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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft report**  
**Nuno Melo**  
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on the implementation of the provisions concerning producer organisations,  
operational funds and operational programmes in the fruit and vegetables  
sector since the 2007 reform  
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**Amendment 1**  
**Momchil Nekov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 7a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**- having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 13/2009 setting up a School Fruit Scheme, which was launched in 2009;**

Or. bg

**Amendment 2**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 8a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**- having regard to the Comparative analysis of risk management tools supported by 2014 U.S. Farm Bill and the CAP 2014-2020**

Or. ro

**Amendment 3**  
**Janusz Wojciechowski, Beata Gosiewska, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Stanisław Ożóg, Jadwiga Wiśniewska**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***A a. whereas the 2007 reform aimed to provide greater flexibility, simplify the rules and strengthen the fruit and vegetable producer organisations by providing them with a wider range of tools to enable them to prevent and manage market crises and to limit the fluctuations in producer revenues;***

Or. xm

**Amendment 4**  
**Czesław Adam Siekierski**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***A b. whereas producer organisations are subject to a number of restrictions compared to private commercial firms, such as for example restrictions on the use of investments relating to the revenue structure or the need to sell;***

Or. pl

**Amendment 5**  
**Eric Andrieu, Jean-Paul Denanot**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ac. whereas it is essential to support the fruit and vegetables sector throughout the entire territory of the Union, given its importance in terms of added value and employment, and given the health benefits***

*that it presents through healthy and balanced diets;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 6**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas Union support for POs is aimed at strengthening the competitiveness of the sector and improving the bargaining position of farmers, whilst also integrating environmental concerns in the production and marketing of fruit and vegetables;

*Amendment*

B. whereas Union support for POs is aimed at strengthening the competitiveness, **increasing productivity** of the sector and improving the bargaining position of farmers, whilst also integrating environmental concerns in the production and marketing of fruit and vegetables;

Or. ro

**Amendment 7**  
**Viorica Dăncilă**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas Union support for POs is aimed at strengthening the competitiveness of the sector and improving the bargaining position of farmers, whilst also integrating environmental concerns in the production and marketing of fruit and vegetables;

*Amendment*

B. whereas Union support for POs is aimed at strengthening the competitiveness of the sector and improving the bargaining position of farmers, **but it must also consider individual producers**, whilst also integrating environmental concerns in the production and marketing of fruit and vegetables;

Or. ro

**Amendment 8**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas Union support for POs is aimed at strengthening the competitiveness of the sector **and improving the bargaining position of farmers**, whilst also integrating environmental concerns in the production and marketing of fruit and vegetables;

*Amendment*

B. whereas Union support for POs is aimed at strengthening the competitiveness of the sector, **restoring balance in the food supply chain, promoting F&V and supporting innovation**, whilst also integrating environmental concerns in the production and marketing of fruit and vegetables;

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas Union support for POs is aimed at strengthening the competitiveness of the sector and improving the bargaining position of farmers, whilst also integrating environmental concerns in the production and marketing of fruit and vegetables;

*Amendment*

B. whereas Union support for POs **and for associations of producer organisations (APOs)** is aimed at strengthening the competitiveness of the sector and improving the bargaining position of farmers, whilst also integrating environmental concerns in the production and marketing of fruit and vegetables;

Or. it

**Amendment 10**  
**Momchil Nekov**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***B a. whereas, at an EU-level, the majority of fruit and vegetable producers are small or medium-sized holdings;***

Or. bg

**Amendment 11**  
**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Miguel Viegas**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ba. whereas abandoning public policies and allowing the market to act has weakened producers' bargaining power still further. Therefore, as an instrument for increasing bargaining power, POs have not achieved their objectives;***

Or. es

**Amendment 12**  
**Momchil Nekov**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***B b. whereas a significant part of the sector's output is produced in rural areas, which are less densely populated, and conditions for the formation of POs are often prohibitive or unattractive to producers in such areas;***

Or. bg

**Amendment 13**  
**Vladimir Urutchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Motion for a resolution*

D. whereas financial support under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) for F&V farmers is mainly channelled through operational funds which are managed by POs and to which, as a general rule, they contribute 50 % of the funding;

*Amendment*

D. whereas financial support under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) for F&V farmers is mainly channelled through operational funds which are managed by POs and to which, as a general rule, they contribute 50 % of the funding, ***but no more than 4.1 % of the value of marketed production of the PO concerned;***

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Motion for a resolution*

D. whereas financial support under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) for F&V farmers is mainly channelled through operational funds which are managed by POs and to which, as a general rule, they contribute 50 % of the funding;

*Amendment*

D. whereas financial support under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) for F&V farmers is mainly channelled through operational funds which are managed by POs ***and APOs*** and to which, as a general rule, they contribute 50 % of the funding;

Or. it

**Amendment 15**  
**Norbert Erdős**



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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***D a. whereas financial support under the former Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) for the investments of newly established F&V POs, ceased by the reform of 2013, was of crucial importance, especially in the Central, Eastern and Southern European Member States, overseas territories and on the islands;***

Or. hu

**Amendment 16**  
**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital E**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

E. whereas the share of the total value of F&V production marketed by POs in the Union has shown a gradual increase, from 31 % in 2004 to 47 % in 2012, ***indicating that POs have strengthened their role;***

E. whereas the share of the total value of F&V production marketed by POs in the Union has shown a gradual increase, from 31 % in 2004 to 47 % in 2012, ***despite which they have not succeeded in maintaining remunerative prices for producers;***

Or. es

**Amendment 17**  
**Eric Andrieu, Jean-Paul Denanot**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

F. whereas these figures for the Union as a

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whole are averages reflecting highly divergent situations between Member States, *which* are attributable to historical factors *and reflect different starting points in the drive towards setting up POs*;

whole are averages reflecting highly divergent situations between Member States, *or even situations within an individual Member State that are quite different; these situations* are attributable *on the one hand* to historical factors *based on the greater or lesser degree of willingness shown by farmers in setting up POs, and on the other hand to the inadequate support currently being provided to certain producers who do not all have the same marketing system or who live on very small holdings*;

Or. fr

**Amendment 18**  
**Vladimir Urutchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F**

*Motion for a resolution*

F. whereas these figures for the Union as a whole are averages reflecting highly divergent situations between Member States, which are attributable to historical factors *and reflect* different starting points in the drive towards setting up POs;

*Amendment*

F. whereas these figures for the Union as a whole are averages reflecting highly divergent situations between Member States, which are attributable to *the structure of agricultural holdings and* historical factors, *thus reflecting* different starting points in the drive towards setting up POs;

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Viorica Dăncilă**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F**

*Motion for a resolution*

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whole are averages reflecting highly divergent situations between Member States, which are attributable to historical factors and reflect different starting points in the drive towards setting up POs;

whole are averages reflecting highly divergent situations between Member States, which are attributable to historical factors and reflect different starting points in the drive towards setting up POs, **but also the fact that in many Member States this sector is dominated by small producers**;

Or. ro

**Amendment 20**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F**

*Motion for a resolution*

F. whereas these figures for the Union as a whole are averages reflecting highly divergent situations between Member States, which are attributable to historical factors and reflect different starting points in the drive towards setting up POs;

*Amendment*

F. whereas these figures for the Union as a whole are averages reflecting highly divergent situations between Member States, which are attributable to historical factors, **different market conditions and barriers** and reflect different starting points in the drive towards setting up POs;

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Czesław Adam Siekierski**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

***Fa. whereas there is significant differentiation in organisation between the so-called new and old Member States, arising from different historical backgrounds, beyond the producers' control; i.e. in the new EU states, the organisations are still small and have a***

*small share in the market;*

Or. pl

**Amendment 22**  
**Clara Eugenia Aguilera García**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Fa. whereas the public consultation on policy options and their impact assessment, carried out by the EC between 4 June and 9 September 2012, concerning the review of the EU regime for the fruit and vegetable sector, reveals that the majority of respondents are in favour of the regime continuing, subject to some specific refinements;*

Or. es

**Amendment 23**  
**Esther Herranz García, Pilar Ayuso, Ramón Luis Valcárcel**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Fa. whereas the regions in which producers have achieved the highest levels of competitiveness, profitability, internationalisation, quality, and environmental sustainability are those in which the degree of organisation of production is the highest;*

Or. es

**Amendment 24**  
**Clara Eugenia Aguilera García**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital G**

*Motion for a resolution*

G. whereas the organisation rate among producers remains low on average;

*Amendment*

G. whereas the organisation rate among producers remains low on average, ***although this general assertion is subject to qualification depending on the degree of modernisation of the production and marketing of each area;***

Or. es

**Amendment 25**  
**Norbert Erdős**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital G**

*Motion for a resolution*

G. whereas the organisation rate among producers remains low on average;

*Amendment*

G. whereas the organisation rate among producers remains low on average, ***especially in the Central, Eastern and Southern European Member States, overseas territories and on the islands;***

Or. hu

**Amendment 26**  
**Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital G**

*Motion for a resolution*

G. Whereas the organisation rate among producers remains low on average;

*Amendment*

G. Whereas the organisation rate among producers remains low on average, ***there was however an increase, which was also***

*due to the closure of thousands of small farms throughout Europe;*

Or. pt

**Amendment 27**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital G**

*Motion for a resolution*

G. whereas the organisation rate among producers remains low on average;

*Amendment*

G. whereas the organisation rate among producers remains low on average, *in particular in the new Member States;*

Or. ro

**Amendment 28**  
**Vladimir Urutchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital G**

*Motion for a resolution*

G. whereas the organisation rate among producers remains low on average;

*Amendment*

G. whereas the organisation rate among producers *from some southern Member States and some Member States that joined the EU in 2004 and later* remains low on average;

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital G**

*Motion for a resolution*

G. whereas the organisation rate among producers remains low on average;

*Amendment*

G. whereas the organisation rate among producers remains low on average ***and has been partly caused by the suspension and de-recognition of POs, which causes uncertainty among producers;***

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Paolo De Castro**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ga. whereas, although national financial aid (Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013) has been an important financial instrument in terms of concentrating supply, there is a need to enhance its effectiveness;***

Or. it

**Amendment 31**  
**Esther Herranz García, Pilar Ayuso, Ramón Luis Valcárcel**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ga. whereas the role played by POs in opening up new markets, promoting consumption, or investing in innovation, has a very positive impact on the F&V sector as a whole;***

Or. es

**Amendment 32**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***G a. whereas in the EU, the F&V sector accounts for 18% of the total value of agricultural production, uses only 3% of the cultivated land and is worth more than EUR 50 billion;***

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital G b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***G b. whereas the F&V supply chain has an estimated turnover of more than EUR 120 billion, with approximately 550 000 employees and acts as an economic multiplier at European level, stimulating both demand and the creation of added value in other economic sectors;***

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital H**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

H. Whereas the total EU agricultural area cropped with F&V fell by 6 % between

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2003 and 2010, *indicating that farmers switched to other crops*; whereas, according to the 2015 AREFLH study, this decline was greater in southern Europe than in northern Europe;

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Or. pt

**Amendment 35**  
**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital H**

*Motion for a resolution*

H. whereas the total EU agricultural area cropped with F&V fell by 6 % between 2003 and 2010, indicating that farmers have switched to other crops; whereas, according to the 2015 AREFLH study, this decline was greater in southern Europe than in northern Europe;

*Amendment*

H. whereas the total EU agricultural area cropped with F&V fell by 6 % between 2003 and 2010, indicating that farmers have switched to other crops *or, in many cases, have given up farming*; whereas, according to the 2015 AREFLH study, this decline was greater in southern Europe than in northern Europe;

Or. es

**Amendment 36**  
**Miguel Viegas**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*H A. Whereas the fall in production and consumption of fruit and vegetables was more pronounced in the countries of southern Europe due to austerity policies, which caused significant falls in income, leading to the inability of families to purchase fresh fruit and vegetable products and the adoption by families of an unhealthy diet.*

Or. pt

**Amendment 37**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*H a. whereas, according to Eurostat, total input costs for EU farmers climbed on average by almost 40 % between 2000 and 2010, while farm gate prices increased on average by less than 25 %;*

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Laurențiu Rebegea, Viorica Dăncilă**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*H a. whereas a significant gap can be noted between Member States as regards the organisation of producers into POs, and EU support mainly targets existing organisations;*

Or. ro

**Amendment 39**  
**Marco Zullo, Dario Tamburrano**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ha. whereas the figures contained in the Commission's report for the period 2003-2010 show that there has been a slight reduction in the total EU agricultural area cropped with F&V, there has also been an increase in the average area cropped per holding, which suggests that it is mainly a question of small holdings disappearing;***

Or. it

**Amendment 40**

**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital I**

*Motion for a resolution*

I. whereas the volume of fruit & vegetable production has also fallen in recent years, whilst its value has tended to remain stable in real terms, reaching EUR 48.25 billion in 2012;

*Amendment*

I. whereas the volume of fruit & vegetable production has also fallen in recent years, whilst its value has tended to remain stable in real terms, reaching EUR 48.25 billion in 2012 ***despite which it has not been able to offer farm gate prices in line with production costs and wages;***

Or. es

**Amendment 41**

**Marc Tarabella**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital J**

*Motion for a resolution*

J. whereas data from Freshfel Europe indicates that consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables in the EU-28 stood at 387 g

*Amendment*

J. whereas ***the deficit in consumption represents the biggest problem for the fruit and vegetable sectors, with the last***

a day per capita in 2012, a decrease of 8.7 % as compared with the average for the 2007-11 period; whereas this decline seems to reflect long-term trends towards greater consumption of processed foods and the impact of the economic crisis;

*few years having witnessed a loss of production; recalling the* data from Freshfel Europe *which* indicates that consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables in the EU-28 stood at 387 g a day per capita in 2012, a decrease of 8.7 % as compared with the average for the 2007-11 period; whereas this decline seems to reflect long-term trends towards greater consumption of processed foods and the impact of the economic crisis;

Or. fr

**Amendment 42**  
**Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital J**

*Motion for a resolution*

J. Whereas data from Freshfel Europe indicates that consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables in the EU-28 stood at 387 g a day per capita in 2012, a decrease of 8.7 % as compared with the average for the 2007-11 period; whereas this decline seems to reflect long-term trends towards greater consumption of processed foods, and *the impact of the economic crisis*;

*Amendment*

J. Whereas data from Freshfel Europe indicates that consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables in the EU-28 stood at 387 g a day per capita in 2012, a decrease of 8.7 % as compared with the average for the 2007-11 period; whereas this decline seems to reflect long-term trends towards greater consumption of processed foods, and *a model that promotes the consumption of these fast-food products at the expense of traditional diets based on vegetables and seasonal fruits*;

Or. pt

**Amendment 43**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital J**

*Motion for a resolution*

J. whereas data from Freshfel Europe indicates that consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables in the EU-28 stood at 387 g a day per capita in 2012, a decrease of 8.7 % as compared with the average for the 2007-11 period; whereas this decline seems to reflect long-term trends towards greater consumption of processed foods and the impact of the economic crisis;

*Amendment*

J. whereas data from Freshfel Europe indicates that consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables in the EU-28 stood at 387 g a day per capita in 2012, a decrease of 8.7 % as compared with the average for the 2007-11 period; whereas this decline seems to reflect long-term trends towards greater consumption of processed foods and the impact of the economic crisis; ***whereas it has been noted that school schemes for fruit, vegetables and milk have not fully met their objectives;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 44**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital J**

*Motion for a resolution*

J. whereas data from Freshfel Europe indicates that consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables in the EU-28 stood at 387 g a day per capita in 2012, a decrease of 8.7 % as compared with the average for the 2007-11 period; ***whereas this decline seems to reflect long-term trends towards greater consumption of processed foods and the impact of the economic crisis;***

*Amendment*

J. whereas data from Freshfel Europe indicates that consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables in the EU-28 stood at 387 g a day per capita in 2012, a decrease of 8.7 % as compared with the average for the 2007-11 period ***in spite of the substantial health benefits which eating fruit and vegetables bring;***

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Marc Tarabella**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ja. whereas there are 22 million overweight children within the European Union, while adolescents are consuming on average just 30 % to 50 % of the recommended daily allowance of fruit and vegetables;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 46**  
**Marc Tarabella**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital K**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

K. whereas the World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends a minimum daily intake of 400 g of fruit and vegetables for the prevention of chronic diseases such as heart diseases, cancer, diabetes and obesity;

K. whereas the World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends a minimum daily intake of 400 g of fruit and vegetables for the prevention of chronic diseases such as heart diseases, cancer, diabetes and obesity; ***and deplores the fact that this recommended amount has overall been met in only four Member States of the EU to date;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 47**  
**Laurențiu Rebegea, Viorica Dăncilă**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital K**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

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heart diseases, cancer, diabetes and obesity, *the latter in particular among children*;

Or. ro

**Amendment 48**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital L**

*Motion for a resolution*

L. whereas in 2012 the EU had a trade deficit in F&V, largely due to the fact that it imports significantly more fruit than it exports;

*Amendment*

L. whereas in 2012 the EU had a trade deficit in F&V, largely due to the fact that it imports significantly more fruit than it exports, *because of high production costs*;

Or. ro

**Amendment 49**  
**Clara Eugenia Aguilera García**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital M**

*Motion for a resolution*

M. whereas the 2015 AREFLH study points out that the EU market is relatively open to imports, whilst European exports face considerable tariff and non-tariff barriers in trading partners; whereas, although imports from third countries compete directly with similar EU products, the same environmental and *labour* standards are not applied in their cultivation;

*Amendment*

M. whereas the 2015 AREFLH study points out that the EU market is relatively open to imports, whilst European exports face considerable tariff and non-tariff barriers in trading partners; whereas, although imports from third countries compete directly with similar EU products, the same environmental and *social* standards are not applied in their cultivation;

Or. es

**Amendment 50**  
**Marc Tarabella**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital M**

*Motion for a resolution*

M. whereas the 2015 AREFLH study points out that the EU market is relatively open to imports, whilst European exports face considerable tariff and non-tariff barriers in trading partners; whereas, although imports from third countries compete directly with similar EU products, the same environmental and labour standards are not applied in their cultivation;

*Amendment*

M. whereas the 2015 AREFLH study points out that the EU market is relatively open to imports, whilst European exports face considerable tariff and non-tariff barriers in trading partners, **which are preventing exports from diversifying**; whereas, although imports from third countries compete directly with similar EU products, the same environmental and labour standards are not applied in their cultivation;

Or. fr

**Amendment 51**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital M**

*Motion for a resolution*

M. whereas the 2015 AREFLH study points out that the EU market is relatively open to imports, whilst European exports face considerable tariff and non-tariff barriers in trading partners; whereas, although imports from third countries compete directly with similar EU products, the same environmental and labour standards are not applied in their cultivation;

*Amendment*

M. whereas the 2015 AREFLH study points out that the EU market is relatively open to imports, whilst European exports face considerable tariff and non-tariff barriers in trading partners; whereas, although imports from third countries compete directly with similar EU products, **in some instances** the same environmental and labour standards are not applied in their cultivation;

Or. en



**Amendment 52**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital M**

*Motion for a resolution*

M. whereas the 2015 AREFLH study points out that the EU market is relatively open to imports, whilst European exports face considerable tariff and non-tariff barriers in trading partners; whereas, although imports from third countries compete directly with similar EU products, the same environmental and labour standards are not applied in their cultivation;

*Amendment*

M. whereas the 2015 AREFLH study points out that the EU market is relatively open to imports, whilst European exports face considerable tariff and non-tariff barriers in trading partners; whereas, although imports from third countries compete directly with similar EU products, the same ***environmental***, labour ***and food safety*** standards are not applied in their cultivation;

Or. it

**Amendment 53**  
**Clara Eugenia Aguilera García**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital N**

*Motion for a resolution*

N. whereas market crises occur frequently in the F&V sector since even small production surpluses can cause large falls in producer prices; whereas F&V are mostly perishable products and must therefore be sold quickly, leaving farmers in this sector in a structurally weak bargaining position vis-à-vis ***major retailers***;

*Amendment*

N. whereas market crises occur frequently in the F&V sector since even small production surpluses can cause large falls in producer prices; whereas F&V are mostly perishable products and must therefore be sold quickly, leaving farmers in this sector in a structurally weak bargaining position vis-à-vis ***the rest of the food supply chain***;

Or. es

**Amendment 54**  
**Czesław Adam Siekierski**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital N**

*Motion for a resolution*

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Or. pl

**Amendment 55**  
**Clara Eugenia Aguilera García**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital O**

*Motion for a resolution*

O. whereas the crisis caused by the Russian ban has had significant negative effects on the F&V sector; whereas the importance of the existence of strong POs to collectively deal with unexpected and adverse situations must be underlined;

*Amendment*

O. whereas the crisis caused by the Russian ban has had significant negative effects on the F&V sector; whereas the importance of the existence of strong POs to collectively deal with unexpected and adverse situations must be underlined, **supported by sufficient Community instruments that are adapted to the severity of each crisis or, if necessary, by activating the exceptional measures envisaged in Regulation 1308/2013**;

Or. es

**Amendment 56**  
**Janusz Wojciechowski, Beata Gosiewska, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Stanisław Ożóg, Jadwiga**

**Wiśniewska**

**Motion for a resolution**

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*Motion for a resolution*

O. whereas the crisis caused by the Russian ban has had significant negative effects on the F&V sector; whereas the importance of the existence of strong POs to collectively deal with unexpected and adverse situations must be underlined;

*Amendment*

O. whereas the crisis caused by the Russian ban has had significant negative effects ***and in the future will have an effect*** on the F&V sector, ***and F&V producers have sustained the greatest losses***; whereas the importance of the existence of strong POs to collectively deal with unexpected and adverse situations must be underlined;

Or. pl

**Amendment 57**

**Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital O**

*Motion for a resolution*

O. Whereas the crisis caused by the Russian ban has had significant negative effects on the F&V sector; the importance of the existence of strong POs to collectively deal with unexpected and adverse situations ***should be stressed***;

*Amendment*

O. Whereas the crisis caused by the Russian ban has had significant negative effects on the F&V sector; whereas ***this situation stems from a political position of the EU and that the consequences should be borne by the EU budget regardless of underlining*** the importance of the existence of strong POs to collectively deal with unexpected and adverse situations;

Or. pt

**Amendment 58**

**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital O**

*Motion for a resolution*

O. whereas the crisis caused by the Russian ban has had significant negative effects on the F&V sector; whereas ***the importance of the existence of strong POs to collectively deal with unexpected and adverse situations*** must be underlined;

*Amendment*

O. whereas the crisis caused by the Russian ban has had significant negative effects on the F&V sector; whereas it must be underlined ***that these crises should be addressed with adequate policies***;

Or. es

**Amendment 59**

**Esther Herranz García, Pilar Ayuso, Ramón Luis Valcárcel**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital O**

*Motion for a resolution*

O. whereas the crisis caused by the Russian ban has had significant negative effects on the F&V sector; whereas the importance of the existence of strong POs to collectively deal with unexpected and adverse situations must be underlined;

*Amendment*

O. whereas the crisis caused by the Russian ban has had significant negative effects on the F&V sector; whereas the importance of the existence of strong POs to collectively deal with unexpected and adverse situations must be underlined, ***supported by sufficient Community instruments that are adapted to the severity of each crisis or, if necessary, by activating the exceptional measures envisaged in Regulation 1308/2014***;

Or. es

**Amendment 60**

**Marco Zullo, Dario Tamburrano**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital O**

*Motion for a resolution*

O. whereas the crisis caused by the Russian ban has had significant

*Amendment*

O. whereas the crisis caused by the Russian ban has had significant

negative effects on the F&V sector;  
whereas the importance of the  
existence of strong POs to  
collectively deal with unexpected and  
adverse situations must be  
underlined;

negative effects on the F&V sector;  
whereas the importance of the  
existence of POs **organised in such a  
way as to be able** to collectively deal  
with unexpected and adverse  
situations must be underlined;

Or. it

#### **Amendment 61**

**Janusz Wojciechowski, Beata Gosiewska, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Stanisław Ożóg, Jadwiga Wiśniewska**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital O a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***O a. regrets that the extraordinary  
measures programme adopted by the  
Commission in relation to perishable fruit  
and vegetables in EU Regulations No  
1031/2014 and No 1371/2014 did not to  
any extent cover the losses incurred by the  
producers, and the funds in that respect  
reached only very few farmers in the EU  
Member States;***

Or. pl

#### **Amendment 62**

**Clara Eugenia Aguilera García**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital P**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

P. whereas the Commission's report  
recognises that the F&V regime's crisis  
prevention instruments have been little  
used since the 2007 reform;

P. whereas the Commission's report  
recognises that the F&V regime's crisis  
prevention instruments have been little  
used since the 2007 reform **and that they**

*have proven insufficient to mitigate the consequences of serious crises such as that of Ecoli or the current one resulting from the Russian ban;*

Or. es

### **Amendment 63**

**Eric Andrieu, Jean-Paul Denanot**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital P**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

P. whereas the Commission's report recognises that the F&V regime's crisis prevention instruments have been little used since the 2007 reform;

###### *Amendment*

P. whereas the Commission's report recognises that the F&V regime's crisis prevention instruments have been little used since the 2007 reform; *whilst the crises suffered by the fruit and vegetables sector have been fairly frequent (whether relating to health issues, climate change, embargoes, etc.);*

Or. fr

### **Amendment 64**

**Czesław Adam Siekierski**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital P**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

P. whereas the Commission's report recognises that the F&V regime's crisis prevention instruments have been little used since the 2007 reform,

###### *Amendment*

P. whereas the Commission's report recognises that the F&V regime's crisis prevention instruments have been little used since the 2007 reform, *and in addition, in the majority of cases, apart from the withdrawal from the market, they are administratively difficult to apply due to the unclear regulations in that respect;*

**Amendment 65**

**Janusz Wojciechowski, Beata Gosiewska, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Stanisław Ożóg, Jadwiga Wiśniewska**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital P a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***P a. Whereas the contingency reserve created out of the Common Agricultural Policy funds in the amount of over EUR 400 million was not used to mitigate the effects of the Russian ban, notwithstanding the circumstances justifying its use;***

Or. xm

**Amendment 66**

**Paolo De Castro**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital Pa (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Pa. whereas the possibility of making the repayment of capital and interest on loans taken out to finance crisis prevention and management measures eligible for EU financial aid has, under the operational programmes, been an important instrument for managing market uncertainty;***

Or. it

**Amendment 67**

**Momchil Nekov**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***II a. whereas the School Fruit Scheme, under which a number of local and seasonal fruits and vegetables are used, has attracted interest and been successful;***

Or. bg

**Amendment 68**  
**Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital Q**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

Q. Whereas the Commission's report identifies complexity of rules and lack of legal certainty as weaknesses of the current F&V regime; whereas Commissioner Hogan has committed himself to simplifying the regime in the first year of his term;

Q. Whereas the Commission's report identifies complexity of rules and lack of legal certainty as weaknesses of the current F&V regime, ***omitting the inappropriateness of these rules for the specific nature of small and medium-sized family farms;*** whereas Commissioner Hogan has committed himself to simplifying the regime in the first year of his term;

Or. pt

**Amendment 69**  
**Herbert Dorfmann, Paolo De Castro**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital Q**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

Q. whereas the Commission's report identifies complexity of rules and

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lack of legal certainty as weaknesses of the current F&V regime; whereas Commissioner Hogan has committed himself to simplifying the regime in the first year of his term;

lack of legal certainty as weaknesses of the current F&V regime; whereas Commissioner Hogan has committed himself to **improving** the regime in the first year of his term;

Or. it

**Amendment 70**  
**Jan Huitema, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital Q**

*Motion for a resolution*

Q. whereas the Commission's report identifies complexity of rules and lack of legal certainty as weaknesses of the current F&V regime; whereas Commissioner Hogan has committed himself to simplifying the regime in the first year of his term;

*Amendment*

Q. whereas the Commission's report identifies complexity of rules and lack of legal certainty as weaknesses of the current F&V regime; whereas Commissioner Hogan has committed himself to simplifying the regime in the first year of his term, **taking into account cultural differences and contrasts in market realities between different Member States and the need to boost competitiveness and the innovative strength of the sector;**

Or. en

**Amendment 71**  
**Miguel Viegas**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

Q. whereas the Commission's report identifies complexity of rules and lack of legal certainty as weaknesses of the current F&V regime; whereas Commissioner Hogan has committed himself to simplifying the regime in the first year of his term;

*Amendment*

**Q A. Whereas the fact that only one third of the funds have effectively been used by POs:**

**Amendment 72**  
**Jan Huitema, Ivan Jakovčić**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***R a. whereas clear and predictable audit procedures are essential for the functioning of the F&V regime; whereas overlap in consecutive audits should be avoided and that follow-up audits should not be carried out before clearance of accounts has given a definite decision on a previous audit, in order to prevent that Member states are confronted with larger corrections than would have been necessary;***

Or. en

**Amendment 73**  
**Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ra. whereas Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products has already taken account of a certain number of elements featuring in the European Commission communication, and the rules currently in place in the European Union need to be stabilised;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 74**  
**Jan Huitema, Ivan Jakovčić**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***R b. whereas proportionality should be an essential part in reducing legal uncertainty within the F&V regime, ensuring that a PO should not be prejudiced as a whole based on infringements of single offenders;***

Or. en

**Amendment 75**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital S**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

S. whereas POs frequently encounter difficulties in finding and training managers with the necessary skills for carrying out commercial activities in the competitive environment of the agribusiness sector; whereas the Commission's report states that spending on training and advisory services by POs has been low;

S. whereas POs frequently encounter difficulties in finding and training managers with the necessary skills for carrying out commercial activities in the competitive environment of the agribusiness sector; whereas the Commission's report states that spending on training and advisory services by POs has been low; ***whereas POs should follow integrated production models;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 76**  
**Nicola Caputo**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ta. whereas the F&V sector comprises mainly small agricultural holdings, most of them family-run;***

Or. it

**Amendment 77**  
**Clara Eugenia Aguilera García**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes the Commission's report, which provides a balanced picture of the evolution of the F&V regime since the 2007 reform, identifying areas where progress has been achieved whilst also referring to problems that persist;

1. Welcomes the Commission's report, which provides a balanced picture of the evolution of the F&V regime since the 2007 reform, ***confirms the validity of the basic organisation structure for this sector, and identifies*** areas where progress has been achieved whilst also referring to problems that persist;

Or. es

**Amendment 78**  
**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

1. ***Welcomes*** the Commission's report, which ***provides a*** balanced picture of the evolution of the F&V regime since the 2007 reform, ***identifying*** areas where progress has been achieved ***whilst*** also referring to problems that persist;

1. ***Rejects*** the Commission's report, which ***despite attempting to provide a*** balanced picture of the evolution of the F&V regime since the 2007 reform, ***identifying*** areas where progress has been achieved, ***makes no reference to the underlying problem,***

*which is the abandonment of public policies for this sector. And whilst it also refers to problems that persist it offers no solutions to them;*

Or. es

#### **Amendment 79**

**Esther Herranz García, Pilar Ayuso, Ramón Luis Valcárcel**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 1**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

1. Welcomes the Commission's report, which provides a balanced picture of the evolution of the F&V regime since the 2007 reform, identifying areas where progress has been achieved whilst also referring to problems that persist;

###### *Amendment*

1. Welcomes the Commission's report, which provides a balanced picture of the evolution of the F&V regime since the 2007 reform, identifying areas where progress has been achieved, *such as the increased concentration of POs that is improving the sector's positioning in the food supply chain*, whilst also referring to problems that persist;

Or. es

#### **Amendment 80**

**Anthea McIntyre**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 1**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

1. Welcomes the Commission's report, which provides a balanced picture of the evolution of the F&V regime since the 2007 reform, identifying areas where progress has been achieved whilst also referring to problems that persist;

###### *Amendment*

1. Welcomes the Commission's report, which provides a balanced picture of the evolution of the F&V regime since the 2007 reform, identifying areas where progress has been achieved whilst also referring to problems that persist *and acknowledging the need for simplification; stresses, however, that the data used by the Commission is for the*

*period 2008 to 2010 and does not provide an accurate picture of the rate of organisation in the period following, which has declined in some Member States;*

Or. en

**Amendment 81**  
**Czesław Adam Siekierski**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*1a. is of the opinion that support must compensate for the negative, from the market point of view, consequences of the restrictions imposed on the producer organisations,*

Or. pl

**Amendment 82**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*1a. Welcomes the measures in the EU F&V regime which are intended to increase market orientation among EU growers, encourage innovation, promote F&V, increase growers' competitiveness and improve marketing, product quality and the environmental aspects of production, through the provision of support to POs, PO associations and the recognition of inter-branch organisations, also promoting the formation of clusters that will generate new income streams, to*

*be channelled into new investments;*

Or. en

**Amendment 83**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*1 b. Welcomes the fact that the new CAP retains the F&V regime, while acknowledging that existing instruments have not always been effective, as recognised by the Commission in its public consultation document entitled 'A Review of the EU Regime for the Fruit and Vegetables Sector', and therefore supports the work of the Newcastle Group aimed at improving F&V regime, which should take account of the specific nature of the legal arrangements governing cooperatives in the Member States, so as not to limit the creation of new POs, while respecting the fact that growers may opt to remain outside the PO system;*

Or. en

**Amendment 84**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*1 c. Notes with concern that PO rules are open to wide interpretation by the Commission's auditors, which leads to a high degree of uncertainty and can leave Member States at risk of disallowance and*

*judicial review; stresses, also, that audit procedures and financial corrections must be carried out in a more timely manner and within an agreed audit time period;*

Or. en

**Amendment 85**  
**Jordi Sebastià**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Calls on the Commission to intensify efforts to tackle unfair trading practices (UTPs) in the food supply chain which negatively impact producer returns, depress incomes and threaten the viability and sustainability of the sector;

*Amendment*

2. Calls on the Commission to intensify efforts to tackle unfair trading practices (UTPs) in the food supply chain which negatively impact producer returns, depress incomes and threaten the viability and sustainability of the sector. ***Unfair trading practices and the pressure exerted on producers, whether or not they are associated, by the large retail chains, are the main obstacle to F&V farmers earning a decent income. The weakness of their position is compounded by the fact that their products are perishable. The problems cited such as the abandonment of land or the ageing of the population of active farmers, will only disappear when the profits from production are sufficient to guarantee the future of the profession and attract young labour. The Commission is therefore urged to ensure that the measures to combat these practices are enshrined in a directive, compliance with which is mandatory throughout the EU;***

Or. es

**Amendment 86**  
**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Miguel Viegas**



**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Calls on the Commission to **intensify efforts** to tackle unfair trading practices (UTPs) in the food supply chain which negatively impact producer returns, depress incomes and threaten the viability and sustainability of the sector;

*Amendment*

2. Calls on the Commission to **adopt mandatory regulations** to tackle unfair trading practices (UTPs) in the food supply chain which negatively impact producer returns, depress incomes and threaten the viability and sustainability of the sector;

Or. es

**Amendment 87**  
**Tibor Szanyi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Calls on the Commission to intensify efforts to tackle unfair trading practices (UTPs) in the food supply chain which negatively impact producer returns, depress incomes and threaten the viability and sustainability of the sector;

*Amendment*

2. Calls on the Commission to intensify efforts to tackle unfair trading practices (UTPs) **and unfair fiscal policies** in the food supply chain which negatively impact producer returns, depress incomes and threaten the viability and sustainability of the sector;

Or. en

**Amendment 88**  
**Edouard Ferrand, Philippe Loiseau**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Calls on the Commission to intensify efforts to **tackle** unfair trading practices (UTPs) in the food supply chain which

*Amendment*

2. Calls on the Commission to intensify efforts to **ban** unfair trading practices (UTPs) in the food supply chain which

negatively impact producer returns, depress incomes and threaten the viability and sustainability of the sector;

negatively impact producer returns, depress incomes and threaten the viability and sustainability of the sector; ***in this respect, major retailers must be banned from holding massive clearance sales or any other type of 'incredible promotion' in their shops.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 89**  
**Herbert Dorfmann, Paolo De Castro**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***2a. Stresses the importance of maintaining European quality standards for fresh fruit and vegetable products in order to guarantee consistently high quality in the supply chain for the benefit of the final consumer;***

Or. it

**Amendment 90**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***2a. Invites the Commission to establish clear European rules governing the principles of good practice in the food supply chain to ensure a common interpretation of the rules as regards unfair trading practices;***

Or. it

**Amendment 91**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***2b. Invites the Commission to promote measures to encourage direct marketing of POs' products; thinks that direct marketing is an alternative to the large retail sector and its underlying values regarding the relationship to food, agriculture and the environment; considers that direct marketing prices are kept lower than large retail sector prices precisely because of the elimination of intermediaries and of the costs linked to logistics; in this respect, shortening of the chain guarantees farmers a fair return and makes it possible to combat unfair trading practices;***

Or. it

**Amendment 92**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***3a. Stresses the need for more action on the part of Member States, which should have a credible deterrent to the use of unfair trading practices in the food supply chain. Member States could provide incentives for binding contracts between producers and the large retail sector with a duration of at least six months;***

Or. it

**Amendment 93**  
**Herbert Dorfmann**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***3a. Urges the Commission to clarify how it intends to apply Article 209(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, so as to promote more legal certainty on how to achieve the objectives set out in Article 39 TFEU in strict compliance with Article 101 TFEU as regards competition;***

Or. it

**Amendment 94**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***3b. Stresses that the minimum threshold for the number of members for recognition of a PO should be increased, and that more POs should merge to form APOs and strengthen their position in the food supply chain;***

Or. it

**Amendment 95**  
**Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Notes that the degree of organisation of the sector, as measured by the share of the total value of F&V production marketed by OP, has steadily increased in recent years in the Union as a whole;

*Amendment*

4. Notes that the degree of organisation of the sector, as measured by the share of the total value of F&V production marketed by POs, has steadily increased in recent years in the Union as a whole, ***although at the cost of closing thousands of farms and the desertification of large areas of land;***

Or. pt

**Amendment 96**  
**Vladimir Urutchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Notes that the degree of organisation of the sector, as measured by the share of the total value of F&V production marketed by POs, has steadily increased in recent years in the Union as a whole;

*Amendment*

4. Notes that the degree of organisation of the sector, as measured by the share of the total value of F&V production marketed by POs, has steadily increased in recent years in the Union as a whole, ***but this increase can be attributed to only some of the Member States;***

Or. en

**Amendment 97**  
**Momchil Nekov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Notes that the degree of organisation of the sector, as measured by the share of the total value of F&V production marketed by

*Amendment*

4. Notes that the degree of organisation of the sector, as measured by the share of the total value of F&V production marketed by

POs, has steadily increased in recent years in the Union as a whole;

POs, has steadily increased in recent years in the Union as a whole, ***but there are still regional differences between the Member States, which are a precondition for a widening in the gulf between levels of competitiveness both in the Single European Market and in international markets;***

Or. bg

#### **Amendment 98**

**Janusz Wojciechowski, Beata Gosiewska, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Stanisław Ożóg, Jadwiga Wiśniewska**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4 a. Points out that the level of producer organisations in the European Union varies and the organisations from the new Member States are not as numerous and strong as those in the old European Union Member States;***

Or. pl

#### **Amendment 99 Norbert Erdős**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

5. Emphasises that, despite this increase, the degree of organisation among producers remains low on average and that addressing this problem is crucial for the future of the F&V regime;

5. Emphasises that, despite this increase, the degree of organisation among producers remains low on average, ***especially in the Central, Eastern and Southern European Member States, overseas territories and on the islands,*** and that addressing this problem is crucial for the future of the F&V regime;

**Amendment 100**  
**Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Emphasises that, despite this increase, the degree of organisation among producers remains low on average and that addressing this problem is crucial for the future of the F&V regime;

*Amendment*

5. Emphasises that, despite this increase, the degree of organisation among producers remains low on average **and takes very different forms across countries and regions of the EU**, and that addressing this problem is crucial for the future of the F&V regime;

Or. pt

**Amendment 101**  
**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Emphasises that, despite this increase, the degree of organisation among producers remains low on average and that **addressing this problem is crucial for the future of the F&V regime;**

*Amendment*

5. Emphasises that, despite this increase, the degree of organisation among producers remains low on average **due to the fact that POs cannot resolve the issue of decent prices** and that **active policies are required to ensure** the future of the F&V regime;

Or. es

**Amendment 102**  
**Vladimir Urutchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Emphasises that, despite this increase, the degree of organisation among producers remains low on average and that addressing this problem is crucial for the future of the F&V regime;

*Amendment*

5. Emphasises that, despite this increase, the degree of organisation among producers remains low on average and that addressing this problem is crucial for the future of the F&V regime ***in order to alleviate the significant regional imbalances among some of the Member States;***

Or. en

**Amendment 103**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Emphasises that, despite this increase, the degree of organisation among producers remains low on average and that addressing this problem is crucial for the future of the F&V regime;

*Amendment*

5. Emphasises that, despite this increase, the degree of organisation among producers remains low on average and that addressing this problem is crucial for the future of the F&V regime; ***further emphasises that this low level of organisation is not helped by the complexity of PO rules which has resulted in the suspension and de-recognition of POs in some Member States; therefore calls on the Commission to reverse this decline by simplifying the scheme's rules to make POs more attractive to join;***

Or. en

**Amendment 104**  
**Eric Andrieu, Jean-Paul Denanot**



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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***5a. Considers it vital to contemplate putting instruments in place for managing crises, and the successful initiatives launched by certain POs in that respect need to be clearly identifiable so that they can be replicated elsewhere whenever it is possible; to this end, calls on the Commission to facilitate the awareness and knowledge of those pioneering POs;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 105**  
**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Miguel Viegas**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***5a. Emphasises that it is important to strengthen the role of professional farmers' organisations by establishing collective bargaining frameworks involving both businesses and professional organisations and assigning the role of arbitrator to the public authorities and making it possible to reach agreements on minimum farm gate prices;***

Or. es

**Amendment 106**  
**Angélique Delahaye, Michel Dantin**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**5a. Recalls that POs are tools that are made available to producers to help them collectively organise themselves on the market so that they can safeguard their income, and that POs are particularly useful in production areas that send their produce to consumer areas, but are not greatly used by certain producers or in certain local or niche markets;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 107**

**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6. Stresses in this context that it is important to increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger incentives both for the merging of existing POs and the creation of new ones;**

*deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 108**

**Clara Eugenia Aguilera García**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger incentives **both** for the merging of **existing POs** and the **creation of new ones**;

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger incentives **for the creation of new POs and particularly** for the merging of **existing**

*ones, since the objective should not be merely that of increasing the number of POs but of strengthening their capacity for real action, both to organise their production and to increase their weight in the value chain;*

Or. es

**Amendment 109**  
**Eric Andrieu, Jean-Paul Denanot**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger incentives both for the merging of existing POs and the creation of new *ones*;

*Amendment*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger incentives both for the merging of existing POs and the creation of new *POs that are more suited to the requirements of the many small producers seeking to better organise themselves collectively*;

Or. fr

**Amendment 110**  
**Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger incentives both for the merging of existing POs and the creation of new ones

*Amendment*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger incentives both for the merging of existing POs and the creation of new ones, *considering that only 1/3 of the potential of EU aid is being used; Considers it necessary to reflect very seriously about*

*the system and the need to promote ways to get aid to those in need;*

Or. pt

## **Amendment 111**

**Jordi Sebastià**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 6**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger incentives both for the merging of existing POs and the creation of new ones;

##### *Amendment*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger incentives both for the merging of existing POs and the creation of new ones, ***while calling for the investment of the aid provided to set up new POs to be monitored to ensure that it is effectively invested in ways that will increase the income of the member producers;***

Or. es

## **Amendment 112**

**Vladimir Urutchev**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 6**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger incentives both for the merging of existing POs and the creation of new ones;

##### *Amendment*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger incentives both for the merging of existing POs and the creation of new ones. ***In this regard, better allocation of funding to POs should be ensured for the Member States and regions with lower level of organisation among producers and with lower value of the marketed production.***

*This could be facilitated by the introduction of a higher ceiling for the EU financial assistance for the operational programmes, coupled with financial envelopes for each Member States to ensure neutrality;*

Or. en

**Amendment 113**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger incentives both for the merging of existing POs and the creation of new ones;

*Amendment*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger incentives both for the merging of existing POs and the creation of new ones; *regrets the fact that in certain Member States, the rate of organisation into POs is extremely low and recommends Member States to prioritise insisting on the promotion of the association of producers; calls on the Commission to analyse the particularities of those Member States where producer organisation is low;*

Or. ro

**Amendment 114**  
**Annie Schreijer-Pierik**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger

*Amendment*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger

incentives both for the merging of existing POs and the creation of new ones;

incentives both for the merging of existing POs and the creation of new ones ***in both a national and international context***;

Or. nl

**Amendment 115**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to ***increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger incentives both for the merging*** of existing POs ***and*** the creation of new ones;

*Amendment*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to ***remove barriers which make POs less attractive to producers, hinder the merger*** of existing POs ***and deter*** the creation of new ones;

Or. en

**Amendment 116**  
**Paolo De Castro**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger incentives both for the merging of existing POs and the creation of new ones;

*Amendment*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger incentives both for the merging of existing POs and the creation of new ones, ***focusing on genuine mergers with the vital centralisation of marketing and decision-making functions***;

Or. it

**Amendment 117**  
**Jan Huitema, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger incentives both for the merging of existing POs and the creation of new ones;

*Amendment*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to ***further encourage producers to organize themselves and to*** increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger incentives both for the merging of existing POs and the creation of new ones; ***in this sense it is important to address cultural differences and the contrast in market realities between Member states which desires different approaches;***

Or. en

**Amendment 118**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger incentives both for the merging of existing POs and the creation of new ones;

*Amendment*

6. Stresses in this context that it is important to increase the overall level of support to POs and to provide stronger incentives both for the merging of existing POs ***in APOs*** and the creation of new ones;

Or. it

**Amendment 119**  
**Norbert Erdős**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6 a. calls on the Commission in this context to restore financial support for the investments of newly established F&V POs; without this support, it is extremely difficult for the established organisations to obtain the state recognition needed for their operation; therefore support is one of the most efficient tools to develop organisations and increase the rate of organisation;***

Or. hu

**Amendment 120**  
**Paolo De Castro**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6a. Invites the Commission, as part of simplification of the CAP, to further strengthen the effectiveness of producer organisations in terms of concentrating supply, particularly as regards their central marketing role in the F&V supply chain;***

Or. it

**Amendment 121**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6a (new)**

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*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6a. Considers it essential to provide benefits for POs that decide to take young members; stresses that POs may provide an opportunity for promoting generational renewal in the agricultural sector;***

Or. it

**Amendment 122**  
**Viorica Dăncilă**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6 a. Calls on the Commission to offer support to both producer organisations, and to independent producers, in order to close the large funding gaps in the fruit and vegetables sector between Member States, due to the different rate of organisation;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 123**  
**Marco Zullo, Dario Tamburrano**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6a. Urges the Commission to ensure that strengthening of the PO system does not become a threat to the existence of producers operating on short supply chains or local markets, or who sell their products direct;***

Or. it

**Amendment 124**  
**Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6a. Calls on the European Commission to ensure the rapid and harmonised implementation of the provisions relating to fruit and vegetables on the one hand, and to producer organisations and interbranch organisations on the other, as defined in Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 125**  
**Nuno Melo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6 a. Reiterates its deep concern over the fact that currently only 7.5% of EU farmers are under 35 years of age and believes that well-functioning POs attracting young people can play a part in reversing this unsustainable demographic trend;***

Or. en

**Amendment 126**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6b. Notes the need to provide incentives to raise the level of research and innovation in POs; considers that more innovation will enable POs to become more competitive and able to deal with the killer diseases that are damaging European agriculture;***

Or. it

**Amendment 127**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6c. Stresses the need to help POs increase their exports and be involved in researching new foreign markets;***

Or. it

**Amendment 128**  
**Norbert Erdős**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

7. Urges the Commission, in its upcoming review of implementing legislation and as part of its ‘simplification’ agenda, to increase legal certainty for national administrations and POs and to reduce the administrative burden imposed on them; stresses that this review should not change

7. Urges the Commission, in its upcoming – ***but not later than the end of 2016*** – review of ***the basic legal acts and*** implementing legislation and as part of its ‘simplification’ agenda, to increase legal certainty for national administrations and POs and to reduce the administrative

the basic architecture of the fruit and vegetables regime;

burden imposed on them; stresses that this review should not change the basic architecture of the fruit and vegetables regime;

Or. hu

**Amendment 129**  
**Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Urges the Commission, in its upcoming review of implementing legislation and as part of its ‘simplification’ agenda, to increase legal certainty for national administrations and POs and to reduce the administrative burden imposed on them; ***stresses that this review should not change the basic structure of the scheme with regard to fruit and vegetables;***

*Amendment*

7. Urges the Commission, in its upcoming review of implementing legislation and as part of its ‘simplification’ agenda, to increase legal certainty for national administrations and POs and to reduce the administrative burden imposed on them;

Or. pt

**Amendment 130**  
**Momchil Nekov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Urges the Commission, in its upcoming review of implementing legislation and as part of its ‘simplification’ agenda, to increase legal certainty for national administrations and POs and to reduce the administrative burden imposed on them; stresses that this review should not change the basic architecture of the fruit and vegetables regime;

*Amendment*

7. Urges the Commission, in its upcoming review of implementing legislation and as part of its ‘simplification’ agenda, to increase legal certainty for national administrations and POs and to reduce the administrative burden imposed on them; stresses that this review should not change the basic architecture of the fruit and vegetables regime ***or be detrimental to the interests or earnings of producers in the***

*sector;*

Or. bg

**Amendment 131**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Urges the Commission, in its upcoming review of implementing legislation and as part of its 'simplification' agenda, to increase legal certainty for national administrations *and POs* and to reduce the administrative burden imposed on them; stresses that this review should not change the basic architecture of the fruit and vegetables regime;

*Amendment*

7. Urges the Commission, in its upcoming review of implementing legislation and as part of its 'simplification' agenda, to increase legal certainty for national administrations, *POs and APOs* and to reduce the administrative burden imposed on them; stresses that this review should not change the basic architecture of the fruit and vegetables regime;

Or. it

**Amendment 132**  
**Annie Schreijer-Pierik**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7 a new**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- 7 a. Asks the Commission to considerably reduce the processing period during which the compliance checks are carried out;***

Or. nl

**Amendment 133**  
**Clara Eugenia Aguilera García**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*7 a. Asks the Commission, also with the aim of increasing the system's legal certainty, to rationalise the controls and focus them on monitoring the actual execution of each action or measure that is approved as part of the operational programme as well as the cost allocated to them, clearly establishing what is being controlled and who is responsible for carrying out the control;*

Or. es

**Amendment 134**  
**Bas Belder**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*7 a. Asks the Commission to apply the principle of proportionality in relation to penalties and to ensure that audits are concluded within a set time limit in order to increase legal certainty for POs and their members;*

Or. en

**Amendment 135**  
**Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***7a. Wants the duties of interbranch organisations to be broadened, especially in the generic fields of communication and information and that of educating the citizen-consumer, in particular in relation to food;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 136**  
**Bas Belder**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***7 b. Urges the Commission to clarify the rules for the establishment of transnational (associations of) POs and in particular the rules regarding responsibility and liability, in order to create legal certainty for national administrations and POs involved;***

Or. en

**Amendment 137**  
**Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***7b. Emphasises the role of interbranch organisations in improving the internal dialogue within a sector;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 138**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Considers that reducing complexity, ***including in the rules for creating new POs***, should be the first step in making them more attractive for farmers; requests that the Commission identify additional measures for increasing the attractiveness of POs;

*Amendment*

8. Considers that reducing the complexity ***of procedures, particularly those linked to the recognition of POs, the requirements concerning the eligibility of certain expenses, and annual reports***, should be the first step in making them more attractive for farmers; requests that the Commission identify additional measures for increasing the attractiveness of POs;

Or. it

**Amendment 139**  
**Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Considers that reducing complexity, including in the rules for creating new POs should be the first step in making them more attractive for farmers; requests that the Commission identify additional measures for increasing the attractiveness of POs;

*Amendment*

8. Considers that reducing complexity, including in the rules for creating new POs ***and respective limits***, should be the first step in making them more attractive for farmers; requests that the Commission identify additional measures for increasing the attractiveness of POs ***and include social and economic value criteria for small and medium-sized farms corresponding to the need to preserve the rural environment and the sustainability***



*of the sector;*

Or. pt

**Amendment 140**

**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

**8. Considers that reducing complexity, including in the rules for creating new POs, should be the first step in making them more attractive for farmers; requests that the Commission identify additional measures for increasing the attractiveness of POs;**

*Amendment*

**8. Asks the Commission to guarantee that when distributing funds for cases of crisis (such as the Russian ban) not belonging to a PO will not be an impediment to receiving those funds;**

Or. es

**Amendment 141**

**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

**8. Considers that reducing complexity, including *in the rules for creating new* POs, should be the first step in making them more attractive for farmers; requests that the Commission *identify additional measures for increasing the attractiveness of POs*;**

*Amendment*

**8. Considers that reducing complexity, including *the need to produce clear and simple guidance on the recognition criteria for* POs, should be the first step in making them more attractive for farmers; requests that the Commission *further improve the attractiveness of POs by ensuring the rules reflect the different market structures which exist in different Member States*;**

Or. en

**Amendment 142**  
**Vladimir Urutchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Considers that reducing complexity, including in the rules for creating new POs, should be the first step in making them more attractive for farmers; requests that the Commission identify additional measures for increasing the attractiveness of POs;

*Amendment*

8. Considers that reducing complexity, including in the rules for creating new POs, should be the first step in making them more attractive for farmers; requests that the Commission identify additional measures for increasing the attractiveness of POs, ***such as providing support to newly established POs/Producer Groups***;

Or. en

**Amendment 143**  
**Annie Schreijer-Pierik**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Considers that reducing complexity, including in the rules for creating new POs, should be the first step in making them more attractive for farmers; requests that the Commission identify additional measures for increasing the attractiveness of POs;

*Amendment*

8. Considers that reducing complexity, including in the rules for creating new POs ***in a national and international context***, should be the first step in making them more attractive for farmers; requests that the Commission identify additional measures for increasing the attractiveness of POs;

Or. nl

**Amendment 144**  
**Laurențiu Rebegea, Viorica Dăncilă**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Considers that reducing complexity, including in the rules for creating new POs, should be the first step in making them more attractive for farmers; requests that the Commission identify additional measures for increasing the attractiveness of POs;

*Amendment*

8. Considers that reducing complexity, including in the rules for creating new POs, should be the first step in making them more attractive for farmers; requests that the Commission identify additional measures for increasing the attractiveness of PO, ***in particular in Member States with a low level of organisation;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 145**

**Esther Herranz García, Pilar Ayuso, Ramón Luis Valcárcel**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Considers that reducing complexity, including in the rules for creating new POs, should be the first step in making them more attractive for farmers; requests that the Commission identify additional measures for increasing the attractiveness of POs;

*Amendment*

8. Considers that reducing complexity, including in the rules for creating new POs, should be the first step in making them more attractive for farmers, ***without that signifying a devaluation of the PO structure to the detriment of their ability to act effectively in the market;*** requests that the Commission identify additional measures for increasing the attractiveness of POs;

Or. es

**Amendment 146**

**Edouard Ferrand, Philippe Loiseau**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Considers that reducing complexity,

*Amendment*

8. Considers that reducing complexity,

including in the rules for creating new POs, should be the first step in making them more *attractive* for farmers; requests that the Commission identify additional measures for increasing the attractiveness of POs;

including in the rules for creating new POs, should be the first step in making them more *effective* for farmers; requests that the Commission identify additional measures for increasing the attractiveness of POs;

Or. fr

**Amendment 147**  
**Annie Schreijer-Pierik**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***8 a. Calls on the Commission to apply the principle of proportionality with care, by ensuring that errors made by individuals are not recovered from all members of a PO;***

Or. nl

**Amendment 148**  
**Paolo De Castro**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***8a. Urges the Commission to review, within the national financial aid framework, the level of producer organisation (Commission Implementing Regulation No 543/2011) by correlating it to the results achieved in terms of increasing the merger rate and the concentration of F&V production;***

Or. it

**Amendment 149**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***8 a. Calls on the Commission to reduce the legal uncertainties that exist in relation to a PO's outsourcing activities by producing clear and more detailed guidance on the level of control a PO needs to have over its outsourcing activities; stresses that it is unrealistic to expect a PO to maintain full commercial and administrative control over activities it has outsourced to other legal entities; therefore calls on the Commission to revise the scheme's rules to better reflect modern business and commercial realities;***

Or. en

**Amendment 150**  
**Daciana Octavia Sârbu**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***8 a. Considers that in order to help the farmers who face structural problems in the field of fruit and vegetables, the Commission should encourage Member States to grant support from the rural development funds in order to revive this sector.***

Or. ro

**Amendment 151**

**Esther Herranz García, Pilar Ayuso, Ramón Luis Valcárcel**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***8 a. Any simplification of the recognition procedure should not be to the detriment of national regulations certifying the conditions required of F&V POs, such as those applied to cooperatives.***

Or. es

**Amendment 152**

**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***8 b. Calls on the Commission in its review of the fruit and vegetables regime to reduce the administrative burden for POs by abolishing mid-term evaluations carried out by National Authorities; notes that these evaluations often duplicate the questions asked of National Authorities in its annual reporting and provide no obvious benefit; further calls on the Commission, as part of its aim to cut red tape, to reduce the amount of information it requests from National Authorities and POs in annual reports, and to ensure that only data which is actually used by the Commission to monitor the scheme's effectiveness is collected;***

Or. en

**Amendment 153**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***8 c. Urges the Commission to revisit Delegated Regulation 499/2014 of 11 March 2014 which introduced more complex checks on POs including disproportionate penalties for failing to meet complex recognition criteria; stresses the need for proportionality in relation to penalties if we are to encourage new growers to join the scheme and prevent existing members from rethinking their participation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 154**  
**Momchil Nekov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

9. Urges the Commission to develop existing actions or set up new ones, including training measures, which can improve the management of POs and their competitive position in the food supply chain;

9. Urges the Commission to develop existing actions or set up new ones, including training measures ***and initiatives for the exchange of good practices***, which can improve the management of POs and their competitive position in the food supply chain;

Or. bg

**Amendment 155**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Urges the Commission to develop existing actions or set up new ones, including training measures, which can improve the management of POs and their competitive position in the food supply chain;

*Amendment*

9. Urges the Commission to develop existing actions or set up new ones, including training measures, which can improve the management of POs and their competitive position in the food supply chain; ***recommends the Commission to focus on PO-integrated production and distribution models, and calls on the local and regional authorities to make available logistics and outlet support for the products of POs in the regions.***

Or. ro

**Amendment 156**  
**Bas Belder**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Urges the Commission to develop existing actions or set up new ones, including training measures, which can improve the management of POs and their competitive position in the food supply chain;

*Amendment*

9. Urges the Commission to develop existing actions or set up new ones, including training measures, which can improve the management of POs and their competitive position in the food supply chain; ***and to ensure an enhanced role for market oriented behaviour within POs;***

Or. en

**Amendment 157**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Urges the Commission to develop

*Amendment*

9. ***Considers that the competitiveness***



existing actions or set up new ones, including training measures, which can improve the management of POs and their competitive position in the food supply chain;

*of POs depends greatly on their management;* urges the Commission to develop existing actions or set up new ones, including training measures, which can improve the management of POs and their competitive position in the food supply chain; *stresses that POs should be managed by people with marketing skills who are capable of dealing with crisis situations in the agricultural sector;*

Or. it

**Amendment 158**  
**Marc Tarabella**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9a. Calls on the Commission to take the necessary steps to enable producer organisations to fully play their part as instruments for increasing the income of producers.**

Or. fr

**Amendment 159**  
**Paolo De Castro**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9a. Invites the Commission to consider extending the provisions for funding crisis prevention and management measures**

*(eligibility of the repayment of capital and interest on loans for financial aid) and also for achieving the other objectives pursued by the operational programmes of producer organisations and their associations;*

Or. it

**Amendment 160**  
**Laurențiu Rebegea**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*9 a. Urges the Commission to create actions involving a transfer of administrative and structural 'know how' regarding the way in which POs are organised, from the Member States with a high level of PO to those Member States with a low level of producer organisation into POs*

Or. ro

**Amendment 161**  
**Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*9a. Observes that environmentally friendly practices must be continuously and rigorously pursued. Continuing to fund such practices from one operational programme to another must therefore be encouraged, and the scope of intervention expanded to include producers whose plots of land adjoin those farmed by*

*members of a producer organisation.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 162**

**Clara Eugenia Aguilera García**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Considers that associations of producer organisations (AOPs) could play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers and urges the Commission to reinforce incentives for setting up APOs and envisage a greater role for them in the future;

*Amendment*

10. Considers that associations of producer organisations (AOPs) could play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers and urges the Commission to reinforce incentives for setting up APOs, ***at both national and European levels***, and envisage a greater role for them in the future;

Or. es

**Amendment 163**

**Nicola Caputo**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Considers that associations of producer organisations (AOPs) could play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers and urges the Commission to reinforce incentives for setting up APOs and envisage a greater role for them in the future;

*Amendment*

10. Considers that associations of producer organisations (AOPs) could play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers and urges the Commission to reinforce incentives for setting up APOs and envisage a greater role for them in the future; ***stresses that APOs are in a position not only to bring about the effective concentration and enhancement of supply, but also to evince greater efficiency in the management of interventions***

*because of the coordination role  
they are called to play on the  
operational level;*

Or. it

**Amendment 164**  
**Eric Andrieu, Jean-Paul Denanot**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Considers that associations of producer organisations (AOPs) could play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers and urges the Commission to reinforce incentives for setting up APOs and envisage a greater role for them in the future;

*Amendment*

10. Considers that associations of producer organisations (AOPs) could play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers and urges the Commission to reinforce incentives for setting up APOs and envisage a greater role for them in the future; ***in this respect, it is absolutely vital to adapt the rules of the competition policy, in order to rebalance the powers of producers with the rest of the sector.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 165**  
**Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Considers that associations of producer organisations (AOPs) could play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers and urges the Commission to reinforce incentives for setting up APOs and envisage a greater

*Amendment*

10. Considers that associations of producer organisations (AOPs) could play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers and urges the Commission to reinforce incentives for setting up APOs and envisage a greater

role for them in the future;

role for them in the future, *although this measure cannot be divorced from effective measures to combat abusive practices in the retail industry and the need to control imports from third countries;*

Or. pt

### **Amendment 166**

**Jordi Sebastià**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 10**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

10. Considers that associations of producer organisations (AOPs) could play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers and urges the Commission to reinforce incentives for setting up APOs and envisage a greater role for them in the future;

###### *Amendment*

10. Considers that associations of producer organisations (AOPs) could play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers and urges the Commission to reinforce incentives for setting up APOs and envisage a greater role for them in the future, *while envisaging a minimum size for such POs to avoid their atomisation and giving preference to and facilitating the merging of existing POs.*

Or. es

### **Amendment 167**

**Daniel Buda**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 10**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

Considers that associations of producer organisations (AOPs) could play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers and urges the Commission to reinforce incentives for setting up APOs and envisage a greater

###### *Amendment*

Considers that associations of producer organisations (AOPs) could play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers and urges the Commission to reinforce incentives for setting up APOs and envisage a greater

role for them in the future;

role for them in the future; ***requests the Commission to take into account agricultural productivity when granting PO support.***

Or. ro

**Amendment 168**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Considers that associations of producer organisations (AOPs) could play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers ***and*** urges the Commission to ***reinforce incentives*** for setting up APOs and ***envisage a greater role for them in the future;***

*Amendment*

10. Considers that associations of producer organisations (AOPs) ***and transnational producer organisations (TPOs)*** could play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers; ***therefore*** urges the Commission to ***reduce the legal uncertainties that exist*** for setting up APOs and ***TPOs by producing clear rules and more detailed guidance for POs and Member States;***

Or. en

**Amendment 169**  
**Viorica Dăncilă**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. ***Considers that associations of producer organisations (APOs) could play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers and urges the Commission to reinforce incentives for setting up APOs and envisage a greater role for them in the future;***

*Amendment*

10. ***Urges the Commission to develop existing actions or set up new ones, including training measures, which can improve the management of POs and their competitive position in the food supply chain;***

**Amendment 170**  
**Jan Huitema, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Considers that associations of producer organisations (*AOPs*) could play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers and urges the Commission to reinforce incentives for setting up APOs and envisage a greater role for them in the future;

*Amendment*

10. Considers that associations of producer organisations (*APOs*) could play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers and urges the Commission to reinforce incentives for setting up APOs and envisage a greater role for them in the future; ***urges that legislation for transnational APOs should be clarified taking into account the burden of responsibility accounted to the Member States in which the transnational APOs are situated;***

**Amendment 171**  
**Angélique Delahaye**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Considers that associations of producer organisations (AOPs) could play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers and urges the Commission to reinforce incentives for setting up APOs ***and*** envisage a greater role for them in the future;

*Amendment*

10. Considers that associations of producer organisations (AOPs) could play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers and urges the Commission to reinforce incentives for setting up APOs, ***reinforce their capacity to act from a legal perspective, and provide for the possibility of bringing producers who are not members of POs under their umbrella, in order to*** envisage a greater role for them in the future;

**Amendment 172**

**Edouard Ferrand, Philippe Loiseau**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Considers that associations of producer organisations (AOPs) *could* play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers and urges the Commission to reinforce incentives for setting up APOs and envisage a greater role for them in the future;

*Amendment*

10. Considers that associations of producer organisations (AOPs) *must* play an important role in increasing the bargaining power of farmers and urges the Commission to reinforce incentives for setting up APOs and envisage a greater role for them in the future;

**Amendment 173**

**Eric Andrieu, Jean-Paul Denanot**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*10a. Considers that interbranch organisations need to be encouraged in order to ensure better organisation of the fruit and vegetables sector; such organisations can play an important role in creating added value and sharing it between the different parts of the sector, and also as regards quality, sustainable enhancement of production, and market and crisis management.*

*Amendment*



**Amendment 174**  
**Clara Eugenia Aguilera García**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*10 a. Asks the Commission to consider the possibility of putting a stop to the problems in intra-Community trade experienced periodically by certain fruit and vegetable products, and strengthening the role of producers in the food supply chain by setting up a European Interprofessional Committee;*

Or. es

**Amendment 175**  
**Angélique Delahaye**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*10a. Considers that associations of producer organisations (APOs) could play an important role in anticipating and managing short-term crises; stresses the benefits of being able to have producers who are not members of POs join such associations voluntarily, in order to make the collective actions of producers even more efficient.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 176**  
**Marco Zullo, Dario Tamburrano**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***10a. Stresses the importance of ensuring that the structure and functioning of POs and APOs are based on the principles of independence and democracy, in order to enhance mutual trust among producers and combat unfair trading practices and opportunistic behaviour;***

Or. it

**Amendment 177**  
**Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

11. Is adamant that third-country production methods for exports to the EU must provide European consumers with the same guarantees in terms of health, food safety, animal welfare, sustainable development and minimum social standards as those required of EU producers;

11. Is adamant that third-country production methods for exports to the EU must provide European consumers with the same guarantees in terms of health, food safety, animal welfare, sustainable development and minimum social standards as those required of EU producers; ***calls on the Commission to do everything possible to exclude agricultural products from TTIP negotiations, taking into account the sensitivity of this sector and the significant regulatory differences between the EU and the USA;***

Or. pt

**Amendment 178**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Is adamant that third-country production methods for exports to the EU must provide European consumers with the same guarantees in terms of health, food safety, animal welfare, sustainable development and minimum social standards as those required of EU producers;

*Amendment*

11. Is adamant that third-country production methods for exports to the EU must provide European consumers with the same guarantees in terms of health, food safety, animal welfare, sustainable development and minimum social standards as those required of EU producers; ***takes note of the act production fluctuations, as well as of the perishable nature of agricultural produce and requests the Commission to be more preoccupied with stimulating the set-up of storage facilities and processing units, as well as with the establishment of own outlet centres, with the support of local public authorities.***

Or. ro

**Amendment 179**  
**Paolo De Castro**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Is adamant that third-country production methods for exports to the EU must provide European consumers with the same guarantees in terms of health, food safety, animal welfare, sustainable development and minimum social standards as those required of EU producers;

*Amendment*

11. Is adamant that third-country production methods for exports to the EU must provide European consumers with the same guarantees in terms of health, food safety, animal welfare, sustainable development and minimum social standards as those required of EU producers. ***This means that, in any agreements signed with third countries, the EU must abide by a criterion of genuine reciprocity as regards access to the market and compliance with the production regulations governing EU***

*producers;*

Or. it

**Amendment 180**  
**Edouard Ferrand, Philippe Loiseau**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Is adamant that third-country production methods for exports to the EU must provide European consumers with the same guarantees in terms of health, food safety, animal welfare, sustainable development and minimum social standards as those required of EU producers;

*Amendment*

11. Is ***extremely*** adamant that third-country production methods for exports to the EU must provide European consumers with the same guarantees in terms of health, food safety, animal welfare, sustainable development and minimum social standards as those required of EU producers; ***and that such guarantees must be clearly indicated in the form of labels.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 181**  
**Clara Eugenia Aguilera García**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***11 a. Urges the Commission to reverse the lack of reciprocity in the EU's trading relations with third countries by guaranteeing the phytosanitary security of imports and switching from a negative list approach to applying the positive list principle, as do all the countries in our trading environment;***

Or. es

**Amendment 182**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*11 a. Emphasises the need to make it easier for producers to gain access to third-country markets; calls on the Commission to increase its efforts to support exporters of fruit and vegetables to overcome the increasing number of non-tariff barriers, such as some third-country phytosanitary standards that make export from the EU difficult, if not impossible;*

Or. en

**Amendment 183**  
**Esther Herranz García, Pilar Ayuso, Ramón Luis Valcárcel**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*11 a. Is of the opinion that, in order to achieve fairer competition with imports to the Community market, and with a view to reciprocity in plant health standards, the EU should strengthen the import control regime to put it on an equal footing with that applied by the large majority of its trading partners.*

Or. es

**Amendment 184**  
**Esther Herranz García, Pilar Ayuso, Ramón Luis Valcárcel**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11 b. Welcomes the new horizontal regulations for promoting agricultural products adopted recently and the objective of increasing the funds allocated to finding new markets mainly in third countries, and encourages the Commission to continue working to improve the promotion instrument in the coming years.***

Or. es

**Amendment 185**  
**Esther Herranz García, Pilar Ayuso, Ramón Luis Valcárcel**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11 c. Urges the Commission to intensify its efforts in trade negotiations with third countries for the removal of the tariff and plant health barriers imposed on European productions, thereby making it possible to open up new markets for Community fruit and vegetables.***

Or. es

**Amendment 186**  
**Clara Eugenia Aguilera García**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Urges the Commission to identify the reasons for the low take-up of crisis prevention and management (CPM) instruments and to consider how the situation can be improved, taking into account examples of best practice among existing POs;

*Amendment*

12. Urges the Commission to identify the reasons for the low take-up of crisis prevention and management (CPM) instruments, ***that are only adapted to coping with minor seasonal crises***, and to consider how the situation can be improved, taking into account examples of best practice ***and experience*** among existing POs;

Or. es

**Amendment 187**

**Janusz Wojciechowski, Beata Gosiewska, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Stanisław Ożóg, Jadwiga Wiśniewska**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Urges the Commission to identify the reasons for the low take-up of crisis prevention and management (CPM) instruments and to consider how the situation can be improved, taking into account examples of best practice among existing POs;

*Amendment*

12. Urges the Commission to identify the reasons for the low take-up of crisis prevention and management (CPM) instruments, ***including the contingency reserve created out of the Common Agricultural Policy funds***, and to consider how the situation ***of individual farmers and producer organisations*** can be improved, taking into account examples of best practice among existing POs;

Or. xm

**Amendment 188**

**Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Urges the Commission to identify the reasons for the **reduced** take-up of crisis prevention and management (CPM) instruments and to consider how the situation can be improved, taking into account examples of best practice among existing POs;

*Amendment*

12. Urges the Commission to identify the reasons for the **minimal** take-up of crisis prevention and management (CPM) instruments (**only 16% of POs used this resource, which represented only 2.8% of total aid**) and to consider how the situation can be improved, taking into account examples of best practice among existing POs

Or. pt

**Amendment 189**  
**Jordi Sebastià**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Urges the Commission to identify the reasons for the low take-up of crisis prevention and management (CPM) instruments and to consider how the situation can be improved, taking into account examples of best practice among existing POs;

*Amendment*

12. Urges the Commission to identify the reasons for the low take-up of crisis prevention and management (CPM) instruments and to consider how the situation can be improved, taking into account examples of best practice among existing POs. ***Asks the Commission always to use Community Preference as the first crisis management measurement in order to promote and protect the single European market and the consumption of Europe's own products.***

Or. es

**Amendment 190**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**



*Motion for a resolution*

12. Urges the Commission to identify the reasons for the low take-up of crisis prevention and management (CPM) instruments and to consider how the situation can be improved, taking into account examples of best practice among existing POs;

*Amendment*

12. Urges the Commission to identify the reasons for the low take-up of crisis prevention and management (CPM) instruments and to consider how the situation can be improved, taking into account examples of best practice among existing POs; ***suggests the Commission to be closely preoccupied with risk management tools as measures absolutely necessary for ensuring the agricultural production of POs.***

Or. ro

**Amendment 191**

**Clara Eugenia Aguilera García**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***12 a. Emphasises the need to improve the crisis management measures by increasing, on the one hand, the percentage of EU financial assistance and, on the other, the maximum amounts of withdrawal aid, so that they really contribute to establishing a minimum level of prices for producers;***

Or. es

**Amendment 192**

**Nicola Caputo**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12a. Stresses that, in addition to simplifying all CPM instruments, it might be useful to create a better-coordinated mechanism for the withdrawal of products in crisis situations. This withdrawal mechanism should be activated automatically by the Commission as quickly as possible when there is excess supply, a halt in consumption or a drop in prices;***

Or. it

**Amendment 193**  
**Francesc Gambús**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12 a. Urges the Commission to consider the automatic application of the mechanisms envisaged in Regulation (EU) 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013, establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 99/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 in situations of crisis, with particular emphasis on the crisis reserve fund, situations of market disturbance and the measures to resolve specific problems.***

Or. es

**Amendment 194**  
**Esther Herranz García, Pilar Ayuso, Ramón Luis Valcárcel**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*12 a. In order to prevent market crises from turning into serious, lengthy disturbances, causing major loss in income to producers of perishable fruit and vegetables, the crisis management measures must be enhanced by adjusting the withdrawal prices, including the use for processing, increasing the volumes that can be withdrawn, or increasing the funds that can be allocated to crisis management, taking into account the budget limits set.*

Or. es

**Amendment 195**  
**Angélique Delahaye, Michel Dantin**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*12a. Underlines the significant differences in production costs that exist between Member States, and wants them to be taken into account in the levels of support provided by exceptional crisis measures.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 196**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12b. Stresses that the current mechanism for withdrawal from the market has proved to be limited in terms of its application, essentially because of the low prices paid for withdrawal, which need to be increased to make the provision more effective. In the event of very serious crises for the F&V sector, the European contribution provided for towards withdrawal operations therefore needs to be significantly increased for POs;***

Or. it

**Amendment 197**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12c. Since the vast majority of withdrawn products are distributed among the needy (free distribution), the creation of a database of charitable organisations at European level could help to make this instrument easier to implement;***

Or. it

**Amendment 198**  
**Jordi Sebastià**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

13. Asks the Commission to consider making contributions to mutual funds

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eligible as CPM measures in order to provide better protection for farmers in case of market crises which cause substantial drops in income;

eligible as CPM measures in order to provide better protection for farmers in case of market crises which cause substantial drops in income, ***but these funds must never come from the budget item allocated to agriculture and rural development by the Commission when the crisis is caused by issues unconnected with the sector, such as the Russian ban, which is the result of a political decision. In such cases the Commission will look for other budget items to allocate them to mitigating the negative effects on the F&V trade.***

Or. es

**Amendment 199**  
**Paolo De Castro**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13a. Urges the Commission to review how support for withdrawals from the market works, adjusting the mechanisms for setting the prices of withdrawal, transportation, sorting and packaging in accordance with the production costs actually borne by individual producers;***

Or. it

**Amendment 200**  
**Esther Herranz García, Pilar Ayuso, Ramón Luis Valcárcel**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13 a. Considers that producers should not***

*have to bear the cost of crises caused by circumstances that are unconnected with the agricultural sector, such as the Russian ban on EU exports, which has seriously affected many European F&V producers and has even worsened market crisis situations such as that experienced by the stone fruits sector. Asks that in such circumstances Community support measures be kept in place for as long as necessary until the normal market situation is fully re-established.*

Or. es

**Amendment 201**  
**Clara Eugenia Aguilera García**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Emphasises that, through their operational programmes, POs can make important contributions to achieving environmental goals and improving food safety standards; asks the Commission to consider how these effects can be maximised, for example through **the strengthening** of integrated pest management;

*Amendment*

14. Emphasises that, through their operational programmes, POs can make important contributions to achieving environmental goals and improving food safety standards; asks the Commission to consider how these effects can be maximised, for example through **responding forcefully to border interceptions of pests from third countries or with** integrated pest management;

Or. es

**Amendment 202**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Emphasises that, through their operational programmes, POs can make important contributions to achieving environmental goals and improving food safety standards; asks the Commission to consider how these effects can be maximised, for example through the strengthening of integrated pest management;

*Amendment*

14. Emphasises that, through their operational programmes, POs can make important contributions to achieving environmental goals and improving food safety standards; asks the Commission to consider how these effects can be maximised, for example through the strengthening of integrated pest management; ***calls on the Commission to establish a balance between the Natura 2000 environmental protection measures and agricultural production needs;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 203**

**Jan Huitema, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Emphasises that, through their operational programmes, POs can make important contributions to achieving environmental goals and improving food safety standards; asks the Commission to consider how these effects can be maximised, for example through the strengthening of integrated pest management;

*Amendment*

14. Emphasises that, through their operational programmes, POs can make important contributions to achieving environmental goals and improving food safety standards; asks the Commission to consider how these effects can be maximised, for example through the strengthening of integrated pest management ***and provide more flexibility for producers in achieving environmental goals;***

Or. en

**Amendment 204**

**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Emphasises that, through their operational programmes, POs can make important contributions to achieving environmental goals and improving food safety standards; ***asks the Commission to consider how these effects can be maximised, for example through the strengthening of integrated pest management;***

*Amendment*

14. Emphasises that, through their operational programmes, POs can make important contributions to achieving environmental goals and improving food safety standards; ***welcomes the scheme's environmental objectives but calls on the Commission to allow POs to adapt their operational programmes to suit their level of maturity as well as to target their funds on a broader range of measures aimed at increasing the sector's overall competitiveness; stresses that a greater focus on measures aimed at innovation and added value have the most potential to improve producer incomes and thereby make POs more attractive to join;***

Or. en

**Amendment 205**  
**Marc Tarabella**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***14a. Urges the Commission to increase the number of aid schemes in place for distributing fruit, vegetables and milk in schools, given the importance of promoting healthy and balanced diets from a very young age, which schemes also bring young consumers closer to local producers;***

*Amendment*

Or. fr



**Amendment 206**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***14a. Points out that it is essential to indicate priority objectives clearly in operational programmes and express them in quantitative terms. This would make it possible to measure the results achieved more quickly and objectively, and to orient operational programmes towards the achievement of strategic aims that are in line with the need to improve the services and overall competitiveness of national F&V systems. It would also make it easier to conduct an overall assessment of national strategies and take corrective measures when the results deviate from the aims set at the planning stage;***

Or. it

**Amendment 207**  
**Eric Andrieu, Jean-Paul Denanot**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***14a. Considers it crucial to improve the effectiveness of the Community regulations currently in place for protecting plants against the introduction of harmful organisms originating from outside the EU; such organisms are becoming increasingly common in the EU due to rising levels of trade, and are very often having a detrimental effect on the fruit and vegetables sector.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 208**  
**Paolo De Castro**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***14a. Considers that, as in other sectors (such as olive-growing), producer organisations could be given a role in guaranteeing and coordinating the complementarity and coherence of the various EU support regimes, thus ensuring greater transparency of the system to prevent cases of double funding.***

Or. it

**Amendment 209**  
**Jan Huitema, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***14 a. Urges the Commission to establish guidelines or policy rules clarifying the conditions under which POs can be temporarily granted a derogation from Article 101 (1) TFEU based on Article 222<sup>1a</sup> which provides POs the opportunity to take measures in order to stabilize the sector during periods of severe imbalanced markets;***

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<sup>1a</sup> *Regulation 1308/2013*

Or. en

**Amendment 210**  
**Marco Zullo, Dario Tamburrano**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***14a. Stresses that POs should help to combat illegal activity in the agricultural sector, particularly as regards ecomafia organisations and the black economy; calls on the Commission and the Member States to monitor progress in this respect;***

Or. it

**Amendment 211**  
**Daciana Octavia Sârbu**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***14 a. Emphasises the importance of short supply chains and calls on the Commission and Member States to encourage the development of local markets for the distribution of fruit and vegetables.***

Or. ro

**Amendment 212**  
**Ulrike Müller**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***14 a. Urges the Commission to intensify research and monitoring in relation to the threat posed to fruit and vegetable production in the EU by invasive species such as spotted-winged drosophilia;***

**Amendment 213**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***14b. Emphasises the importance of greater promotion of actions to protect the environment, with clear targets being set and the Member States being encouraged to draw up operational programmes in this respect. POs should be conducting operational programmes that can help to protect the environment by focusing on two key factors: on the one hand, promoting the spread of environmentally friendly production methods, such as integrated organic farming, and, on the other, more specific actions to save water, cut emissions and, above all, improve waste management;***

Or. it

**Amendment 214**  
**Francesc Gambús**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

15. Believes that encouraging healthier eating habits goes hand in hand with understanding more about farming and how food is produced and, supports, in this context, the objective of strengthening the educational dimension of the school fruit and milk programmes;

15. Believes that encouraging healthier eating habits goes hand in hand with understanding more about farming and how food is produced and, supports, in this context, the objective of strengthening the educational dimension of the school fruit and milk programmes; ***therefore rejects any measure that might jeopardise or involve the abolition of those***

*programmes.*

Or. es

**Amendment 215**

**Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Believes that encouraging healthier eating habits goes hand in hand with understanding more about farming and how food is produced and, supports, in this context, the objective of strengthening the educational dimension of the school fruit and milk programmes;

*Amendment*

15. Believes that encouraging healthier eating habits goes hand in hand with understanding more about farming and how food is produced and, supports, in this context, the objective of strengthening the educational dimension of the school fruit and milk programmes, ***highlighting the need to involve fruit and vegetable producers and defend local marketing and consumption networks, thereby promoting social and regional cohesion;***

Or. pt

**Amendment 216**

**Vladimir Urutchev**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Believes that encouraging healthier eating habits goes hand in hand with understanding more about farming and how food is produced and, supports, in this context, the objective of strengthening the educational dimension of the school fruit and milk programmes;

*Amendment*

15. Believes that encouraging healthier eating habits goes hand in hand with understanding more about farming and how food is produced and, supports, in this context, the objective of strengthening the educational dimension of the school fruit and milk programmes. ***In this regard stresses the importance of POs participation in the school fruit scheme as a way to encourage a short supply chain***

*and the consumption by children of local and seasonal fruit and vegetables;*

Or. en

**Amendment 217**  
**Ulrike Müller**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Believes that encouraging healthier eating habits goes hand in hand with understanding more about farming and how food is produced and, supports, in this context, the objective of strengthening the educational dimension of the *school* fruit and milk programmes;

*Amendment*

15. Believes that encouraging healthier eating habits goes hand in hand with understanding more about farming and how food is produced and, supports, in this context, the objective of strengthening the educational dimension of the fruit, *vegetable* and milk programmes *in educational institutions*;

Or. de

**Amendment 218**  
**Marijana Petir**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Believes that encouraging healthier eating habits goes hand in hand with understanding more about farming and how food is produced and supports, in this context, the objective of strengthening the educational dimension of the school fruit and milk programmes;

*Amendment*

15. Believes that encouraging healthier eating habits goes hand in hand with understanding more about farming and how food is produced and supports, in this context, the objective of strengthening the educational dimension of the school fruit and milk programmes *as well as calls for the earliest possible adoption of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 as regards the support programme for supplying fruits and*

*vegetables, bananas and milk in educational establishments;*

Or. hr

**Amendment 219**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Believes that encouraging healthier eating habits goes hand in hand with understanding more about farming and how food is produced ***and, supports, in this context, the objective of strengthening the educational dimension of the school fruit and milk programmes;***

*Amendment*

15. Believes that encouraging healthier eating habits goes hand in hand with understanding more about farming and how food is produced;

Or. en

**Amendment 220**  
**Miguel Viegas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***15 A. Whereas the promotion of healthy eating habits also involves boosting the purchasing power of households and providing access to affordable products, which is incompatible with policies that promote unemployment, increasingly low wages and cuts in social benefits;***

*Amendment*

Or. pt

**Amendment 221**  
**Jordi Sebastià**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15 a. Considers that the key to analysing the situation of the F&V production sector is the evolution of the income of the sector farmers and therefore asks the Commission to undertake a study focusing on this point in order to ascertain whether the measures adopted, such as the strengthening of the POs, have really been effective.***

Or. es

**Amendment 222**  
**Jordi Sebastià**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15 b. Calls on the Commission to draw up an urgent youth employment plan for the agricultural sector to prevent the ageing of the profession and the consequent abandonment of land and production.***

Or. es