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Amendment 1
Niki Tzavela

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the Commission proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the first radio spectrum policy programme (COM (2010)471),

Or. en

Amendment 2
Niki Tzavela

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the European Economic and Social Committee opinion on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the first radio spectrum policy programme and the Commission Communication 'European Broadband: Investing in digitally driven growth' (TEN/434-435 - CESE 362/2011),

Or. en

Amendment 3
Gaston Franco

Motion for a resolution
Recital 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*– having regard to Article 189 of the
Lisbon Treaty,*

Or. fr

Amendment 4
Jan Březina

Motion for a resolution
Citation 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*– having regard to the European
Economic Recovery Plan COM(2008) 800
final,*

Or. en

Amendment 5
Jan Březina

Motion for a resolution
Citation 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*– having regard to annex III of the
amending Council Regulation (EC) No
473/2009 of 25 May 2009,*

Or. en

Amendment 6
Jan Březina

Motion for a resolution
Citation 22 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to Art 189 of the Lisbon Treaty,

Or. en

**Amendment 7
Britta Thomsen**

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the UN recognises Internet access as a human right, as is also the case in a number of Member States,

Or. da

**Amendment 8
Gunnar Hökmark, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Arturs Krišjānis Kariņš**

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas European broadband policy must lay the ground for a development where the EU can take the lead regarding broadband speeds, mobility, coverage and capacity. Global leadership in the ICT sector is crucial for the prosperity and competitiveness of the EU,

Or. en

Amendment 9

Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas sustainable infrastructure access and service competition, ***as opposed to*** ‘top-down’ target setting, will make next generation connectivity available efficiently and in line with demand,

Amendment

C. whereas sustainable infrastructure access and service competition, ***in conjunction with realistic, viable*** ‘top-down’ target setting, will make next generation connectivity available efficiently and in line with demand,

Or. el

Amendment 10

Gunnar Hökmark, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Arturs Krišjānis Kariņš

Motion for a resolution

Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas a European market with nearly 500 million people connected to high-speed broadband would act as a spearhead for the development of the internal market, creating a globally unique critical mass of users exposing all regions to new opportunities and giving each user increased value and the Union the capacity to be a world-leading knowledgebased economy. A rapid deployment of broadband is crucial for the development of European productivity and for the emergence of new and small enterprises that can be leaders in different sectors, for example health care, manufacturing and the services industry,

Or. en

Amendment 11
Catherine Trautmann

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the promotion of broadband roll-out is key to boost innovation and to entail a major creation of employment in the European Union,

Or. en

Amendment 12
Catherine Trautmann

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas it is essential to bridge the digital divide and achieve broadband for all across the EU for European added value,

D. whereas it is essential to bridge the digital divide and achieve broadband for all across the EU for European added value, ***especially with regard to remote and rural areas, in order to ensure social and territorial cohesion,***

Or. en

Amendment 13
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas broadband is important for the implementation of the new technological infrastructures, which are necessary for the scientific, technological and industrial leadership of the EU, such

as cloud computing, super computers and smart computing environments,

Or. el

Amendment 14
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas public actors can contribute significantly to the roll-out of next generation access (NGA) in ‘white’ and ‘grey’ areas, **but** public investment should **not impede** private investment **or distort** competition **in already competitive areas**; whereas investors in NGA must retain appropriate incentives to continue to invest in broadband,

Amendment

E. whereas public actors can contribute significantly to the roll-out of next generation access (NGA) in ‘white’ and ‘grey’ areas, public investment should **operate in such a way that it complements** private investment **and should enhance** competition, **but** investors in NGA must retain appropriate incentives to continue to invest in broadband,

Or. el

Amendment 15
Amalia Sartori

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas public actors can contribute **significantly** to the **roll-out** of **next generation access** (NGA) in ‘white’ **and** ‘grey’ areas, but public investment should not impede private **investment** or distort competition in already competitive areas; **whereas** investors in NGA must retain appropriate incentives to continue to invest in broadband,

Amendment

E. whereas public actors can contribute **importantly** to the **roll out** of **Next Generation Access** (NGA) in ‘white’ areas, but public investment should not impede private **investments** or distort competition in already competitive areas; investors in NGA must retain appropriate incentives to continue to invest in broadband,

Or. en

Amendment 16
Jan Březina

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas public actors can contribute significantly to the roll-out of next generation access (NGA) in ‘*white*’ and ‘*grey*’ areas, but public investment should not impede private investment or distort competition in *already competitive* areas; whereas investors in NGA must retain appropriate incentives to continue to invest in broadband,

Amendment

E. whereas public actors can contribute significantly to the roll-out of ***Broadband for all and*** next generation access (NGA) in *un-served* and *under-served* areas, but public investment should not impede private investment or distort competition in areas ***where investment has already been made***; whereas investors in NGA must retain appropriate incentives to continue to invest in broadband,

Or. en

Amendment 17
Algirdas Saudargas

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas public actors can contribute significantly to the roll-out of next generation access (NGA) in ‘*white*’ ***and grey*** areas, but public investment should not impede private investment or distort competition in already competitive areas; whereas investors in NGA must retain appropriate incentives to continue to invest in broadband,

Amendment

E. whereas public actors can contribute significantly to the roll-out of next generation access (NGA) in ‘*white*’ areas, but public investment should not impede private investment or distort competition in already competitive areas; whereas investors in NGA must retain appropriate incentives to continue to invest in broadband,

Or. en

Amendment 18
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas public actors can contribute significantly to the roll-out of next generation access (NGA) in ‘white’ *and* ‘grey’ areas, but public investment should not impede private investment or distort competition in already competitive areas; whereas investors in NGA must retain appropriate incentives to continue to invest in broadband,

Amendment

E. whereas public actors can contribute significantly to the roll-out of next generation access (NGA) in ‘white’ areas, but public investment should not impede private investment or distort competition in already competitive areas; whereas investors in NGA must retain appropriate incentives to continue to invest in broadband,

Or. en

Amendment 19
Hella Ranner

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas the private sector has invested hundreds of billions of euro in broadband facilities, services, applications and content over the last decade; whereas promotion of this investment should continue to be the primary engine of broadband growth in the EU,

Amendment

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 20
Petra Kammerevert

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas the private sector has invested hundreds of billions of euro in broadband facilities, services, applications and content over the last decade; whereas promotion of this investment should continue to be the primary engine of broadband growth in the EU,

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 21

Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas the private sector has invested hundreds of billions of euro in broadband facilities, services, applications and content over the last decade; whereas promotion of this investment should continue to be the primary engine of broadband growth in the EU,

F. whereas the private sector has invested hundreds of billions of euro in broadband facilities, services, applications and content over the last decade, ***but without all European citizens having experienced the benefits of broadband; and*** whereas promotion of ***private and public*** investment should continue to be the primary engine of broadband growth in the EU,

Or. el

Amendment 22

Niki Tzavela, Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. recalls the decision taken by the Ministerial Conference for the UfM of 4

November 2008 in Marseilles to reduce the digital divide between the two shores of the Mediterranean which resulted in the BB-Med (broadband for the Mediterranean) proposal,

Or. en

Amendment 23
Patrizia Toia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Considers that it is essential to address the impediments that have kept some populations offline and to engage many stakeholders to provide: training and public access to broadband services, economic assistance for the acquisition of broadband services and equipment, and incentives for the development of technology and content aimed at specific users' needs;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Gunnar Hökmark, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Arturs Krišjānis Kariņš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Notes that both fixed and mobile data traffic is growing exponentially and that a number of actions, such as further harmonised spectrum allocations for wireless broadband, increased spectrum efficiency and a rapid roll out of next generation access networks, will be

crucial to manage this increase;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Petra Kammerevert, Sabine Verheyen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Reaffirms the principle of network neutrality, and takes the view that open, equal access to telecommunications infrastructure and information technology is vital to ensure social, economic and cultural progress;

Or. de

Amendment 26

Hella Ranner

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Reaffirms the principle of network neutrality, and takes the view that open, equal access to telecommunications infrastructure and information technology is vital to ensure social, economic and cultural progress;

Or. de

Amendment 27

Ivailo Kalfin, Catherine Trautmann, Francesco De Angelis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Notes that the Digital Agenda broadband targets will only be achieved with broadband as a part of Universal Services and encourages the Commission to quickly review the scope of universal services in this respect;

Or. en

Amendment 28

Sabine Verheyen, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Hermann Winkler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Notes that the Digital Agenda broadband targets will only be achieved with broadband as a part of Universal Services and encourages the Commission to review the scope of universal services in this respect;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Philippe Lamberts on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Notes that the Digital Agenda broadband targets will only be achieved with broadband as a part of Universal Services and encourages the Commission to review the scope of universal services in this respect;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Considers that the EU should recognise Internet access as a fundamental human right;

Or. da

Amendment 31
Petra Kammerevert

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Considers that the objective must be to establish EU global leadership in ICT infrastructure by 2013 by delivering 100 % broadband coverage, giving at least 2Mbps service to users in rural areas and 24Mbps in core cities;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 32

Sabine Verheyen, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Hermann Winkler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Considers that the objective must be to establish EU global leadership in ICT infrastructure by 2013 by delivering 100 % broadband coverage, giving at least 2Mbps service to users in rural areas and 24Mbps in core cities;

Amendment

2. Considers that the objective must be to establish EU global leadership in ICT infrastructure by 2013 by delivering, **as a first step**, 100 % **basic** broadband coverage, giving at least 2Mbps service to users in rural areas and 24Mbps in core cities; **draws the Commission's attention to the fact that, in order to counter the emergence of a digital divide, the definition of basic coverage in rural areas will need to be revised in future to take account of the new requirements created by the steadily increasing transmission rates for innovative Internet services, such as eGovernment, eHealth or eLearning;**

Or. de

Amendment 33

Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Considers that the objective must be to establish EU global leadership in ICT infrastructure by 2013 by delivering 100 % broadband coverage, giving at least 2Mbps service to users in rural areas and **24Mbps in core cities;**

Amendment

2. Considers that the objective must be to establish EU global leadership in ICT infrastructure by 2013 by delivering 100 % broadband coverage, giving at least 2Mbps service to users in rural areas; **considers that whilst taking into account the issue of how such targets will be funded, utmost account should be taken of competition, avoiding market distortions and allowing the market to deliver solutions in the first instance;**

Amendment 34
Algirdas Saudargas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Considers that the objective must be to establish EU global leadership in ICT infrastructure **by 2013 by delivering 100 % broadband coverage, giving at least 2Mbps service to users in rural areas and 24Mbps in core cities;**

Amendment

2. Considers that the objective must be to establish EU global leadership in ICT infrastructure;

Amendment 35
András Gyürk

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Considers that the objective must be to establish EU global leadership in ICT infrastructure by 2013 by delivering 100 % broadband coverage, giving at least 2Mbps service to users in rural areas and 24Mbps in core cities;

Amendment

2. Considers that the objective must be to establish EU global leadership in ICT infrastructure by 2013 by delivering 100 % broadband coverage, giving at least 2Mbps service to users in rural areas and 24Mbps in core cities; ***avoiding market distortions and allowing the market to deliver competitive solutions in the first instance;***

Amendment 36
Jan Březina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Considers that the objective must be to **establish** EU global leadership **in ICT infrastructure** by 2013 by delivering 100 % broadband coverage, giving at least 2Mbps service to users **in rural areas and 24Mbps in core cities**;

Amendment

2. Considers that the objective must be to **stimulate** EU global leadership by 2013 **in** by delivering 100 % broadband coverage, giving at least 2Mbps service to **all** users;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Amalia Sartori

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Considers that the objective must be to establish EU global leadership in ICT infrastructure by 2013 by delivering 100 % broadband coverage, giving at least 2Mbps service to **users in rural areas and 24Mbps in core cities**;

Amendment

2. Considers that the objective must be to establish EU global leadership in ICT infrastructure by 2013 by delivering 100% broadband coverage, giving at least 2Mbps service to **the user for** rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Ivailo Kalfin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

2a. Reminds that proper broadband access and speed are core for the development and efficient use of innovative ICT technologies, such as Cloud Computing and the Internet of Things; notes furthermore that these technologies and the services they provide

Amendment

are meant to benefit both consumers and businesses, including SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Hella Ranner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Considers that 100 % broadband access and adoption will be an utterly wasted effort if the priorities do not also include a robust strategy for ensuring cyber security and online safety;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 40
Ivailo Kalfin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Considers that 100 % broadband access and adoption will be an utterly wasted effort if the priorities do not also include a robust strategy for ensuring cyber security and online safety;

3. Considering the network vulnerability in general, calls on the Commission and ENISA, in cooperation with the Member States, to establish a clear EU strategy on cybersecurity, which shall ensure full protection and resilience of network- and critical information infrastructures. This strategy should also focus on setting up minimum safety standards and certifications, common terminology and a roadmap on cybersecurity, to be executed by EU and national Computer Emergency Response Teams, ENISA and all relevant EU and national bodies and authorities;

Amendment 41
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Considers that 100 % broadband access and adoption will be an utterly wasted effort if the priorities do not also include a robust strategy for ensuring cyber security and online safety;

Amendment

3. Considers that 100 % broadband access and adoption will be an utterly wasted effort if the priorities do not also include a robust strategy for ensuring cyber security and online safety ***and developing digital content and specific information society services (e.g. e-government, e-learning, e-health)***;

Or. ro

Amendment 42
Niki Tzavela, Algirdas Saudargas, Adina-Ioana Vălean, Philippe Lamberts

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Requests the Commission, in order to create a coherent, consistent and effective EU structure marshalling all resources, to urgently produce a strategic plan containing a single framework for all aspects of EU cybersecurity and the contributions required from each actor, including the Commission, Member States, ENISA, Europol, Eurojust, EU and national computer emergency response teams and other relevant EU and national bodies and authorities, as well as the private sector, and also addressing the EU's role and representation internationally, and to

present any appropriate proposal;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission to come up with more detailed assessments regarding the impact that certain broadband related technologies, in particular person-to-person, person-to-machine and machine-to-machine communication systems, could have on health;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Sabine Verheyen, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Hermann Winkler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Highlights the need to make best use of complementary technologies to achieve broadband coverage in rural areas ***without undue burdens on consumers or the industry;***

4. Highlights the need to make best use of complementary technologies to achieve ***economically sustainable*** broadband coverage ***at affordable prices*** in rural areas; ***points out that, even at the current level of basic coverage, the use of the ‘digital dividend’ will not solve the problem of gaps in NGA networks in rural areas in the long term; believes, therefore, that it would be appropriate to give priority to the development of glass fibre-based broadband wherever it represents the most economic and sustainable solution in the long term;***

Amendment 45
Angelika Niebler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Highlights the need to make best use of **complementary** technologies to achieve broadband coverage in rural areas **without undue burdens on consumers or the industry**;

Amendment

4. Highlights the need to make best use of **all available** technologies, **including mobile and satellite**, to achieve broadband coverage in rural areas **in the most cost efficient manner**;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Highlights the need to make best use of complementary technologies to achieve broadband coverage in rural areas without undue burdens **on** consumers or the industry;

Amendment

4. Highlights the need to make best use of **all available** complementary technologies to achieve broadband coverage in rural areas, **mountainous regions, and islands**, without undue burdens **for** consumers or the industry;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Jan Březina, Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Highlights the need to make best use of **complementary** technologies to achieve broadband coverage in rural areas **without undue burdens on consumers or the industry**;

Amendment

4. Highlights the need to make best use of **all available** technologies to achieve broadband coverage in rural areas **in the most cost efficient manner**;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Henri Weber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Highlights the need to make best use of **complementary** technologies to achieve broadband coverage in rural areas without undue burdens on consumers or the industry;

Amendment

4. Highlights the need to make best use of **all available** technologies to achieve broadband coverage in rural areas **or areas of low population density** without undue burdens on consumers or the industry;

Or. fr

Amendment 49
Lambert van Nistelrooij, Hermann Winkler, Angelika Niebler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Highlights the need to make best use of complementary technologies to achieve broadband coverage in rural areas without undue burdens on consumers or the industry;

Amendment

4. Highlights the need to make best use of complementary technologies **like broadband by satellite in order** to achieve broadband coverage in rural areas without undue burdens on consumers or the industry;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Ivailo Kalfin, Francesco De Angelis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Highlights the need to make best use of complementary technologies to achieve broadband coverage in rural areas without undue burdens on consumers or the industry;

Amendment

4. Highlights the need to make best use of complementary technologies to achieve broadband coverage in rural areas without undue burdens on consumers, **Member States' regions** or the industry;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Niki Tzavela

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Highlights the need to make best use of complementary technologies to achieve broadband coverage in rural areas without undue burdens on consumers or the industry;

Amendment

4. Highlights the need to make best use of **all available** complementary technologies to achieve broadband coverage in rural areas without undue burdens on consumers or the industry;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Gaston Franco

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Highlights the need to make best use of complementary technologies to achieve broadband coverage in rural areas without

Amendment

4. Highlights the need to make best use of **all available** technologies to achieve broadband coverage in rural areas without

undue burdens on consumers or the industry;

undue burdens on consumers or the industry;

Or. fr

Amendment 53
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Emphasises the need for the EU to support projects and experiments with ‘wireless cities’;

Or. da

Amendment 54
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Notes that access to low radio frequency bands, with their propagation characteristics supporting wide-area coverage, is crucial to facilitating wireless rural broadband coverage allowing access to all foreseeable Internet services;

5. Notes that access to low radio frequency bands, with their propagation characteristics supporting wide-area coverage, is crucial to facilitating wireless broadband coverage **in rural, mountainous, and island regions**, allowing access to all foreseeable Internet services; **emphasises that Europe must remain at the forefront of scientific research and technological innovation in the field of wireless services;**

Or. el

Amendment 55

Gunnar Hökmark, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Arturs Krišjānis Kariņš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Notes that access to low radio frequency bands, with their propagation characteristics supporting wide-area coverage, is crucial to facilitating wireless rural broadband coverage allowing access to all foreseeable Internet services;

Amendment

5. Notes that ***the future allocation of radio spectrum must pave the way for European leadership in wireless applications and new services***; access to low radio frequency bands, with their propagation characteristics supporting wide-area coverage, is crucial to facilitating wireless rural broadband coverage allowing access to all foreseeable Internet services;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Sabine Verheyen, Petra Kammerevert, Hermann Winkler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Notes that access to ***low radio*** frequency ***bands, with their*** propagation characteristics ***supporting*** wide-area coverage, is crucial to facilitating wireless rural broadband coverage allowing access to all foreseeable Internet services;

Amendment

5. Notes that access to ***the 790-862 MHz*** frequency ***band, whose*** propagation characteristics ***support*** wide-area coverage, is crucial to facilitating wireless rural broadband coverage allowing access to all foreseeable Internet services;

Or. de

Amendment 57

Jan Březina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Notes that access to low radio frequency bands, with their propagation characteristics supporting wide-area coverage, is crucial to facilitating wireless rural broadband coverage allowing access to all foreseeable Internet services;

Amendment

5. Notes that access to low radio frequency bands, with their propagation characteristics supporting wide-area coverage, is crucial to facilitating ***terrestrial*** wireless rural broadband coverage allowing access to all foreseeable Internet services;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Hella Ranner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Draws attention to the link between the establishment and development of mobile broadband networks and spectrum policy, and, against this background, emphasises that European spectrum policy must take equal account of the economic, social and cultural value of radio frequencies; emphasises, further, the need to make effective use of spectrum which has already been assigned, and calls for technology neutrality; stresses, therefore, that the establishment and development of mobile broadband networks must not pose a threat to existing spectrum users, such as radio and PMSE, which play a crucial role in the creation and dissemination of cultural content, in safeguarding linguistic and cultural diversity and in fostering public debate and media pluralism, and must allow them sufficient scope for development;

Or. de

Amendment 59
Petra Kammerevert

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Draws attention to the link between the establishment and development of mobile broadband networks and spectrum policy, and, against this background, emphasises that European spectrum policy must take equal account of the economic, social and cultural value of radio frequencies; emphasises, further, the need to make effective use of spectrum which has already been assigned, and calls for technology neutrality; stresses, therefore, that the establishment and development of mobile broadband networks must not pose a threat to existing spectrum users, such as radio and PMSE, which play a crucial role in the creation and dissemination of cultural content, in safeguarding linguistic and cultural diversity and in fostering public debate and media pluralism, and must allow them sufficient scope for development;

Or. de

Amendment 60
Antonio Cancian, Amalia Sartori

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Highlights the importance of recognising and embracing all the existing broadband platforms, users, and

services as part of the broadband ecosystem. This will help ensuring 100% broadband access and delivering the many societal benefits envisioned. This will, in turn, promote 100% broadband adoption;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Gaston Franco

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Notes that it is essential to facilitate access to broadband infrastructures, including user equipment on the ground, to assist the take-up of broadband satellite internet services on an affordable basis in rural areas and help users to have access to all foreseeable Internet services;

Or. fr

Amendment 62
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Considers that by 2015 all European research and academic institutions should be connected by ultra high-speed Gbps networks, creating an intranet for the single European research area;

Or. el

Amendment 63
Henri Weber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. **Welcomes incentivising roll-out of fixed and mobile broadband networks through** measures that help reduce the cost of civil engineering, **while stressing** the need for innovative services to stimulate take-up;

Amendment

6. **Supports all** measures that help reduce the cost of civil engineering **and stresses** the need for innovative services to stimulate take-up;

Or. fr

Amendment 64
Jan Březina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. **Welcomes incentivising roll-out of fixed and mobile broadband networks through** measures that help reduce the cost of civil engineering, **while stressing the need for innovative services to stimulate take-up;**

Amendment

6. **Supports** measures that **will** help reduce the cost of civil engineering;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

6a. Considers that investment in new, open and competitive networks must be underpinned by measures taken by local, regional and national authorities so as to reduce costs and calls for public (national

Amendment

and EU) funds to be earmarked for the development of broadband communications infrastructures in isolated, sparsely populated or outlying areas which are insufficiently attractive to providers in cost-benefit terms;

Or. ro

Amendment 66
Jan Březina, Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Notes that enabling access to broadband infrastructure including user ground equipment is crucial to facilitate users to adopt affordable satellite broadband in rural areas allowing access to all foreseeable Internet services;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Catherine Trautmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Stresses the need to promote new skills and competencies to provide innovative services and to adapt to the technological change;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Gunnar Hökmark, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Arturs Krišjānis Kariņš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. **Underlines** that, to achieve the EU 2020 broadband targets, the Digital Agenda must establish benchmarks for the intermediate years 2015 and 2018 on a EU-wide rather than national level;

Amendment

7. **Recalls the importance of realising the objectives of the Digital Agenda, ensuring that all Union citizens have access to broadband speeds, not less than 30 Mbps by 2020, making it possible for the Union to have the highest possible broadband speeds and capacity; underlines that, to achieve the EU 2020 broadband targets, the Digital Agenda must establish benchmarks for the intermediate years 2015 and 2018 on a EU-wide rather than national level;**

Or. en

Amendment 69

Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines that, to achieve the EU 2020 broadband targets, the Digital Agenda must establish benchmarks for the intermediate years 2015 and 2018 **on a EU-wide rather than** national level;

Amendment

7. Underlines that, to achieve the EU 2020 broadband targets, the Digital Agenda must establish benchmarks for the intermediate years 2015 and 2018, **both at EU level and at** national level;

Or. el

Amendment 70

Algirdas Saudargas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines that, to achieve the EU 2020 broadband targets, the Digital Agenda must establish benchmarks for the intermediate years 2015 and 2018 on a EU-wide rather than national level;

Amendment

7. Underlines that, to achieve the EU 2020 broadband targets, the Digital Agenda must establish benchmarks for the intermediate years **2013**, 2015 and 2018 on a EU-wide rather than national level;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Jan Březina, Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Stresses the need for innovative services to stimulate broadband take-up;

Or. en

Amendment 72

Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Notes that, to be on track for the 100Mbps target, in 2015 around 15 % of EU households should have subscriptions with at least that speed;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 73
Petra Kammerevert

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Notes that, to be on track for the 100Mbps target, in 2015 around 15 % of EU households should have subscriptions with at least that speed;

Amendment

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 74
Algirdas Saudargas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Notes that, to be on track for the **100Mbps target**, in 2015 around 15 % of EU households should have subscriptions with at least **that** speed;

Amendment

8. Notes that, to be on track for the **Digital Agenda targets all EU citizens should be covered by a basic broadband approaching 2Mbps service to users in rural areas and 24Mbps in core cities by 2013; furthermore by 2015**, around 15 % of EU households should have subscriptions with at least **100Mbps** speed;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Recommends facilitating the timely use of the 'Digital Dividend' for new mobile broadband services through a harmonised

Amendment

9. Recommends facilitating the timely use of the 'Digital Dividend' for new mobile broadband services through a harmonised

and technology-neutral pan-EU approach, giving economies of scale and avoiding detrimental cross-border interference issues, while not interfering with existing Digital TV/HDTV reception;

and technology-neutral pan-EU approach, giving economies of scale and avoiding detrimental cross-border interference issues, while not interfering with existing Digital TV/HDTV reception ***based on international standards and giving economies of scale***;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Sabine Verheyen, Petra Kammerevert, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Hermann Winkler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Recommends facilitating the ***timely use*** of the ‘Digital Dividend’ for new mobile broadband services through a harmonised and technology-neutral pan-EU approach, giving economies of scale and avoiding detrimental cross-border interference issues, while not interfering with existing Digital TV/HDTV reception;

Amendment

9. Recommends facilitating the ***prompt exploitation*** of the ‘Digital Dividend’ for new mobile broadband services through a harmonised and technology-neutral pan-EU approach, giving economies of scale and avoiding detrimental cross-border interference issues, while not interfering with existing Digital TV/HDTV reception;

Or. de

Amendment 77

Adina-Ioana Vălean

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Urges the Commission to present its findings on whether broadband should be included in the universal service directive as the most efficient and effective way to achieve the Digital Agenda objective of ‘broadband for all’;

Amendment 78
Henri Weber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Invites Member States, in close cooperation with stakeholders, to set national broadband plans and adopt operational plans with concrete measures to **implement** the **EU 2020** broadband targets;

Amendment

10. Invites Member States, in close cooperation with **all** stakeholders, to set national broadband plans and adopt operational plans with concrete measures to **achieve** the **twin 2013 and 2020** broadband targets **stipulated in the EU 2020 strategy and the Digital Agenda for Europe**;

Or. fr

Amendment 79
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Invites Member States, in close cooperation with stakeholders, to set national broadband plans and adopt operational plans with concrete measures to implement the EU 2020 broadband targets;

Amendment

10. Invites Member States, in close cooperation with stakeholders, to set national broadband plans and adopt operational plans with concrete measures to implement the EU 2020 broadband targets; **calls on the Commission to study these plans, to propose optimal solutions and to coordinate their implementation**;

Or. el

Amendment 80
Jan Březina, Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Invites Member States, in close cooperation with stakeholders, to set national broadband plans and adopt operational plans with concrete measures to implement the *EU 2020 broadband* targets;

Amendment

10. Invites Member States, in close cooperation with *all* stakeholders, to set national broadband plans and adopt operational plans with concrete measures to implement the *2013 and 2020* targets *set in the European Digital Agenda*;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Catherine Trautmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Considers that new high speed networks are needed to foster the EU's international competitiveness;

Amendment

11. Considers that new high speed networks are needed to foster the EU's international competitiveness *and to create quality employment*;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Adina-Ioana Vălean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Considers that new high speed networks are needed to foster the EU's international competitiveness;

Amendment

11. Considers that new high speed networks *and services* are needed to foster the EU's international competitiveness;

Amendment 83
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Considers that new high speed networks are needed to foster the EU's international competitiveness;

Amendment

11. Considers that new high speed networks **and services** are needed to foster the EU's international competitiveness;

Amendment 84
András Gyürk

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Considers that new high speed networks are needed to foster the EU's international competitiveness;

Amendment

11. Considers that new high speed networks **and services** are needed to foster the EU's international competitiveness;

Amendment 85
Ivailo Kalfin, Catherine Trautmann, Francesco De Angelis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls upon the Commission to safeguard the neutrality of the Internet against discriminatory traffic management and to promote the ability of end-users to access and distribute

information and run applications and services of their choice by providing Member States with specific guidance on the implementation of the new Telecom rules;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Adina-Ioana Vălean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls upon the European Commission to safeguard non-discriminatory internet traffic management and assess whether the implementation of the revised EU telecoms framework requires guidance rules;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Algirdas Saudargas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Believes that competition in both infrastructure, and services over that infrastructure, provides the best basis for sustainable competition, investment, innovation and take-up;

12. Believes that competition in both infrastructure, and services over that infrastructure, provides the best basis for sustainable competition, investment, innovation and take-up; *nevertheless stresses that in some cases more cooperation between stakeholders can also foster investments;*

Or. en

Amendment 88
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Believes that **competition** in both infrastructure, and services over that infrastructure, provides the best basis for sustainable competition, investment, innovation and take-up;

Amendment

12. Believes that **the combination of competition and carefully selected targets**, in both infrastructure, and services over that infrastructure, provides the best basis for sustainable competition, investment, innovation and take-up;

Or. el

Amendment 89
Adina-Ioana Vălean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Believes that competition in both infrastructure, and services **over that infrastructure**, provides the best basis for sustainable **competition**, investment, innovation and take-up;

Amendment

12. Believes that competition in both infrastructure and services provides the best basis for sustainable investment, innovation and take-up;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Amalia Sartori, Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Believes that competition in both infrastructure, and services **over that**

Amendment

12. Believes that competition in both infrastructure and **in** services provides the

infrastructure, provides the best basis for sustainable competition, investment, innovation and take-up;

best basis for sustainable competition, investment, innovation and take-up;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Considers it essential for teaching and research institutes to have access to broadband infrastructure to ensure the free movement of knowledge for the purpose of preparing the younger generations and making the EU competitive; calls on the Commission and Member States to develop European and national programmes to facilitate and provide funding for access to broadband infrastructure for all teaching and research institutions by 2013;

Or. ro

Amendment 92
Zigmantas Balčytis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Notes that all the Member States have a broadband strategy, but that very few of them have drawn up workable plans to establish ultra high-speed networks or have taken practical steps, including as regards the necessary funding, to implement them;

Amendment 93

Niki Tzavela

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Emphasises that broadband services are key to the competitiveness of EU industry and greatly contribute to EU economic growth and employment;

Amendment

13. Emphasises that broadband services are key to the competitiveness of EU industry and greatly contribute to EU economic growth and employment; ***notes with alarm that unemployment is continuing to rise across the EU, particularly among youth (under 25), and believes that the successful implementation of the ‘Broadband Package’ is critical to tackling unemployment by the provision of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth in Europe as envisaged by the Europe 2020 strategy;***

Or. en

Amendment 94

Sabine Verheyen, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Hermann Winkler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Emphasises that broadband services are key to the competitiveness of EU industry and greatly contribute to ***EU*** economic growth and employment;

Amendment

13. Emphasises that broadband services are key to the competitiveness of EU industry and greatly contribute to economic growth and employment ***and to the participation of all regions and social groups in digital life in the EU;***

Or. de

Amendment 95
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Emphasises that broadband services are key to the competitiveness of EU industry and greatly contribute to EU economic growth *and* employment;

Amendment

13. Emphasises that broadband services are key to the competitiveness of EU industry and greatly contribute to EU economic growth, employment *and social cohesion*;

Or. el

Amendment 96
Catherine Trautmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Emphasises that broadband services are key to the competitiveness of EU industry and greatly contribute to EU economic growth and employment;

Amendment

13. Emphasises that broadband services are key to the competitiveness of EU industry and greatly contribute to EU economic growth and *quality* employment;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Gunnar Hökmark, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Arturs Krišjānis Kariņš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Stresses the urgency to establish a competitive digital single market working as a spearhead to open up the Internal market for all Union citizens; calls for the establishment of a 'one-stop-shop' for VAT in each Member State in order to facilitate cross-border e-commerce for

Amendment 98

Sabine Verheyen, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Hermann Winkler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Considers that high capacity broadband networks and fibre in the access networks (FTTH) are *desirable objectives* from the perspective of both end-users and economic development;

Amendment

14. Considers that high capacity broadband networks and fibre in the access networks (FTTH) are *essential* from the perspective of both end-users *and their future needs* and economic development, *given the ever more extensive use of broadband applications*;

Amendment 99

Amalia Sartori, Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Encourages the Commission *and* the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications to work to find a common approach by 2013 to *creating a* single market for business and electronic communications across the EU;

Amendment

15. Encourages the Commission, the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications *and the service providers* to work to find a common approach by 2013 to *strengthen the* single market for business and electronic communications across the EU;

Amendment 100
Adina-Ioana Vălean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Encourages the Commission and the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications to work to find a common approach by 2013 to creating a single market for business *and electronic* communications across the EU;

Amendment

15. Encourages the Commission and the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications to work to find a common approach by 2013 to creating a single market for business communications across the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Zigmantas Balčytis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Calls on the Commission, as part of an EU policy for the broadband sector, to take practical steps to foster investment in the further development of intelligent infrastructure and to encourage operators already active on the market to invest in NGA networks;

Or. It

Amendment 102
Niki Tzavela, Judith A. Merkies

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Recalls that the digital world and ICT are engines of innovation and

therefore access to high speed broadband is an essential pre-condition in all European Innovation Partnerships (EIPs), as it enhances cooperation and participation by the citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Regrets that the €1 billion in funding announced in 2008 in the Commission communication regarding the plan for European economic recovery referring to 100% broadband coverage by the end of 2010 has not been allocated and that this objective has therefore not been achieved;

Or. ro

Amendment 104
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Welcomes the announced target of ensuring 100% broadband coverage by 2013 and calls on the Commission and Member States to allocate the necessary amounts to achieve this target when the current multiannual financial framework is reviewed;

Or. ro

Amendment 105
Amalia Sartori, Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Highlights the need **to ensure** that measures by Member States, aimed at achieving broadband for all, avoid distorting the market or creating an undue burden on the sector;

Amendment

17. Highlights the need that measures by Member States, aimed at achieving broadband for all **are focused on demand side measures and** avoid distorting the market or creating an undue burden on the sector;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Ivailo Kalfin, Francesco De Angelis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Highlights the need to ensure that measures by Member States, aimed at achieving broadband for all, avoid distorting the market or creating an undue burden on the sector;

Amendment

17. Highlights the need to ensure that measures by Member States **and the industry sector**, aimed at achieving broadband for all, avoid distorting the market or creating an undue burden on the sector;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Catherine Trautmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Emphasizes that regulatory measures taken by Members States regarding the imposition of functional separation, should only be taken as an exceptional measure after an analysis of the expected impact on the regulatory authority, the undertaking, in particular its workforce and its incentives to invest in its network; this impact assessment should be discussed with all stakeholders, including the representatives of the workforce;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Gunnar Hökmark, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Arturs Krišjānis Kariņš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. **Notes** that the broadband state aid **framework** and targeted use of Community funds **may** be the **most progressive complementary means** of **accelerating** broadband roll-out;

18. **Highlights** that the **real driver in improving connectivity for all is experimentation and adaption based on market demand; stresses that the cost of infrastructure investments needs to be financed by the market;** broadband state aid and targeted use of Community funds **shall only be used when there is no market interest and shall support the acceleration of high speed** broadband roll-out **and new technological and innovative leadership in the EU;**

Or. en

Amendment 109

Sabine Verheyen, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Hermann Winkler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Notes that the broadband state aid framework and targeted use of Community funds may be the most progressive complementary means of accelerating broadband roll-out;

Amendment

18. Notes that the broadband state aid framework and targeted use of Community funds may be the most progressive complementary means of accelerating broadband roll-out; ***however, this requires a stable, consistent and investment-friendly EU regulatory framework, the simplification of state aid rules and the flexible allocation of EU funds within the respective programming periods;***

Or. en

Amendment 110

Lambert van Nistelrooij, Hermann Winkler, Angelika Niebler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Notes that the broadband state aid framework and targeted use of Community funds may be the most progressive complementary means of accelerating broadband roll-out;

Amendment

18. Notes that the broadband state aid framework and targeted use of Community funds ***through the European Investment Bank (EIB), the Structural Funds and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)*** may be the most progressive complementary means of accelerating broadband roll-out;

Or. en

Amendment 111

Lambert van Nistelrooij, Hermann Winkler, Angelika Niebler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Highlights the need for better guidance on broadband investment for local and regional authorities to encourage the full absorption of EU funds, as expenditure figures for the Structural Funds suggest that the regions have difficulties in absorbing the available funds and targeting them on broadband projects;

Or. en

Amendment 112

Niki Tzavela, Algirdas Saudargas, Philippe Lamberts, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Believes that to make maximum use of limited public funding, whether by the Member States directly or via the EU, such funding needs to have a clear focus on those projects where it can be expected to have the maximum effect in private investment to further increase both coverage and capacity;

Or. en

Amendment 113

Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Emphasises the need for public funds or preferential loans, in accordance with the Commission's guidance on State Aid, which should be targeted towards future-proof, long lasting and open infrastructures which support competition and consumer choice;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Adina-Ioana Vălean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Considers that state aid for broadband investment should be used in synergy with structural funds to stimulate local entrepreneurship, the local economy, to create local jobs and promote competition in the telecom market;

Or. en

Amendment 115
Ivailo Kalfin, Francesco De Angelis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Recognises that regulatory certainty is needed to promote investment and address barriers to investment in fast and ultra-fast networks; **recognises**, in this respect, the NGA recommendation **with respect to wired access**;

19. Recognises that regulatory certainty is needed to promote investment and **to** address barriers to investment in **open** fast and ultra-fast networks **and encourages the national regulatory authorities to pursue pro-competitive policies ensuring**

transparency and non-discrimination on the wholesale telecom market which would enable all competitors to have access to the infrastructure at reasonable price based on real costs; in this respect, calls on the Member States to be in compliance with EU telecoms rules and National Regulatory Authorities to implement the NGA recommendation;

Or. en

Amendment 116

Sabine Verheyen, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Hermann Winkler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Recognises that regulatory certainty is needed to promote investment and address barriers to investment in fast and ultra-fast networks; recognises, in this respect, the NGA recommendation with respect to wired access;

Amendment

19. Recognises that regulatory certainty is needed to promote investment and address barriers to investment in fast and ultra-fast networks; recognises, in this respect, the NGA recommendation with respect to wired access; *calls on the Commission to apply more investment incentivised elements within the regulatory framework and provide stimulus to use synergies from infrastructure projects;*

Or. en

Amendment 117

Adina-Ioana Vălean

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Recognises that regulatory certainty is needed to promote investment and address barriers to investment in *fast and ultra-fast*

Amendment

19. Recognises that regulatory certainty is needed to promote investment and address barriers to investment in *next generation*

networks; *recognises*, in this respect, the NGA recommendation with respect to wired access;

networks; *welcomes*, in this respect, the NGA recommendation with respect to wired access;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Recognises that regulatory certainty is needed to promote investment and address barriers to investment in fast and ultra-fast networks; *recognises*, in this respect, the NGA recommendation with respect to wired access;

Amendment

19. Recognises that regulatory certainty is needed to promote investment and address barriers to investment in fast and ultra-fast networks; *welcomes*, in this respect, the NGA recommendation with respect to wired access;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Francesco De Angelis, Ivailo Kalfin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Recognises that regulatory certainty is needed to promote investment and address barriers to investment in fast and ultra-fast networks; recognises, in this respect, the NGA recommendation with respect to wired access;

Amendment

19. Recognises that regulatory certainty is needed to promote investment and address barriers to investment in *open* fast and ultra-fast networks; recognises, in this respect, the NGA recommendation with respect to wired access;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Niki Tzavela

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Highlights the importance of competitive markets in achieving affordable broadband, and emphasises the need for swift implementation by Member States and NRAs of the revised EU telecoms framework and Recommendation on Next Generation Access;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Jan Březina, Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Notes the need for clear guidelines to Member States to ensure funds are directed in a timely manner at key broadband objectives while respecting cost efficiency and proportionality of the measures;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Henri Weber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Calls for the establishment of an

21. Calls for the establishment of an

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investment-friendly framework for NGA and high-speed wireless access that, inter alia, ensures legal certainty, promotes investment, competition and technology-neutrality, leaving technology choices to the market;

investment-friendly framework for NGA and high-speed **(mobile and satellite)** wireless access that, inter alia, ensures legal certainty, promotes investment, competition and technology-neutrality, leaving technology choices to the market;

Or. fr

Amendment 123
Jan Březina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls for the establishment of an investment-friendly framework for NGA and high-speed wireless access that, inter alia, ensures legal certainty, promotes investment, competition and technology-neutrality, leaving technology choices to the market;

Amendment

21. Calls for the establishment of an investment-friendly framework for NGA and high-speed wireless access **(mobile and satellite)** that, inter alia, ensures legal certainty, promotes investment, competition and technology-neutrality, leaving technology choices to the market;

Or. en

Amendment 124
Gaston Franco

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls for the establishment of an investment-friendly framework for NGA and high-speed wireless access that, inter alia, ensures legal certainty, promotes investment, competition and technology-neutrality, leaving technology choices to the market;

Amendment

21. Calls for the establishment of an investment-friendly framework for NGA and high-speed **(mobile and satellite)** wireless access that, inter alia, ensures legal certainty, promotes investment, competition and technology-neutrality, leaving technology choices to the market;

Or. fr

Amendment 125
Angelika Niebler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. stresses that national regulatory authorities should have the required flexibility to design appropriate measures reflecting national circumstances to tackle market failures and may adopt alternative approaches which can reasonably be expected to have equivalent effect; underlines that the overall target of fostering private investment in NGA should remain the ultimate goal;

Or. en

Amendment 126
Francesco De Angelis, Ivailo Kalfin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Calls on Member States to ensure non-discriminatory access to civil works and facilitate access to ducts, thereby lowering the investment threshold substantially;

22. Calls on Member States to ensure non-discriminatory access to civil works and facilitate access to ducts, ***including those of other available utilities*** thereby lowering the investment threshold substantially;

Or. en

Amendment 127
András Gyürk

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

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Motion for a resolution

22. Calls on Member States to ensure non-discriminatory access to civil works and facilitate access to ducts, thereby lowering the investment threshold substantially;

Amendment

22. Calls on Member States to ensure non-discriminatory access to civil works and facilitate access to ***all telecommunications sector market players to*** ducts, thereby lowering the investment threshold substantially;

Or. en

Amendment 128

Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Notes that, to maximise broadband availability and adoption, EU policy must encourage the deployment of efficient and affordable networks, applications and content;

Amendment

23. Notes that, to maximise broadband availability and adoption, EU policy must encourage the deployment of efficient and affordable networks, applications, ***services*** and content; ***encourages Member States to develop e-government, e-democracy, e-learning and e-health services, which will boost the demand for broadband;***

Or. el

Amendment 129

Amalia Sartori

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Notes that, to ***maximise*** broadband availability and adoption, EU policy must encourage the deployment of efficient ***and affordable*** networks, applications and content;

Amendment

23. Notes that to ***maximize*** broadband availability and adoption, EU policy must encourage the deployment of efficient networks, applications, and content;

Amendment 130
Henri Weber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Notes that, to maximise broadband availability and adoption, EU policy must encourage the deployment of efficient and affordable networks, applications and content;

Amendment

23. Notes that, to maximise broadband availability and adoption, EU policy must encourage the deployment of efficient and affordable networks, **access equipment**, applications and content;

Or. fr

Amendment 131
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Notes that, to maximise broadband availability and adoption, EU policy must encourage the deployment of efficient and affordable networks, applications and content;

Amendment

23. Notes that, to maximise broadband availability and adoption, EU policy must encourage the deployment of efficient and affordable networks, applications, **services** and content;

Or. ro

Amendment 132
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Supports the Commission's work with

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25. Supports the Commission's work with

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the European Investment Bank (EIB) to improve funding of *fast and ultra-fast* networks, and emphasises the need for such funding to be directed towards open infrastructure projects supporting a diversity of services;

the European Investment Bank (EIB) to improve funding of *next generation* networks *in white areas*, and emphasises the need for such funding to be directed towards open infrastructure projects supporting a diversity of services;

Or. en

Amendment 133
Adina-Ioana Vălean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Supports the Commission's work with the European Investment Bank (EIB) to improve funding of *fast and ultra-fast* networks, and emphasises the need for such funding to be directed towards open infrastructure projects supporting a diversity of services;

Amendment

25. Supports the Commission's work with the European Investment Bank (EIB) to improve funding of *next generation* networks, and emphasises the need for such funding to be directed towards open infrastructure projects supporting a diversity of services;

Or. en

Amendment 134
Amalia Sartori, Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Supports the Commission's work with the European Investment Bank (EIB) to improve funding of fast and ultra-fast networks, and emphasises the need for such funding to be directed towards open infrastructure projects supporting a diversity of services;

Amendment

25. Supports the Commission's work with the European Investment Bank (EIB) to improve funding of fast and ultra-fast networks *in white areas* and emphasises the need for such funding to be directed towards open infrastructure projects supporting a diversity of services;

Or. en

Amendment 135

Gunnar Hökmark, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Arturs Krišjānis Kariņš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to explore new financing sources and supports the creation of an EU bond project in collaboration with the EIB;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 136

Anni Podimata, Niki Tzavela

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to explore new financing sources and supports the creation of an EU **bond** project in collaboration with the EIB;

26. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to explore new financing sources and **innovative financing instruments; to that direction** supports the creation of an EU project **bonds system which** in collaboration with the EIB **and the guarantee of EU budget will respond to the current financing gap due to the reluctance of the private investing and the serious constraints of the national budgets; therefore urges the Commission to move forward as soon as possible with concrete legislative proposals for the implementation of this alternative source of financing for big infrastructure projects carrying a European added value;**

Or. en

Amendment 137
Amalia Sartori, Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to explore new financing sources and supports the creation of an EU bond project in collaboration with the EIB;

Amendment

26. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to explore new financing sources **for infrastructures in white areas** and supports the creation of an EU bond project in collaboration with the EIB;

Or. en

Amendment 138
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to explore new financing sources and supports the creation of an EU bond project in collaboration with the EIB;

Amendment

26. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to explore new financing sources **for the infrastructures in white areas** and supports the creation of an EU bond project in collaboration with the EIB;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Sabine Verheyen, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Hermann Winkler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Continues to encourage appropriate public-sector investment, public-private partnerships and tax incentive schemes for the roll-out of fast and ultra-fast networks; stresses the importance of government

Amendment

27. Continues to encourage appropriate public-sector investment **and organisational models, in particular involving local authorities**, public-private partnerships and tax incentive schemes for

policies being coordinated at all levels;

the roll-out of fast and ultra-fast networks;
stresses the importance of government
policies being coordinated at all levels;

Or. de

Amendment 140
Adina-Ioana Vălean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Continues to encourage appropriate public-sector investment, public-private partnerships and tax incentive schemes for the roll-out of **fast and ultra-fast** networks; stresses the importance of government policies being coordinated at all levels;

Amendment

27. Continues to encourage appropriate public-sector investment, public-private partnerships and tax incentive schemes for the roll-out of **next generation** networks; stresses the importance of government policies being coordinated at all levels;

Or. en

Amendment 141
Sabine Verheyen, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Hermann Winkler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to agree on an EU Broadband Deployment Pact, **using equity funds, Structural Funds, the Cohesion Fund, regional funds and state** and private investment **as appropriate**, targeting **white** areas in particular, and ensuring the necessary coordination with consistent output indicators on an EU-wide scale;

Amendment

28. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to agree on an EU Broadband Deployment Pact **with a view to coordinating national and European funding programmes** and private investment **more effectively**, targeting **rural** areas in particular, and ensuring the necessary coordination with consistent output indicators on an EU-wide scale;

Or. de

Amendment 142
Niki Tzavela

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to **agree on an EU Broadband Deployment Pact, using equity funds, Structural Funds, the Cohesion Fund**, regional funds and state and private investment as appropriate, targeting white areas in particular, and ensuring the necessary coordination with consistent output indicators on an EU-wide scale;

Amendment

28. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to **improve absorption capacity and work together towards the efficient utilization of funds in the ERDF, structural and cohesion funds, equity funds**, regional funds and state and private investment as appropriate, targeting white areas in particular, and ensuring the necessary coordination with consistent output indicators on an EU-wide scale;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to agree on an EU Broadband Deployment Pact, using equity funds, Structural Funds, the Cohesion Fund, regional funds and state and private investment as appropriate, targeting white areas in particular, and ensuring the necessary coordination with consistent output indicators on an EU-wide scale;

Amendment

28. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to agree on an EU Broadband Deployment Pact, using equity funds, Structural Funds, the Cohesion Fund, regional funds and state and private investment as appropriate, **in accordance with the Commission's State Aid Guidelines**, targeting white areas in particular, and ensuring the necessary coordination with consistent output indicators on an EU-wide scale;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Niki Tzavela, Ivailo Kalfin, Philippe Lamberts

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Calls for the establishment of a high level EU task force with relevant stakeholders to *develop* a future ICT infrastructure strategy;

Amendment

29. Calls for the establishment of a *single* high level EU task force with *representation by all* relevant stakeholders, *including users and providers of electronic networks and services, national regulatory authorities and BEREC*, to *assist in developing* a future ICT infrastructure strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Calls for the establishment of a high-level EU task force with relevant stakeholders to develop a future ICT infrastructure strategy;

Amendment

29. Calls for the establishment of a high-level EU task force with relevant stakeholders to develop a future ICT infrastructure strategy *and specific information society services*;

Or. ro

Amendment 146
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new) (after title)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29a. Highlights the importance of competitive markets in achieving

affordable broadband, and emphasises the need for the swift implementation and full enforcement by Member States and National Regulatory Authorities of the revised EU telecoms framework and Recommendation on Next Generation Access;

Or. en

Amendment 147

Niki Tzavela, Ivailo Kalfin, Algirdas Saudargas, Philippe Lamberts, Adina-Ioana Vălean

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29a. Welcomes the Commission's initiative to convene a Digital Assembly in June 2011;

Or. en

Amendment 148

Amalia Sartori, Antonio Cancian

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30. Notes the Commission's intention to produce guidance on costing and non-discrimination, *key principles* in the EU framework, and encourages the Commission to do so in a way that *supports affordable prices*, consumer choice and competition in fast and *ultra-fast networks and the services delivered over them, and incentivises efficient investment and rapid switchover to such networks;*

30. Notes the Commission's intention to produce guidance on costing and non-discrimination, *two regulatory remedies* in the EU framework, and encourages the Commission to do so in a way that *incentivises efficient investment in and rapid switch-over to such networks, while ensuring* consumer choice and competition in fast and *ultrafast* networks;

Amendment 149**Ivailo Kalfin, Francesco De Angelis****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 30***Motion for a resolution*

30. Notes the Commission's intention to produce guidance on costing and non-discrimination, key principles in the EU framework, and encourages the Commission to *do so in a way that supports affordable prices, consumer choice and* competition in fast and ultra-fast networks and the services *delivered over them*, and incentivises efficient investment and rapid switchover to *such* networks;

Amendment

30. Notes the Commission's intention to produce guidance on costing and non-discrimination, key principles in the EU framework, and encourages the Commission to *support* competition in fast and ultra-fast networks and *allow all operators to access the network at real cost in order to ensure a wide choice of services at affordable prices for consumers*; and incentivises efficient investment and rapid switchover to *fast and ultra-fast* networks;

Amendment 150**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 30***Motion for a resolution*

30. Notes the Commission's intention to produce guidance on costing and non-discrimination, key principles in the EU framework, and encourages the Commission to do so in a way that supports affordable prices, consumer choice and competition in fast and ultra-fast networks and the services delivered over them, and incentivises efficient investment and rapid switchover to such networks;

Amendment

30. Notes the Commission's intention to produce guidance on costing and non-discrimination, key principles in the EU framework, and encourages the Commission to do so in a way that supports affordable prices, consumer choice, *comprehensive consumer information about the services offered* and competition in fast and ultra-fast networks and the services delivered over them, and incentivises efficient investment and rapid

switchover to such networks;

Or. el

Amendment 151
Adina-Ioana Vălean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Notes the Commission's intention to produce guidance on costing and non-discrimination, key principles in the EU framework, and encourages the Commission to do so in a way that supports affordable prices, consumer choice and competition in ***fast and ultra-fast*** networks and the services delivered over them, and incentivises efficient investment and rapid switchover to such networks;

Amendment

30. Notes the Commission's intention to produce guidance on costing and non-discrimination, key principles in the EU framework, and encourages the Commission to do so in a way that supports affordable prices, consumer choice and competition in ***next generation*** networks and the services delivered over them, and incentivises efficient investment and rapid switchover to such networks;

Or. en

Amendment 152
Francesco De Angelis, Ivailo Kalfin, Patrizia Toia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Notes the Commission's intention to produce guidance on costing and non-discrimination, key principles in the EU framework, and encourages the Commission to do so in a way that supports affordable prices, consumer choice and competition in fast and ultra-fast networks and the services delivered over them, and incentivises efficient investment and rapid switchover to such

Amendment

30. Notes the Commission's intention to produce guidance on costing and non-discrimination, key principles in the EU framework, and encourages the Commission to do so in a way that supports ***fair network access rates*** affordable prices, consumer choice and competition in fast and ultra-fast networks and the services delivered over them, and incentivises efficient investment and rapid

networks;

switchover to such networks;

Or. en

Amendment 153
Adina-Ioana Vălean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Highlights the importance of competitive markets in achieving affordable broadband, and emphasises the need for the swift implementation and full enforcement by Member States and NRAs of the revised EU telecoms framework and Recommendation on Next Generation Access;

Or. en

Amendment 154
Henri Weber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Recalls that effective information society infrastructure must be guaranteed to all members of the public regardless of where they live;

Or. fr

Amendment 155
Algirdas Saudargas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Calls on Member States to address impediments to broadband take-up, particularly in low income communities, and to engage all relevant stakeholders to provide training and public access to broadband services, ***economic assistance*** for the acquisition of broadband services and equipment, and development of technology and content aimed at specific users' needs;

Amendment

33. Calls on Member States to address ***social digital exclusion and other*** impediments to broadband take-up, particularly in low income communities, and to engage all relevant stakeholders to provide training and public access to broadband services, ***public incentives*** for the acquisition of broadband services and equipment, and development of technology and content aimed at specific users' needs;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Calls on the Commission, in order to achieve feasible interactive services and enable monitoring of the broadband targets, to specify more qualitative characteristics of broadband access, including download and upload speeds, latencies, and speeds experienced by users; welcomes the Commission's work on developing a methodology to measure relevant aspects of actual user experience;

Amendment

34. Calls on the Commission, in order to achieve feasible interactive services and enable monitoring of the broadband targets, to specify more qualitative characteristics of broadband access, including download and upload speeds, latencies, and speeds experienced by users ***and the characteristics needed for the efficient performance of such services***; welcomes the Commission's work on developing a methodology to measure relevant aspects of actual user experience;

Or. en

Amendment 157

Niki Tzavela, Ivailo Kalfin, Algirdas Saudargas, Philippe Lamberts, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34a. Stresses the difference between theoretical network speeds and actual user experience since the user experience is also linked to website capacity and congestion etc; calls on the Commission in conjunction with BEREC to refine its measurements of delivered broadband speeds and adjust its targets accordingly and calls on BEREC to develop EU guidelines to ensure that advertised broadband speeds appropriately reflect the average up- and download speeds users can actually expect in order to secure transparency on the benefits of new technology, promote comparability and enhance competition;

Or. en

Amendment 158

Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34a. Highlights the importance of competitive markets in achieving affordable broadband, and emphasises the need for the swift implementation and full enforcement by Member States and NRAs of the revised EU telecoms framework and Recommendation on Next Generation Access;

Or. en

Amendment 159
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 a (new) (after title)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34a. Reiterates the importance of future high-speed services that will deliver the EU's energy efficiency, safety objectives and other communications capabilities (e.g. efficient and intelligent transport systems, person-to-person, person-to-machine and machine-to-machine communication systems);

Or. en

Amendment 160
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to ensure the development of e-government services in accordance with the list of 20 basic public services endorsed by the Member States in 2001;

Or. ro

Amendment 161
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34b. Calls on the Commission, Member States and European manufacturing sector, with a view to extending the information society to persons with disabilities, to develop means of ensuring access to broadband infrastructure and specific information society services for persons with disabilities;

Or. ro

Amendment 162
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35. Calls on Member States to increase efforts to address e-skills shortages at all educational levels and through lifelong education;

35. Calls on Member States to increase efforts to address e-skills shortages at all educational levels and through lifelong education **for all citizens, with a special focus on those with poor IT skills; points out that investment in broadband in the EU can only be successful if the technical investment goes hand in hand with investment in citizens' IT skills;**

Or. da

Amendment 163
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35. Calls on Member States to increase efforts to address e-skills shortages at all

35. Calls on Member States to increase efforts to address e-skills shortages at all

educational levels and through lifelong education;

educational levels and through lifelong education *emphasises the role of new technologies in education and notes that technological literacy is henceforth not only an objective but also an essential tool for achieving life-long learning and social cohesion;*

Or. el

Amendment 164
Catherine Trautmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35a. Calls on Member States and industry to empower people to develop new skills through comprehensive re-skilling and training programmes and to accompany technological change by active labour market policies;

Or. en

Amendment 165
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36. Calls on Member States to follow the example set by the Commission in its e-Government action plan: use e-Procurement, adopt an open data strategy, promote electronic identity;

36. Calls on Member States to follow the example set by the Commission in its e-Government action plan: use e-Procurement, adopt an open data strategy, promote electronic identity. *All actions should be directed to simplify bureaucratic processes with the public administration, specially in rural areas;*

Amendment 166
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Calls on Member States to follow the example set by the Commission in its e-Government action plan: use e-Procurement, adopt an open data strategy, promote electronic identity;

Amendment

36. Calls on Member States to follow the example set by the Commission in its e-Government action plan: use e-Procurement, adopt an open data strategy, promote electronic identity ***and ensure pan-European and worldwide signature interoperability***;

Or. ro

Amendment 167
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Calls on Member States to follow the example set by the Commission in its e-Government action plan: use e-Procurement, adopt ***an open data*** strategy, promote electronic identity;

36. Calls on Member States to follow the example set by the Commission in its e-Government action plan: use e-Procurement, adopt ***an open*** strategy ***for access to public sector data***, promote electronic identity ***and digital signatures***;

Or. el

Amendment 168
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36a. Calls on the Commission to speed up public procurement operations using online resources and electronic invoicing (e-invoice initiative);

Or. ro

Amendment 169

Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Supports initiatives such as e-health and a pan-European health information infrastructure to enable patient-centred services supporting patients in taking responsibility for their own health; states that such services should be accessible anywhere, anytime, including over mobile devices;

Amendment

37. Supports initiatives such as e-health and a pan-European health information infrastructure to enable patient-centred services supporting patients in taking responsibility for their own health; states that ***in view of the ageing EU population***, such services should be accessible anywhere, anytime, including over mobile devices ***and should above all be affordable***;

Or. ro

Amendment 170

Algirdas Saudargas, Françoise Grossetête

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Supports initiatives such as e-health and a pan-European health information infrastructure to ***enable patient-centred services supporting patients in taking responsibility for their own health***; states

Amendment

37. Supports initiatives such as e-health and a pan-European health information infrastructure to ***enhance patients autonomy and quality of life***; states that such services should be accessible

that such services should be accessible anywhere, anytime, including over mobile devices;

anywhere, anytime, including over mobile devices;

Or. en

Amendment 171

Niki Tzavela, Algirdas Saudargas, Françoise Grossetête

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37a. In order to implement the pan-European health information infrastructure of a patient-centred health system, the following actions need to be realized:

– Implementation of EU wide agreements between EU Health Authorities for standards that will enable the integrated access of relevant information in the European health information infrastructure. Authorities at all levels need to be involved, at local, national, and EU level.

– Implementation of the European Health Information Infrastructure. This will entail large development effort to facilitate the integration of information kept in various locations, as well as the implementation of core patient-centred services to support patients, providing treatment authorisation and payment, anywhere and anytime.

– Provisions of tools which patients can easily develop innovative patient-centric services on their own e.g. smart devices, telemedicine;

Or. en

Amendment 172
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37a. Emphasises the need for the EU to constantly monitor and assess the health risks of wireless Internet so that citizens are not exposed to health-damaging radiation;

Or. da

Amendment 173
Gunnar Hökmark, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Arturs Krišjānis Kariņš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37a. recalling the need to connect the digital agenda with the provisions of new growth generating services such as e-trade, e-health, e-learning, and e-banking;

Or. en

Amendment 174
Amalia Sartori, Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38. Underlines the importance of **a robust** privacy framework for the EU and welcomes the ongoing review of the Data Protection Directive.

38. Underlines the importance of **the EU** privacy framework for the EU, and welcomes the ongoing review of the Data Protection Directive **which should aim at protecting EU citizens while promoting**

innovation;

Or. en

Amendment 175
Ioan Enciu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Underlines the importance of a robust privacy framework for the EU and welcomes the ongoing review of the Data Protection Directive.

Amendment

38. Underlines the importance of a robust privacy framework for the EU and welcomes the ongoing review of the Data Protection Directive *as a matter of priority*.

Or. en

Amendment 176

Philippe Lamberts on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38a. Recommends to promote a competitive market for investment in and utilization of fixed and wireless broadband infrastructure, notes that a competitive market is a catalyst for additional investment and innovation by communications, applications and content providers, as well as a vital platform for the digital economy; acknowledges the fact that a robust broadband platform will connect government, individual and business users in locations on both sides of the Atlantic therefore in particular the EU and US should pursue bold agendas

to promote broadband;

Or. en

Amendment 177

Niki Tzavela, Algirdas Saudargas, Ivailo Kalfin, Philippe Lamberts, Adina-Ioana Vălean

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39a. Notes that the Communication forms just one part of a broader package, which also includes the Digital Agenda, the Innovation Union, the Radio Spectrum Policy Programme, EU and national funding programmes with a view to creating a mutually supportive system for the efficient further development, access to and use of networks, whether terrestrial fixed and mobile or via satellite;

Or. en

Amendment 178

Niki Tzavela, Algirdas Saudargas, Adina-Ioana Vălean, Philippe Lamberts, Maria Da Graça Carvalho

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39b. Supports innovative broadband services directed towards the maritime sector, and welcomes the discussion by the Commission and the Member States on a new e-maritime initiative building on the SafeSeaNet project, envisaged to also address information related to logistics, customs, border control, environment, fishing operations, communications as

well as security and safety issues;

Or. en

Amendment 179

Niki Tzavela, Maria Da Graça Carvalho

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39c. Calls on the Commission to promote the use of the latest generation of satellites as an innovative use of broadband communications in projects of European added value, including furthering the use of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety system, as well as the new generation Broadband Global Area Network, and maritime FleetBroadband services;

Or. en