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Amendment 1
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**- Having regard to The Belgrade
Declaration approved at the XIV Adriatic
Ionian Council on 30 April 2012,**

Or. fr

Amendment 2
Salvatore Caronna

Motion for a resolution
Citation 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**– having regard to the own-initiative
opinion ‘Territorial cooperation in the
Mediterranean through the Adriatic-
Ionian macro-region’, adopted
unanimously at the plenary session of the
Committee of the Regions on
11 October 2011,**

Or. it

Amendment 3
François Alfonsi

Motion for a resolution
Citation 14 a (new)

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Amendment

**- Having regard to the Opinion on
‘Territorial cooperation in the
Mediterranean through the Adriatic-**

*Ionian macro-region' adopted
unanimously by the Committee of the
Regions on 11 October 2011,*

Or. fr

Amendment 4
Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution
Citation 20 a (new)

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Amendment

*- Having regard to the Communication
from the Commission to the European
Parliament, the Council, the European
Economic and Social Committee and the
Committee of the regions 'Developing a
Maritime Strategy for the Atlantic Ocean
Area' COM(2011) 782 final,*

Or. fr

Amendment 5
Erminia Mazzoni

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas the *Mediterranean has* played
a major role *in European* history;

G. whereas the *so-called 'Arab Spring'*
recently took place, southern European
countries have played a major role in
Mediterranean history, *and the*
geographic, political and economic links
between the two sides of the
Mediterranean have strategic potential;

Or. it

Amendment 6
Salvatore Caronna

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the Mediterranean has played a major role in European *history*;

Amendment

G. whereas the Mediterranean has played a major role in European *strategy*;

Or. it

Amendment 7
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the Mediterranean has played a major role in European history;

Amendment

G. whereas the Mediterranean has played a major role in European history *and wherever the EU has geopolitical and economic importance for the Mediterranean*;

Or. fr

Amendment 8
Salvador Sedó i Alabart, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G a. having regard to the extensive and successful experience in regional cooperation in the Mediterranean within the framework of political processes such as the Barcelona Process, the Union for the Mediterranean or the 5+5 Dialogue, which have served as models to existing

strategies (Baltic and Danube);
having regard to the initiatives of multilateral or bilateral regional cooperation in the framework of some instruments and EU programs such as the MED or ENPI CBC MED under the Neighborhood Policy of the EU;
having regard to the current evolution of the Union for the Mediterranean and its potential as a catalyst in the region that will continue to increase;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. having regard to the extent and success of regional cooperation in the Mediterranean within the framework of political processes such as the Barcelona Process, the Union for the Mediterranean and the 5+5 Dialogue, which has served as a model for existing strategies (Baltic and Danube);

Or. es

Amendment 10
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Motion for a resolution
Recital G b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Gb. having regard to the multilateral and bilateral regional cooperation initiatives,

within the framework of EU instruments and programmes including the MED and the ENPI under the European Neighbourhood Policy;

Or. es

Amendment 11
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Motion for a resolution
Recital G c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Gc. having regard to the current development of the Union in respect of Mediterranean and given that its potential as a catalyst in the region will increase;

Or. es

Amendment 12
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H. whereas a macro-regional approach **would** enable an overall project to be set out in this area vital to the EU's future, with a view to emerging from the present crisis and responding to the expectations of all its neighbours, particularly those in the Southern Mediterranean;

H. whereas a macro-regional approach **could** enable an overall project to be set out in this area vital to the EU's future, with a view to emerging from the present crisis and responding to the expectations of all its neighbours, particularly those in the Southern Mediterranean;

Or. de

Amendment 13
Salvatore Caronna

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas the Mediterranean is a coherent whole, constituting a single cultural and environmental area, and sharing very many characteristics and priorities common to the ‘Mediterranean climate’: the same crops, **water shortages**, abundant renewable energy sources, particularly solar energy, the importance of tourism, the same natural disaster risks (fires, floods, earthquakes) and the risks from human **error**, particularly maritime pollution;

Amendment

I. whereas the Mediterranean is a coherent whole, constituting a single cultural and environmental area, and sharing very many characteristics and priorities common to the ‘Mediterranean climate’: the same crops, abundant renewable energy sources, particularly solar energy, the importance of tourism, the same natural disaster risks (fires, floods, earthquakes, **water shortages**) and the risks from human **activity**, particularly maritime pollution;

Or. it

Amendment 14

Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution

Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas the Mediterranean is a very large area stretching nearly 4 000 km from east to west, with numerous islands, **and whereas a huge network of maritime routes should be promoted therein, enabling increased trade whilst reducing related CO₂ emissions**;

Amendment

J. whereas the Mediterranean is a very large area stretching nearly 4 000 km from east to west, with numerous islands;

Or. de

Amendment 15

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas the Mediterranean is a very large area stretching nearly 4 000 km from east to west, with numerous islands, and whereas a huge network of maritime routes should be promoted therein, enabling increased trade whilst reducing related CO₂ emissions;

Amendment

J. whereas the Mediterranean is a very large area stretching nearly 4 000 km from east to west, with numerous islands **and with territories with land and sea borders with North Africa**, and whereas a huge network of maritime routes should be promoted therein, enabling increased trade whilst reducing related CO₂ emissions;

Or. es

Amendment 16
Giommaria Uggias, Georgios Stavrakakis, Spyros Danellis

Motion for a resolution
Recital J a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ja. whereas, notwithstanding the fact that Article 174 of the TFEU commits the European Union to promoting uniform development by reducing the gap of the least favoured regions, including insular regions, the European institutions have not yet adopted an ad hoc strategy that takes into account the specific needs of the islands;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Giommaria Uggias, Georgios Stavrakakis, Spyros Danellis

Motion for a resolution
Recital J b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Jb. whereas the full accessibility of Mediterranean insular regions can only be ensured through the allocation of additional resources in the field of maritime and aviation transport;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Giommaria Uggias, Georgios Stavrakakis, Spyros Danellis

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Jc. whereas the economic and social development of the European Union is achieved through a better integration of the insular territories within the European Single Market and to that end, the Commission should adopt an integrated approach on the insularity issue;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Giommaria Uggias, Georgios Stavrakakis, Spyros Danellis

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Jd. whereas the Commission's action towards insularity has been so far lacking despite the fact that the Treaties recognize the long-standing structural disadvantage faced by island populations in terms of cost to be incurred in the fields of energy

and transport;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Salvatore Caronna

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas the Adriatic-Ionian macro-regional strategy is progressing, taking place in the context of longstanding cooperation and solidarity in a contiguous territory around the Adriatic *Sea*;

Amendment

K. whereas the ***proposal for an*** Adriatic-Ionian macro-regional strategy is progressing, taking place in the context of longstanding cooperation and solidarity in a contiguous territory around the Adriatic ***and Ionian Seas, and supported by the eight participating states of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative (AII), as repeatedly demonstrated in the statements made by the eight foreign ministers who signed up to the Initiative in Ancona (2010), Brussels (2011) and Belgrade (2012);***

Or. it

Amendment 21
François Alfonsi

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas the Adriatic-Ionian macro-regional strategy is progressing, taking place in the context of longstanding cooperation and solidarity in a contiguous territory around the Adriatic Sea;

Amendment

K. whereas the Adriatic-Ionian macro-regional strategy is progressing, taking place in the context of longstanding cooperation and solidarity in a contiguous territory around the Adriatic Sea ***and has the support of the eight Members of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative (AII), as expressed several times in the Declarations by the eight Foreign Affairs***

*Ministers of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative
– AII in Ancona (2010), Brussels (2011)
and Belgrade (2012);*

Or. fr

Amendment 22
François Alfonsi

Motion for a resolution
Recital L a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

La. whereas experience has been acquired through regional cooperation in the Mediterranean; whereas there have been bilateral and multilateral cooperation initiatives for EU programmes such as MED and ENPI within the framework of the European Neighbourhood Policy;

Or. fr

Amendment 23
Tamás Deutsch, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Endorses the macro-regional approach to territorial cooperation policies between territories belonging to a services and working area: maritime area, mountain range or river basin;

1. Endorses the macro-regional approach to territorial cooperation policies between territories belonging to a services and working area: maritime area, mountain range or river basin; *believes that macro-regional strategies opened a new chapter in European territorial cooperation by applying a bottom-up approach and spreading cooperation to more and more areas via the better use of available resources; recommends that, in view of their clear European added value, macro-*

regional strategies should receive more attention in the framework of European territorial cooperation to be reinforced as of 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

notes that, after the accession to the EU of the new Member States, a number of new initiatives were launched which clearly changed attitudes to Europe's social and economic development and, by so doing, strengthened it and accelerated development at territorial level;

Or. pl

Amendment 25
Salvador Sedó i Alabart, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Considers that this type of territorial cooperation strategy is justified, particularly when these territories have historically been divided by borders, bequeathing *low* levels of cooperation between neighbouring territories;

2. Considers that this type of territorial cooperation strategy is justified, particularly when these territories have historically been divided by borders, bequeathing *noticeable* levels of cooperation between neighbouring territories;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Considers that this type of territorial cooperation strategy is justified, particularly when these territories have historically been divided by borders, bequeathing *low* levels of cooperation between neighbouring territories;

Amendment

2. Considers that this type of territorial cooperation strategy is justified, particularly when these territories have historically been divided by borders, bequeathing *notable* levels of cooperation between neighbouring territories;

Or. es

Amendment 27
Salvatore Caronna

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Considers that this type of territorial cooperation strategy is *justified*, particularly when these territories have historically been divided by borders, bequeathing low levels of cooperation between neighbouring territories;

Amendment

2. Considers that this type of territorial cooperation strategy is *useful*, particularly when these territories have historically been divided by borders, bequeathing low levels of cooperation between neighbouring territories;

Or. it

Amendment 28
Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 – point 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(1) notes that a strategic approach to regional development policy, or in other words the creation of new macroregions, will encourage the focusing of attention on areas which are particularly important for the EU

Or. pl

Amendment 29
François Alfonsi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Takes the view that the overview provided by a macro-regional strategy would make territorial cooperation projects and the EGTC more beneficial, and that this would enhance synergies with the major EU strategies, such as the trans-European transport network or the Integrated Maritime Policy; considers that it would also be easier to involve other European policy instruments, such as those proposed by the EIB;

3. Takes the view that the overview provided by a macro-regional strategy would make territorial cooperation projects and the EGTC more beneficial, and that this would enhance synergies with the major EU strategies, such as the trans-European transport network or the Integrated Maritime Policy; considers that it would also be easier to involve other European policy instruments, such as those proposed by the EIB; ***considers that these steps would improve the coordination of EU policies at a transnational and inter-regional level;***

Or. fr

Amendment 30
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Recommends basing macro-regional strategies on multi-level governance, ensuring local- and regional-government **involvement**;

Amendment

4. Recommends basing macro-regional strategies on multi-level governance, ensuring **the involvement of** local- and regional-government **authorities and all other stakeholders such as universities, research centres and representatives of civil society**;

Or. fr

Amendment 31

Tamás Deutsch, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Recommends basing macro-regional strategies on multi-level governance, ensuring local- and regional-government involvement;

Amendment

4. Recommends basing macro-regional strategies on multi-level governance, ensuring local- and regional-government involvement, **involving the greatest possible number of partners and stakeholders in both the process of elaboration and implementation of macro-regional strategies in order to increase their ownership at local and regional level**;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Salvatore Caronna

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Takes the view that the macro-regional strategy could **frame** the European

Amendment

5. Takes the view that the macro-regional strategy could **steer** the European

Neighbourhood Policy and/or pre-accession policy *in such a way as to render them* more effective;

Neighbourhood Policy and/or pre-accession policy *towards being* more effective;

Or. it

Amendment 33
Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

considers that ideas on development should involve integrating the potential of many countries, both EU Member States and countries from outside the EU, in order to achieve a high and consistent level of regional development as a result;

Or. pl

Amendment 34
Salvatore Caronna

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Calls for this *first example* to be the subject of a complete evaluation based on objective criteria and measurable indicators for each of the priority areas;

7. Calls for this *strategy* to be the subject of a complete evaluation based on objective criteria and measurable indicators for each of the priority areas;

Or. it

Amendment 35
François Alfonsi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Considers it necessary, if this strategy is to be fully successful, to retain the governance structure in the long term by including it in the upcoming programming period 2014–2020;

Amendment

8. Considers it necessary, if this strategy is to be fully successful, to retain the governance structure, **by extending it to include local and regional authorities**, in the long term by including it in the upcoming programming period 2014–2020;

Or. fr

Amendment 36
Salvatore Caronna

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission and the Council to support fully the approach taken with the Danube basin, which should also be evaluated and regularly monitored, **and should be adequately funded**;

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission and the Council to support fully the approach taken with the Danube basin, which should also be evaluated and regularly monitored;

Or. it

Amendment 37
Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Suggests that the Commission coordinate a consultation and dialogue process for future macro-regional strategies; takes the view that lack of cooperation between European territories

Amendment

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belonging to different Member States but the same services and working area should be the basis for identifying priority areas; considers that the result of this dialogue should be a ‘projected European macro-regions map’, which **would not be binding and** could change depending on local dynamics;

belonging to different Member States but the same services and working area should be the basis for identifying priority areas; considers that the result of this dialogue should be a ‘projected European macro-regions map’, which could change depending on local dynamics;

Or. pl

Amendment 38
Salvatore Caronna

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Suggests that the Commission coordinate a consultation and dialogue process for future macro-regional strategies; takes the view that lack of cooperation between European territories belonging to different Member States but the same services and working area should be the basis for identifying priority areas; considers that the result of this dialogue should be a ‘projected European macro-regions map’, which would not be binding and could change depending on local dynamics;

Amendment

10. Suggests that the Commission coordinate a consultation and dialogue process for future macro-regional strategies; takes the view that lack of cooperation **or the need to strengthen existing cooperation** between European territories belonging to different Member States but the same services and working area should be the basis for identifying priority areas; considers that the result of this dialogue should be a ‘projected European macro-regions map’, which would not be binding and could change depending on local dynamics;

Or. it

Amendment 39
François Alfonsi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Suggests that the Commission coordinate a consultation and dialogue process for future macro-regional strategies; takes the view that lack of cooperation between European territories belonging to different Member States but the same services and working area should be the basis for identifying priority areas; considers that the result of this dialogue should be a ‘projected European macro-regions map’, which would not be binding and could change depending on local dynamics;

Amendment

10. Suggests that the Commission coordinate a consultation and dialogue process for future macro-regional strategies; takes the view that lack of cooperation between European territories belonging to different Member States but the same services and working area should be the basis for identifying priority areas; considers that the result of this dialogue should be a ‘projected European macro-regions map’, ***mainly coordinated with the Member States and the regions concerned***, which would not be binding and could change depending on local dynamics;

Or. fr

Amendment 40
Salvatore Caronna

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Takes the view that the macro-regional strategy does not require further funding, institutional instruments or regulation, ***but considers funding for the monitoring thereof in the form of technical assistance appropriations justified***;

Amendment

11. Takes the view that the macro-regional strategy does not require further funding, institutional instruments or regulation;

Or. it

Amendment 41
Tamás Deutsch, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Takes the view that ***the*** macro-regional ***strategy does*** not require further funding, institutional instruments or regulation, ***but considers*** funding for the monitoring thereof in the form of technical assistance appropriations justified;

Amendment

11. Takes the view that macro-regional ***strategies need better alignment of funding, more efficient utilisation of existing resources and coordination of instruments and although such strategies do*** not require further funding, institutional instruments or regulation, funding for the monitoring thereof in the form of technical assistance appropriations justified;

Or. en

Amendment 42
François Alfonsi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Takes the view that the macro-regional strategy does not require further funding, institutional instruments or regulation, but considers funding for the monitoring thereof in the form of technical assistance appropriations justified;

Amendment

11. Takes the view that the macro-regional strategy does not require further funding, institutional instruments or regulation, but considers funding for the monitoring thereof in the form of technical assistance appropriations justified ***and that the macro-regional strategy should promote structural projects taking the multi-annual financial framework 2014-2020 into account;***

Or. fr

Amendment 43
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Takes the view that the macro-regional strategy does not require further funding, institutional instruments or regulation, but considers funding for the monitoring thereof in the form of technical assistance appropriations justified;

Amendment

11. Takes the view that the macro-regional strategy does not require further funding, institutional instruments or regulation, but considers funding for the monitoring thereof in the form of technical assistance appropriations justified ***and the smooth coordination of policies and funds in different areas;***

Or. fr

Amendment 44
Erminia Mazzoni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Takes the view that the macro-regional strategy does not require further funding, institutional instruments or regulation, but considers funding for the monitoring thereof in the form of technical assistance appropriations justified;

Amendment

11. Takes the view that the macro-regional strategy does not require further funding, institutional instruments or regulation, but considers funding for the monitoring thereof in the form of technical assistance appropriations ***and appropriations for the preliminary evaluation and data-collection phase and for any start-up*** justified;

Or. it

Amendment 45
Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls for the operational programmes to be closely geared to the

corresponding priorities of the macro-regional strategies in order to ensure the best possible coordination of objectives and means;

Or. fr

Amendment 46
Jan Olbrycht

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Considers that it should be possible to allocate territorial cohesion funding to a macro-regional strategy in two stages: the first the pre-development phase, lasting around two years – to help it become established, and the second the implementation phase, lasting longer – to consolidate it;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 47
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Considers that it should be possible to allocate territorial cohesion funding to a macro-regional strategy in two stages: the first — the pre-development phase, **lasting around two years** – to help it become established, and the second — the implementation phase, lasting longer – to consolidate it;

12. Considers that it should be possible to allocate territorial cohesion funding to a macro-regional strategy in two stages: the first — the pre-development phase – to help it become established, and the second — the implementation phase, lasting longer – to consolidate it;

Or. fr

Amendment 48
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Supports the implementation of a macro-regional strategy for the Mediterranean basin, so as to give structure to this key area for Europe's future, and calls on the Council and the Commission to facilitate the ***emergence thereof***;

Amendment

13. Supports the implementation of a macro-regional strategy for the Mediterranean basin, so as to give structure to this key area for Europe's future, and calls on the Council and the Commission to facilitate the ***development of a strategy accompanied by an action plan by the end of the year***;

Or. fr

Amendment 49
Salvatore Caronna

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Supports the implementation of a macro-regional strategy for the Mediterranean basin, so as to give structure to this key area for Europe's ***future***, and calls on the Council and the Commission to ***facilitate the emergence thereof***;

Amendment

13. Supports the implementation of a macro-regional strategy for the Mediterranean basin, so as to give structure to this key area for Europe's ***development and integration***, and calls on the Council and the Commission to ***act accordingly***;

Or. it

Amendment 50
Salvador Sedó i Alabart, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Supports the implementation of a macro-regional strategy for the Mediterranean basin, so as to give structure to this key area for Europe's future, and calls on the Council and the Commission to facilitate the emergence thereof;

Amendment

13. Supports the implementation of a macro-regional strategy for the Mediterranean basin, ***in which the Union for the Mediterranean would have a central role***, so as to give structure to this key area for Europe's future, and calls on the Council and the Commission to facilitate the emergence thereof;

Or. en

Amendment 51
María Irigoyen Pérez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Supports the implementation of a macro-regional strategy for the Mediterranean basin, so as to give structure to this key area for Europe's future, and calls on the Council and the Commission to facilitate the emergence thereof;

Amendment

13. Supports the implementation of a macro-regional strategy for the Mediterranean basin, so as ***to offer a common perspective for addressing the common and problematic challenges facing the Mediterranean countries and regions and*** to give structure to this key area for Europe's future, and calls on the Council and the Commission to facilitate the emergence thereof;

Or. es

Amendment 52
Salvatore Caronna

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes the view that a macro-regional

Amendment

14. Takes the view that a macro-regional

strategy that involves European, national, regional and local authorities, regional organisations, financial institutions, and NGOs from the European side of the Mediterranean basin, and that is open to neighbouring countries and/or countries at the pre-accession stage, would significantly improve territorial cooperation in this area in **political and** operational terms;

strategy that involves European, national, regional and local authorities, regional organisations, financial institutions, and NGOs from the European side of the Mediterranean basin, and that is open to neighbouring countries and/or countries at the pre-accession stage, would significantly improve territorial cooperation in this area in operational terms;

Or. it

Amendment 53

Salvador Sedó i Alabart, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes the view that a macro-regional strategy that involves European, national, regional and local authorities, regional organisations, financial institutions, and NGOs from the European side of the Mediterranean basin, and that is open to neighbouring countries and/or countries at the pre-accession stage, would significantly improve territorial cooperation in this area in political and operational terms;

Amendment

14. Takes the view that a macro-regional strategy that involves European, national, regional and local authorities, **the Union for the Mediterranean**, regional organisations, financial institutions, and NGOs from the European side of the Mediterranean basin, and that is open to neighbouring countries and/or countries at the pre-accession stage, would significantly improve territorial cooperation in this area in political and operational terms;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes the view that a macro-regional

Amendment

14. Takes the view that a **Mediterranean**

strategy that involves European, national, regional and local authorities, regional organisations, financial institutions, and NGOs from the European side of the Mediterranean basin, and that is open to neighbouring countries and/or countries at the pre-accession stage, would significantly improve territorial cooperation in this area in political and operational terms;

macro-regional strategy that involves European, national, regional and local authorities, regional organisations, financial institutions, and NGOs from the European side of the Mediterranean basin, and that is open to neighbouring countries and/or countries at the pre-accession stage, would significantly improve territorial cooperation in this area in political and operational terms;

Or. es

Amendment 55
María Irigoyen Pérez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes the view that a macro-regional strategy that involves European, national, regional and local authorities, regional organisations, financial institutions, and NGOs from the European side of the Mediterranean basin, and that is open to neighbouring countries and/or countries at the pre-accession stage, would significantly improve territorial cooperation in this area in political and operational terms;

Amendment

14. Takes the view that a macro-regional strategy that involves European, national, regional and local authorities, regional organisations, financial institutions, and NGOs from the European side of the Mediterranean basin, and that is open to neighbouring countries and/or countries at the pre-accession stage, would significantly improve territorial cooperation in this area in political and operational terms; ***stresses the importance of drawing on the experience, existing resources and achievements of existing regional organisations;***

Or. es

Amendment 56
François Alfonsi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes the view that a macro-regional strategy that involves European, national, regional and local authorities, regional organisations, financial institutions, and NGOs from the European side of the Mediterranean basin, and that is open to neighbouring countries and/or countries at the pre-accession stage, would significantly improve territorial cooperation in this area in political and operational terms;

Amendment

14. Takes the view that a macro-regional strategy that involves European, national, regional and local authorities ***and their organisations***, regional organisations, financial institutions, and NGOs from the European side of the Mediterranean basin, and that is open to neighbouring countries and/or countries at the pre-accession stage, would significantly improve territorial cooperation in this area in political and operational terms;

Or. fr

Amendment 57
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Considers that, given the Mediterranean territories with sea and land borders with North Africa, a macro-regional strategy would boost the development of new active neighbourhood policies, taking on a concrete territorial dimension which guarantees greater effectiveness, security and control of migration flows, and positively impacts on the performance of their own economies;

Or. es

Amendment 58
Erminia Mazzoni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. **Hopes that** the Council **will** quickly adopt the Adriatic-Ionian macro-regional strategy, so as to realise a first step towards a Mediterranean macro-regional strategy;

Amendment

15. **Urges** the Council **to** quickly adopt the Adriatic-Ionian macro-regional strategy, **preferably by 2013**, so as to realise a first step towards a Mediterranean macro-regional strategy;

Or. it

Amendment 59
Salvatore Caronna

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Hopes that the Council will quickly adopt the Adriatic-Ionian macro-regional strategy, so as to realise a first step towards a Mediterranean macro-regional strategy;

Amendment

15. Hopes that the Council, **following on from the decision of 24 June 2011 and taking into account the willingness shown by the territories concerned nationally, regionally and locally, historical links, traditions and the initiatives undertaken**, will quickly adopt the Adriatic-Ionian macro-regional strategy, so as to realise a first step towards a Mediterranean macro-regional strategy;

Or. it

Amendment 60
François Alfonsi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Hopes that the Council will quickly adopt the Adriatic-Ionian macro-regional strategy, so as to realise a first step towards

Amendment

15. Hopes that the Council, **in view of the willingness expressed by all players involved on a local, regional and national level**, will quickly adopt the Adriatic-

a Mediterranean macro-regional strategy;

Ionian macro-regional strategy, *in the follow-up to its Declaration of 24 June 2011*, so as to realise a first step towards a Mediterranean macro-regional strategy;

Or. fr

Amendment 61
Erminia Mazzoni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Hopes that the European Union will place greater emphasis on the southern dimension in its Neighbourhood Policy;

Or. it

Amendment 62
María Irigoyen Pérez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Hopes that macro-regional strategies that ***have significant*** maritime aspects ***and that take into account island territories and their development needs*** will also emerge for the western and eastern Mediterranean;

16. Hopes that macro-regional strategies that ***include*** maritime aspects, ***the territorial dimension, regional connections, urban and rural development, the promotion of sustainable tourism, the protection of the ecosystem and the biodiversity of the Mediterranean region*** will emerge ***as soon as possible*** for the western and eastern Mediterranean; ***asks that they take into account island territories and their development needs;***

Or. es

Amendment 63
Tamás Deutsch, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Hopes that macro-regional strategies that have significant maritime aspects and that take into account island territories and their development needs will also emerge for the western and eastern Mediterranean;

Amendment

16. Hopes that macro-regional strategies that have significant maritime aspects and that take into account island territories and their development needs will also emerge for the western and eastern Mediterranean; ***believes that such future strategies should pay increased attention to the protection of the environment and sustainable tourism;***

Or. en

Amendment 64
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Hopes that macro-regional strategies that have significant maritime aspects and that take into account island territories and their development needs will also emerge for the western and eastern Mediterranean;

Amendment

16. Hopes that macro-regional strategies that have significant maritime aspects and that take into account ***the numerous Mediterranean*** island territories and their development needs will also emerge for the western and eastern Mediterranean;

Or. es

Amendment 65
Erminia Mazzoni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Hopes that macro-regional strategies that have significant maritime aspects and that take into account island territories and their development needs will also emerge for the western and eastern Mediterranean;

Amendment

16. Hopes that macro-regional strategies that have significant maritime aspects and that take into account ***coastal and*** island territories and their development needs will also emerge for the western and eastern Mediterranean;

Or. it

Amendment 66
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Hopes that the strategy fosters cooperation on tourism in the Mediterranean regions, to improve the prospects of this economic sector which is vital to most of these territories, which are major global tourist destinations;

Or. es

Amendment 67
Erminia Mazzoni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Urges the European Commission to determine what instruments are required to evaluate and launch any new macro-regional initiatives in the western and eastern Mediterranean, such as pilot

projects;

Or. it

Amendment 68
Salvatore Caronna

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Takes the view that *coordination of* these three macro-regional strategies – western Mediterranean, Adriatic-Ionian, and eastern Mediterranean – will enable the implementation of an overall policy for the whole Mediterranean basin that is in synergy with the priorities set out by regional and international organisations;

Amendment

17. Takes the view that *integration of* these three macro-regional strategies – western Mediterranean, Adriatic-Ionian, and eastern Mediterranean – will enable the implementation of an overall policy for the whole Mediterranean basin that is in synergy with the priorities set out by regional and international organisations;

Or. it

Amendment 69
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Takes the view that coordination of these three macro-regional strategies – western Mediterranean, Adriatic-Ionian, and eastern Mediterranean – will enable the implementation of an overall policy for the whole Mediterranean basin that is in synergy with the priorities set out by regional and international organisations;

Amendment

17. Takes the view that coordination of these three macro-regional strategies – western Mediterranean, Adriatic-Ionian, and eastern Mediterranean – will enable the implementation of an overall policy for the whole Mediterranean basin that is in synergy with the priorities set out by regional and international organisations, *and in particular those defined by the Union for the Mediterranean;*

Or. fr

Amendment 70
Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Takes the view that coordination of these three macro-regional strategies – western Mediterranean, Adriatic-Ionian, and eastern Mediterranean – will enable the implementation of an overall policy for the whole Mediterranean basin that is in synergy with the priorities set out by regional and international organisations;

Amendment

17. Takes the view that coordination of these three macro-regional strategies – western Mediterranean, Adriatic-Ionian, and eastern Mediterranean – will enable the implementation of an overall policy for the whole Mediterranean basin that is in synergy with the priorities set out by regional and international organisations ***and the implementation of best practices that can contribute towards achieving the EU Strategy objectives of smart and sustainable economic growth;***

Or. ro

Amendment 71
María Irigoyen Pérez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the *involved* Member States ***to encourage*** the cooperative spirit ***that has emerged during the drafting of the present report, and*** urges the future Cypriot Presidency of the EU to ***support*** this project;

Amendment

18. Calls on the Member States, ***the Commission and the Council, in line with the existing*** cooperative spirit, ***to focus their efforts on*** drafting ***and implementing this macro-strategy;*** urges the future Cypriot Presidency of the EU to ***make*** this project ***a priority;***

Or. es

Amendment 72
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the involved Member States to encourage the cooperative spirit that has emerged during the drafting of the present report, and urges the future Cypriot Presidency of the EU to support this project;

Amendment

18. Calls on the involved Member States to encourage the cooperative spirit that has emerged during the drafting of the present report, and urges the future Cypriot Presidency of the EU to support this project; ***highlights moreover the importance of inter-governmental and inter-regional cooperation in the development of a macro-regional strategy;***

Or. fr

Amendment 73
Giommaria Uggias

Motion for a resolution
Sub-heading after paragraph (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

The insular dimension within the Mediterranean macroregion

(This sentence is intended to be the title to a new small section on insularity at the very end of this report, right after "Prospects in the Mediterranean".)

Or. en

Amendment 74
Giommaria Uggias, Georgios Stavrakakis, Spyros Danellis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. Urges the Commission to take concrete actions aimed at implementing Article 174 of the TFEU and overcoming the handicap of insularity through the promotion of a strategy which guarantees uniform European economic and social development;

Or. en

Amendment 75

Giommaria Uggias, Georgios Stavrakakis, Spyros Danellis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18c. Believes that the Mediterranean insular territories should be eligible for additional funding, with particular reference to the transport sector, in order to ensure full accessibility and territorial continuity of these territories with the European continent and their effective integration with the Single Market;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Giommaria Uggias, Georgios Stavrakakis, Spyros Danellis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 d. Deems a better integration of islands with the European Single Market a key factor in promoting their social cohesion and economic growth within the

European Union; to that aim, urges the Commission to adopt ad hoc measures that contribute to making insular territories equally competitive with the mainland territories;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Giommaria Uggias, Georgios Stavrakakis, Spyros Danellis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 e. Hopes that the Commission may overcome its punitive attitude towards the insular territories whereas it considers state aids those which constitute legitimate compensation with respect to the discriminated condition of insularity;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Giommaria Uggias, Georgios Stavrakakis, Spyros Danellis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 f. Calls on the Commission to formulate a comprehensive proposal aimed at overcoming the structural handicaps of islands territories;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Giommaria Uggias, Georgios Stavrakakis, Spyros Danellis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 g. Considers necessary an increase in the threshold of de minimis aid for islands with special reference to the agriculture, transport and fishery sectors, in order to reduce the gap between different levels of development among European regions;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Giommaria Uggias, Maria Da Graça Carvalho

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 h. Calls for the adaptation of cohesion policy and research and innovation policies to the specific needs of the insular regions and for the development of synergies between the Research Framework Programme Horizon 2020 and the Structural Funds, so as to encourage the first sprouts of excellence and increase investment in training;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Giommaria Uggias, Maria Da Graça Carvalho

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 i. Recommends the appropriate use of

the "Connecting Europe Facility" for transport, energy and information and communication technologies (ICT) in order to increase the integration of these regions into continental Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Giommaria Uggias, Maria Da Graça Carvalho

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 j (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 j. Stresses the importance of culture and creative industry as a fundamental pillar for development and job creation in the insular regions;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Giommaria Uggias, Georgios Stavrakakis, Spyros Danellis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 k (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 k. Calls on the Commission to adopt an Action Plan for the Mediterranean macroregion strategy by the end of 2013, incorporating specific projects with broad involvement of all relevant stakeholders and regional partners and using all available financial instruments;

Or. en