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on the contribution of cooperatives to overcoming the crisis
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Amendment 1
Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution
Heading 1

Motion for a resolution

on the contribution of cooperatives to
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on the contribution of cooperatives **and**
social enterprises to overcoming the crisis

Or. it

Amendment 2
Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 a (new)

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**– having regard to the Treaty on
European Union (TEU), in particular
Article 3(3),**

Or. nl

Amendment 3
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -1 (new)

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**-1. Notes that the cooperative movement is
a project in which inequalities are
reduced and which supports the insertion
into society of the organisations created,
thereby offering the public a democratic
alternative for creating employment,
stabilising populations against social and
economic desertification, promoting fair**

and sustainable trade, and educating and training communities, encouraging their involvement in cooperative activities . emphasises that, in today's capitalist society, the cooperative movement alone will not resolve all social and economic problems;

Or. pt

Amendment 4
Patrizia Toia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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previously provided by the public sector (e.g. production of electricity from renewable sources) and has also become a model for the self-employed and the liberal professions; notes that cooperatives therefore play a very important role in the EU in economic, social and employment terms, in addition to being a springboard for social innovation, which is a very important topic in both the EU 2020 strategy and Horizon 2020;

Or. it

Amendment 5

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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that cooperatives therefore play a very important role in the EU in economic, social and employment terms;

that over the past decades more than 1000 renewable energy cooperatives (REScoops) were created by citizens who take responsibility and invest in their sustainable energy production, distribution and supply; notes that cooperatives therefore play a very important role in the EU in economic, social, *sustainable development* and employment terms;

Or. en

Amendment 6 **Ivo Belet**

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social and employment terms;

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Or. nl

Amendment 7
Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution
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Amendment 8
Britta Thomsen

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Or. da

Amendment 9
Patrizia Toia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Reiterates that the cooperative business model contributes to real economic pluralism, is a vital part of the 'social market economy' and is fully in keeping with the values of the EU Treaty and the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy;

Or. it

Amendment 10

Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Points out that cooperatives have proved themselves to be **even more** resilient in times of crisis **than many conventional enterprises** and notes that there is considerable evidence of this resilience, particularly in relation to cooperative banks and industrial and service cooperatives (worker cooperatives, social cooperatives and cooperatives formed by SMEs);

Amendment

2. Points out that **many** cooperatives have proved themselves to be resilient in times of crisis and notes that there is considerable evidence of this resilience, particularly in relation to cooperative banks and industrial and service cooperatives (worker cooperatives, social cooperatives and cooperatives formed by SMEs);

Or. nl

Amendment 11

Patrizia Toia

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enterprises, *having opened up also to new sectors, both in terms of employment rates and business closures*, and notes that there is considerable evidence of this resilience, particularly in relation to cooperative banks and industrial and service cooperatives (worker cooperatives, social cooperatives and cooperatives formed by SMEs); *notes, moreover, the growing importance of 'community cooperatives', which enable – especially in remote and disadvantaged areas – the direct participation of citizens in order to meet various needs, such as health and social services, school services, commercial services, communications, etc.;*

Or. it

Amendment 12
Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

2. Points out that cooperatives *and social enterprises* have proved themselves to be even more resilient in times of crisis than many conventional enterprises, *in terms of rates of employment and of business closures*, and notes that there is considerable evidence of this resilience, particularly in relation to cooperative banks and industrial and service cooperatives (worker cooperatives, social cooperatives and cooperatives formed by SMEs), *owing to a great ability to adapt to change and keep business going, when it is at risk, by continuing to pursue their mission;*

Or. it

Amendment 13
Raffaele Baldassarre

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

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Or. it

Amendment 14
Claude Turmes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

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Or. en

Amendment 15
Judith A. Merkies

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Notes that cooperatives can also play a vital role in the transition towards renewable energy and the fighting of energy poverty; by empowering local communities to generate their own energy, the roll-out of small and medium scale renewable technologies can be speeded up; these technologies lead to a more efficient use of energy and empower citizens to gain more control over their energy prices;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Raffaele Baldassarre

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Takes the view that cooperatives can effectively promote entrepreneurship on a micro-economic scale, at times of recession, as they allow small business owners, often groups of citizens, to take on business responsibilities; in this regard, supports the development of cooperatives in the social and welfare sectors, to ensure greater social participation for vulnerable groups;

Or. it

Amendment 17
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Expresses the view that this greater resilience is in large part due to the cooperative model of governance, which is based on joint ownership and democratic control by their member-stakeholders, and that it is also due to their characteristic method of capital accumulation; considers that this model helps to ensure that cooperatives take a long-term approach and anchors them in the local economy, giving them a stake in local sustainable development and ensuring that they do not delocalise, even when they internationalise;

Amendment

3. Expresses the view that this greater resilience is in large part due to the cooperative model of governance, which is based on joint ownership, democratic control, organisation and management by their member-stakeholders, ***and to the economic participation of their associates, their autonomy and independence, the education, training and information provided to cooperative members, cooperation amongst cooperatives and their commitment to the community, stresses that their resilience is*** also due to their characteristic method of capital accumulation, ***with balanced social and economic objectives and goals of improving their operation and activity;*** considers that this model helps to ensure that cooperatives take a long-term approach and anchors them in the local economy, giving them a stake in local sustainable development and ensuring that they do not delocalise, even when they internationalise;

Or. pt

Amendment 18
Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
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ownership and democratic control by their member-stakeholders, and that it is also due to their characteristic method of capital accumulation, ***which is less dependent on the development of financial markets;*** considers that this model helps to ensure that cooperatives ***can*** take a long-term approach and anchors them in the local economy, giving them a stake in local sustainable development ***even when they delocalise part of their operations under the pressure of international competition;***

Or. nl

Amendment 19
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Expresses the view that this greater resilience is in large part due to the cooperative model of governance, which is based on joint ownership and democratic control by their member-stakeholders, and that it is also due to their characteristic ***method of capital accumulation;*** considers that ***this model helps*** to ensure that cooperatives take a long-term approach and anchors them in the local economy, ***giving them a stake in*** local sustainable development and ensuring that they do not delocalise, even when they internationalise;

Amendment

3. Expresses the view that this greater resilience is in large part due to the cooperative model of governance, which is based on joint ownership and democratic control by their member-stakeholders, and that it is also due to their characteristic ***principles of re-investing surpluses in the development of the undertakings, thus considerably reducing the indebtedness of cooperatives;*** considers that ***these principles help*** to ensure that cooperatives take a long-term approach and anchors them in the local economy, ***contributing to*** local sustainable development and ensuring that they do not delocalise, even when they internationalise;

Or. da

Amendment 20
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Miloslav Ransdorf, Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

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3. Expresses the view that this greater resilience is in large part due to the cooperative model of governance, which is based on joint ownership, **decision-making concerning the enterprise's strategies** and democratic control by their member-stakeholders, and that it is also due to their characteristic method of capital accumulation **linked to the allocation of surpluses to the reserve, at least part of which is indivisible, and to the realisation of the enterprise's objectives**; considers that this model helps to ensure that cooperatives take a long-term approach and anchors them in the local economy, giving them a stake in local sustainable development and ensuring that they do not delocalise, even when they internationalise;

Or. fr

Amendment 21
Claude Turmes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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them a stake in local sustainable development and ensuring that they do not delocalise, even when they internationalise;

that cooperatives take a long-term approach *across generations* and anchors them in the local economy, giving them a stake in local sustainable development and ensuring that they do not delocalise, even when they internationalise;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

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Amendment

3. Expresses the view that this greater resilience is in large part due to the cooperative *or participatory models* of governance, which is based on joint ownership and democratic control by their member-stakeholders, and that it is also due to their characteristic method of capital accumulation; considers that this model helps to ensure that cooperatives take a long-term approach and anchors them in the local economy, giving them a stake in local sustainable development and ensuring that they do not delocalise, even when they internationalise;

Or. it

Amendment 23
Patrizia Toia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Notes that cooperative enterprises are able to meet existing and new needs

effectively and efficiently, in areas such as the management of cultural resources and creativity, and environmental sustainability relating to new lifestyles and modes of consumption; stresses that cooperatives have also cultivated values such as the protection of legality – one example of this is Italy, where cooperatives are entrusted with the management of assets confiscated from the mafia;

Or. it

Amendment 24
Patrizia Toia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Takes the view that cooperatives should be fully included in the objectives pursued by the EU's industrial policy and in the measures taken by the EU, also in view of their fundamental contribution to industrial restructuring, a key chapter of the new EU industrial policy;

Or. it

Amendment 25
Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Or. it

Amendment 26

Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes also that cooperatives ***have a long tradition of cooperation among themselves and that this allows them to*** take advantage of economies of scale and ***to*** share experience and best practice, as well as ***to*** transfer human and financial resources, where necessary; contends that this inherent flexibility allows cooperatives to sustain themselves even in the most trying times;

Amendment

4. Notes also that, ***by cooperating,*** cooperatives ***can*** take advantage of economies of scale and share experience and best practice, as well as transfer human and financial resources, where necessary; contends that this inherent flexibility allows cooperatives to sustain themselves even in the most trying times;

Or. nl

Amendment 27

Marie-Christine Vergiat, Miloslav Ransdorf, Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

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Or. fr

Amendment 28
Patrizia Toia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Notes that in the different Member States numerous good practices can be found, demonstrating the excellent results achieved by cooperative enterprises in terms of growth, employment, survival rates and business start-ups, such as the 'single payment system' (pago único) in Spain and the Marcora Law in Italy – which help finance the establishment of new cooperatives through unemployment benefits – the 'employment and business cooperatives' created in France, Sweden and Belgium; moreover, the Spanish group Mondragon is an excellent example of how individual cooperatives can voluntarily form large business groups covering sectors such as industry, agriculture, distribution, finance, R & D and high-level education; calls on the Commission to look at these good practices in depth and consider including them in the framing of business-friendly EU policies;

Or. it

Amendment 29
Mario Pirillo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 – a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Considers the contribution of cooperatives to the EU economy and employment stability to be significant, especially in times of crisis;

urges the Commission to reassess the role of the SCE, by encouraging the establishment of new EU-wide cooperatives and facilitating the grouping together of national cooperatives from different Member States;

Or. it

Amendment 30
Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Observes that the cooperative society, modelled on the British trust, can also be an efficient model for good governance of professional or semiprofessional sports organisations, which at the same time facilitates close involvement of the principal stakeholders – the supporters – in the management of a club (whether professional or not);

Or. nl

Amendment 31
Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Emphasises the need to develop, inter alia, the model of the Business and Employment Cooperative, an enterprise that is built up gradually to meet the needs of its entrepreneurs and evolves as their business activities develop;

Or. fr

Amendment 32

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

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Amendment

4a. Notes, moreover, that the development of cooperatives in sectors such as renewable energy production and social services has proven to be able to respond to new needs and to stimulate job creation better than other models;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Vicky Ford

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Notes, however, that cooperatives are not immune to failure;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Patrizia Toia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Notes that in the various Member States a diversity of situations due to legal and conceptual differences can be found; calls on the Commission, therefore, to carry out a review of existing legislation, in order to seek some common ground and harmonise, in compliance with the subsidiarity principle, the key elements with a view to lifting the barriers to the development of cooperatives;

Or. it

Amendment 35
Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Stresses that employees incur a substantial financial risk when setting up a cooperative or when ownership of a business is transferred to its employees; observes that good governance, particularly in a workers' cooperative, is heavily dependent on support for and supervision of the employees' business management;

Or. nl

Amendment 36
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Takes the view that this in-built capacity for resilience should be strengthened by paying proper attention to cooperatives in all EU policies *designed to contribute to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, as well as in the relevant flagship initiatives of the EU 2020 strategy; believes that the necessary steps should be taken to ensure a level playing field between cooperatives and other forms of enterprises, whilst preserving cooperatives' aims and working methods;*

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5. Takes the view that this in-built capacity for resilience should be strengthened, ***particularly through Community assistance to the cooperative movement*** and by paying proper attention to cooperatives in all EU policies; ***considers it necessary to support the aims and working methods of cooperatives by encouraging the creation and continuation of consumers' cooperatives, as in many regions this is the only means of distributing staple goods without speculative mark-ups and advertising campaigns promoting excessive, health-endangering, uneconomic and environmentally unfriendly consumption;***

Or. pt

Amendment 37

Marie-Christine Vergiat, Miloslav Ransdorf, Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution
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5. Takes the view that this in-built capacity for resilience should be strengthened by paying proper attention to cooperatives in all EU policies designed to contribute to ***smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, as well as in the relevant flagship initiatives of the EU 2020 strategy;*** believes that the necessary steps should be taken to ensure a level playing field between cooperatives and other forms of enterprises, whilst preserving cooperatives' aims and working methods;

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5. Takes the view that this in-built capacity for resilience should be strengthened by paying proper attention to cooperatives in all EU policies designed to contribute to ***a different model of economic development which respects the European social model more;*** believes that the necessary steps should be taken to ensure a level playing field between cooperatives and other forms of enterprises, whilst preserving cooperatives' aims and working methods;

Or. fr

Amendment 38

Claude Turmes

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Motion for a resolution

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5. Takes the view that this in-built capacity for resilience should be strengthened by paying proper attention to cooperatives in all EU policies designed to contribute to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, as well as in the relevant flagship initiatives of the EU 2020 strategy; ***in particular, considers that a reference to the important role of cooperatives should be made in the Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan;*** believes that the necessary steps should be taken to ensure a level playing field between cooperatives and other forms of enterprises, whilst preserving cooperatives' aims and working methods;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Vicky Ford

Motion for a resolution

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5. Takes the view that this in-built capacity for resilience should be strengthened by paying proper attention to cooperatives in all EU policies designed to contribute to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, as well as in the relevant flagship initiatives of the EU 2020 strategy; believes that ***the*** necessary steps should be taken to ensure a

Amendment

5. Takes the view that this in-built capacity for resilience should be strengthened by paying proper attention to cooperatives in all ***relevant*** EU policies designed to contribute to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, as well as in the relevant flagship initiatives of the EU 2020 strategy ***and by streamlining existing EU***

level playing field between cooperatives and other forms of enterprises, whilst preserving cooperatives' aims and working methods;

legislation concerning cooperatives; believes that, *where* necessary, *appropriate* steps should be taken to ensure a level playing field between cooperatives and other forms of enterprises, whilst preserving cooperatives' aims and working methods;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

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5. Takes the view that this in-built capacity for resilience should be strengthened by paying proper attention to cooperatives *and social enterprises* in all EU policies designed to contribute to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, as well as in the relevant flagship initiatives of the EU 2020 strategy; believes that the necessary steps should be taken to ensure a level playing field between cooperatives and other forms of enterprises, whilst preserving cooperatives' aims and working methods;

Or. it

Amendment 41
Monika Flašíková Beňová

Motion for a resolution
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Or. en

Amendment 42

Marie-Christine Vergiat, Miloslav Ransdorf, Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Recalls the need for the European Union to recognise and treat equally through legislation the various forms of entrepreneurship in order to ensure that the principle of entrepreneurial freedom is respected, whatever the status of the enterprise; regrets the fact that in its Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan the Commission fails to focus on the role of social-economy enterprises, merely recalling their contribution to job creation and social innovation and that they encounter funding difficulties compared to SMEs;

Or. fr

Amendment 43

Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Recalls that consumer cooperatives, in addition to guaranteeing access to products at lower prices, organise communities around cultural, sporting and educational activities, promoting healthy and rational spending;

Or. pt

**Amendment 44
Inês Cristina Zuber**

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Considers that the recovery of consumer cooperatives will, apart from responding to consumers' real interests, make a major contribution to national production, particularly in small-scale agriculture, family farming and small-scale fishing, providing real impulse to the development of national economies;

Or. pt

**Amendment 45
Vicky Ford**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to bolster its services responsible for cooperatives by creating a Directorate focused on cooperatives and other social-economy organisations (such as mutuals) within

deleted

DG Enterprise, with a unit working solely on the restructuring of industrial and service enterprises in crisis or without a successor into cooperatives;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to bolster its services responsible for cooperatives by ***creating a Directorate focused on cooperatives and other social-economy organisations (such as mutuals) within DG Enterprise, with a unit working solely on the restructuring of industrial and service enterprises in crisis or without a successor into cooperatives;***

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to bolster its services responsible for cooperatives by ***ensuring an adequate level of resources, to monitor and address policy development on cooperatives and other social-economy organisations (such as mutuals); supports the creation of a unit within DG Enterprise working solely on restructuring of industrial and service enterprises in crisis or without a successor into cooperatives;***

Or. en

Amendment 47

Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to bolster its services responsible for cooperatives by ***creating a Directorate focused on cooperatives and other social-economy organisations (such as mutuals) within DG Enterprise, with a unit working solely***

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to bolster its services responsible for cooperatives by ***paying greater attention to measures geared to the restructuring of industrial and service enterprises in crisis or without a successor into cooperatives;***

on the restructuring of industrial and service enterprises in crisis or without a successor into cooperatives;

Or. it

Amendment 48
Kent Johansson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to ***bolster its services responsible for cooperatives by creating a Directorate focused on cooperatives and other social-economy organisations (such as mutuals) within DG Enterprise, with a unit working solely on the restructuring of industrial and service enterprises in crisis or without a successor into cooperatives;***

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to ***ensure that all EU bodies and units pay proper attention to cooperatives and other social-economy organisations (such as mutuals); urges the Commission to focus proper attention to the restructuring of industrial and service enterprises in crisis or without a successor into cooperatives;***

Or. en

Amendment 49
Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to bolster its services responsible for cooperatives by creating a ***Directorate*** focused on cooperatives and other ***social-economy organisations*** (such as mutuals) within DG Enterprise, with a unit working ***solely*** on the restructuring of industrial and service enterprises in crisis or without a successor into cooperatives;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to bolster its services responsible for cooperatives by creating a ***unit*** focused on cooperatives, ***including in the financial sector***, and other ***allied or alternative organisational forms*** (such as mutuals) within DG Enterprise, with a unit working on the restructuring of industrial and service enterprises in crisis or without a successor into cooperatives;

Amendment 50
Judith A. Merkies

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to bolster its services responsible for cooperatives by creating a Directorate focused on cooperatives and other social-economy organisations (such as mutuals) within DG Enterprise, with a unit working solely on the restructuring of industrial and service enterprises in crisis or without a successor into cooperatives;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to bolster its services responsible for cooperatives by creating a Directorate focused on cooperatives and other social-economy organisations (such as mutuals) within DG Enterprise, with a unit working solely on the restructuring of industrial and service enterprises in crisis or without a successor into cooperatives; ***asks the Commission to pay special attention to the role energy cooperations can play in increasing the use of renewable energy sources and improving energy efficiency;***

Or. en

Amendment 51
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Miloslav Ransdorf, Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to bolster its services responsible for cooperatives by creating a Directorate focused on cooperatives and other social-economy organisations (such as mutuals) within DG Enterprise, with a unit working solely on the restructuring of industrial and service enterprises in crisis or without a successor into cooperatives;

Amendment

6. Calls ***therefore*** on the Commission to bolster its services responsible for cooperatives by creating a Directorate focused on cooperatives and other social-economy organisations (such as mutuals, ***foundations and associations engaged in economic activities***) within DG Enterprise, with a unit working solely on the restructuring of industrial and service enterprises in crisis or without a successor

into cooperatives;

Or. fr

Amendment 52
Roberta Angelilli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to bolster its services responsible for cooperatives by creating a Directorate focused on cooperatives ***and other social-economy organisations (such as mutuals)*** within DG Enterprise, with a unit working solely on the restructuring of industrial and service enterprises in crisis or without a successor into cooperatives;

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6. Calls on the Commission to bolster its services responsible for cooperatives by creating a Directorate focused on cooperatives within DG Enterprise, with a unit working solely on the restructuring of industrial and service enterprises in crisis or without a successor into cooperatives;

Or. it

Amendment 53
Roberta Angelilli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission to bolster its services responsible for cooperatives by creating a unit that is responsible for social cooperatives in order to promote and coordinate their activities at EU level, highlighting their purpose of promoting health, social and educational services and including disadvantaged people in the labour market;

Or. it

Amendment 54
Vicky Ford

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission to provide more flexibility on the public procurement rules for employee-led enterprises, for example by including a time limited reservation;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls also on the Commission to ensure that measures under the Social Business Initiative are coordinated and that administrative barriers between the two initiatives are reduced;

Or. da

Amendment 56
Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Urges the Member States, in keeping with ILO Recommendation 193/2002, to review their legislation applying to

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cooperatives, with a view to adopting a comprehensive policy to support the cooperative business model and creating a regulatory environment *which facilitates* the recognition and development of cooperatives; *calls on Member States, acting in cooperation with the social partners and other stakeholders at regional and local level, to identify strategic sectors suitable for cooperative projects, particularly in regions where the conventional economy cannot sufficiently meet the specific economic and social needs*; stresses that this should include the introduction of appropriate financial instruments and the recognition of cooperatives' role in the national social dialogue; *calls on the Commission to support the Member States in this*;

Or. nl

Amendment 57

Marie-Christine Vergiat, Miloslav Ransdorf, Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Urges the Member States, in keeping with ILO Recommendation 193/2002, to review their legislation applying to cooperatives, with a view to adopting a comprehensive policy to support the cooperative business model and creating a regulatory environment favourable to the recognition and development of cooperatives in all fields and sectors; stresses that this should include the introduction of appropriate financial instruments and the recognition of *cooperatives' role* in the national social dialogue;

Amendment

7. Urges the Member States, in keeping with ILO Recommendation 193/2002, to review their legislation applying to cooperatives, with a view to adopting a comprehensive policy to support the cooperative business model and creating a regulatory environment favourable to the recognition *of the role of cooperatives and their management organisations* and development of cooperatives in all fields and sectors; stresses that this should include the introduction of appropriate financial instruments and the recognition of *the role of cooperatives and social-economy enterprises in general* in the national social dialogue; *calls for this*

recommendation to be borne in mind in the context of the review of the Regulation on the Statute for a European Cooperative Society (SCE);

Or. fr

Amendment 58
Patrizia Toia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Urges the Member States, in keeping with ILO Recommendation 193/2002, to review their legislation applying to cooperatives, with a view to adopting a comprehensive policy to support the cooperative business model and creating a regulatory environment favourable to the recognition and development of cooperatives in all fields and sectors; stresses that this should include the introduction of appropriate financial instruments and the recognition of cooperatives' role in the national social dialogue;

Amendment

7. Urges the Member States, in keeping with ILO Recommendation 193/2002, to review their legislation applying to cooperatives ***and to cooperative credit banks***, with a view to adopting a comprehensive policy to support the cooperative business model and creating a regulatory environment favourable to the recognition and development of cooperatives in all fields and sectors; stresses that this should include the introduction of appropriate financial instruments and the recognition of cooperatives' role in the national social dialogue, ***in addition to the role of cooperative credit banks, which have always attached particular importance to sustainable and socially responsible financing and are well-established locally;***

Or. it

Amendment 59
Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Urges the Member States, in keeping with ILO Recommendation 193/2002, to review their legislation applying to cooperatives, with a view to adopting a comprehensive policy to support **the cooperative business model** and creating a regulatory environment favourable to the recognition and development of cooperatives in all fields and sectors; stresses that this should include the introduction of appropriate financial instruments and the recognition of **cooperatives' role** in the national social dialogue;

Amendment

7. Urges the Member States, in keeping with ILO Recommendation 193/2002, to review their legislation applying to cooperatives **and social enterprises**, with a view to adopting a comprehensive policy to support **these business models** and creating a regulatory environment favourable to the recognition and development of cooperatives in all fields and sectors; stresses that this should include the introduction of appropriate financial instruments and the recognition of **the role of economic and social organisations** in the national social dialogue;

Or. it

Amendment 60

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Urges the Member States, in keeping with ILO Recommendation 193/2002, to review their legislation applying to cooperatives, with a view to adopting a comprehensive policy to support the cooperative business model and creating a regulatory environment favourable to the recognition and development of cooperatives **in all** fields and sectors; stresses that this should include the introduction of appropriate financial instruments and the recognition of cooperatives' role in the national social dialogue;

Amendment

7. Urges the Member States, in keeping with ILO Recommendation 193/2002, to review their legislation applying to cooperatives, with a view to adopting a comprehensive policy to support the cooperative business model and creating a regulatory environment favourable to the recognition and development of cooperatives **especially in** fields and sectors **where this model has proven to have a social, economic and environmental added-value**; stresses that this should include the introduction of appropriate financial instruments and the recognition of cooperatives' role in the national social dialogue;

Amendment 61
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Emphasises that housing cooperatives continue to play a highly important role in society, despite the great difficulties they have encountered; deplores the fact that public spending cuts and curbs, particularly in countries with the most vulnerable economies, are having a deeply negative impact on the functioning of these institutions and exacerbating an already critical situation, given the current economic and social crisis, as well as jeopardising major projects in social housing construction and urban redevelopment;

Or. pt

Amendment 62
Raffaele Baldassarre

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Emphasises the importance of drawing up regulatory measures within a robust legal framework and in line with international standards, in order to avoid disparate national interpretations and any risk of competitive advantages or disadvantages emerging at regional, national or macroregional level;

Or. it

Amendment 63
Kent Johansson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Stresses the importance of including the cooperatives at all stages of the process in future initiatives and undertakings by the Union relating to cooperatives;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Kent Johansson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Considers that the transfer of a business to the employees through the creation of a cooperative **is often the best** way of ensuring the continuity of an enterprise; **stresses that this kind of transfer should be supported by a specific EU budget line that also includes financial instruments;** calls **urgently** for the creation, with the participation of the EIB and stakeholders from the cooperative movement, of a European mechanism designed to promote the development of cooperatives **and, in particular,** business transfers under the cooperative form;

8. Considers that the transfer of a business to the employees through the creation of a cooperative **could be a good** way of ensuring the continuity of an enterprise; calls for the creation, with the participation of the EIB and stakeholders from the cooperative movement, of a European mechanism designed to promote the development of cooperatives, **including** business transfers under the cooperative form;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

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8. Considers that the transfer of a business to the employees through the creation of a cooperative is often the best way of ensuring the continuity of an enterprise; stresses that this kind of transfer should be supported by a specific EU budget line that also includes financial instruments; calls urgently for the creation, with the participation of the EIB and stakeholders from the **cooperative movement**, of a European mechanism designed to promote the development of cooperatives and, in particular, business transfers under the cooperative form;

Amendment

8. Considers that the transfer of a business to the employees through the creation of a **social enterprise, and in particular of a** cooperative, is often the best way of ensuring the continuity of an enterprise stresses that this kind of transfer should be supported by a specific EU budget line that also includes financial instruments; calls urgently for the creation, with the participation of the EIB and stakeholders from the **economic and social sector**, of a European mechanism designed to promote the development of cooperatives **and social enterprises** and, in particular, business transfers under the cooperative form;

Or. it

Amendment 66
Patrizia Toia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Considers that the transfer of a business to the employees through the creation of a cooperative is often the best way of ensuring the continuity of an enterprise; stresses that this kind of transfer should be supported by a specific EU budget line that also includes financial instruments; calls urgently for the creation, with the participation of the EIB and stakeholders from the cooperative movement, of a European mechanism designed to promote the development of cooperatives and, in

Amendment

8. Considers that the transfer of a business to the employees through the creation of a cooperative is often the best way of ensuring the continuity of an enterprise; stresses that this kind of transfer **of businesses to employees, in particular with regard to worker cooperatives and worker buy-outs**, should be supported by a specific EU budget line that also includes financial instruments; calls urgently for the creation, with the participation of the EIB and stakeholders from the cooperative

particular, business transfers under the cooperative form;

movement, of a European mechanism designed to promote the development of cooperatives and, in particular, business transfers under the cooperative form;

Or. it

Amendment 67

Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Considers that the transfer of a business to the employees through the creation of a cooperative ***is often the best*** way of ensuring the continuity of an enterprise; stresses that ***this kind of transfer*** should be supported by a specific EU budget line that also includes financial instruments; calls urgently for the creation, with the participation of the EIB and stakeholders from the cooperative movement, of a European mechanism designed to ***promote*** the development of cooperatives and, in particular, business transfers under the cooperative form;

Amendment

8. Considers that the transfer of a business to the employees through the creation of a cooperative ***may be an economically viable*** way of ensuring the continuity of an enterprise; stresses that ***well-considered transfers*** should be supported by a specific EU budget line that also includes financial instruments; calls urgently for the creation, with the participation of the EIB, ***the social partners*** and stakeholders from the cooperative movement, of a European mechanism designed to ***facilitate*** the development of cooperatives and, in particular, business transfers under the cooperative form;

Or. nl

Amendment 68

Vicky Ford

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

8. Considers that the transfer of a business to the employees through the creation of a cooperative ***is often*** the best way of

Amendment

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ensuring the continuity of an enterprise; stresses that this kind of transfer should be supported by a specific EU budget line that also includes financial instruments; calls urgently for the creation, with the participation of the EIB and stakeholders from the cooperative movement, of a European mechanism designed to promote the development of cooperatives and, in particular, business transfers under the cooperative form;

ownership could be the best way of ensuring the continuity of an enterprise; stresses that this kind of transfer should be supported by a specific EU budget line that also includes financial instruments; calls urgently for the creation, with the participation of the EIB and stakeholders from the cooperative movement, of a European mechanism designed to promote the development of cooperatives and, in particular, business transfers under the cooperative form;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Roberta Angelilli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Considers that the transfer of a business to the employees through the creation of a cooperative is often the best way of ensuring the continuity of an enterprise; stresses that this kind of transfer should be supported by a specific EU budget line that also includes financial instruments; calls urgently for the creation, with the participation of the EIB and stakeholders from the cooperative movement, of a European mechanism designed to promote the development of cooperatives and, in particular, business transfers under the cooperative form;

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8. Considers that the transfer of a business to the employees through the creation of a cooperative is often the best way of ensuring the continuity of an enterprise; stresses that this kind of transfer should be supported by a specific EU budget line that also includes financial instruments; calls urgently for the creation, with the participation of the EIB and stakeholders from the cooperative movement, of a European mechanism designed to promote the development of cooperatives and, in particular, business transfers under the cooperative form, *also through the instrument of mutualisation funds*;

Or. it

Amendment 70
Mario Pirillo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 – a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Points out that the use of worker buy-outs is becoming an increasingly common practice in the Member States in response to the economic crisis; calls on the Commission, therefore, to identify financial instruments or to extend existing ones to encourage this practice;

Or. it

Amendment 71
Patrizia Toia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Emphasises the active role of social cooperatives in the restructuring of SMEs, in particular through 'social spin-offs', which promote the integration of workers who can be defined as disadvantaged and who are in a critical employment situation, by strengthening – through solidarity – a growing capacity to meet social demand;

Or. it

Amendment 72
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Miloslav Ransdorf, Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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encountered in business transfers to employees is not only a question of length of the relevant procedures but also, and even more importantly, of lack of knowledge about this business scenario amongst relevant professionals (e.g. lawyers and accountants) and within the legal system; stresses that *the* training and awareness-raising *of all players involved in the creation or transfer of enterprises to employees* would greatly contribute to promoting this practice; believes, furthermore, that better knowledge about cooperatives should also be promoted amongst trade unions and bodies tasked with providing information on the creation or transfer of businesses; *underlines the expertise acquired in creating and transferring enterprises in the form of cooperatives by cooperative cooperation structures in some Member States and calls on the Commission to put in place mechanisms to facilitate cooperation and exchanges of best practices and methods in this field between enterprises and to report to the Council and the European Parliament on the outcome;*

Or. fr

Amendment 73

Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

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legal system; stresses that training and awareness-raising would greatly contribute to promoting this practice; believes, furthermore, that better knowledge about cooperatives should also be promoted amongst *trade unions* and bodies tasked with providing information on the creation or transfer of businesses;

legal *and education* system; stresses that training and awareness-raising would greatly contribute to promoting this practice; ***recommends, therefore, that the cooperative form of enterprise be assigned a permanent place in the relevant curricula of universities and management schools***; believes, furthermore, that better knowledge about cooperatives should also be promoted amongst *the social partners* and bodies tasked with providing information on the creation or transfer of businesses;

Or. nl

Amendment 74
Raffaele Baldassarre

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

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Or. it

Amendment 75
Kent Johansson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Urges the Member States to develop a framework to encourage business transfers to employees, including financial mechanisms designed to help employees invest in enterprises in crisis or without a successor, as well as preferential rights for employees, in order to create the best conditions for a takeover bid for an enterprise facing closure;

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Or. en

Amendment 76
Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Urges the Member States to develop a framework to **encourage** business transfers to employees, including financial mechanisms designed to help employees invest in enterprises in crisis or without a successor, as well as preferential rights for employees, in order to create the best conditions for a takeover bid for an enterprise facing closure;

10. Urges the Member States to develop a framework to **facilitate** business transfers to employees, including financial mechanisms designed to help employees invest in enterprises in crisis or without a successor, as well as preferential rights for employees, in order to create the best conditions for a takeover bid for an enterprise facing closure;

Or. nl

Amendment 77
Kent Johansson

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Believes also that the Member States should adopt policies encouraging employees to take part in the capital and results of their enterprises, through concrete fiscal mechanisms in other forms of industrial and service enterprises as well, and with the necessary legal protection and corresponding ratio of participation in the governance, oversight, decision-making and responsibility of the enterprise;

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 78
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Miloslav Ransdorf, Marc Tarabella**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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ownership are not related to the kind of cooperative structure governance that combines and is based on collective ownership, decision-making on enterprise strategies, democratic control, the allocation of surpluses to ensure the cooperative's survival and the attainment of the cooperative's objectives;

Or. fr

Amendment 79
Krišjānis Kariņš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 80
Ivo Belet

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should adopt policies *to facilitate action by* employees to take part in the capital and results of their enterprises, through concrete fiscal mechanisms in other forms of industrial and service enterprises as well, and with the necessary legal protection and corresponding ratio of participation in the governance, oversight, decision-making and responsibility of the enterprise;

Or. nl

Amendment 81
Patrizia Toia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Emphasises the positive aspects of mechanisms that are typical of the cooperative model, such as the indivisibility of reserves, i.e. reserves that cannot be distributed among members even in the event of liquidation, but which must be used for the development of the cooperative movement, and legal provisions to allow third parties to provide cooperatives with venture capital, with or without voting rights, such as mutualisation funds and Cooperazione Finanza Impresa (CFI) in Italy, the Institut de Développement de l'Economie Sociale (ESFIN-IDES) in France and the investment structure of the Mondragon Corporation in Spain;

Or. it

Amendment 82
Patrizia Toia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. Calls on the Commission to promote policies and measures in favour of maintaining existing jobs and not only creation of new jobs in start-ups; asks to the Commission to create new start up services to support cooperative form of enterprise through raising awareness and training initiatives;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Stresses that the conversion of enterprises in crisis into economically sustainable cooperatives requires a precise and early diagnosis; calls on the authorities at all levels to cooperate with the cooperative **system** in making such early diagnoses and assessing the feasibility of transforming the enterprises into cooperatives;

12. Stresses that the conversion of enterprises in crisis into economically sustainable cooperatives requires a precise and early diagnosis; calls on the authorities at all levels to cooperate with **the social partners and** the cooperative **movement** in making such early diagnoses and assessing the feasibility **and worthwhileness** of transforming the enterprises into cooperatives;

Or. nl

Amendment 84
Claude Turmes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Stresses that the conversion of enterprises in crisis into economically sustainable cooperatives requires a precise and early diagnosis; calls on the authorities at all levels to cooperate with the cooperative system in making such early diagnoses and assessing the feasibility of transforming the enterprises into cooperatives;

Amendment

12. Stresses that the conversion of enterprises in crisis into economically sustainable cooperatives requires a precise and early diagnosis; calls on the authorities at all levels to cooperate with the cooperative system in making such early diagnoses and assessing the feasibility of transforming the enterprises into cooperatives; ***believes that Trade Unions should be also associated in this process;***

Or. en

Amendment 85
Raffaele Baldassarre

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Commission to draw up a comprehensive survey comparing national laws which promote the conversion of businesses into cooperatives, in particular provisions concerning takeovers, bankruptcies, financing arrangements, business support bodies and the setting up of clusters of cooperatives;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to draw up a comprehensive survey comparing national laws which promote the conversion of businesses into cooperatives, in particular provisions concerning takeovers, bankruptcies, financing arrangements, business support bodies and the setting up of clusters of cooperatives; ***to that end, calls on the Commission to consider developing a database that organically collects cases and information on restructuring in the form of cooperatives, to enable good practices to be circulated and consistent data collected;***

Or. it

Amendment 86
Kent Johansson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Commission to draw up a comprehensive survey comparing national laws which promote the conversion of businesses into cooperatives, in particular provisions concerning takeovers, bankruptcies, financing arrangements, business support bodies and the setting up of clusters of cooperatives;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to draw up a comprehensive survey comparing national laws which promote the conversion of businesses into cooperatives, in particular provisions concerning takeovers, bankruptcies, **competition**, financing arrangements, business support bodies and the setting up of clusters of cooperatives; ***stresses the involvement of cooperatives in such a survey in order to set the priorities;***

Or. en

Amendment 87
Vicky Ford

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Commission to ***draw up a comprehensive survey comparing national laws*** which promote the conversion of businesses into cooperatives, in particular provisions concerning takeovers, bankruptcies, financing arrangements, business support bodies and the setting up of clusters of cooperatives;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to ***identify best practices in Member States*** which promote the conversion of businesses into cooperatives ***and other forms of employee ownership***, in particular provisions concerning takeovers, bankruptcies, financing arrangements, business support bodies and the setting up of clusters of cooperatives;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Mario Pirillo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Commission to draw up a comprehensive survey comparing national laws which promote the conversion of businesses into cooperatives, in particular provisions concerning takeovers, bankruptcies, financing arrangements, business support bodies and the setting up of clusters of cooperatives;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to draw up a comprehensive survey comparing ***the best practices implemented in the Member States and*** national laws which promote the conversion of businesses into cooperatives, in particular provisions concerning takeovers, bankruptcies, financing arrangements, business support bodies and the setting up of clusters of cooperatives;

Or. it

Amendment 89
Raffaele Baldassarre

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

13a. Calls on the Commission to encourage and support the creation of clusters of cooperatives, which, through a multi-stakeholder approach, can meet a wider range of interests than traditional cooperatives or corporations, by facilitating cooperation between workers, consumers, authorities and local businesses;

Or. it

Amendment 90
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Is concerned that the current system whereby market power is concentrated in the hands of a few major enterprises has led to the disappearance of a large number of cooperatives, with the concomitant loss of thousands of jobs;

Or. pt

Amendment 91
Claude Turmes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Renewable energy

Or. en

Amendment 92
Claude Turmes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Argues that cooperatives contribute to the implementation of the Renewable Energy Sources Directive priorities for 2020 and the transition from fossil/nuclear energy towards renewable energy;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Claude Turmes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. Notes that Renewable Energy Sources Cooperatives (REScoops) allow citizens to become cooperative members of local RES-projects, which in turn enhances their social acceptance towards new RES installations; moreover citizens' participation in energy production increases their awareness on the need of a sustainable and efficient energy consumption as well as their control on energy prices;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Claude Turmes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
13 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13c. Points out that social acceptance of generating renewable energy is not only important to minimise delays in the authorisation process, it will also encourage investment in RES projects; Believes that cooperatives play an important role for the European Union in order to achieve the 2020 commitments;

Or. en

Amendment 95

Marie-Christine Vergiat, Miloslav Ransdorf, Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. **Recalls** that *it is not easy for* cooperative enterprises in industry and services, and particularly SMEs, *to* gain access to venture capital and credit on the capital markets; notes also that cooperatives are not normally able to obtain large quantities of capital from their members;

Amendment

14. **Emphasises** that cooperative enterprises in industry and services, and particularly SMEs, **cannot for a variety of reasons, including the nature of their entrepreneurship**, gain access to venture capital and credit on the capital markets; notes also that cooperatives are not normally able to obtain large quantities of capital from their members **and that ad hoc financial instruments should therefore be created to ensure that their forms of entrepreneurship are respected**;

Or. fr

Amendment 96

Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recalls that it is not easy for cooperative **enterprises** in industry and services, **and particularly SMEs**, to gain access to venture capital and credit on the capital markets; notes also that cooperatives **are not** normally **able** to obtain **large quantities of** capital from their members;

Amendment

14. Recalls that it is not easy for cooperative **SMEs, like conventional SMEs** in industry and services, to gain access to venture capital and credit on the capital markets; notes also that **workers' cooperatives in capital-intensive sectors** normally **find it difficult** to obtain **sufficient** capital from their members **to take over a conventional business**; **observes that financial institutions are often not sufficiently familiar with the way in which workers' cooperatives function and with their objectives**;

Or. nl

Amendment 97
Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recalls that it is not easy for cooperative enterprises in industry and services, and particularly SMEs, to gain access to venture capital and credit on the capital markets; notes also that cooperatives are not normally able to obtain large quantities of capital from their members;

Amendment

14. Recalls that it is not easy for ***social and*** cooperative enterprises in industry and services, and particularly SMEs, to gain access to venture capital and credit on the capital markets; notes also that cooperatives ***and social enterprises*** are not normally able to obtain large quantities of capital from their members;

Or. it

Amendment 98
Vicky Ford

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recalls that ***it is not easy*** for cooperative enterprises in industry and services, and particularly SMEs, to gain access to venture capital and credit on the capital markets; notes also that cooperatives are not normally able to obtain large quantities of capital from their members;

Amendment

14. Recalls that ***there are barriers*** for cooperative enterprises in industry and services, and particularly SMEs, to gain access to venture capital and credit on the capital markets; notes also that cooperatives are not normally able to obtain large quantities of capital from their members;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Roberta Angelilli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Points out that the issue of access to credit for cooperatives is of particular importance given the specific nature of their structure. Calls, therefore, on the Commission, the Basel Committee and the European Investment Bank to develop and use quality parameters, also in terms of providing credit and financing, in order to differentiate the role of cooperatives, including social cooperatives, from other types of business;

Or. it

Amendment 100
Patrizia Toia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Considers it necessary to strengthen the capitalisation of cooperatives by making better use of the resources that can be provided by their social structure; calls on the Commission to promote measures in support of capitalisation, including tax benefits – even if they are limited in time – once buy-outs have been established or implemented, without them being regarded as state aid;

Or. it

Amendment 101
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Warns that cooperatives face proven difficulties in obtaining funding from the European Investment Bank (EIB) and that this poses difficulties for their sustainability and even their continued existence; given the importance of the cooperative sector, which led to 2012 being declared International Year of Cooperatives, alerts the Commission to the need to enable easier and more flexible access by cooperatives to EIB loans, as well as to other non-repayable grants from EU programmes;

Or. pt

Amendment 102
Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Considers that the Commission and the EIB/EIF should ensure that cooperatives have access to EU-level financial mechanisms – including the SME financing action plan suggested in the Single Market Act – and that they should make ***a special*** effort ***together*** with the ***cooperative banking sector*** to ensure that this happens;

16. Considers that the Commission and the EIB/EIF should ensure that cooperatives ***and social enterprises*** have access to EU-level financial mechanisms – including the SME financing action plan suggested in the Single Market Act – and that they should make ***an*** effort with the ***financial intermediaries*** to ensure that this happens;

Or. it

Amendment 103
Krišjānis Kariņš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Considers that the Commission and the EIB/EIF should ensure that cooperatives have access to EU-level financial mechanisms – including the SME financing action plan suggested in the Single Market Act – and that they should make a special effort together with the cooperative banking sector to ensure that this happens;

Amendment

16. Considers that the Commission and the EIB/EIF should ensure that cooperatives have access to EU-level financial mechanisms – including the SME financing action plan suggested in the Single Market Act – and that they should make a special effort together with the cooperative banking sector to ensure that this happens; ***stresses that such actions could improve the functioning of the Single Market;***

Or. en

Amendment 104
Vicky Ford

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Considers that the Commission and the EIB/EIF should ensure that cooperatives have access to EU-level financial mechanisms – including the SME financing action plan suggested in the Single Market Act – and that they should make a special effort together with the cooperative banking sector to ensure that this happens;

Amendment

16. Considers that the Commission and the EIB/EIF should ensure that cooperatives have access to EU-level financial mechanisms – including, ***where appropriate,*** the SME financing action plan suggested in the Single Market Act – and that they should make a special effort together with the cooperative banking sector to ensure that this happens;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Claude Turmes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Considers that the specific characteristics of cooperative banks have to be taken into account in the financial markets regulation and the following implementing laws;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Miloslav Ransdorf, Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. **Considers** that the programmes and funds being established under the Multi-annual Financial Framework (2014-2020) should be important instruments for supporting cooperatives; contends that, when operational programmes are established, there should be a focus on providing support for sustainable business development and responsible restructuring, including measures **such as** business transfers to employees, social cooperatives, local development and social innovation, using global grants and other financial instruments;

17. **Emphasises** that the programmes and funds being established under the Multi-annual Financial Framework (2014-2020) should be important instruments for supporting cooperatives, **and social-economy enterprises in general**; contends that, when operational programmes are established, there should be a focus on providing support for sustainable business development and responsible restructuring, including measures **concerning in particular** business transfers to employees, social cooperatives, **the role of social-economy enterprises in** local development and social, **technological and computer-integrated manufacturing** innovation, using global grants and other financial instruments, **including the Globalisation Adjustment Fund**;

Or. fr

Amendment 107

Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Considers that the programmes and funds being established under the Multi-annual Financial Framework (2014-2020) should be important instruments for supporting cooperatives; contends that, when operational programmes are established, there should be a focus on providing support for sustainable business development and responsible restructuring, including measures such as business transfers to employees, social cooperatives, local development and social innovation, using global grants and other financial instruments;

Amendment

17. Considers that the programmes and funds being established under the Multi-annual Financial Framework (2014-2020) should be important instruments for supporting cooperatives; contends that, when operational programmes are established, there should be a focus on ***facilitating the establishment of new cooperatives***, providing support for sustainable business development and responsible restructuring, including measures such as business transfers to employees, social cooperatives, local development and social innovation, using global grants and other financial instruments;

Or. nl

Amendment 108

Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Considers that the programmes and funds being established under the Multi-annual Financial Framework (2014-2020) should be important instruments for supporting ***cooperatives***; contends that, when operational programmes are established, there should be a focus on providing support for sustainable business development and responsible restructuring, including measures such as business transfers to employees, social cooperatives, local development and social innovation,

Amendment

17. Considers that the programmes and funds being established under the Multi-annual Financial Framework (2014-2020) should be important instruments for supporting ***the economic and social sector***; contends that, when operational programmes are established, there should be a focus on providing support for sustainable business development and responsible restructuring, including measures such as business transfers to employees, social cooperatives ***and***

using global grants and other financial instruments;

enterprises, local development and social innovation, using global grants and other financial instruments;

Or. it

Amendment 109
Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Considers that the programmes and funds being established under the Multi-annual Financial Framework (2014-2020) should be important instruments for supporting cooperatives; contends that, when operational programmes are established, there should be a focus on providing support for sustainable business development and responsible restructuring, including measures such as business transfers to employees, social cooperatives, local development and social innovation, using *global grants and other* financial instruments;

Amendment

17. Considers that the programmes and funds being established under the Multi-annual Financial Framework (2014-2020) should be important instruments for supporting cooperatives; contends that, when operational programmes are established, there should be a focus on providing support for sustainable business development and responsible restructuring, including measures such as business transfers to employees, social cooperatives, local development and social innovation, using financial instruments;

Or. it

Amendment 110
Vicky Ford

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Considers that the programmes and funds being established under the Multi-annual Financial Framework (2014-2020) *should* be important instruments for supporting cooperatives; contends that,

Amendment

17. Considers that the programmes and funds being established under the Multi-annual Financial Framework (2014-2020) *could* be important instruments for supporting cooperatives; contends that,

when operational programmes are established, there should be a focus on providing support for sustainable business development and responsible restructuring, including measures such as business transfers to employees, social cooperatives, local development and social innovation, using global grants and other financial instruments;

when operational programmes are established, there should be a focus on providing support for sustainable business development and responsible restructuring, including measures such as business transfers to employees, social cooperatives, local development and social innovation, using global grants and other financial instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Roberta Angelilli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Takes the view that in EU and national financial programming, particular attention should be paid to (or a certain percentage set aside for) cooperatives that aim to facilitate access to employment for disadvantaged people, as also defined in Regulation (EC) No 2204/2002, in order to consolidate and develop more and better levels of social protection;

Or. it

Amendment 112
Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Calls on the Commission, in the next financial year to support a pilot project to assist transfers of enterprises in crisis to

*workers, so they can continue working
and to create new cooperatives that revive
enterprises that are in crisis or bankrupt;*

Or. fr

Amendment 113
Mario Pirillo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 – a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*17a. Calls on the Commission to develop
measures to support youth employment in
the cooperative sector;*

*calls on the Commission also to
encourage, in the Member States, the
dissemination of the cooperative model as
a key instrument for creating fresh
employment;*

Or. it

Amendment 114
Raffaele Baldassarre

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Believes also that Member States should take steps to make it easier for cooperatives to gain access to the whole range of business support services, since this will help them further to contribute to sustainable growth;

18. Believes also that Member States should take steps to make it easier for cooperatives to gain access to the whole range of business support services, since this will help them further to contribute to sustainable growth; *in this regard, urges Member States to introduce measures to facilitate the access of cooperatives to credit, particularly with regard to cooperatives of artisans and cooperation networks formed by*

micro-enterprises;

Or. it

Amendment 115

Marie-Christine Vergiat, Miloslav Ransdorf, Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Believes also that Member States should take steps to make it easier for cooperatives to gain access to the whole range of business support services, *since this will help them further to contribute to sustainable growth;*

Amendment

18. Believes also that Member States should take steps to make it easier for cooperatives, *and social-economy enterprises in general*, to gain access to the whole range of business support services;

Or. fr

Amendment 116

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Believes also that Member States should take steps to make it easier for cooperatives to gain access to the whole range of business support services, since this will help them further to contribute to sustainable *growth;*

Amendment

18. Believes also that Member States should take steps to make it easier for cooperatives to gain access to the whole range of business support services, since this will help them further to contribute to *a sustainable development of their economies;*

Or. en

Amendment 117

Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Believes also that Member States should take steps to make it easier for cooperatives to gain access to the whole range of business support services, since this will help them further to contribute to sustainable growth;

Amendment

18. Believes also that Member States should take steps to make it easier for cooperatives **and social enterprises** to gain access to the whole range of business support services, since this will help them further to contribute to sustainable growth;

Or. it

Amendment 118
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Considers that the Member States should adopt appropriate measures for the removal of any legal, administrative or bureaucratic obstacles preventing or restricting the growth of cooperatives;

Or. ro

Amendment 119
Claude Turmes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Believes that access of small cooperative credit associations to the markets should be facilitated throughout Europe;

Amendment 120
Jacky Henan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 – a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Stresses the need for fruitful collaboration between the banking sector and cooperatives; the Commission should encourage the establishment of public banking centres which would provide assistance to cooperatives in particular through low-interest loans;

Or. fr

Amendment 121
Jacky Henan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 – b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. Takes the view that since cooperatives are useful but fragile entities, it is important to highlight the support role of local authorities; considers that the European institutions and Member States should be asked to give to local authorities the resources needed to support the creation and development of cooperatives;

Or. fr

Amendment 122
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Miloslav Ransdorf, Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Considers furthermore that inter-SME collaborative networks, such as those that already exist in the EU under the cooperative form (artisans' cooperatives, SME cooperatives, activity and employment cooperatives, etc.), should be encouraged, since such networks considerably reinforce the sustainability of micro and small enterprises through shared marketing, purchases or other services and help micro and small enterprises to be a source of innovation;

Amendment

19. Considers furthermore that inter-SME collaborative networks, such as those that already exist in the EU under the cooperative form (artisans' cooperatives, SME cooperatives, activity and employment cooperatives, etc.), should be encouraged, since such networks considerably reinforce the ***establishment and*** sustainability of micro and small enterprises through shared marketing, purchases or other services and help micro and small enterprises to be a source of innovation;

Or. fr

Amendment 123
Claude Turmes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

19a. Believes that in order to support the creation of new cooperatives, services for start-ups cooperatives should be developed; moreover, initiatives promoting the cooperative model among new potential entrepreneurs (i.e. in University curricula) should be encouraged both at a national and European level;

Or. en

Amendment 124
Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to facilitate and promote the emergence of clusters of cooperatives and social enterprises to help them find the necessary resources to occupy a more prominent role in the production and distribution chain and to support the economies of scale that are necessary in order to fund research, development and innovation;

Or. it

Amendment 125
Antonio Cancian

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19b. Calls on the Commission to frame and support policies to maintain and safeguard existing jobs, in addition to policies geared to creating new jobs;

Or. it