulation*;

*Amendment*

25. Welcomes the new health and safety strategy; hopes it will focus on simplification, prevention and better implementation of existing legislation;

Or. es

**Amendment 204**  
**Olle Ludvigsson**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

25. Welcomes the new health and safety strategy; *hopes it will* focus on *simplification*, prevention and better

*Amendment*

25. Welcomes the new health and safety strategy; *considers that it should take account of the present and future*

implementation of existing legislation  
*instead of additional regulation;*

*development and needs of working life  
and focus on clarification,* prevention and  
better implementation of existing  
legislation *to ensure workers' health and  
safety;*

Or. sv

**Amendment 205**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

25. *Welcomes* the new health and safety  
strategy; hopes it will focus on  
simplification, prevention and better  
implementation of existing legislation  
instead of additional regulation;

*Amendment*

25. *Notes* the new health and safety  
strategy; hopes it will focus on  
simplification, prevention, *proportionality*  
and better implementation of existing  
legislation instead of additional regulation;

Or. en

**Amendment 206**  
**Mikael Gustafsson, Minodora Cliveti**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

25. Welcomes the new health and safety  
strategy; hopes it will focus on  
simplification, prevention and better  
implementation of existing legislation  
instead of additional regulation;

*Amendment*

25. Welcomes the new health and safety  
strategy; hopes it will focus on  
simplification, prevention and better  
implementation of existing legislation  
instead of additional regulation; *stresses  
the necessity of the new strategy to focus  
also on the specific needs for healthcare  
for women;*

Or. en

**Amendment 207**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**26. Notes that one response to the top ten consultation conclusion is that the Working Time Directive is complex and inflexible and in many cases requires SMEs to obtain costly specialised legal assistance; calls on the Commission to produce its detailed impact assessment as a matter of urgency;** **deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 208**  
**Philippe De Backer**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**26. Notes that one response to the top ten consultation conclusion is that the Working Time Directive is complex and inflexible and in many cases requires SMEs to obtain costly specialised legal assistance; calls on the Commission to produce its detailed impact assessment as a matter of urgency;** **deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 209**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

26. Notes that ***one response to the top ten consultation conclusion is that*** the Working Time Directive ***is complex and inflexible*** and in many cases ***requires*** SMEs to obtain costly specialised legal assistance; calls on the Commission to ***produce its detailed impact assessment*** as a matter of urgency;

*Amendment*

26. Notes that, ***according to the findings of the Commission consultation on the 10 items of regulation generating the most work and expenditure for SMEs***, the Working Time Directive ***and the Posting of Workers Directive are particularly burdensome*** and in many cases ***require SMEs*** to obtain costly specialised legal assistance; calls on the Commission ***thoroughly to research the effects of these directives on SMEs***, as a matter of urgency, ***and to produce its findings***;

Or. de

**Amendment 210**

**Alejandro Cercas, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

26. Notes that one response to the top ten consultation conclusion is that the Working Time Directive is complex ***and inflexible*** and in many cases requires SMEs to obtain costly specialised legal assistance; calls on the Commission to produce its detailed impact assessment as a matter of urgency;

*Amendment*

26. Notes that one response to the top ten consultation conclusion is that the Working Time Directive is complex and in many cases requires SMEs to obtain costly specialised legal assistance; calls on the Commission to produce its detailed impact assessment as a matter of urgency, ***with this assessment not only taking into consideration the simplification of administrative tasks, but also health and safety at work and the balance between work and family life, as requested by Parliament in its resolution of 15 May 2012 on employment aspects of minimising regulatory burden for SMEs and adapting EU regulation to the needs of microenterprises; stresses that this simplification should not be counter to ILO standards or its Decent Work Agenda, and also reminds the Commission that the review of the***

*reference period for weekly working time and opting out, as foreseen by Directives 93/104/EC and 2003/88/EC on the organisation of working time, has been pending since 23 November 2003;*

Or. es

**Amendment 211**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

26. Notes that one response to the top ten consultation conclusion is that the Working Time Directive is complex **and inflexible** and in many cases requires SMEs to obtain costly specialised legal assistance; calls on the Commission to produce its detailed impact assessment as a matter of urgency;

*Amendment*

26. Notes that one response to the top ten consultation conclusion is that the Working Time Directive is complex and in many cases requires SMEs to obtain costly specialised legal assistance; calls on the Commission to produce its detailed impact assessment as a matter of urgency **and to propose measures that simplify administrative tasks without involving any loss of rights or social protection;**

Or. es

**Amendment 212**  
**Olle Ludvigsson**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

26. Notes that one response to the top ten consultation conclusion is that the Working Time Directive is complex and inflexible and in many cases requires SMEs to obtain costly specialised legal assistance; calls on the Commission to produce its detailed impact assessment as a matter of urgency;

*Amendment*

26. Notes that one response to the top ten consultation conclusion is that the Working Time Directive is complex and inflexible and in many cases requires SMEs to obtain costly specialised legal assistance; calls on the Commission to produce its detailed impact assessment as a matter of urgency **and at the same time to consider what**

*short- and long-term effects an amendment to the directive would have for European workers;*

Or. sv

**Amendment 213**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*27. Notes that the Temporary Agency Workers Directive has also been identified as hampering businesses' ability to work across borders by creating administrative burdens and disproportionate requirements;*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 214**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*27. Notes that the Temporary Agency Workers Directive has also been identified as hampering businesses' ability to work across borders by creating administrative burdens and disproportionate requirements;*

*deleted*

Or. de

**Amendment 215**  
**Ria Oomen-Ruijten**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**27. Notes that the Temporary Agency Workers Directive has also been identified as hampering businesses' ability to work across borders by creating administrative burdens and disproportionate requirements;**

**deleted**

Or. nl

**Amendment 216**  
**Alejandro Cercas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**27. Notes that the Temporary Agency Workers Directive has also been identified as hampering businesses' ability to work across borders by creating administrative burdens and disproportionate requirements;**

**deleted**

Or. es

**Amendment 217**  
**Olle Ludvigsson**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**27. Notes that the Temporary Agency Workers Directive has also been identified as hampering businesses' ability to work across borders by creating administrative burdens and disproportionate**

**27. Calls for better guidelines to enhance businesses' knowledge of current European and national rules on temporary agency workers;**



*requirements;*

Or. sv

**Amendment 218**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

27. Notes that the Temporary Agency Workers Directive has also been identified as hampering businesses' ability to work across borders by creating administrative burdens and disproportionate requirements;

*Amendment*

27. Notes that the Temporary Agency Workers Directive has also been identified as hampering businesses' ability to work across borders by creating administrative burdens and disproportionate requirements; ***calls on the Commission to produce a detailed impact assessment and to propose measures that simplify administrative tasks without involving any loss of rights or social protection;***

Or. es

**Amendment 219**  
**Philippe Boulland**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

27a. ***Regrets, too, the excessive red tape under the REACH regulation, which has excluded some innovative European SMEs from European contracts which are open to international competition;***

*Amendment*

27a. ***Regrets, too, the excessive red tape under the REACH regulation, which has excluded some innovative European SMEs from European contracts which are open to international competition;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 220**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to act with speed and ambition to reduce the regulatory burden on SMEs, *while ensuring that any proposed solutions are evidence- based;*

*Amendment*

28. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to act with speed and ambition to reduce the regulatory burden on SMEs. *Points out, however, that the reduction of administrative burden for these firms must not undermine effective implementation of the ILO's standards and its Decent Work Agenda;*

Or. en

**Amendment 221**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. Calls on the Commission and the *Member States* to act with speed and ambition to reduce the regulatory burden on SMEs, while ensuring that any proposed solutions are evidence- based;

*Amendment*

28. Calls on the Commission, *Member States* and the *EIB* to act with speed and ambition to *increase access to finance for SMEs, and to* reduce the regulatory burden on SMEs, while ensuring that any proposed solutions are evidence- based *and without compromising core European environmental and social standards and fully respecting Article 9 TFEU;*

Or. en

**Amendment 222**  
**Mikael Gustafsson, Minodora Cliveti**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to act with speed and ambition to reduce the regulatory burden on SMEs, while ensuring that any proposed solutions are *evidence-based*;

*Amendment*

28. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to act with speed and ambition to reduce the regulatory burden on SMEs, while ensuring that any proposed solutions are *evidence-based and takes into account the gender equality*;

Or. en

**Amendment 223**

**Olle Ludvigsson**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to act with speed and ambition to reduce the regulatory burden on SMEs, while ensuring that any proposed solutions are evidence-based;

*Amendment*

28. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to act with speed and ambition to reduce the regulatory burden on SMEs, while ensuring that any proposed solutions are evidence-based *and take into account social rights including health and safety*;

Or. sv

**Amendment 224**

**Marije Cornelissen**

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 28 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***28a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to fully exploit the job potential of the green economy by developing a Renaissance of Industry for a Sustainable Europe (RISE) strategy that pursues technological, business and social***

*innovation towards a third industrial revolution including a low-carbon modernisation offensive; argues that RISE will create new markets, business models and creative entrepreneurs, new jobs and decent work, bringing an industrial renewal with economic dynamism, confidence and competitiveness; believes that energy and resource efficiency are key pillars of such a strategy;*

Or. en

**Amendment 225**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*28a. Considers that the Commission's proposal that micro-entities should be excluded from the scope of future proposed legislation unless there is a need for them to be covered, could be an appropriate approach; calls however for a saving clause of current social legislation built to protect workers;*

Or. en

**Amendment 226**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*28b. Calls on the Commission to ensure that national SME organizations, are part of the newly established network of SME Envoys and the SME Assembly, must be*

*properly informed of EU initiatives and policy proposals, stresses in this context the equally important role of the European Information Centres (EICs), which have so far not managed to provide a service that lives up to the expectations and needs of European businesses;*

Or. en

**Amendment 227**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*28c. Calls on Member States to promote language learning through life-long learning (vocational training), for employees of SMEs and micro-entities, as a means of reinforcing the access and participation of these firms in the Single Market;*

Or. en

**Amendment 228**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*28d. Calls on Member States to foster the provision of education in management and business strategy for SME owners looking to expand their business. Calls on Member States to foster the culture of internationalisation through information, presentation of good practice and the provision of a platform of exchange; to foster a 'national branding' so that young*

*exporters can benefit from already established good reputation of national companies; to provide skill development in the field of entrepreneurship, also with focus of international business activities; to create transparency among available start-up and growth support instruments and review eligibility criteria and administrative burden involved; to support networking and peer exchange, as well as liaising the young entrepreneurs with potential investors and business partners; to provide operational advice and support also after the start-up phase, to assist survival of the first critical years and to provide employment incentives;*

Or. en

**Amendment 229**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28 e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*28e. Calls on the Commission to create more favourable legal, regulatory, accounting and tax rules to: allow winners in challenged sectors to restructure and consolidate; help viable SMEs to restructure unsustainable debt and adequately recapitalize and provide help to owners and lenders to wind down nonviable SMEs, so capital and other resources can be redeployed to more promising activities;*

Or. en

**Amendment 230**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28 f (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***28f. Calls on the Commission to work on developing alternative sources of financing for SMEs besides bank loans throughout their lifecycle. Stresses the importance of***

***-Developing venture capital. Funds-of-funds could be efficient instruments to increase the volume of venture capital. A fund of guarantees for institutional investors could further reduce the constraints in this market;***

***-Developing dedicated markets and networks for SMEs. Venture capital funds are also dependant on well-performing SME-oriented stock exchanges to turn their investments into initial public offerings. Measures could include creating a distinct approach for SMEs, beyond existing ones, and include the development of specific accounting rules for listed SMEs and new trading platforms. Developing frameworks for business networks could favour SME pooling, risk sharing, mutualisation and diversification and thus improve their access to finance;***

***- Developing new well regulated securitisation instruments for SMEs. The Commission already has a SME securitisation instrument in place and has proposed to continue offering support for securitisation through the COSME programme. In addition, under EU criteria for SMEs' industrial investments of European interest, vehicles for structured credits could receive European labels.; and***

***-Developing or promoting other 'non-traditional' sources of finance, such as leasing; supply chain finance; internet-based sources of funding like crowd-funding, etc. Further reflection is needed***

*about how to ensure these markets grow on a sustainable basis and are properly supported within a regulatory framework;*

Or. en

**Amendment 231**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28 g (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*28g. Calls on Member States to ensure the collection of relevant financial and non-financial data of SMEs and microenterprises. Encourages the standardisation of information on SMEs and the establishment of rigorous, comprehensive central credit registries of this information. Recommends the consolidation of national central credit registry data with that collected by the European Data Warehouse, toward the eventual establishment of a European central credit registry;*

Or. en

**Amendment 232**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28 h (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*28h. Asks the Commission to ensure easier access for SMEs to structural funds, notably by relaxing the requirements for pre financed projects, reducing the requirements for co-financing, better targeting different types of SMES, closing the financing gap*



*between call cycles and supporting  
capacity building for SME funding;*

Or. en

**Amendment 233**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28 i (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**28i. Maintains that all the measures in support of SMEs should be applicable to the self-employed, especially as regards to the different forms of social security systems, the benefits provided under them and the prevention of occupational hazards;**

Or. en

**Amendment 234**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 29**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

29. Calls on MEPs to make full use of the Impact Assessment and European Added Value Directorate in order to scrutinise the cost *of proposals on draft policy*;

29. Calls on MEPs to make full use of the Impact Assessment and European Added Value Directorate in order to scrutinise the cost *implications of draft legislation*;

Or. de

**Amendment 235**  
**Olle Ludvigsson**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 29**

*Motion for a resolution*

29. Calls on MEPs to make full use of the Impact Assessment and European Added Value Directorate in order to scrutinise the cost of proposals on draft policy;

*Amendment*

29. Calls on MEPs to make full use of the Impact Assessment and European Added Value Directorate in order to scrutinise the cost **and other consequences** of proposals on draft policy;

Or. sv

**Amendment 236**  
**Philippe Boulland**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 29**

*Motion for a resolution*

29. Calls on MEPs to make full use of the Impact Assessment and European Added Value Directorate in order to scrutinise the cost of proposals on draft policy;

*Amendment*

29. Calls on MEPs to make full use of the Impact Assessment and European Added Value Directorate, **for example in the area of CSR**, in order to scrutinise the cost **to SMEs** of proposals on draft policy;

Or. fr

**Amendment 237**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 29**

*Motion for a resolution*

29. Calls on MEPs to make full use of the Impact Assessment and European Added Value Directorate in order to scrutinise the cost of proposals on draft policy;

*Amendment*

29. Calls on MEPs to make full use of the Impact Assessment and European Added Value Directorate in order to scrutinise the cost **and benefits** of proposals on draft policy;

Or. en

**Amendment 238**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 29 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***29a. Reminds Member States of their commitment under the Small Business Act, to be able to start a business within 48 hours maximum; Calls on Member States in this context to make every effort to reach this target;***

Or. en

**Amendment 239**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***30. Calls on the Commission to address the negative effects that the accumulation of legislation has on businesses, particularly with regard to the aspects of lack of knowledge and overall perception of EU legislation, especially in the area of employment and health and safety legislation;***

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 240**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**30. Calls on the Commission to address the negative effects that the accumulation of legislation has on businesses, particularly with regard to the aspects of lack of knowledge and overall perception of EU legislation, especially in the area of employment and health and safety legislation;**

**deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 241**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

30. Calls on the Commission to address the negative effects that the accumulation of legislation has on businesses, particularly with regard to the aspects of lack of knowledge and overall perception of EU legislation, ***especially in the area of employment and health and safety legislation;***

30. Calls on the Commission to address the negative effects ***in the area of employment and health and safety legislation*** that the accumulation of legislation has on businesses, particularly with regard to the aspects of lack of knowledge and overall perception of EU legislation;

Or. de

**Amendment 242**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

30. Calls on the Commission to address the negative effects that the accumulation of legislation has on businesses, particularly with regard to the aspects of lack of

30. Calls on the Commission to address the negative effects that the accumulation of legislation has on businesses, particularly with regard to the aspects of lack of

knowledge and overall perception of EU legislation, *especially in the area of employment and health and safety legislation*;

knowledge and overall perception of EU legislation;

Or. es

**Amendment 243**  
**Olle Ludvigsson**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Calls on the Commission to address the negative effects that *the accumulation of* legislation has on businesses, particularly with regard to the aspects of lack of knowledge *and overall perception* of EU legislation, especially in the area of employment and health and safety legislation;

*Amendment*

30. Calls on the Commission to address the negative effects that *EU* legislation has on businesses, particularly with regard to the aspects of lack of knowledge of EU legislation *and lack of support for its practical application*, especially in the area of employment and health and safety legislation

Or. sv

**Amendment 244**  
**Philippe Boulland**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Calls on the Commission to address the negative effects that the accumulation of legislation has on businesses, particularly with regard to the aspects of lack of knowledge and overall perception of EU legislation, especially in the area of employment and health and safety legislation;

*Amendment*

30. Calls on the Commission to address the negative effects that the accumulation of legislation has on businesses, particularly with regard to the aspects of lack of knowledge and overall perception of EU legislation, especially in the area of employment and health and safety legislation; *calls therefore on the Commission to improve the flow of information to SMEs, particularly on the positive aspects of introducing CSR*;

**Amendment 245**  
**Philippe De Backer**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***30a. Therefore calls on the Commission to subject new regulations relevant to enterprises to an overall and inclusive impact assessment, including a comprehensive test, taking into account the needs and challenges that especially SMEs have to face;***

Or. en

**Amendment 246**  
**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, Konstantinos Poupakis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***30a. Calls on the Commission to draft EU texts that are easily understandable and accessible to citizens and businesses, especially when it comes to comprehensive guidelines on how aspiring entrepreneurs can use European financial and business tools;***

Or. en

**Amendment 247**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 31**

*Motion for a resolution*

31. Calls on the Commission, ***in the context of the REFIT programme, to ensure that all legislation is doing what it was intended to do and to identify areas where there are excessive burdens, inconsistencies or ineffective measures, particularly in the area of employment and social affairs;***

*Amendment*

31. Calls on the Commission ***to fully implement the simplification initiatives set out in their recent Regulatory Fitness (REFIT) Communication; calls on the Commission to use these as the start of a more ambitious drive to create jobs and growth in the EU by reducing the cost of regulation for business, particularly in the area of employment and social affairs;***

Or. en

**Amendment 248**

**Marije Cornelissen**

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 31**

*Motion for a resolution*

31. Calls on the Commission, in the context of the REFIT programme, to ***ensure*** that all legislation is doing what it was intended to do and to identify areas where there ***are excessive burdens, inconsistencies or ineffective measures, particularly in the area of employment and social affairs;***

*Amendment*

31. Calls on the Commission, in the context of the REFIT programme, to ***check*** that all legislation is doing what it was intended to do and to identify areas where there inconsistencies or ineffective measures;

Or. en

**Amendment 249**

**Jan Kozłowski**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 31**

*Motion for a resolution*

31. Calls on the Commission, in the context of the REFIT programme, to

*Amendment*

31. Calls on the Commission, in the context of the REFIT programme, to

ensure that all legislation is doing what it was intended to do and to identify areas where there are excessive burdens, inconsistencies or ineffective measures, ***particularly in the area of employment and social affairs***;

ensure that all legislation is doing what it was intended to do and to identify areas where there are excessive burdens, inconsistencies or ineffective measures;

Or. en

**Amendment 250**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 31**

*Motion for a resolution*

31. Calls on the Commission, in the context of the REFIT programme, to ensure that all legislation is doing what it was intended to do and to identify areas where there are excessive burdens, inconsistencies or ineffective measures, ***particularly in the area of employment and social affairs***;

*Amendment*

31. Calls on the Commission, in the context of the REFIT programme, to ensure that all legislation is doing what it was intended to do and to identify areas where there are excessive burdens, inconsistencies or ineffective measures;

Or. es

**Amendment 251**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 31**

*Motion for a resolution*

31. Calls on the Commission, in the context of the REFIT programme, to ensure that all legislation is doing what it was intended to do and to identify areas where there are excessive burdens, inconsistencies or ineffective measures, ***particularly in the area of employment and social affairs***;

*Amendment*

31. Calls on the Commission, in the context of the REFIT programme, to ensure that all legislation is doing what it was intended to do and to identify areas where there are excessive burdens, inconsistencies or ineffective measures ***affecting*** employment and social ***matters***;



**Amendment 252**  
**Olle Ludvigsson**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 31**

*Motion for a resolution*

31. Calls on the Commission, in the context of the REFIT programme, to ensure that all legislation is doing what it was intended to do and to identify areas where there are **excessive burdens**, inconsistencies or ineffective measures, particularly in the area of employment and social affairs;

*Amendment*

31. Calls on the Commission, in the context of the REFIT programme, to ensure that all legislation is doing what it was intended to do and to identify areas where there are inconsistencies or ineffective measures, particularly in the area of employment and social affairs;

Or. sv

**Amendment 253**  
**Jan Kozłowski**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 32**

*Motion for a resolution*

32. Calls on the Member States to support self-employment, especially among young people, by creating an environment that will encourage entrepreneurs to **grow** and create new jobs;

*Amendment*

32. Calls on the Member States to support self-employment, especially among young people, by creating an environment that will encourage entrepreneurs to **set up and develop their businesses** and create new jobs;

Or. en

**Amendment 254**  
**Philippe Boulland**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 32**

*Motion for a resolution*

32. Calls on the Member States to support self-employment, especially among young people, by creating an environment that will encourage entrepreneurs to grow and create new jobs;

*Amendment*

32. Calls on the Member States to support self-employment, especially among young people, by creating an environment that will encourage entrepreneurs to grow and create new jobs, **particularly by establishing information centres, evenly distributed over the regions and providing both tax administration information and opportunities for microcredit**;

Or. fr

**Amendment 255**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 32**

*Motion for a resolution*

32. Calls on the Member States to support self-employment, especially among young people, by creating an environment that will encourage entrepreneurs to grow and create new jobs;

*Amendment*

32. Calls on the **Commission and the** Member States to support self-employment, especially among young people, by creating an environment that will encourage entrepreneurs to grow and create new jobs **and by promoting entrepreneurship among students and professionals**;

Or. de

**Amendment 256**  
**Mikael Gustafsson, Minodora Cliveti**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 32**

*Motion for a resolution*

32. Calls on the Member States to support self-employment, especially among young people, by creating an environment that

*Amendment*

32. Calls on the Member States to support self-employment, especially among **women and** young people, by creating an

will encourage entrepreneurs to grow and create new jobs;

environment that will encourage entrepreneurs to grow and create new jobs;

Or. en

**Amendment 257**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 32**

*Motion for a resolution*

32. Calls on the Member States to support self-employment, especially among young people, by creating an environment that will encourage entrepreneurs to grow and create new jobs;

*Amendment*

32. Calls on the Member States to support self-employment, especially among young people, by creating an environment that will encourage entrepreneurs to grow and create new jobs; ***calls inter alia for improved social protection programmes to tackle unemployment and the cessation of activity or access to pensions for self-employed workers as one of the main tools to promote self-employment;***

Or. es

**Amendment 258**  
**Ria Oomen-Ruijten**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 32**

*Motion for a resolution*

32. Calls on the Member States to support self-employment, especially among young people, by creating an environment that will encourage entrepreneurs to grow and create new jobs;

*Amendment*

32. Calls on the Member States to support self-employment, ***possibly across borders***, especially among young people, by creating an environment that will encourage entrepreneurs to grow and create new jobs;

Or. nl

**Amendment 259**  
**Phil Bennion**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 32**

*Motion for a resolution*

32. Calls on the Member States to support self-employment, especially among young people, by creating an environment that will encourage entrepreneurs to grow and create new jobs;

*Amendment*

32. Calls on the Member States to support self-employment, especially among young people, by creating an environment **and developing an education system** that will encourage entrepreneurs to grow and create new jobs;

Or. en

**Amendment 260**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 32 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**32a. Calls on the social partners to embrace smart regulation tools, increase the use of impact assessments in their negotiations and refer agreement proposing legislative action to the Commissions Impact Assessment Board;**

Or. en

**Amendment 261**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 33**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**33. Calls on the Commission and the co-legislators to consider the impact on future job creation that the excessively burdensome requirements of the proposed Data Protection Regulation may have on**

**deleted**

*businesses, particularly SMEs, potentially affecting their ability to retain and create jobs;*

Or. en

**Amendment 262**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 33**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*33. Calls on the Commission and the co-legislators to consider the impact on future job creation that the excessively burdensome requirements of the proposed Data Protection Regulation may have on businesses, particularly SMEs, potentially affecting their ability to retain and create jobs;*

*deleted*

Or. de

**Amendment 263**  
**Phil Bennion**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 33**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*33. Calls on the Commission and the co-legislators to consider the impact on future job creation that the excessively burdensome requirements of the proposed Data Protection Regulation may have on businesses, particularly SMEs, potentially affecting their ability to retain and create jobs;*

*33. Insists on a balanced approach of the Data Protection Regulation **in protecting data privacy whilst stimulating the digital economy, job creation and growth;***

Or. en

**Amendment 264**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 34**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**34. Calls on the Commission and the co-legislators, in the context of the Posting of Workers Directive, to ensure that any measures adopted are proportionate and to limit the burdens on businesses seeking to benefit from the freedom to provide services;**

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 265**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 34**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**34. Calls on the Commission and the co-legislators, in the context of the Posting of Workers Directive, to ensure that any measures adopted are proportionate and to limit the burdens on businesses seeking to benefit from the freedom to provide services;**

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 266**  
**Olle Ludvigsson**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 34**

*Motion for a resolution*

34. Calls on the Commission and the co-legislators, in the context of the Posting of Workers Directive, to ensure that any measures adopted **are proportionate and to** limit the burdens on businesses seeking to benefit from the freedom to provide services;

*Amendment*

34. Calls on the Commission and the co-legislators, in the context of the Posting of Workers Directive, to ensure that any measures adopted limit the burdens on businesses seeking to benefit from the freedom to provide services **without reducing worker protection or limiting Member States' ability to adopt controls on compliance**;

Or. sv

**Amendment 267**  
**Philippe Boulland**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 34**

*Motion for a resolution*

34. Calls on the Commission and the co-legislators, in the context of the Posting of Workers Directive, to ensure that any measures adopted are proportionate and to limit the burdens on businesses seeking to benefit from the freedom to provide services;

*Amendment*

34. Calls on the Commission and the co-legislators, in the context of the Posting of Workers Directive, to ensure that any measures adopted are proportionate and to limit the burdens on businesses seeking to benefit from the freedom to provide services, **while bearing in mind the risk of social dumping**;

Or. fr

**Amendment 268**  
**Danuta Jazłowiecka**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 34**

*Motion for a resolution*

34. Calls on the Commission and the co-legislators, in the context of the Posting of Workers Directive, to ensure that any measures adopted are proportionate and to limit the burdens on businesses seeking to

*Amendment*

34. Calls on the Commission and the co-legislators, in the context of the Posting of Workers Directive, to ensure that any **new** measures adopted are proportionate, **justified and non-discriminatory, to strike**

benefit from the freedom to provide services;

*the right balance between the protection of workers' rights and the freedom to provide services* and to limit the burdens on businesses seeking to benefit from the freedom to provide services;

Or. en

**Amendment 269**  
**Jürgen Creutzmann**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 35**

*Motion for a resolution*

35. Calls on the EU to work with Member States *and* universities to coordinate and make full use of EU funding sources such as ESF, ERDF and Horizon 2020, in order to promote an entrepreneurial culture, particularly among young people;

*Amendment*

35. Calls on the EU to work with Member States, universities, *research establishments and businesses* to coordinate and make full use of EU funding sources such as ESF, ERDF, *COSME* and Horizon 2020, in order to promote an entrepreneurial culture, particularly among young people, *and to improve access to financing and to new markets*;

Or. de

**Amendment 270**  
**Jan Kozłowski**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 35**

*Motion for a resolution*

35. Calls on the EU to work with Member States and universities to coordinate and make full use of EU funding sources such as ESF, ERDF *and Horizon 2020*, in order to promote an entrepreneurial culture, particularly among young people;

*Amendment*

35. Calls on the EU to work with Member States and universities to coordinate and make full use of EU funding sources such as ESF, ERDF *Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+* , in order to promote an entrepreneurial culture, particularly among young people, *to develop and upgrade the qualifications and skills needed by the labour market and to support the creation*



*of new businesses;*

Or. en

**Amendment 271**

**Mikael Gustafsson, Minodora Cliveti**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 35**

*Motion for a resolution*

35. Calls on the EU to work with Member States and universities to coordinate and make full use of EU funding sources such as ESF, ERDF and Horizon 2020, in order to promote an entrepreneurial culture, particularly among young people;

*Amendment*

35. Calls on the EU to work with Member States and universities to coordinate and make full use of EU funding sources such as ESF, ERDF and Horizon 2020, in order to promote an entrepreneurial culture, particularly among **women and** young people;

Or. en

**Amendment 272**

**Marije Cornelissen**

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 35**

*Motion for a resolution*

35. Calls on the EU to work with Member States and universities to coordinate and make full use of EU funding sources such as ESF, ERDF and Horizon 2020, in order to promote an entrepreneurial culture, particularly among young people;

*Amendment*

35. Calls on the EU to work with Member States and universities to coordinate and make full use of EU funding sources such as ESF, ERDF and Horizon 2020, in order to promote an entrepreneurial culture, particularly among young people **as well as to foster access to social security for self-employed;**

Or. en

**Amendment 273**

**Olle Ludvigsson**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 35**

*Motion for a resolution*

35. Calls on the EU to work with Member States and universities to coordinate and make full use of EU funding sources such as ESF, ERDF and Horizon 2020, in order to promote an entrepreneurial culture, particularly among young people;

*Amendment*

35. Calls on the EU to work with Member States and universities to coordinate and make full use of EU funding sources such as ESF, ERDF and Horizon 2020, in order to ***allocate funding for long-term research into working life and*** promote an entrepreneurial culture, particularly among young people;

Or. sv

**Amendment 274**

**Jan Kozłowski**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 35 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***35a. Calls on the EU and Member States to cooperate on introducing the entrepreneurship skills into the curricula on all stages of education;***

*Amendment*

Or. en

**Amendment 275**

**Jan Kozłowski**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 35 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***35b. Calls on the EU to work with Member States, schools and universities on the implementation of the open technology-based education;***

*Amendment*

**Amendment 276**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 36 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***36a. Calls on the Commission to explore the creation of a European Visa for entrepreneurs that can help attract talent and entrepreneurial expertise from outside the EU;***