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Amendment 1
Elisabeth Schroedter, Michail Tremopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Commission Regulation (EC) No 1828/2006 of 8 December 2006 setting out rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and of Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Regional Development Fund, in particular Article 7,

Or. en

Amendment 2
Elisabeth Schroedter, Michail Tremopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to Regulation (EC) No 397/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006 on the European Regional Development Fund as regards the eligibility of energy efficiency and renewable energy investments in housing,

Or. en

Amendment 3
Elisabeth Schroedter, Michail Tremopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the regulation (EU) No 437/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 May 2010 amending Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006 on the European Regional Development Fund as regards the eligibility of housing interventions in favour of marginalised communities,

Or. en

Amendment 4
Erminia Mazzoni

Motion for a resolution
Citation 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the Council conclusions on the Strategic Report of 2010 by the Commission on the Implementation of the Cohesion Policy Programmes adopted by the *Foreign* Affairs Council on 14 June 2010,

– having regard to the Council conclusions on the Strategic Report of 2010 by the Commission on the Implementation of the Cohesion Policy Programmes adopted by the *General* Affairs Council on 14 June 2010,

Or. en

Amendment 5
Elisabeth Schroedter, Michail Tremopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Citation 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee from 14 July 2010 on "How to foster efficient partnership in the management of cohesion policy programmes, based on good practices from the 2007-2013 cycle" (ECO/258),

Or. en

Amendment 6

Elisabeth Schroedter, Michail Tremopoulos

Motion for a resolution

Citation 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Commission Staff Working Document "Regions 2020 - an Assessment of Future Challenges for EU Regions" (SEC(2008)2868),

Or. en

Amendment 7

Elisabeth Schroedter, Michail Tremopoulos

Motion for a resolution

Citation 12 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Communication from the Commission "Regional Policy Contributing to Sustainable Growth in Europe 2020" (COM(2011)17),

Or. en

Amendment 8
Petru Constantin Luhan

Motion for a resolution
Citation 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Development 'On achieving real territorial, social and economic cohesion within the EU – a sine qua non for global competitiveness?' (A7-0309/2010),

Or. ro

Amendment 9
Miroslav Mikolášik, Oldřich Vlasák

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas, according to Article 174 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in order to promote its overall harmonious development, the Union shall develop and pursue its actions leading to the strengthening of its economic, social and territorial cohesion,

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Or. en

Amendment 10
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

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A. whereas, according to Article 174 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in order to promote its overall harmonious development, the Union shall develop and pursue its actions leading to the strengthening of its economic, social and territorial cohesion, ***while taking into account the EU 2020 Strategy to become a smart, sustainable and inclusive economy,***

Or. en

Amendment 11
Miroslav Mikolášik, Oldřich Vlasák, Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the strategic dimension of cohesion policy guaranteeing consistency with the European Union priorities is provided and highlighted through Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (hereinafter: General Regulation), the Community strategic guidelines on cohesion (hereinafter: Strategic Guidelines), the National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF) and the Operational Programmes (OP),

Amendment

B. whereas the strategic dimension of cohesion policy guaranteeing consistency with the European Union priorities - ***making Europe and its regions more attractive places in which to invest and work, improving knowledge and innovation for growth and creating more and better jobs*** - is provided and highlighted through Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (hereinafter: General Regulation), the Community strategic guidelines on cohesion (hereinafter: Strategic Guidelines), the National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF) and the Operational Programmes (OP),

Or. en

Amendment 12
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the strategic reporting exercise represents a new **feature** of cohesion policy, introduced in the present programming period through the General Regulation as an instrument for examining the implementation of Strategic Guidelines, aiming at increasing the strategic content and promoting the transparency and accountability of cohesion policy,

Amendment

C. whereas the strategic reporting exercise represents a new **instrument** of cohesion policy, introduced in the present programming period through the General Regulation as an instrument for examining the implementation of Strategic Guidelines, aiming at increasing the strategic content and promoting the transparency and accountability of cohesion policy, **and whereas lessons should be learnt from the information and experience gained when planning the next programming period;**

Or. de

Amendment 13
Erminia Mazzoni

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas Lisbon earmarking is the exercise whereby subsets of the agreed 86 **priority schemes** were identified as specific priorities under the Lisbon Growth and Jobs Agenda and whereas, for the Convergence objective regions, 47 **priority themes** were identified as earmarked priorities, while in Regional Competitiveness and Employment objective regions, only 33 **priority themes** were identified,

Amendment

D. whereas Lisbon earmarking is the exercise whereby subsets of the agreed 86 **categories of expenditure** were identified as specific priorities under the Lisbon Growth and Jobs Agenda and whereas, for the Convergence objective regions, 47 **categories of expenditure** were identified as earmarked priorities, while in Regional Competitiveness and Employment objective regions, only 33 **categories of expenditure** were identified,

Or. en

Amendment 14
Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas the achievement of territorial cohesion in the urban-rural dimension will be one of the greatest challenges in the context of the proposals for establishing ambitious urban agendas, as mentioned in the conclusions of the fifth report on 'Economic, social and territorial cohesion; the future of cohesion policy' and given the necessity of economic and social development for all citizens wherever they live,

Or. ro

Amendment 15
Michail Tremopoulos, Elisabeth Schroedter

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F a. whereas globalisation, demographic change, climate change and energy issues have been identified as major challenges which need urgently to be addressed to avoid negative impacts on regional development,

Or. en

Amendment 16
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas the Member States were suffering from the effects of the economic crisis while data were being collected, with some facing initial difficulties at the start of the programming period, and whereas it is hoped, therefore, that more informative data can be gleaned from the 2012 Strategic Report when it appears,

Or. de

Amendment 17
Petru Constantin Luhan

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas cohesion policy is crucial for ensuring competitive economic growth by means of support for regional specificities in line with their level of development and the priorities established,

Or. ro

Amendment 18
Michail Tremopoulos, Elisabeth Schroedter

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Congratulates Member States on their efforts to prepare their first national

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strategic reports, which have proved to be a **valuable** source of information on implementation;

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Or. en

Amendment 19

Michail Tremopoulos, Elisabeth Schroedter

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Deplores the fact that the Commission has not provided information on the implementation of horizontal objectives such as sustainable development and gender mainstreaming;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Franz Obermayr

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Points out that, when making comparative analyses, it should be taken into consideration that five Member States extracted their data at a more recent date and one at an earlier date; considers that it is more appropriate to compare the progress made by individual Member States with the EU average;

2. Points out that, when making comparative analyses, it should be taken into consideration that five Member States extracted their data at a more recent date and one at an earlier date; considers that it is more appropriate to compare the progress made by individual Member States with the EU average; ***stresses that there should be a strong requirement for all Member States to submit their data on the same date in future;***

Or. de

Amendment 21

Michail Tremopoulos, Elisabeth Schroedter

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Considers that transparency in the allocation of funds fosters correct implementation and is a key precondition for achieving the overall objectives of cohesion policy and as such needs to be reinforced; takes the view that setting Community guidelines and introducing strategic reporting as a new instrument have contributed to increased accountability in delivering policy objectives;

Amendment

3. Considers that transparency in the allocation of funds fosters correct implementation and is a key precondition for achieving the overall objectives of cohesion policy and as such needs to be reinforced; ***strongly believes that the disclosure of the list of beneficiaries is an efficient tool for implementation that should be continued while endorsing good governance through coherence with Community priorities***; takes the view that setting Community guidelines and introducing strategic reporting as a new instrument have contributed to increased accountability in delivering policy objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Iosif Matula

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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accountability in delivering policy objectives;

accountability in delivering policy objectives; ***insists on the need for greater transparency at all stages of funding of the projects carried out with input from the instruments of cohesion policy;***

Or. ro

Amendment 23
Luís Paulo Alves

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Stresses, however, the importance of introducing more flexibility into the rules governing the Structural Funds as regards eligibility criteria, the definition of criteria for resource allocation, the cofinancing rate applicable and the areas of action, in line with the creation of a genuine multilevel agreement involving the Commission, the Member States and the regions and results-oriented in nature;

Or. pt

Amendment 24
Michail Tremopoulos, Elisabeth Schroedter

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Notes ***with satisfaction*** that a total of EUR 63 billion is reported as allocated to Lisbon earmarking projects and that project selection under Lisbon earmarking is at the same level or slightly faster than selection for other actions;

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Amendment 25

Miroslav Mikolášik, Karin Kadenbach, Oldřich Vlasák

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. *Notes* with satisfaction that a total of EUR 63 billion is reported as allocated to Lisbon earmarking projects and that project selection under Lisbon earmarking is at the same level or slightly faster than selection for other actions;

Amendment

5. ***Reiterates its appreciation of the national efforts resulting in average allocation of expenditure for the achievement of the Lisbon agenda of 65% of the available funds in the convergence regions and 82% in the regional competitiveness and employment regions, exceeding the levels originally requested; notes*** with satisfaction that a total of EUR 63 billion is reported as allocated to Lisbon earmarking projects and that project selection under Lisbon earmarking is at the same level or slightly faster than selection for other actions;

Amendment 26

Riikka Manner

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Notes with satisfaction that a total of EUR 63 billion is reported as allocated to Lisbon earmarking projects and that project selection under Lisbon earmarking is at the same level or slightly faster than selection for other actions;

Amendment

5. Notes with satisfaction that a total of EUR 63 billion is reported as allocated to Lisbon earmarking projects and that project selection under Lisbon earmarking is at the same level or slightly faster than selection for other actions ***and therefore urges the Member States to continue in future to earmark resources for projects supporting the competitiveness strategy;***

Amendment 27

**Eva-Britt Svensson on behalf of the FEMM commission
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut**

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Notes the role of the European Social Fund as mentioned in national reports; calls on the Member States for an effective implementation of the selected projects and to ensure the necessary co-financing for projects aiming to support equal access to education and training, adapted to women's needs in terms of reconciliation of work and family life;

Or. en

Amendment 28

**Eva-Britt Svensson on behalf of the FEMM commission
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut**

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Calls on the Member States to make progress in the implementation of co-financed measures and activities aiming at regional level to support labour markets by reducing gender segregation as well as inequalities, such as the pay gap and the under representation in decision making positions, by facilitating the reconciliation of working and family

life and by encouraging conversion of precarious work into work with rights, given the significant proportion of women affected by precarious working arrangements;

Or. en

Amendment 29

**Eva-Britt Svensson on behalf of the FEMM commission
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut**

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5c. Calls on the Members States to make a better use of the allocated funds and to avoid delays in implementing the activities aiming at ensuring equal opportunities and the active inclusion of women on the labour market;

Or. en

**Amendment 30
Oldřich Vlasák, Miroslav Mikolášik**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Notes that the progress rate among CSG themes is highest in the Territorial Dimension theme (30%), above average for 'Improving knowledge and innovation for growth', but below 27.1% in the case of the other two guidelines and that, moreover, selection rates are above average for Lisbon earmarked projects in

6. Notes that the progress rate among CSG themes is highest in the Territorial Dimension theme (30%), above average for 'Improving knowledge and innovation for growth', but below 27.1% in the case of the other two guidelines and that, moreover, selection rates are above average for Lisbon earmarked projects in

both Convergence and Regional Competitiveness and Employment objectives, but amount only to 20.5% in the European Territorial Cooperation objective; regrets that, in the absence of output and result indicators for all Member States, the analysis of policy performance as presented in the strategic report has proved to have serious limitations;

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Or. cs

Amendment 31 Riikka Manner

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. fi

Amendment 32
Elisabeth Schroedter, Michail Tremopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Points out that projects were supported which do not comply with the Community acquis, and that the Commission did not pay sufficient attention to this;

Or. de

Amendment 33
Elisabeth Schroedter, Michail Tremopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6b. Welcomes the inclusion of expenditure for investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy in housing construction and housing projects for marginalised communities in the programme, which is successfully being implemented in many regions; recommends that the Commission continue with this approach;

Or. de

Amendment 34
Luís Paulo Alves

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

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Motion for a resolution

7. Regrets the delays in project selection for strategic areas such as the rail sector, certain energy and environmental investments, the digital economy, social inclusion, governance and capacity building, and calls for a thorough analysis of the causes of these delays; highlights on the other hand higher absorption of environmental projects in European Territorial Cooperation programmes, and points to the clear added value of cooperation in this context;

Amendment

7. Regrets the delays in project selection for strategic areas such as the rail sector, certain energy and environmental investments, the digital economy, social inclusion, governance and capacity building, and calls for a thorough analysis of the causes of these delays, ***while also inviting the Member States to involve their regions with a view to closer monitoring of areas where efforts need reinforcement***; highlights on the other hand higher absorption of environmental projects in European Territorial Cooperation programmes, and points to the clear added value of cooperation in this context;

Or. pt

Amendment 35

Michail Tremopoulos, Elisabeth Schroedter

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Welcomes that the Commission sets out how national, regional and local authorities can realign current Regional Policy programmes to EU 2020 sustainable growth objectives and facilitate the development of a resource efficient, low carbon, climate resilient competitive economy; Calls on Member States to act without delay, invest more in sustainable development and use funds more effectively;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Underlines that Member States where, as shown by the data collected for the Commission report, implementation of the project was lagging behind may have caught up, so that a delay at this particular time need not be indicative of overall quality in the programming period;

Or. de

Amendment 37
Miroslav Mikolášik, Karin Kadenbach, Oldřich Vlasák

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Believes that corrective measures need to be promptly taken to improve poor performance in some priority areas; calls on Member States in this context to step up efforts to improve project selection in the delayed themes, and to accelerate implementation of all selected projects so as to avoid the risk of not reaching the agreed objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Miroslav Mikolášik, Karin Kadenbach, Oldřich Vlasák

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. Considers that rapid project selection and implementation is particularly needed for the activities aimed at improving human capital, supporting labour markets and enhancing social inclusion in order to overcome the negative impacts of the economic crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Miroslav Mikolášik, Karin Kadenbach, Oldřich Vlasák

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7c. Highlights the fact that several Member States confirmed that the discipline imposed by the earmarking exercise has improved the quality and focus of programming; moreover Member States unanimously considered that maintaining fundamental priorities of their National Strategic Reference Frameworks and Operational Programmes linked to the Lisbon Strategy is the best instrument to tackle the crisis, and reconfirmed the relevance of the medium and long term objectives set out in these documents;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Underlines the fact that effective selection and implementation of projects in some areas is hampered by missing relevant preconditions, such as ***the lack of*** clear national priorities for certain areas of intervention, belated transposition of EU laws and ***lack of*** institutional and administrative capacity;

Amendment

8. Underlines the fact that effective selection and implementation of projects in some areas is hampered by missing relevant preconditions, such as ***simpler application procedures at national level,*** clear national priorities for certain areas of intervention, belated transposition of EU laws and ***consolidated*** institutional and administrative capacity, ***simpler rules for the financial engineering instruments;***

Or. en

Amendment 41
Riikka Manner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Underlines the fact that effective selection and implementation of projects in some areas is hampered by missing relevant preconditions, such as the lack of clear national priorities for certain areas of intervention, belated transposition of EU laws ***and*** lack of institutional and administrative capacity;

Amendment

8. Underlines the fact that effective selection and implementation of projects in some areas is hampered by missing relevant preconditions, such as the lack of clear national priorities for certain areas of intervention, belated transposition of EU laws, lack of institutional and administrative capacity ***and excessive national red tape;***

Or. fi

Amendment 42
Miroslav Mikolášik, Karin Kadenbach, Oldřich Vlasák

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Underlines the fact that effective selection and implementation of projects in some areas is hampered by missing relevant preconditions, such as the lack of clear national priorities for certain areas of intervention, belated transposition of EU laws and lack of institutional and administrative capacity;

Amendment

8. Underlines the fact that effective selection and implementation of projects in some areas is hampered by missing relevant preconditions, such as the lack of clear national priorities for certain areas of intervention, belated transposition of EU laws and lack of institutional and administrative capacity; ***calls therefore on Member States and regions to facilitate policy implementation by tackling these challenges and in particular by improving the legal framework in the field of state aid, public procurement and environmental rules and pursue institutional reforms;***

Or. en

Amendment 43

Iosif Matula

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Underlines the fact that effective selection and implementation of projects in some areas is hampered by missing relevant preconditions, such as the lack of clear national priorities for certain areas of intervention, belated transposition of EU laws and lack of institutional and administrative capacity;

Amendment

8. Underlines the fact that effective selection and implementation of projects in some areas is hampered by missing relevant preconditions, such as the lack of clear national priorities for certain areas of intervention, belated transposition of EU laws and lack of institutional and administrative capacity; ***with a view to future partnership contracts for development and investment, calls on the Member States to involve the local and regional levels from the outset in the process of defining investment priorities on the basis of development potential objectives;***

Or. ro

Amendment 44
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Recalls with regret that the substantial delay in policy implementation results mainly from the following factors: late conclusion of the negotiations on the multiannual financial framework and the legislative package of the policy, resulting in belated completion of the national strategies and operational programmes, changes in the rules on financial control, overlap with the closure of the period 2000-2006 and scarce public resources available for cofinancing in Member States;

Amendment

9. Recalls with regret that the substantial delay in policy implementation results mainly from the following factors: late conclusion of the negotiations on the multiannual financial framework and the legislative package of the policy, resulting in belated completion of the national strategies and operational programmes, changes in the rules on financial control ***and evaluation criteria imposed at national level***, overlap with the closure of the period 2000-2006 and scarce public resources available for cofinancing in Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Petru Constantin Luhan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

10a. Stresses that the lack of recent information means that planning for the next programming period is not being backed up by proper statistics;

Amendment

Or. ro

Amendment 46

**Eva-Britt Svensson on behalf of the FEMM commission
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut**

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote actions in view of achieving better quality strategic reporting on the implementation of the cohesion policy programmes, based on comparative and reliable data, where appropriate differentiated by gender, and on a set of common core indicators;

Or. en

**Amendment 47
Michail Tremopoulos, Elisabeth Schroedter**

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Deplores that little evidence has been brought up on the implementation of the partnership principle which is a key strategic factor for the ownership of the policy on the ground; Calls on the Commission to analyse and assess the quality of partner involvement taking also into account the work done by the European Economic and Social Committee on efficient partnership in Cohesion Policy; Reminds the Member States and regions that partnership leads to simplification, particularly in the project selection procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 α (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Stresses that, in the context of the global financial and economic crisis and the current economic slowdown, EU regional policy is a key delivery instrument, making a decisive contribution to the European Economic Recovery Plan, constituting the largest Community source of investment in the real economy and providing notable support for public investment, including at regional and local level; notes that it is essential to ensure a successful exit from the crisis in order to achieve long-term sustainable development by strengthening competitiveness, employment and the attractiveness of European regions;

Or. el

Amendment 49
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 β (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10b. Notes that the Structural Funds are powerful instruments, designed for helping the regions in their economic and social restructuring and in promoting economic, social and territorial cohesion and solidarity, as well as for implementation of the European Economic Recovery Plan and, in particular, development of competitiveness and job creation; for this reason supports their systematic and

effective use;

Or. el

Amendment 50
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the publication of the Commission Staff Working Paper ‘Cohesion Policy: Responding to the economic crisis’, a review of the implementation of cohesion policy measures adopted in support of the European Economic Recovery Plan; highlights that this review draws primarily on the information provided in national strategic reports;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the publication of the Commission Staff Working Paper ‘Cohesion Policy: Responding to the economic crisis’, a review of the implementation of cohesion policy measures adopted in support of the European Economic Recovery Plan; highlights that this review draws primarily on the information provided in national strategic reports; ***calls for the Commission to take the necessary measures in order to ensure that the information provided by the member states are according to the reality at the national level;***

Or. en

Amendment 51
Maurice Ponga, Sophie Auconie, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes that the current framework of cohesion policy has proven to allow a flexible and appropriate response to the rapidly deteriorating socioeconomic environment; underlines that Member States appreciated that the crisis measures could be tailored to their specific needs;

Amendment

12. Notes that the current framework of cohesion policy has proven to allow a flexible and appropriate response to the rapidly deteriorating socioeconomic environment; underlines that Member States appreciated that the crisis measures could be tailored to their specific needs;

calls nonetheless for greater flexibility in the rules to enable crises to be combated;

Or. fr

Amendment 52
Nuno Teixeira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes that the current framework of cohesion policy has proven to allow a flexible and appropriate response to the rapidly deteriorating socioeconomic environment; underlines that Member States appreciated that the crisis measures could be tailored to their specific needs;

Amendment

12. Notes that the current framework of cohesion policy has proven to allow a flexible and appropriate response to the rapidly deteriorating socioeconomic environment; underlines that Member States appreciated that the crisis measures could be tailored to their specific needs; *calls for more rapid project selection, especially in the case of projects which can contribute to overcoming the economic crisis;*

Or. pt

Amendment 53
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes that the current framework of cohesion policy has proven to allow a flexible and appropriate response to the rapidly deteriorating socioeconomic environment; underlines that Member States appreciated that the crisis measures could be tailored to their specific needs;

Amendment

12. Notes that the current framework of cohesion policy has proven to allow a flexible and appropriate response to the rapidly deteriorating socioeconomic environment; underlines that Member States appreciated that the crisis measures could be tailored to their specific needs; ***Deplore the fact that due to the complexity of the rules imposed at national level,***

some of the member states most hit by the economic crises did not succeed to use these funds according to their real needs;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Petru Constantin Luhan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes that the current framework of cohesion policy has proven to allow a flexible and appropriate response to the rapidly deteriorating socioeconomic environment; underlines that Member States appreciated that the crisis measures could be tailored to their specific needs;

Amendment

12. Notes that the current framework of cohesion policy has proven to allow a flexible and appropriate response to the rapidly deteriorating socioeconomic environment; underlines that Member States appreciated that the crisis measures could be tailored to their specific needs; *encourages Member States to use all measures made available to them by the Commission with a view to ensuring an appropriate reaction;*

Or. ro

Amendment 55
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12a (new)

Motion for a resolution

12a. Draws attention to the valuable links being created between the objectives of cohesion policy and the sectoral reforms in areas such as education, science and research, health and the business world;

Amendment

Or. es

Amendment 56
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. **Takes note of** the difficulty of measuring the overall impact of specific cohesion policy-related measures under the EERP, and regrets that the review therefore can only give limited insights into concrete examples at national level; nevertheless, welcomes the analysis of good practices and first conclusions presented in the report;

Amendment

13. **Stresses the importance of making supplementary efforts to overcome** the difficulty of measuring the overall impact of specific cohesion policy-related measures under the EERP, and regrets that the review therefore can only give limited insights into concrete examples at national level; nevertheless, welcomes the analysis of good practices and first conclusions presented in the report;

Or. es

Amendment 57
Miroslav Mikolášik, Karin Kadenbach, Oldřich Vlasák

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

13a. Considers that the signs of recovery from the crisis are fragile, and in the coming years Europe has to tackle its structural weaknesses, also through Cohesion Policy interventions; stresses therefore the need for a thorough analysis of the impact of measures aimed at counteracting the crisis;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 58
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Emphasises that, in order to tackle the crisis, investment is needed in research and development, innovation, education and technologies that use resources efficiently, which will also benefit traditional sectors, rural areas and service economies in acquiring high levels of skills and competitiveness and will therefore strengthen economic, social and territorial cohesion; notes that it is necessary to provide for an affordable, accessible funding mechanism in which the structural funds play a key role;

Or. el

Amendment 59
Michail Tremopoulos, Elisabeth Schroedter

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Shares the view of the Council expressed in the Council Conclusions on the Strategic Report 2010 on the real added value generated by one strategic approach ***and common implementation rules*** for the ERDF, ESF and Cohesion Fund; stresses, as well, the need in the post-crisis era to consolidate public budgets and increase synergies and the impact of all available funding sources (EU, national, EIB instruments) through effective coordination;

14. Shares the view of the Council expressed in the Council Conclusions on the Strategic Report 2010 on the real added value generated by one strategic approach for the ERDF, ESF and Cohesion Fund; ***recalls that each fund needs its own rules for successful interventions on the ground in specific situations;*** stresses, as well, the need in the post-crisis era to consolidate public budgets and increase synergies and the impact of all available funding sources (EU, national, EIB instruments) through effective coordination;

Amendment 60

Nuno Teixeira

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Shares the view of the Council expressed in the Council Conclusions on the Strategic Report 2010 on the real added value generated by one strategic approach and common implementation rules for the **ERDF, ESF and Cohesion Fund**; stresses, as well, the need in the post-crisis era to consolidate public budgets and increase synergies and the impact of all available funding sources (EU, national, EIB instruments) through effective coordination;

Amendment

14. Shares the view of the Council expressed in the Council Conclusions on the Strategic Report 2010 on the real added value generated by one strategic **and integrated** approach and common implementation rules for the **funds having a structural orientation**; stresses, as well, the need in the post-crisis era to consolidate public budgets and increase synergies and the impact of all available funding sources (EU, national, EIB instruments) through effective coordination;

Or. pt

Amendment 61

Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Shares the view of the Council expressed in the Council Conclusions on the Strategic Report 2010 on the real added value generated by one strategic approach and common implementation rules for the ERDF, ESF and Cohesion Fund; stresses, as well, the need in the post-crisis era to consolidate public budgets and increase synergies and the impact of all available funding sources (EU, national, EIB instruments) through effective

Amendment

14. Shares the view of the Council expressed in the Council Conclusions on the Strategic Report 2010 on the real added value generated by one strategic approach and common implementation rules for the ERDF, ESF and Cohesion Fund; stresses, as well, the need in the post-crisis era to consolidate public budgets and increase synergies and the impact of all available funding sources (EU, national, EIB instruments) through effective

coordination;

coordination; *in order to support entrepreneurship and SMEs and bodies working for a social, inclusive economy, with a view to increasing their competitiveness and thus the potential for greater employment, and facilitating their access to financial engineering instruments (Jaspers, Jeremie, Jessica, Jasmine);*

Or. el

Amendment 62
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Acknowledges that, through the earmarking provisions for 2007-2013, cohesion policy is better geared to create synergies with research and innovation policies, and at the same time the territorial dimension has become increasingly important in FP7 and CIP;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Whereas the complexity of today's challenges calls for an integrated mix of these policies; synergy between the instruments is vital so that they reinforce each other and support the sustainable implementation of research and

innovation projects, delivering a better valorisation of research outcome in the form of concrete product ideas in the regions;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Maurice Ponga, Sophie Auconie, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Highlights the particular added value of more synergies between ERDF and ESF, *since* experience clearly proves that successful performance of ESF-financed programmes is essential in order to maximise the effectiveness of ERDF funding for economic actions;

Amendment

15. Highlights the particular added value of more synergies between ERDF and ESF ***and the rural development component of the EARFD; notes that*** experience clearly proves that successful performance of ESF-financed programmes is essential in order to maximise the effectiveness of ERDF funding for economic actions;

Or. fr

Amendment 65

Oldřich Vlasák, Miroslav Mikolášik

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Highlights the particular added value of more synergies between ERDF and ESF, since experience clearly proves that successful performance of ESF-financed programmes is essential in order to maximise the effectiveness of ERDF funding for economic actions;

Amendment

15. Highlights the particular added value of more synergies between ERDF and ESF, since experience clearly proves that successful performance of ESF-financed programmes is essential in order to maximise the effectiveness of ERDF funding for economic actions; ***notes also that greater coordination would be welcome between cohesion policy instruments and rural development policy***

instruments, since achieving more synergies between ERDF and EAFRD is similarly important;

Or. cs

Amendment 66
Elisabeth Schroedter, Michail Tremopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Highlights the particular added value of more synergies between ERDF and ESF, since experience clearly proves that successful performance of ESF-financed programmes is essential in order to maximise the effectiveness of ERDF funding for economic actions;

Amendment

15. Highlights the particular added value of more synergies between ERDF and ESF, since experience clearly proves that successful performance of ESF-financed programmes is essential in order to maximise the effectiveness of ERDF funding for economic actions; ***Stresses the potential of cross-financing which is not yet fully exploited;***

Or. en

Amendment 67
Petru Constantin Luhan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

15a. Stresses the need to correlate regional political resources with those of cohesion policy and other types of policy, recalling that the effects of intervention of whatever kind make themselves felt at local and regional level, while their coordination with a view to achieving sustainable development represents a significant challenge;

Amendment 68
Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Believes it is necessary to undertake cooperation at local, regional and national level so as to ensure that the resources allocated to regional development policy and those allocated to the CAP/rural development complement each other in the context of the need to achieve territorial cohesion;

Or. ro

Amendment 69
Patrice Tirolien

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Underlines the benefits of improved synergy between the cohesion funds, the sectoral policies and the external component of Community policies;

Or. fr

Amendment 70
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. *Notes* that monitoring and evaluation **should stimulate** policy learning and, together with financial control, **should** constitute an incentive to improve the quality of performance;

Amendment

16. ***Underlines*** that ***technical assistance***, monitoring and evaluation ***stimulates*** policy learning and, together with ***an efficient*** financial control ***will*** constitute an incentive to improve the quality of performance;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Nuno Teixeira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Regrets that only 19 Member States reported on core indicators and therefore at this stage it is impossible to have a first clear EU-wide picture of the impact of the policy on the ground; strongly encourages Member States to use core indicators in the next round of the strategic reporting exercise in 2012-2013;

Amendment

17. Regrets that only 19 Member States reported on core indicators and therefore at this stage it is impossible to have a first clear EU-wide picture of the impact of the policy on the ground; strongly encourages Member States to use core indicators in the next round of the strategic reporting exercise in 2012-2013; ***insists that future reports should be more focused on objectives, results and strategic developments***;

Or. pt

Amendment 72
Michail Tremopoulos, Elisabeth Schroedter

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Regrets that only 19 Member States reported on core indicators and therefore at

Amendment

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this stage it is impossible to have a first clear EU-wide picture of the impact of the policy on the ground; strongly encourages Member States to use core indicators in the next round of the strategic reporting exercise in 2012-2013;

this stage it is impossible to have a first clear EU-wide picture of the impact of the policy on the ground; strongly encourages Member States to use core indicators in the next round of the strategic reporting exercise in 2012-2013; ***Calls on the Commission to step in and provide support for Member States and regions to produce timely, coherent and complete data;***

Or. en

Amendment 73
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Commission to enhance the coherence and quality of monitoring of the progress made by Member States by making obligatory the use of a minimum set of core indicators in national strategic reports in the next programming period to facilitate comparison and by providing more detailed guidance;

Amendment

18. ***Underlines the need for the Commission to ensure efficient and constant monitoring and control systems in order to improve governance and effectiveness of the delivery system of the Structural Funds;***

Calls on the Commission to enhance the coherence and quality of monitoring of the progress made by Member States by making obligatory the use of a minimum set of core indicators in national strategic reports in the next programming period to facilitate comparison and by providing more detailed guidance;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Erminia Mazzoni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Commission to enhance the coherence and quality of monitoring of the progress made by Member States by making obligatory the use of a minimum set of core indicators in national strategic reports in the next programming period to facilitate comparison and by providing more detailed guidance;

Amendment

18. Calls on the Commission to enhance the coherence and quality of monitoring of the progress made by Member States by making obligatory the use of a minimum set of core **outcome** indicators in national strategic reports in the next programming period to facilitate comparison and **result-orientation**, by providing more detailed guidance;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Miroslav Mikolášik, Karin Kadenbach, Oldřich Vlasák

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Considers that strategic reporting, as a valuable tool of monitoring the progress of implementation creates a basis for peer review and strategic debate on EU level, therefore encourages Member States to adopt more analytical and strategic approach while elaborating national reports, and expects stronger focus on outputs, outcomes, as well as reasons for the failure to achieve the targets;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Considers that good practices in policy implementation must be highlighted and promoted in order to improve efficiency and avoid repeating past mistakes;

Amendment

19. Considers that good practices in policy implementation must be highlighted and ***their exchange*** promoted, in order to improve efficiency and ***effectiveness and*** avoid repeating past mistakes;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Patrice Tirolien

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. In terms of territorial cooperation, proposes systematising the introduction of common platforms for best practice according to types of regions based on cross-groupings organised on a socio-economic, geographic, demographic and cultural basis;

Or. fr

Amendment 78
Seán Kelly

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Encourages good practices related to national reporting such as using core indicators, reporting on results and outputs,

Amendment

20. Encourages good practices related to national reporting such as using core indicators, reporting on results and outputs,

reporting on synergies between national policies and EU policies, organising public debates and consultations with stakeholders, submitting the reports to national parliaments for opinions and publishing the reports on governmental websites, as these practices improve the quality of the reporting exercise and increase the ownership of stakeholders within Member States;

reporting on synergies between national policies and EU policies, organising public debates and consultations with stakeholders, submitting the reports to national parliaments for opinions and publishing the reports on governmental websites, ***all reports using clear and concise terminology***, as these practices improve the quality of the reporting exercise and increase the ownership of stakeholders within Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Iosif Matula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Encourages good practices related to national reporting such as using core indicators, reporting on results and outputs, reporting on synergies between national policies and EU policies, organising public debates and consultations with stakeholders, submitting the reports to national parliaments for opinions and publishing the reports on governmental websites, as these practices improve the quality of the reporting exercise and increase the ownership of stakeholders within Member States;

Amendment

20. Encourages good practices related to national reporting such as using core indicators, reporting on results and outputs, reporting on synergies between national policies and EU policies, organising public debates and consultations with stakeholders, submitting the reports to national parliaments for opinions and publishing the reports on governmental websites, as these practices improve the quality of the reporting exercise and increase the ownership of stakeholders within Member States; ***insists on the need to follow best practice in regions characterised by a lower degree of absorption or efficiency in respect of funding programmes;***

Or. ro

Amendment 80
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Strongly believes that good governance at European, national, regional and local level is fundamental to ensuring the quality of the decision-making process, strategic planning and the successful and efficient implementation of cohesion policy; encourages the Commission and the Member States to strengthen multi-level governance in accordance with the Treaty and the partnership principle;

Amendment

21. Strongly believes that good governance at European, national, regional and local level is fundamental to ensuring the quality of the decision-making process, strategic planning and the successful and efficient implementation of ***the EU 2020 Strategy and*** cohesion policy; encourages the Commission and the Member States to strengthen multi-level governance in accordance with the Treaty and the partnership principle; ***proposes, in order to emphasize this decentralised approach, the establishment of a 'Territorial Pact of Local and Regional Authorities on Europe 2020 Strategy' in every Member State to create a stronger ownership in the implementation of the EU 2020 Strategy;***

Or. en

Amendment 81
Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Strongly believes that good governance at European, national, regional and local level is fundamental to ensuring the quality of the decision-making process, strategic planning and the successful and efficient implementation of cohesion policy; encourages the Commission and the Member States to strengthen multi-level governance in accordance with the Treaty

Amendment

21. Strongly believes that good governance at European, national, regional and local level is fundamental to ensuring the quality of the decision-making process, strategic planning and the successful and efficient implementation of cohesion policy; ***advocates real cooperation across the different types of policy for the realisation of territorial cohesion in the urban-rural dimension;*** encourages the Commission

and the partnership principle;

and the Member States to strengthen multi-level governance in accordance with the Treaty and the partnership principle;

Or. ro

Amendment 82
Nuno Teixeira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Strongly believes that good governance at European, national, regional and local level *is* fundamental to ensuring the quality of the decision-making process, strategic planning and the successful and efficient implementation of cohesion policy; encourages the Commission and the Member States to strengthen multi-level governance in accordance with the Treaty and the partnership *principle*;

Amendment

21. Strongly believes that good governance at European, national, regional and local level *and coordination between the various levels of government are* fundamental to ensuring the quality of the decision-making process, strategic planning and the successful and efficient implementation of cohesion policy; encourages the Commission and the Member States to strengthen *and mobilise* multi-level governance in accordance with the Treaty and the *subsidiarity and* partnership *principles*;

Or. pt

Amendment 83
Iosif Matula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Strongly believes that good governance at European, national, regional and local level is fundamental to ensuring the quality of the decision-making process, strategic planning and the successful and efficient implementation of cohesion policy;

Amendment

21. Strongly believes that good governance at European, national, regional and local level is fundamental to ensuring the quality of the decision-making process, strategic planning and the successful and efficient implementation of cohesion policy;

encourages the Commission and the Member States to strengthen multi-level governance in accordance with the Treaty and the partnership principle;

encourages the Commission and the Member States to strengthen multi-level governance in accordance with the Treaty and the partnership principle; ***stresses the importance of a genuine partnership strategy, both vertically and horizontally, involving authorities and organisations at the various levels;***

Or. ro

Amendment 84
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Strongly believes that good governance at European, national, regional and local level is fundamental to ensuring the quality of the decision-making process, strategic planning and the successful and efficient implementation of cohesion policy; encourages the Commission and the Member States to strengthen multi-level governance in accordance with the Treaty and the partnership principle;

Amendment

21. Strongly believes that good governance at European, national, regional and local level is fundamental to ensuring the quality of the decision-making process, strategic planning and the successful and efficient implementation of cohesion policy; encourages the Commission and the Member States to strengthen multi-level governance in accordance with the Treaty and the partnership principle; ***Calls for the Commission and the Member States to involve the sub-national authorities in the conception of policies from an early stage of the decision making process;***

Or. en

Amendment 85
Sophie Auconie, Maurice Ponga, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Believes that simplification of provisions and procedures at EU and **national** level **should continue without creating major difficulties for beneficiaries and** should contribute to increased efficiency; regrets that, due to superfluous bureaucracy, overcomplicated rules and a lack of harmonised procedures, many funds remain unused;

Amendment

22. Believes that simplification of provisions and procedures **should continue both** at EU and **Member State** level, **primarily through developing improved rules for the future negotiation of regulations applicable to the next programming period; considers that regional policy should be better adapted to the needs of users and that this simplification** should contribute to **the** increased efficiency **of this policy**; regrets that, due to superfluous bureaucracy, overcomplicated rules and a lack of harmonised procedures, many funds remain unused;

Or. fr

Amendment 86

Seán Kelly

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Believes that simplification of provisions and procedures at EU and national level should continue without creating major difficulties for beneficiaries and should contribute to increased efficiency; **regrets** that, due to superfluous bureaucracy, overcomplicated rules and a lack of harmonised procedures, many funds remain unused;

Amendment

22. Believes that simplification of provisions and procedures at EU and national level should continue without creating major difficulties for beneficiaries and should contribute to increased efficiency; **deplores** that, due to superfluous bureaucracy, overcomplicated rules and a lack of harmonised procedures, many funds remain unused;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Believes that simplification of provisions and procedures at EU and national level should continue without creating major difficulties for beneficiaries and should contribute to increased efficiency; regrets that, due to superfluous bureaucracy, overcomplicated rules and a lack of harmonised procedures, many funds remain unused;

Amendment

22. Believes that simplification of provisions and procedures at EU and national level should continue without creating major difficulties for beneficiaries and should contribute to increased efficiency; regrets that, due to superfluous bureaucracy, overcomplicated rules ***subject to frequent changes***, and a lack of harmonised procedures, many funds remain unused;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Believes that simplification of provisions and procedures at EU and national level should continue without creating major difficulties for beneficiaries and should contribute to increased efficiency; regrets that, due to superfluous bureaucracy, overcomplicated rules and a lack of harmonised procedures, many funds remain unused;

Amendment

22. Believes that simplification of provisions and procedures at EU and national level should continue without creating major difficulties for beneficiaries and should contribute to increased efficiency; regrets that, due to superfluous bureaucracy, overcomplicated rules and a lack of harmonised procedures, many funds remain unused; ***considers that any simplification must first be examined to ensure the stability of rules and procedures***;

Or. fr

Amendment 89
Hermann Winkler, Joachim Zeller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Underlines that the point on legal certainty in interpreting the legal bases needs to be revised, particularly the question of loan financing. In future the legal bases must be established so that, inter alia, the leeway allowed for financial intermediaries and promotional banks to make decisions is fixed right at the start for the whole programming period. The possibility of resolving the question of the establishment of the legal bases through cooperation with the European Court of Auditors providing should be addressed.

Or. de

Amendment 90
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Calls on the Commission to evaluate the Small Business Act action plan/initiative for legislative proposals after a year of implementation (December 2008), primarily as regards results in strengthening small businesses' competitiveness and access to financing and operating capital, as well as promoting innovative start-ups, reducing administrative burdens, etc.;

Or. el

Amendment 91
Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Encourages Member States to enhance capacity-building and, in particular, to ensure the cofinancing of projects by national contributions and with financial engineering support, in order to increase the absorption of the funds and to avoid further major delays in investing;

Amendment

23. Encourages Member States **and regional authorities** to enhance capacity-building and, in particular, to ensure the cofinancing of projects by national contributions and with financial engineering support, in order to increase the absorption of the funds and to avoid further major delays in investing;

Or. fr

Amendment 92
Erminia Mazzoni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Encourages Member States to enhance capacity-building and, in particular, to ensure the cofinancing of projects by national contributions and **with** financial engineering support, in order to increase the absorption of the funds and to avoid further major delays in investing;

Amendment

23. Encourages Member States to enhance capacity-building and, in particular, to ensure the cofinancing of projects by national contributions and, **when relevant, to introduce** financial engineering support in order to increase the absorption of the funds and to avoid further major delays in investing;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. **Encourages** Member States to enhance capacity-building and, in particular, to ensure the cofinancing of projects by national contributions and with financial engineering support, in order to increase the absorption of the funds and to avoid further major delays in investing;

Amendment

23. **Calls for the** Member States to enhance capacity-building and **reduce administrative burden**, in particular, to ensure the cofinancing of projects by national contributions and with financial engineering support, in order to increase the absorption of the funds and to avoid further major delays in investing;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Franz Obermayr

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Encourages Member States to enhance capacity-building and, in particular, to ensure the cofinancing of projects by national contributions and with financial engineering support, in order to increase the absorption of the funds and to avoid further major delays in investing;

Amendment

23. Encourages Member States to enhance capacity-building and, in particular, to ensure the cofinancing of projects by national contributions and with financial engineering support, in order to increase the absorption of the funds and to avoid further major delays in investing **and bad investments**;

Or. de

Amendment 95

Eva-Britt Svensson on behalf of the FEMM commission
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States, in view of achieving the EU 2020 objectives, to take the necessary measures to co finance and implement cohesion policy programmes aiming to boost the social inclusion of women and to improve the gender equality on the labour market;

Or. en

**Amendment 96
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Urges further action, along the existing lines and by means of the projects approved, in the areas of promotion of research and innovation, use of financial engineering as an element of capital reinforcement for SMEs, encouragement of non-polluting urban transport, implementation of active labour market and continuing education projects, and the renewal of education and health infrastructures.

Or. es

**Amendment 97
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23b. Recommends carrying out an in-depth analysis of the implementation problems in those areas where there have been specific delays in project selection, as in the cases of rail transport, certain energy and environmental investments, the digital economy (introduction of broadband and ITC use in the public sector and in business), and social inclusion [governance and capacity building could also be added, but these are already mentioned in paragraphs 21 and 23]).

Or. es

Amendment 98
Franz Obermayr

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Stresses that the Strategic Report 2013 ***should*** be result-oriented and focused more on qualitative analysis of outputs, outcomes, early impacts and the effectiveness of cohesion policy programmes ***rather than on excessive presentation of statistical data;***

24. Stresses that the Strategic Report 2013 ***must*** be result-oriented and focused more on qualitative analysis of outputs, outcomes, early impacts and the effectiveness of cohesion policy programmes;

Or. de

Amendment 99
Riikka Manner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Stresses that the Strategic Report 2013 should be result-oriented and focused more on qualitative analysis of outputs, outcomes, early impacts and the effectiveness of cohesion policy programmes rather than on excessive presentation of statistical data;

Amendment

24. Stresses that the Strategic Report 2013 should be result-oriented and focused more on qualitative analysis of outputs, outcomes, ***the long-term effectiveness of programmes***, early impacts and the effectiveness of cohesion policy programmes rather than on excessive presentation of statistical data;

Or. fi

Amendment 100
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Calls on the Commission, in the context of future national strategic reports, to promote a more individualised analysis of cohesion policy in regions with specific territorial characteristics, such as island regions, mountain regions, those with low population density and the autonomous cities of Ceuta and Melilla;

Or. es

Amendment 101
Patrice Tirolien

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Stresses the need to integrate regional policies with a global Community action approach by means of bridges,

*particularly in terms of cofinancing,
between the internal and external
components of Community policies;*

Or. fr

Amendment 102
Patrice Tirolien

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*24b. Calls on the Commission and the
Member States to integrate, as soon as
possible, regional authorities, civil society
actors and community representatives in
the implementation of cohesion policy;*

Or. fr

Amendment 103
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Calls on all EU institutions and Member States to facilitate speedier conclusion of key documents, such as the multiannual financial framework and regulations, in the next round of negotiations with a view to overcoming the start-up difficulties that might arise at the beginning of the next programming period;

25. Calls on all EU institutions and Member States, *with a view to the next round of negotiations on the future cohesion policy*, to facilitate speedier conclusion of key documents, such as the multiannual financial framework and regulations, in the next round of negotiations with a view to overcoming the start-up difficulties that might arise at the beginning of the next programming period;

Or. es

Amendment 104
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Calls for the Commission to ensure that the future cohesion policy will benefit from adequate financial resources, the same rules applicable to all member states and will be based on multi-level governance in order to improve the absorption capacity of Structural and Cohesion Funds.

Or. en

Amendment 105
Nuno Teixeira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Calls on the Commission to launch a debate on ways in which cohesion policy can, over the current period 2007-2013, promote support for and contribute to the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy;

Or. pt