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Amendment 1
Olle Ludvigsson

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Commission Communication of 6 December 2012 on An Action Plan to strengthen the fight against tax fraud and tax evasion (COM(2012)0722),

Or. en

Amendment 2
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Citation 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to its resolution of 21 May 2013 on 'Fight against Tax Fraud, Tax Evasion and Tax Havens',

Or. en

Amendment 3
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Citation 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to its resolution of 12 December 2013 on a "Call for a measurable and tangible commitment against tax evasion and tax avoidance in the EU",

Amendment 4
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Citation 14 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to its resolution of 12 December 2013 on "preparations for the European Council meeting (19-20 December 2013)",

Or. en

Amendment 5
Mojca Kleva Kekuš

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas the Commission forecast **shows that** real GDP growth in the euro area **is returning, unemployment is expected to fall and inflation remains well below 2 %;**

A. whereas the Commission forecast **showing the return of** real GDP growth in the euro area, **falling unemployment and inflation below 2 %, is far from current realities of stagnating recovery and increasing long-term unemployment, youth unemployment and income inequalities;**

Or. en

Amendment 6
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the Commission forecast shows that real GDP growth in the euro area **is returning**, unemployment is expected to **fall and** inflation **remains** well below 2 %;

Amendment

A. whereas the **latest Autumn** Commission forecast shows that real GDP growth in the Euro area **is expected to be of 1.1% in 2014**, unemployment is expected to **remain at the same level and** inflation **is expected to remain** well below **the 2 % ECB target for an extended period of time**;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the Commission forecast shows that real GDP growth in the euro area is returning, unemployment is expected to fall and inflation remains well below 2 %;

Amendment

A. whereas the Commission forecast shows that real GDP growth in the euro area is **slowly** returning, unemployment is expected to fall and inflation remains well below 2 %;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the Commission forecast shows that real GDP growth in the euro area is returning, unemployment is expected to fall and inflation remains well below 2 %;

Amendment

A. whereas the Commission forecast shows that real GDP growth in the euro area is **slowly** returning, unemployment is expected to fall and inflation remains well below 2 %;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Hans-Peter Martin
Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas growth in emerging markets is stagnating, *while it remains robust in the US and positive in Japan*;

Amendment

B. whereas growth in emerging markets is stagnating;

Or. de

Amendment 10
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas the global economic context is still presenting uncertainties and the demand in emerging economies remains reduced;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas, on 20-22 January 2014, the European Parliament held a high-level meeting with national parliamentarians (European Parliamentary Week) to discuss the Annual Growth Survey 2014 as well as general economic policy objectives for growth and jobs with a view

to take greater account of the effectiveness of policies and of potential spill-over effects in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas the Commission acknowledges that most of the EU2020 objectives will not be met even in the most optimistic scenario;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-1. Is concerned that this last Annual Growth Survey before the European elections does not provide the necessary orientations and ambitions that would help curbing the rise of xenophobia, racism and populism across Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Auke Zijlstra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. *Notes that economic recovery in the EU is under way; believes, however, that the recovery is still fragile and needs to be sustained in order to deliver more growth and jobs in the medium term;*

Amendment

1. *Points out that - according to Article 5, paragraph 1 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union - Member States did agree to coordinate their economic policies with a view to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market, but that they did not agree to transfer their national sovereignty in social policy;*

Or. en

Amendment 15
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that economic recovery in the EU is *under way; believes, however, that the recovery is still fragile and needs to be sustained* in order to *deliver more* growth and jobs *in the medium term;*

Amendment

1. Notes that economic recovery in the EU is *still fragile and smarter and democratically accountable policies at the European level are needed* in order to *achieve sustainable* growth and jobs *creation;*

Or. en

Amendment 16
Marisa Matias
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that economic recovery in the EU is *under way; believes, however, that the*

Amendment

1. Notes that economic recovery in the EU is fragile and *that it is necessary to*

recovery is still fragile and *needs to be sustained in order to deliver more* growth and *jobs in the medium term*;

promote investment policies which encourage sustainable growth and *job creation*;

Or. pt

Amendment 17

Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that economic recovery in the EU is *under way*; *believes, however, that the recovery is* still fragile and needs *to be sustained in order* to deliver *more growth and jobs* in the medium term;

Amendment

1. Notes that economic recovery in the EU is still fragile and needs *imperatively to gain pace so as* to deliver *a smart, sustainable and inclusive growth* in the medium term;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Udo Bullmann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes *that* economic recovery in the EU *is under way*; believes, however, that the recovery is still fragile and needs to be *sustained* in order to deliver *more* growth and jobs *in the medium term*;

Amendment

1. Notes *the first signs of a slow* economic recovery in the EU; believes, however, that the recovery is still fragile and needs to be *accompanied by a European investment drive* in order to deliver growth and jobs;

Or. de

Amendment 19

Lorenzo Fontana, Matteo Salvini

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that economic recovery in the EU is under way; believes, **however**, that **the** recovery is still fragile and needs to be sustained in order to deliver more growth and jobs in the medium term;

Amendment

1. Notes that economic recovery in the EU is under way **only in some Member States**; believes that **enterprises and the public are not seeing the benefits of that** recovery **as it** is still fragile and needs to be sustained in order to deliver more growth and jobs in the medium term;

Or. it

Amendment 20
Burkhard Balz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that economic recovery in the EU is under way; believes, however, that the recovery is still fragile and needs to be sustained in order to deliver more growth and jobs in the medium term;

Amendment

1. Notes that economic recovery in the EU is under way; believes, however, that the recovery is still fragile and needs to be sustained in order to deliver more growth and jobs in the medium term; **underlines that current efforts for fiscal consolidation need to be sustained in order to ensure or to restore compliance with the Stability and Growth Pact**;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Sharon Bowles

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that economic recovery in the EU is under way; believes, however, that the recovery is still fragile and needs to be sustained in order to deliver more growth

Amendment

1. Notes that economic recovery in the EU is under way; believes, however, that the recovery is still fragile and needs to be sustained in order to deliver more growth

and jobs in the medium term;

and jobs in the medium *and long* term;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Elena Bănescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that economic recovery in the EU is under way; believes, however, that the recovery is still fragile and needs to be sustained in order to deliver more growth and jobs in the medium term;

Amendment

1. Notes that economic recovery in the EU is under way; believes, however, that the recovery is still fragile and needs to be sustained in order to deliver more growth and jobs in the medium *and long* term;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Welcomes the recognition of the need for a fiscal consolidation that is growth friendly; urges the Commission to transmit this priority into concrete recommendations to the Member States, including those under economic adjustment programmes so that they do not only address fiscal consolidation but also structural reforms that lead to real, sustainable and socially balanced growth, employment, strengthened competitiveness and increasing convergence;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1b. Regrets that the Commission promotes double-standards when it calls for the need to invest in growth and competitiveness by imposing as a precondition for a "growth-friendly fiscal consolidation" the existence of fiscal room of manoeuvre; stresses that back-loading of fiscal consolidation must still be taken into account as it could leave more room for counter-cyclical investments;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1c. Notes that widening sovereign spreads have reduced significantly fiscal room for manoeuvre in a number of Member States; stresses that relying on institutional advances, monetary policy should substantially reduce sovereign spreads that still exist within the Euro area and hence contribute to stronger growth and sustainable public debts;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1d. Urges the Commission to translate Europe 2020 objectives into the recommendations to all Member States, including those under economic adjustment programmes, and take proper account of the constraints created by these adjustment programmes in the delivery of Europe 2020 objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Udo Bullmann
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Believes that the EU economy as a whole needs to further boost its competitiveness in the global economy, particularly by increasing competition in the product and services markets to enhance productivity and to lower prices, and by keeping labour costs in line with productivity;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 28
Marisa Matias
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Believes that the EU economy as a

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whole needs to further boost its competitiveness in the global economy, particularly by increasing competition in the product and services markets to enhance productivity and to lower prices, and by keeping labour costs in line with productivity;

Or. pt

Amendment 29
Auke Zijlstra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that the EU economy as a whole needs to further boost its competitiveness in the global economy, particularly by increasing competition in the product and services markets to enhance productivity and to lower prices, and by keeping labour costs in line with productivity;

Amendment

2. Stresses that the scope of the European Semester for economic policy coordination goes far beyond what is allowed by Article 5, paragraph 1, as well as Article 4 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which states that shared competences in social policy are limited to the aspects defined in the Treaty itself, that is to say free movement of workers and employment;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that the EU economy as a whole needs to further boost its competitiveness in the global economy, particularly by increasing competition in the product and services markets to

Amendment

2. Believes that the EU economy as a whole needs to further boost its competitiveness in the global economy, while ensuring that internal macroeconomic imbalances are reduced;

enhance productivity and to lower prices, and by keeping labour costs in line with productivity;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that the EU economy as a whole needs to further boost its competitiveness in the global economy, particularly by increasing competition in the product and services markets to enhance productivity and to lower prices, and by keeping labour costs in line with productivity;

Amendment

2. Believes that the EU economy as a whole needs to further boost its ***cost and non-cost*** competitiveness in the global economy, particularly by increasing competition in the product and services markets ***and eliminating too big to fail and rent extracting companies while providing an appropriate regulatory framework for fostering services of general interest,*** to enhance productivity, ***resource efficiency*** and to lower prices, and by keeping labour costs in line with productivity;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Udo Bullmann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the ambitious structural reforms implemented by those Member States that have experienced serious difficulties; encourages the rest of the euro area to be equally ambitious and to make their economies more competitive in order to increase growth and employment;

Amendment

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Amendment 33
Marisa Matias
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. ***Welcomes*** the ambitious structural reforms implemented by those Member States that have experienced serious difficulties; ***encourages the rest of the euro area to be equally ambitious and to make their economies more competitive in order to increase growth and employment;***

Amendment

3. ***Notes that*** the ambitious structural reforms implemented by those Member States that have experienced serious difficulties ***take the form of arbitrary spending cuts, privatisation of strategic sectors and the deregulation and casualisation of the labour market and labour conditions, leading to a substantial increase in unemployment, deteriorating standards of living and rising poverty levels.***

Or. pt

Amendment 34
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. ***Welcomes*** the ambitious structural reforms implemented by those Member States that have experienced serious difficulties; ***encourages the rest of the euro area to be equally ambitious and to make their economies more competitive in order to increase growth and employment;***

Amendment

3. ***Notes*** the ambitious structural reforms implemented by those Member States that have experienced serious difficulties; ***encourages the adoption and implementation of structural reform programmes that promote convergence and competitiveness at national and European level and increase growth and employment; underlines the importance of a swift and effective implementation of programmes and schemes to fight unemployment especially of the youth;***

Or. en

Amendment 35
Burkhard Balz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the ambitious structural reforms implemented by those Member States that have experienced serious difficulties; encourages the rest of the euro area to be equally ambitious and to make their economies more competitive in order to increase growth and employment;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the ambitious structural reforms implemented by those Member States that have experienced serious difficulties; ***points out that the efforts for structural reforms need to be continued with determination and monitored in order to ensure the reform effectiveness and to build on the progress made;*** encourages the rest of the euro area ***and EU*** to be equally ambitious and to make their economies more competitive in order to increase growth and employment;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the ambitious structural reforms implemented by those Member States that have experienced serious difficulties; encourages the rest of the euro area to be equally ambitious and to make their economies more competitive in order to increase growth and employment;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the ambitious structural reforms implemented by those Member States that have experienced serious difficulties; encourages ***those Member States to continue in their efforts;*** ***encourages*** the rest of the euro area to be equally ambitious and to make their economies more competitive in order to increase growth and employment;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the ambitious structural reforms implemented by those Member States that have experienced serious difficulties; encourages the rest of the euro area to be equally ambitious and to make their economies more competitive in order to increase growth *and employment*;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the ambitious structural reforms implemented by those Member States that have experienced serious difficulties; encourages the rest of the euro area to be equally ambitious and to make their economies more competitive in order to increase *sustainable* growth *by strengthening investment, demand and job creation*;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. *Welcomes the ambitious* structural reforms implemented by *those* Member States that have experienced serious difficulties; encourages the rest of the euro area to *be equally ambitious and to* make their economies more competitive *in order* to increase growth and employment;

Amendment

3. *Takes notes of the far reaching* structural reforms implemented by Member States that have experienced serious difficulties; encourages the rest of the Euro area to make their economies more competitive to increase *sustainable* growth and *foster* employment;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Udo Bullmann
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underlines the importance of continuing the process of deep and sustainable structural reforms; ***stresses that the EU cannot compete on costs alone, but needs to invest more in research and development, education and skills, and resource efficiency, at both national and European level;***

Amendment

4. Underlines the importance of continuing the process of deep and sustainable structural reforms; ***warns that the solution to the crisis does not lie in unilateral and sharp reductions in wages and pensions and that, on the contrary, these measures exacerbate the crisis; calls for urgent action, at both national and European level,*** to invest more in research and development, education and skills, and resource efficiency;

Or. de

Amendment 40
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underlines the importance of continuing the process of deep and sustainable structural reforms; stresses that the EU cannot compete on costs alone, but needs to invest more in research and development, education and skills, and resource efficiency, at both national and European level;

Amendment

4. Underlines the importance of continuing the process of deep and sustainable structural reforms; stresses that the EU cannot compete on costs alone, but needs to invest more in research and development, education and skills, and resource efficiency, at both national and European level; ***stresses that wage deflation has to be addressed and a minimum wage norm across the EU has to be implemented, respecting national practices and economic conditions;***

Or. en

Amendment 41
Olle Ludvigsson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underlines the importance of continuing the process of deep and sustainable structural reforms; stresses that the EU **cannot** compete on costs **alone, but needs to invest more** in research and development, education and skills, and resource efficiency, at both national and European level;

Amendment

4. Underlines the importance of continuing the process of deep and sustainable structural reforms; stresses that the EU **should** compete **with knowledge rather than** on costs, **investing more consistently and at much higher levels** in research and development, education and skills, and resource efficiency, at both national and European level;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Marisa Matias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. **Underlines** the importance of **continuing the process of deep and** sustainable structural reforms; stresses that the EU **cannot** compete on costs alone, but needs to invest more in research and development, education and skills, and resource efficiency, at both national and European level;

Amendment

4. **Notes** the importance of sustainable structural reforms; stresses that the EU **should not** compete on costs alone, but needs to invest more in research and development, education and skills, and resource efficiency, at both national and European level;

Or. pt

Amendment 43

Sharon Bowles

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underlines the importance of continuing the process of deep and sustainable structural reforms; stresses that the EU cannot compete on costs alone, but needs

Amendment

4. Underlines the importance of continuing the process of deep and sustainable structural reforms **for stability in the medium and long term**; stresses that the

to invest more in research and development, education and skills, and resource efficiency, at both national and European level;

EU cannot compete on costs alone, but needs to invest more in research and development, education and skills, and resource efficiency, at both national and European level;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underlines the importance of continuing the process of **deep** and sustainable structural reforms; stresses that the EU cannot compete on costs alone, but needs to invest more in research and development, education and skills, and resource efficiency, at both national and European level;

Amendment

4. Underlines the importance of continuing the process of **long-term, coherent** and sustainable structural reforms; stresses that the EU cannot compete on costs alone, but needs to invest more in research, **innovation** and development, education and skills, and resource efficiency, at both national and European level;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

4a. Reiterates its demand for a legal act on 'convergence guidelines' and its request that the Member States ensure that the national reform programmes are established on the basis of the aforementioned convergence guidelines; calls on the Member States to commit themselves to fully implement their national reform programmes; suggests

Amendment

that, on this basis, the Member States could enter into a 'convergence partnership' with the EU institutions, with conditional funding for reform activities; the European Parliament should be formally associated with this process; reiterates that such stronger economic cooperation should go hand in hand with an incentive-based financial mechanism; considers that any additional funding or instruments, such as a solidarity mechanism, must be an integral part of the EU budget, but outside the agreed multiannual financial framework (MFF) ceilings;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. *Expresses concern at* the overall indebtedness of *the* Member States in the euro area, *which will increase to over 90 % of GDP in 2014 and therefore not only hinder growth but also put a huge burden on future generations;*

Amendment

5. *Is concerned with* the overall *public and private* indebtedness of Member States in the euro area; *points out that the EU needs to go beyond a growth model based on excessive debt accumulation and resource consumption;*

Or. en

Amendment 47
Sari Essayah
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Expresses concern at the overall

Amendment

5. Expresses concern *at the high corporate*

indebtedness of *the* Member States *in the euro area*, which will increase to over 90% of GDP in 2014 *and therefore not only hinder* growth *but also* put a huge burden on future generations;

and household debt levels in the euro area, as well as at the overall indebtedness of *euro area* Member States, which will increase to over 90% of GDP in 2014, *bearing in mind that the high level of both private and government debt is hindering* growth *and will* put a huge burden on future generations;

Or. fi

Amendment 48
Marisa Matias
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Expresses concern at the overall indebtedness of the Member States in the euro area, which will increase to over 90 % of GDP in 2014, *and therefore not only hinder* growth *but also put a huge burden on future generations*;

Amendment

5. Expresses concern at the overall indebtedness of the Member States in the euro area, which will increase to over 90 % of GDP in 2014;

Or. pt

Amendment 49
Marisa Matias
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Member States, therefore, to pay particular attention, when devising economic policies and reforms, to the impact on future generations, so as not to deprive young people of opportunities from the start;

deleted

Amendment

Or. pt

Amendment 50
Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Member States, **therefore**, to pay particular attention, **when devising** economic policies **and reforms, to the impact** on future generations, so as **not to deprive** young people of opportunities from the start;

Amendment

6. Calls **therefore** on the Member States to pay particular attention **on the impact of** economic policies on future generations so as **to avoid depriving** young people of **their** opportunities from the start; **underlines that further efforts need to be done so as to fight against the long term effects (hysteresis) of unemployment and in particular of youth unemployment;**

Or. en

Amendment 51
Udo Bullmann
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Member States, therefore, to pay particular attention, when devising economic policies and reforms, to the impact on future generations, so as not to **deprive** young people of **opportunities from the start;**

Amendment

6. Calls on the Member States, therefore, to pay particular attention, when devising economic policies and reforms, to the impact on **the young generation of Europeans and** on future generations, so as not to **rob** young people of **their prospects;**

Or. de

Amendment 52
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Underlines that the effect of simultaneous consolidation measures has been to worsen the GDP and employment outlook due to the significant spill-overs across the euro area; calls for a stronger differentiation of such measures, and in particular for temporary stimulus measures in countries not facing financial market pressure;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Congratulates those Member State authorities that have successfully implemented adjustment programmes or financial sector programmes;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 54

Sharon Bowles

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Congratulates those Member State authorities that have successfully implemented adjustment programmes or financial sector programmes;

7. Congratulates those Member State authorities that have successfully implemented adjustment programmes or financial sector programmes; **notes the conclusion of the Irish programme on**

December 15th 2013 and welcomes the positive market reaction on January 7th 2014 to Ireland's first bond auction since conclusion of the programme;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Alfredo Pallone
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Congratulates those Member State authorities that have successfully implemented adjustment programmes or financial sector programmes;

Amendment

7. Congratulates those Member State authorities that have successfully implemented *macroeconomic* adjustment programmes or financial sector programmes;

Or. it

Amendment 56
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. *Congratulates* those Member State authorities that have successfully implemented adjustment programmes or financial sector programmes;

Amendment

7. *Acknowledges* those Member State authorities that have successfully implemented adjustment programmes or financial sector programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Udo Bullmann
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Points out that EU financial assistance to certain Member States, being a combination of solidarity and conditionality, has proved to be successful when there is strong ownership and commitment to reform; urges the Commission and the Member States, however, to bring financial assistance under the Community framework;

Amendment

8. Urges the Commission and the Member States to bring financial assistance under the Community framework; notes that European crisis management with its intergovernmental structures has to date escaped effective democratic control and that the instruments and decision-making bodies created to deal with crises, such as the ESM rescue fund and the Troika, should therefore be brought under Community law and controlled by the European Parliament;

Or. de

Amendment 58

Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Points out that EU financial assistance to certain Member States, being a combination of solidarity and conditionality, has proved to be successful when there is strong ownership and commitment to reform; urges the Commission and the Member States, however, to bring financial assistance under the Community framework;

Amendment

8. Urges, the Commission and the Member States to fully bring financial assistance programmes under the Community framework; urges in particular the Commission to comply with the retroactive application of the relevant provisions foreseen in the two-pack as required in such framework;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Marisa Matias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Points out that EU financial assistance to certain Member States, ***being*** a combination of solidarity and conditionality, ***has proved to be successful when there is strong ownership and commitment to reform;*** urges the Commission and the Member States, ***however, to bring*** financial assistance under the Community framework;

Amendment

8. Points out that EU financial assistance to certain Member States, ***which takes as its basis*** a combination of solidarity and conditionality, ***has been regulated only by a model of strict conditionality, without consideration for the real impact and dire consequences in social terms;*** urges the Commission and the Member States ***to put forward a new model of*** financial assistance ***within*** the Community framework ***and subject to democratic control;***

Or. pt

Amendment 60
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Points out that EU financial assistance to certain Member States, being a combination of solidarity and conditionality, has proved to be successful when there is strong ownership and commitment to reform; urges the Commission and the Member States, however, to bring financial assistance under the Community framework;

Amendment

8. Points out that EU financial assistance to certain Member States, being a combination of solidarity and conditionality, has proved to be successful when there is strong ownership and commitment to reform; urges the Commission and the Member States, however, to bring financial assistance under the Community framework ***and incorporate the countries under financial assistance into the European Semester cycle as a means to increase transparency and accountability of Commission as supervisory partner of the adjustment programmes and to include recommendations to these countries into a process of community dialogue; calls for the replacement of the ad hoc system of Troikas into a legally sound structure under the Community law guaranteeing democratic accountability;***

Amendment 61
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Points out that EU financial assistance to certain Member States, ***being a combination of solidarity and*** conditionality, has proved to be successful when there is strong ownership and commitment to reform; ***urges the Commission and the Member States, however, to bring financial assistance under the Community framework;***

Amendment

8. Points out that EU financial assistance to certain Member States, ***based on*** conditionality, has proved to be successful when there is strong ownership and commitment to reform;

Amendment 62
Sari Essayah
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Points out that EU financial assistance to certain Member States, being a combination of solidarity and conditionality, has proved to be successful when there is strong ownership and commitment to reform; ***urges the Commission and the Member States, however, to bring financial assistance under the Community framework;***

Amendment

8. Points out that EU financial assistance to certain Member States, being a combination of solidarity and conditionality, has proved to be successful when there is strong ownership and commitment to reform;

Amendment 63
Marisa Matias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Underlines the fact that Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) is far from complete, and reminds the Commission of its obligations and commitments to enhance economic convergence and strengthen competitiveness in the EU; believes that this could best be achieved if the Commission were to finally put forward proposals for the completion of EMU as outlined in its blueprint on a deep and genuine EMU;

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 64
Udo Bullmann
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Underlines the fact that Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) is far from complete, and reminds the Commission of its obligations and commitments to enhance economic convergence and strengthen competitiveness in the EU; believes that this could best be achieved if the Commission were to finally put forward proposals for the completion of EMU as outlined in its blueprint on a deep and genuine EMU;

9. Calls on the Commission to put forward **the** proposals for the completion of EMU as outlined in its blueprint on a deep and genuine EMU, **particularly with regard to the introduction of a debt redemption fund and financial incentives for economic reforms;**

Or. de

Amendment 65
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. ***Underlines the fact*** that Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) is far from complete, and reminds the Commission of its obligations and commitments to enhance economic convergence and strengthen competitiveness in the EU; ***believes that this could best be achieved if the Commission were to finally put forward proposals for the completion of EMU as outlined in its blueprint on a deep and genuine EMU;***

Amendment

9. ***Notes*** that Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) is far from complete, and reminds the Commission of its obligations and commitments to enhance economic convergence and strengthen competitiveness in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Sari Essayah
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Underlines the fact that Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) is far from complete, and reminds the Commission of its obligations and commitments to enhance economic convergence and strengthen competitiveness in the EU; ***believes that this could best be achieved if the Commission were to finally put forward proposals for the completion of EMU as outlined in its blueprint on a deep and genuine EMU;***

Amendment

9. Underlines the fact that Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) is far from complete, and reminds the Commission of its obligations and commitments to enhance economic convergence and strengthen competitiveness in the EU;

Or. fi

Amendment 67
Anni Podimata
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Underlines the fact that Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) is far from complete, and reminds the Commission of its obligations and commitments to enhance economic convergence and strengthen competitiveness in the EU; believes that this could best be achieved if the Commission were to finally put forward proposals for the completion of EMU as outlined in its blueprint on a deep and genuine EMU;

Amendment

9. Underlines the fact that Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) is far from complete, and reminds the Commission of its obligations and commitments to enhance economic convergence and strengthen competitiveness in the EU; believes that this could best be achieved if the Commission were to finally put forward proposals for the completion of EMU as outlined in its blueprint on a deep and genuine EMU; ***notes that the completion of the EMU should be based exclusively on the community method;***

Or. en

Amendment 68
Alfredo Pallone
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Underlines the fact that Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) is far from complete, and reminds the Commission of its obligations and commitments to enhance economic convergence and strengthen competitiveness in the EU; believes that this could best be achieved if the Commission were to finally put forward proposals for the completion of EMU ***as outlined*** in its blueprint on a deep and genuine EMU;

Amendment

9. Underlines the fact that Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) is far from complete, and reminds the Commission of its obligations and commitments to enhance ***growth and*** economic convergence and strengthen competitiveness in the EU; believes that this could best be achieved if the Commission were to finally put forward ***further*** proposals for the completion of EMU ***in accordance with all the guidelines*** in its blueprint on a deep and genuine EMU;

Or. it

Amendment 69
Burkhard Balz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Acknowledges the achievements of new and revised EU financial regulation in overcoming the financial crisis; notes that the completion of the three pillars of the Banking Union and the implementation of the new rules on capital requirements for banks contribute to re-establish the confidence in the resilience of the European banking sector;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Marisa Matias
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Welcomes the Commission statement to the effect that the top priority of the Annual Growth Survey (AGS) 2014 is to build growth and competitiveness;

10. Welcomes the Commission statement to the effect that the top priorities of the Annual Growth Survey (AGS) 2014 ***are to promote sustainable budgetary consolidation able to encourage growth, restore credit to the economy, build growth and competitiveness, combat unemployment and the social impact of the crisis and modernise public administration;***

Or. pt

Amendment 71
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the Commission statement *to the effect* that the top priority of the *Annual Growth Survey (AGS) 2014* is to build growth and *competitiveness*;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the Commission statement that the top priority of the *AGS 2014* is to build *sustainable, smart and inclusive* growth and *jobs*;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Alfredo Pallone
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the Commission statement to the effect that the top priority of the Annual Growth Survey (AGS) 2014 is to build growth and competitiveness;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the Commission statement to the effect that the top priority of the Annual Growth Survey (AGS) 2014 is to build growth, *employment* and competitiveness;

Or. it

Amendment 73
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Agrees with the Commission that the Member States need to continue to pursue growth-friendly fiscal consolidation; calls on Member States with sufficient fiscal space to reduce taxes and social security contributions with a view to stimulating private investment;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 74

Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Agrees with the Commission that *the* Member States need to continue to *pursue* growth-friendly fiscal consolidation; calls on Member States with sufficient fiscal space to reduce taxes and social security contributions *with a view to stimulating private investment*;

Amendment

11. Agrees with the Commission that Member States need to continue to *implement a long term strategy of* growth-friendly fiscal consolidation; calls on Member States with sufficient fiscal space to *increase public investments*, reduce taxes *on labour* and social security contributions *to stimulate private investment while shifting taxes from labour to consumption and environmentally damaging activities as well as fostering an EU broad ambitious agenda for establishing a common consolidated tax basis and eliminating tax fraud and evasion*;

Or. en

Amendment 75

Olle Ludvigsson

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Agrees with the Commission that the Member States need to continue to pursue growth-friendly fiscal consolidation; calls on Member States *with sufficient fiscal space to reduce taxes and social security contributions* with a view to stimulating *private investment*;

Amendment

11. Agrees with the Commission that the Member States need to continue to pursue growth-friendly fiscal consolidation; calls on Member States, *in order to make the consolidation efforts more efficient, to enhance investments in education, R&D, welfare, the green transformation and active labour market policies* with a view to stimulating *sustainable growth and job creation*;

Amendment 76
Udo Bullmann
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Agrees with the Commission that the Member States need to continue to pursue growth-friendly fiscal consolidation; calls on Member States with sufficient fiscal space to ***reduce taxes and social security contributions with a view to stimulating private investment;***

Amendment

11. Agrees with the Commission that the Member States need to continue to pursue growth-friendly fiscal consolidation; calls on Member States with sufficient fiscal space to ***provide incentives for quality growth and new jobs through additional investment;***

Or. de

Amendment 77
Marisa Matias
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Agrees with the Commission that the Member States need to continue to pursue growth-friendly fiscal consolidation; calls on Member States with sufficient fiscal space to ***reduce taxes and social security contributions with a view to stimulating private investment;***

Amendment

11. Agrees with the Commission that the Member States need to continue to pursue growth-friendly fiscal consolidation; calls on Member States with sufficient fiscal space to ***stimulate internal demand through increasing wages;***

Or. pt

Amendment 78
Marisa Matias
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Encourages Member States under an

Amendment

deleted

adjustment programme to continue implementing structural reforms; expresses concern at the lack of political will of those Member States experiencing an excessive deficit or a current account deficit to modernise their economies;

Or. pt

Amendment 79

Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Encourages Member States under an adjustment programme to *continue implementing* structural reforms; *expresses concern at the lack of political will of those Member States experiencing an excessive deficit or a current account deficit to modernise their economies;*

Amendment

12. Encourages Member States under an adjustment programme to *implement sustainable and fair* structural reforms geared at the *achievement of the EU2020 objectives;*

Or. en

Amendment 80

Alfredo Pallone

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Encourages Member States under *an* adjustment programme to continue implementing structural reforms; *expresses concern at the lack of political will of those Member States experiencing an excessive deficit or a current account deficit to modernise their economies;*

Amendment

12. Encourages Member States under *a macroeconomic* adjustment programme to continue implementing structural reforms;

Or. it

Amendment 81
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Encourages Member States under an adjustment programme to continue implementing structural reforms; expresses concern *at* the lack of *political will of* those Member States experiencing *an* excessive *deficit or a* current account *deficit to modernise their economies*;

Amendment

12. Encourages Member States under an adjustment programme to continue implementing *growth friendly* structural reforms; expresses concern *on* the lack of *ownership on specific reforms in* those Member States experiencing excessive *budget or* current account *deficits*;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Emphasises the importance of the monitoring and the implementation of the country-specific recommendations, multilateral surveillance, the exchange of experiences and best practices and peer reviews as a mean of stimulating debate and peer pressure, thereby providing direction that helps to create the necessary momentum and acceptance of reforms;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Considers, as regards Member States whose GDP is below 75% of the average for the Member States as a whole and which are engaged in an excessive deficit procedure, that the deficit should be calculated in such a way as to exclude both investment in the groundwork for projects to be co-financed out of European funds and the expenditure incurred to finance those projects while they are being implemented, the object being to enable the Member States in question to carry through the investment needed to achieve growth and development; considers that specific recommendations coming under the European Semester should allow for the higher expenditure necessitated by intensive investment backed by European funds; also considers it important to steer Member States towards domestic-level structural reforms and measures aimed clearly at cutting spending and increasing efficiency;

Or. hr

**Amendment 84
Marisa Matias
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Points out once more that a lack of political will to modernise economies, social security systems and health care will put an excessive burden on future generations;

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 85
Alfredo Pallone
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Points *out once more that a lack of political will to modernise economies, social security systems and health care will put an excessive burden on future generations;*

Amendment

13. Points *to the importance of rectifying excessive deficit situations and current account imbalances, both in deficit countries and in surplus countries;*

Or. it

Amendment 86
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Points out once more that a lack of *political will to modernise* economies, social security systems and health care will put an excessive burden on future generations;

Amendment

13. Points out once more that a lack of *ambitious reforms to enhance competitiveness of the European economies, as well as to safeguard the sustainability of the* social security systems and health care *systems* will put an excessive burden on future generations;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Alfredo Pallone
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 – point 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

(1) Points out once more that failure to modernise economies, social security systems and healthcare systems will put an excessive burden on future generations;

Amendment

Or. it

Amendment 88

Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Points out once again that sovereigns and financial institutions show persistent vulnerabilities in a low growth environment;

Or. en

Amendment 89

Marisa Matias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Stresses that structural reforms need to be complemented by longer-term investment in education, research, innovation and sustainable energy; believes that ***public-private partnerships are more successful in delivering growth than public investment programmes alone;***

14. Stresses that structural reforms need to be complemented by ***medium and*** longer-term investment in education, research, innovation and sustainable energy; believes that ***such investment should be made at national and Community level, through an efficient allocation of structural funding and from the future Convergence and Competitiveness Instrument;***

Or. pt

Amendment 90

Olle Ludvigsson

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Stresses that structural reforms **need to be complemented by** longer-term **investment** in education, research, innovation and sustainable energy; believes that public-private partnerships **are more successful in delivering growth than public investment programmes alone;**

Amendment

14. Stresses that structural reforms **must include the build-up of more solid capacities to maintain strong** longer-term **investments** in education, research, innovation and sustainable energy; believes that public-private partnerships, **complementing public investment programmes, could be** successful in delivering **smart and sustainable growth;**

Or. en

Amendment 91

Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Stresses that structural reforms need to be complemented by **longer-term** investment in education, research, innovation and sustainable energy; **believes that public-private partnerships are more successful in delivering growth than public investment programmes alone;**

Amendment

14. Stresses that structural reforms need to be complemented by **longer term** investment in education, research, innovation and sustainable energy;

Or. en

Amendment 92

Udo Bullmann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Stresses that structural reforms need to be complemented by **longer-term** investment in education, research,

Amendment

14. Stresses that structural reforms **urgently** need to be complemented by investment in education, research,

innovation and sustainable energy; **believes that public-private partnerships are more successful in delivering growth than public investment programmes alone;**

innovation and sustainable energy;

Or. de

Amendment 93
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Stresses that structural reforms need to be complemented by longer-term investment in education, research, innovation and sustainable energy; believes that public-private partnerships **are more successful in delivering growth than public investment programmes alone;**

Amendment

14. Stresses that structural reforms need to be complemented by longer-term investment in education, research, innovation and sustainable energy; believes that public-private partnerships **can also be considered as a tool to promote investment, complementing** public investment programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Lorenzo Fontana, Matteo Salvini
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Stresses that structural reforms need to be complemented by longer-term investment in education, research, innovation and sustainable energy; believes that public-private partnerships are more successful in delivering growth than public investment programmes alone;

Amendment

14. Stresses that structural reforms need to be complemented by longer-term investment in education, research, innovation and sustainable energy; believes that public-private partnerships, **with the involvement of local authorities,** are more successful in delivering growth than public investment programmes alone;

Or. it

Amendment 95
Olle Ludvigsson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Member States to simplify their tax systems and reiterates its call for them to shift taxes from labour to consumption in order to make resource use more efficient and sustainable; calls for **urgent** action to be taken **and a comprehensive strategy based on concrete legislative measures to be launched by the Commission to fight tax fraud and tax evasion;**

Amendment

15. Calls on the Member States to simplify their tax systems and reiterates its call for them to shift taxes from labour to consumption **and environmentally harmful activities** in order to make resource use more efficient and sustainable; calls for **stronger and more consistent** action to be taken **on the basis of the Commission's comprehensive Action Plan, launched in 2012, to strengthen the fight against tax fraud and tax evasion; calls on the Commission to, when needed, update and expand this Action Plan in order to make sure that it remains an efficient tool for concrete legislative delivery in this area;**

Or. en

Amendment 96
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Member States to simplify their tax systems and reiterates its call for them to shift taxes from labour to consumption in order to make resource use more efficient and sustainable; calls for urgent action to be taken and a comprehensive strategy based on concrete legislative measures to be launched by the Commission to fight tax fraud and tax evasion;

Amendment

15. Calls on the Member States to simplify their tax systems and reiterates its call for them to shift taxes from labour to consumption **where possible and where indirect taxes are particularly low** in order to make resource use more efficient and sustainable; calls for urgent action to be taken and a comprehensive strategy based on concrete legislative measures **and a set of tangible and measurable targets** to be launched by the Commission to fight tax

fraud and tax evasion; *urges the Commission to incorporate these targets into the Europe 2020 strategy, and calls on the Commission to examine whether they could be given a clear role within the European Semester;*

Or. en

Amendment 97
Marisa Matias
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Member States to simplify their tax systems *and reiterates its call for them to shift taxes from labour to consumption in order to make resource use more efficient and sustainable*; calls for urgent action to be taken and a comprehensive strategy based on concrete legislative measures to be launched by the Commission to fight tax fraud and tax evasion;

Amendment

15. Calls on the Member States to simplify their tax systems; calls for urgent action to be taken and a comprehensive strategy based on concrete legislative measures to be launched by the Commission to fight tax fraud and tax evasion;

Or. pt

Amendment 98
Mojca Kleva Kekuš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Member States to simplify their tax systems and reiterates its call for them to shift taxes from labour to consumption in order to make resource use more efficient and sustainable; calls for urgent action to be taken and a comprehensive strategy based on concrete legislative measures to be launched by the

Amendment

15. Calls on the Member States to simplify their tax systems and reiterates its call for them to shift taxes from labour to consumption in order to make resource use more efficient and sustainable; calls for urgent action to be taken and a comprehensive strategy based on concrete legislative measures to be launched by the

Commission to fight tax fraud and tax *evasion*;

Commission to fight tax fraud, *tax evasion* and tax *avoidance*;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Member States to simplify their tax systems and reiterates its call for them to shift taxes from labour *to consumption* in order to make resource use more efficient and sustainable; calls for urgent action to be taken and a comprehensive strategy based on concrete legislative measures to be launched by the Commission to fight tax fraud and tax evasion;

Amendment

15. Calls on the Member States to simplify their tax systems and reiterates its call for them to shift taxes *away* from labour in order to make resource use more efficient and sustainable; calls for urgent action to be taken and a comprehensive strategy based on concrete legislative measures to be launched by the Commission to fight tax fraud and tax evasion;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Olle Ludvigsson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Calls on Member States to commit to the ambitious but realistic target of at least halving the tax gap by 2020; calls for coordinated action aimed at achieving this target to be established as a vital and highly prioritised line of work within the framework of the European Semester;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Mojca Kleva Kekuš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Calls for an adoption of the European headline target of halving the tax gap by 2020, which is to become an integral part of Europe 2020 strategy; furthermore, highlights the need for concrete, measurable and binding targets introduced at the national levels to reduce tax fraud and tax avoidance; calls on the Commission to expand the national reform programmes and the stability and convergence programmes by incorporating these targets so as to achieve the required reduction in the tax gap;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Mojca Kleva Kekuš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Stresses that access to finance, particularly for SMEs, is one of the biggest obstacles to growth in the EU; believes that more alternatives to bank financing are needed, ***especially by improving the business environment for venture capital but also, more broadly, by improving the efficient allocation of capital through capital markets;***

16. Stresses that access to finance, particularly for SMEs, is one of the biggest obstacles to growth in the EU; believes that more alternatives to bank financing are needed ***through improvement of the efficient allocation of capital through capital markets, stimulation of long-term public investment (national, regional or multilateral development banks and public financial institutions) and full use of new innovative financial instruments of***

the EU designed to support access of SMEs to capital markets;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Pablo Zalba Bidegain

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses that access to finance, particularly for SMEs, is one of the biggest obstacles to growth in the EU; believes that more alternatives to bank financing are needed, especially by improving the business environment for venture capital but also, more broadly, by improving the efficient allocation of capital through capital markets;

Amendment

16. Stresses that access to finance, particularly for SMEs, is one of the biggest obstacles to growth in the EU; believes that more alternatives to bank financing are needed, especially by improving the business environment for venture capital but also, more broadly, by improving the efficient allocation of capital through capital markets; ***believes that the EIB can play an even more active role in access to finance for the real economy; considers that the proposals on EIB financing at the most recent Councils, particularly those on financing SMEs, can and should be more ambitious;***

Or. es

Amendment 104
Burkhard Balz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses that access to finance, particularly for SMEs, is one of the biggest obstacles to growth in the EU; believes that more alternatives to bank financing are needed, especially by improving the

Amendment

16. Stresses that access to finance, particularly for SMEs, is one of the biggest obstacles to growth in the EU; believes that more alternatives to bank financing are needed, especially by improving the

business environment for venture capital but also, more broadly, by improving the efficient allocation of capital through capital markets;

business environment for venture capital but also, more broadly, by improving the efficient allocation of capital through capital markets; ***underlines the necessity to further limit the bureaucratic burden for small and medium sized companies and to continuously take account of the principle of proportionality in the development of regulatory regimes;***

Or. en

Amendment 105
Udo Bullmann
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses that access to finance, particularly for SMEs, is one of the biggest obstacles to growth in the EU; believes that more alternatives to bank financing are needed, especially ***by improving the business environment for venture capital but also, more broadly, by improving the efficient allocation of capital through capital markets;***

Amendment

16. Stresses that access to finance, particularly for SMEs, is one of the biggest obstacles to growth in the EU; believes that more alternatives to bank financing are needed, especially ***through the use of development banks;***

Or. de

Amendment 106
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses that access to finance, particularly for SMEs, is one of the biggest obstacles to growth in the EU; believes that more alternatives to bank financing are needed, especially by improving the business environment for venture capital

Amendment

16. Stresses that access to finance, particularly for SMEs, is one of the biggest obstacles to growth in the EU; believes that more alternatives to bank financing are needed, especially by improving the business environment for venture capital

but also, more broadly, by improving the efficient allocation of capital through capital markets;

but also, more broadly, by improving the efficient allocation of capital through capital markets; ***believes that the completion of the Banking Union will enhance access to finance and create a level playing field for SME's access to finance;***

Or. en

Amendment 107
Sari Essayah
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses that access to finance, particularly for SMEs, is one of the biggest obstacles to growth in the EU; believes that more alternatives to bank financing are needed, especially by improving the business environment for venture capital but also, more broadly, by improving the efficient allocation of capital through capital markets;

Amendment

(Does not affect the English version.)

Or. fi

Amendment 108
Marisa Matias
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Reiterates the importance of the completion of the Single Market for growth in the EU; believes that the Member States and the Commission are not delivering on their commitment to complete the Single Market;

Amendment

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 109
Udo Bullmann
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Reiterates the importance of the completion of the Single Market for growth in the EU; ***believes that the Member States and the Commission are not delivering on their commitment to complete the Single Market;***

Amendment

17. Reiterates the importance of the completion of the Single Market for growth in the EU ***and emphasises in this context that the fundamental social rights must be protected and strengthened;***

Or. de

Amendment 110
Marisa Matias
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Is concerned at protectionist tendencies in certain Member States; points out that the Treaty does not provide for restricting the free movement of people, services and capital, and that the Commission has to safeguard and enforce these freedoms;

Amendment

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 111
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Is concerned ***at*** protectionist tendencies in certain Member States; points out that the Treaty does not provide for restricting the free movement of people, services and

Amendment

18. Is concerned ***about*** protectionist tendencies in certain Member States; points out that the Treaty does not provide for restricting the free movement of people,

capital, and that the Commission has to safeguard and enforce these freedoms;

services and capital *except under exceptional circumstances*, and that the Commission has to safeguard and enforce these freedoms;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Marisa Matias
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Underlines the fact that the absence of a well-functioning internal labour market and a positive approach to immigration is hampering growth in the EU; calls on the Commission and the Member States to establish a common labour market and a modern immigration policy;

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 113
Lorenzo Fontana, Matteo Salvini
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Underlines the fact that the *absence of a well-functioning internal labour market and a positive* approach to immigration *is hampering* growth in the EU; *calls on the Commission and the Member States to establish a common labour market and a modern immigration policy;*

19. Underlines the fact that the *EU's* approach to immigration *hampers* growth in the EU

Or. it

Amendment 114
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Underlines the fact that the absence of a well-functioning internal labour market and a positive approach to immigration is hampering growth in the EU; calls on the **Commission and the Member States** to establish **a common** labour market **and a modern immigration policy**;

Amendment

19. Underlines the fact that the absence of a well-functioning internal labour market and a positive approach to immigration is hampering growth in the EU; calls on the **Member States to modernise their labour markets**; **calls on the Commission** to establish **an immigration policy corresponding to labour market needs and at the same time maintaining the integrity of Member States' social protection systems**;

Or. en

Amendment 115
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Underlines **the fact** that the absence of a **well-functioning** internal labour market and a positive approach to immigration **is hampering** growth in the EU; calls on the Commission and **the** Member States to establish a common labour market and a modern immigration policy;

Amendment

19. Underlines that the absence of a **well-functioning** internal labour market **guaranteeing decent working and living conditions** and a positive approach to immigration **hampers** growth in the EU; calls on the Commission and Member States to establish a common labour market **based on an effective level playing field and the principle of upwards social convergence** and a modern **and inclusive** immigration policy;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Burkhard Balz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Underlines ***the fact*** that the absence of a well-functioning internal labour market and a ***positive*** approach to immigration is hampering growth in the EU; ***calls on*** the Commission and the Member States to ***establish a common*** labour market ***and a modern*** immigration policy;

Amendment

19. Underlines that the absence of a well-functioning internal labour market and a ***sustainable*** approach to immigration is hampering growth in the EU; ***therefore encourages*** the Commission and the Member States to ***consider specific measures for the enhancement of successful*** labour market ***policies and an adequate*** immigration policy;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Sari Essayah
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Underlines the fact that the absence of a well-functioning internal labour market and a positive approach to immigration is hampering growth in the EU; calls on the Commission and the Member States to establish ***a common labour market and a*** modern immigration policy;

Amendment

19. Underlines the fact that the absence of a well-functioning internal labour market and a positive approach to immigration is hampering growth in the EU; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ***promote the free movement of labour and*** establish a modern immigration policy;

Or. fi

Amendment 118
Olle Ludvigsson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Stresses that social partners, on the basis of full respect for their autonomy

and rights, should be much more actively involved in the European Semester; underlines that strong social dialogue at the national and European level is a crucial key to making the common labour market work;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the Commission to explain to Parliament the specific measures it intends to take in order to deliver on its objectives of higher growth *and* strengthened competitiveness;

Amendment

20. Calls on the Commission to explain to Parliament the specific measures it intends to take in order to deliver on its objectives of higher growth, strengthened competitiveness *and convergence; underlines the need for a clear definition of the growth-friendly fiscal consolidation that will also be reflected to Commission recommendations to achieve this target;*

Or. en

Amendment 120
Burkhard Balz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the Commission to explain to Parliament the specific measures it intends to take in order to deliver on its objectives of higher growth and strengthened competitiveness;

Amendment

20. Calls on the Commission to explain to Parliament the specific measures it intends to take in order to deliver on its objectives of *continuous fiscal consolidation*, higher growth and strengthened competitiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the Commission to explain to Parliament the specific measures it intends to take *in order* to deliver on its objectives of higher growth and strengthened competitiveness;

Amendment

20. Calls on the Commission to explain to Parliament the specific measures it intends to take to deliver on its objectives of higher *sustainable* growth and strengthened competitiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Believes that overall the AGS is not detailed enough and does not provide the means to achieve its objectives;

deleted

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 123
Alfredo Pallone
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Believes that overall the AGS is not detailed enough and does not provide the means to achieve its objectives;

deleted

Amendment

Or. it

Amendment 124
Udo Bullmann
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Believes that overall the AGS is not detailed enough and does not provide the means to achieve its objectives;

Amendment

21. Believes that overall the AGS is not detailed enough and does not provide the means to achieve its objectives; ***considers that action to combat the social imbalance can, however, only be effective if the objectives of economic policy coordination are implemented with a degree of commitment that is comparable to the monitoring of fiscal policy; stresses that Member States should therefore commit to clearly defined objectives such as the reduction of youth unemployment or expenditure on research and development in the context of the European Semester; considers that the EU institutions should monitor the progress of reforms and accompany them with financial incentives;***

Or. de

Amendment 125
Elena Băsescu
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Believes that overall the AGS is not detailed enough and does not provide the means to achieve its objectives;

Amendment

21. Believes that overall the AGS is not detailed enough and does not provide the means to achieve its objectives ***in a realistic timeframe;***

Or. en

Amendment 126
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Takes note of the Alert Mechanism Report; notes the **gradual reduction of** internal imbalances in the EU economy;

Amendment

22. Takes note of the Alert Mechanism Report; notes the **conclusions on** internal imbalances in the EU economy; **draws attention also to the external imbalances, including the excessive external surpluses and the alarming reduction of export market shares in the majority of the member-states;**

Or. en

Amendment 127
Marisa Matias
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Takes note of the Alert Mechanism Report; notes **the gradual reduction of internal imbalances in the EU economy;**

Amendment

22. Takes note of the Alert Mechanism Report; notes **that only seven Member States are considered not to be at risk of macroeconomic imbalances;**

Or. pt

Amendment 128
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Takes note of the Alert Mechanism Report; notes the gradual reduction of internal imbalances in the EU economy;

Amendment

22. Takes note of the Alert Mechanism Report; notes the **expected** gradual reduction of internal imbalances in the EU

economy;

Or. en

Amendment 129

Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Points out that the objective of the macroeconomic imbalance procedure is to prevent the *effects of ill-designed national policies from spilling over* into other euro area Member States; ***is concerned that the Commission, in its reading of the scoreboard, does not take sufficient account of the fact that the euro area and its Member States are open economies;***

Amendment

23. Points out that the objective of the macroeconomic imbalance procedure is to prevent the ***negative spill-overs*** into other euro area Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 130

Udo Bullmann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Points out that the objective of the macroeconomic imbalance procedure is to prevent the effects of ill-designed national policies from spilling over into other euro area Member States; ***is concerned that the Commission, in its reading of the scoreboard, does not take sufficient account of the fact that the euro area and its Member States are open economies;***

Amendment

23. Points out that the objective of the macroeconomic imbalance procedure is to prevent the effects of ill-designed national policies ***or ill-designed European policies such as misguided decisions by the Troika*** from spilling over into other euro area Member States;

Or. de

Amendment 131
Marisa Matias
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Points out that the objective of the macroeconomic imbalance procedure is to prevent the effects of ill-designed national policies from spilling over into other euro area Member States; ***is concerned that the Commission, in its reading of the scoreboard, does not take sufficient account of the fact that the euro area and its Member States are open economies;***

Amendment

23. Points out that the objective of the macroeconomic imbalance procedure is to prevent the effects of ill-designed national policies from spilling over into other euro area Member States;

Or. pt

Amendment 132
Alfredo Pallone
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Points out that the objective of the macroeconomic imbalance procedure is to prevent the effects of ill-designed national policies from spilling over into other euro area Member States; ***is concerned that the Commission, in its reading of the scoreboard, does not take sufficient account of the fact that the euro area and its Member States are open economies;***

Amendment

23. Points out that the objective of the macroeconomic imbalance procedure is to prevent the effects of ill-designed national policies from spilling over into other euro area Member States;

Or. it

Amendment 133
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Points out that the objective of the macroeconomic imbalance procedure is to **prevent the** effects of ill-designed national policies **from spilling over into** other euro area Member States; is concerned that the Commission, in its reading of the scoreboard, does not take **sufficient account of the fact** that the euro area and its Member States are open economies;

Amendment

23. Points out that the objective of the macroeconomic imbalance procedure is to **avoid negative spill over** effects of ill-designed national policies **to** other euro area Member States; is concerned that the Commission in its reading of the scoreboard does not take **sufficiently into account** that the euro area and its Member States are open economies;

Or. en

Amendment 134

Alfredo Pallone

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Invites the Commission to assess intra-EU imbalances in particular; points out that, so as not to undermine overall EU competitiveness with regard to the current account balance, the Commission needs to look at the current account surplus of a Member State relative to the rest of the euro area;

Amendment

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 135

Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Invites the Commission to assess intra-EU imbalances **in particular**; points out that, so as not to undermine overall EU competitiveness with regard to the current

Amendment

24. Invites the Commission to assess intra-EU imbalances; points out that, so as not to undermine overall EU competitiveness with regard to the current account balance,

account balance, the Commission needs to ***look at the current account surplus of a Member State relative to the rest of the euro area***;

the Commission needs to ***take into account that making the strong weaker will not make the weak stronger, when imposing measures on Member States with a current account surplus***;

Or. en

Amendment 136
Burkhard Balz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. ***Invites the Commission to assess intra-EU imbalances in particular***; points out that, so as ***not to undermine*** overall EU competitiveness with regard to the current account balance, the Commission needs to look at the current account ***surplus*** of a Member State relative to the rest of the euro area;

Amendment

24. ***Takes note of the Commission's assessment that a number of important macroeconomic imbalances are being corrected***; points out that, so as ***to further strengthen the*** overall EU competitiveness ***and the competitiveness of Member States*** with regard to the current account balance, the Commission needs to look ***particularly*** at the current account ***deficit*** of a Member State relative to the rest of the euro area;

Or. en

Amendment 137
Hans-Peter Martin
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Invites the Commission to assess intra-EU imbalances in particular; points out that, so as not to undermine overall EU competitiveness with regard to the current account balance, the Commission needs to look at the current account surplus of a Member State relative to the rest of the euro area;

Amendment

24. Invites the Commission to assess intra-EU imbalances in particular, ***without generating additional red tape and unnecessary costs in doing so***; points out that, so as not to undermine overall EU competitiveness with regard to the current account balance, the Commission needs to look at the current account surplus of a

Member State relative to the rest of the euro area;

Or. de

Amendment 138
Udo Bullmann
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Invites the Commission to assess intra-EU imbalances in particular; points out that, so as not to undermine **overall** EU **competitiveness** with regard to the current account balance, the Commission needs to **look at** the current account surplus of a Member State relative to the rest of the euro area;

Amendment

24. Invites the Commission to assess intra-EU imbalances in particular; points out that, so as not to undermine **the smooth functioning of the** EU with regard to the current account balance, the Commission needs to **regard** the current account surplus of a Member State relative to the rest of the euro area **as just as problematic as current account deficits**;

Or. de

Amendment 139
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. **Expresses concern** that most Member States are still **losing** market shares globally and have a large negative net international investment position;

Amendment

25. **Is concerned** that most Member States are still **losing** market shares globally and have a large negative net international investment position; **points out however that all advanced economies have suffered from losses as the world trade structure has substantially changed over the last 30 years; regrets that other important features which have a strong influence on competitiveness such as unit capital costs are not yet integrated in the scoreboard for macroeconomic imbalances despite repeated requests from the Parliament**;

Amendment 140

Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Is still **concerned at** the lack of progress in reducing excessive private debt levels; points out that this is not only a concern for financial stability but also limits the **EU's** growth potential;

Amendment

26. Is still **alarmed with** the lack of progress in reducing excessive private debt levels; **notes that the private debt phenomenon is often related to the scourge of poverty and inequality**; points out that this is not only a concern for financial stability but also limits the **EU's** growth potential;

Amendment 141

Burkhard Balz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

26a. Is concerned that the on-going situation of extraordinarily low interest rates makes private savings and retirement provisions for European citizens more and more difficult;

Amendment

Amendment 142

Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Welcomes the first Commission assessment of Member States' draft budgetary plans; **stresses** that the examination of draft budgetary plans improves the **assessment** of the budgetary situation of **the** Member States;

Amendment

27. Welcomes the first Commission assessment of Member States' draft budgetary plans; **underlines** that the examination of draft budgetary plans improves the **multilateral surveillance and monitoring** of the budgetary situation of Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. **Welcomes** the first Commission assessment of Member States' draft budgetary plans; stresses that the examination of draft budgetary plans improves the assessment of the budgetary situation of the Member States;

Amendment

27. **Notes** the first Commission assessment of Member States' draft budgetary plans; stresses that the examination of draft budgetary plans improves the assessment of the budgetary situation of the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Marisa Matias
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. **Welcomes** the first Commission assessment of Member States' draft budgetary plans; stresses that the examination of draft budgetary plans improves the assessment of the budgetary

Amendment

27. **Notes** the first Commission assessment of Member States' draft budgetary plans; stresses that the examination of draft budgetary plans improves the assessment of the budgetary situation of the Member

situation of the Member States;

States;

Or. pt

Amendment 145
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Is concerned that only two Member States attained their medium-term objective; ***concludes that this means further growth-friendly consolidation in the non-complying Member States is necessary;***

Amendment

28. Is concerned that only two Member States attained their medium-term objective; ***calls on Member States to continue and if necessary strengthen their efforts for a growth-friendly fiscal consolidation;***

Or. en

Amendment 146
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. ***Is concerned*** that only two Member States attained their medium-term objective; concludes that this means further growth-friendly consolidation in the non-complying Member States is necessary;

Amendment

28. ***Notes*** that only two Member States ***have*** attained their medium-term ***budgetary*** objective; concludes that this means further ***long-term strategies for achieving a*** growth-friendly consolidation in the non-complying Member States is necessary;

Or. en

Amendment 147
Anni Podimata

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Stresses that the European Semester must in no way jeopardise the prerogatives of the European Parliament and of the national parliaments; underlines the fact that there should be a clear division between EU and national competences and that the European Parliament is the seat of accountability at Union level;

Amendment

29. Stresses that the European Semester must in no way jeopardise the prerogatives of the European Parliament and of the national parliaments; underlines the fact that there should be a clear division between EU and national competences and that the European Parliament is the seat of accountability at Union level; ***urges the Commission to ensure the proper formal involvement of the European Parliament in all steps of the European semester process in order to increase the democratic legitimacy of the decisions;***

Or. en

Amendment 148
Udo Bullmann
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Stresses that the European Semester must in no way jeopardise the prerogatives of the European Parliament and of the national parliaments; underlines the fact that ***there should be a clear division between EU and national competences and that*** the European Parliament is the seat of accountability at Union level;

Amendment

29. Stresses that the European Semester must in no way jeopardise the prerogatives of the European Parliament and of the national parliaments; underlines the fact that the European Parliament is the seat of accountability at Union level ***and that this principle should also be enforced in everyday political life;***

Or. de

Amendment 149
Anni Podimata
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Stresses the need to strengthen the democratic accountability to the European Parliament and to the national parliaments of essential elements of the euro area's operation, such as the European Stability Mechanism, Eurogroup decisions and the monitoring and evaluation of financial assistance programmes;

Amendment

30. Stresses the need to strengthen the democratic accountability to the European Parliament and to the national parliaments of essential elements of the euro area's operation, such as the European Stability Mechanism, Eurogroup decisions and the monitoring and evaluation of financial assistance programmes; ***asks the Commission to conduct and publish internal ex-post evaluations of its recommendations and its participation in the Troika;***

Or. en

Amendment 150
Udo Bullmann
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Stresses the need to strengthen the democratic accountability to the European Parliament and to the national parliaments of essential elements of the euro area's operation, such as the European Stability Mechanism, Eurogroup decisions and the monitoring and evaluation of financial assistance programmes;

Amendment

30. Stresses the need to strengthen the democratic accountability to the European Parliament and to the national parliaments of essential elements of the euro area's operation, such as the European Stability Mechanism, Eurogroup decisions and the monitoring and evaluation of financial assistance programmes ***with the aim of ensuring that the European Parliament and the Council are equal actors;***

Or. de

Amendment 151
Pablo Zalba Bidegain

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31a. Points out that the main problem in a number of Member States is that the fragmentation of financial markets results in a shortage of funding and in higher funding costs, especially for SMEs; considers that the EIB and ECB can play a more pro-active role in favour of defragmentation in order to promote funding for SMEs, entrepreneurship, exports and innovation, which are vital for economic recovery;

Or. es

Amendment 152
Pablo Zalba Bidegain

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31b. Welcomes the introduction of the Convergence and Competitiveness Instrument as part of the efforts to strengthen the governance framework;

Or. es

Amendment 153
Pablo Zalba Bidegain

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31c. Considers that the principle of frontloading plus immediate distribution should be applied to all funds for the 2014-2020 period designed to boost

economic growth, employment and strategic investment, particularly the Youth Employment Initiative; if this is not possible, asks the Commission to exempt programmes with Community co-financing when calculating the deficit of those Member States undergoing restructuring programmes or with very high unemployment rates;

Or. es