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AMENDMENTS

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Annual Report on EU Competition Policy
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Amendment 1

Michel Dantin, Tibor Szanyi, Paolo De Castro, Bas Belder, José Bové, Luke Ming Flanagan, Ulrike Müller

Motion for a resolution

Citation 2

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), in particular Articles 101 to 109 thereof,

Amendment

– having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), in particular Articles **39, 42 and** 101 to 109 thereof,

Or. en

Amendment 2

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Citation 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ***having regard to the Protocol (No 1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) on the role of National Parliaments in the European Union,***

Or. el

Amendment 3

Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Citation 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ***having regard to Protocol 26 of the TFEU on services of general interest,***

Or. en

Amendment 4

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Citation 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to Protocol (No 2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality,*

Or. el

Amendment 5

Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Citation 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the European Parliament resolution of 6 July 2016 on tax rulings and other measures similar in nature or effect,*

Or. en

Amendment 6

Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Citation 2 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the universal framework for Sustainability Assessment of Food and Agriculture systems (SAFA) developed by the Food and Agriculture*

Amendment 7
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the European Parliament resolution of 23 June 2016 on the renewable energy progress report,*

Amendment 8
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the European Parliament resolution of 14 September 2016 on social dumping in the European Union,*

Amendment 9
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Citation 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Commission deleted*

communication entitled ‘A Framework Strategy for a Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy’ of 25 February 2015 (COM(2015)0080),

Or. en

Amendment 10

Tibor Szanyi, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță, Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution

Citation 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17.06.2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU,*

Or. en

Amendment 11

Tibor Szanyi, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță, Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution

Citation 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 of 20.1.2004 on the control of company amalgamations,*

Or. en

Amendment 12

Tibor Szanyi, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță, Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the White Paper 'Towards more effective EU merger control' of 9.7.2014,*

Or. en

Amendment 13
Tibor Szanyi, Doru-Claudian Frunzulică, Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the European Commission's E-000344/2016, E-002666/2016 and E-002112/2016 answers to written parliamentary questions,*

Or. en

Amendment 14
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Citation 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to its resolution of 11 November 2015 on aviation^{1a}, in particular paragraphs 6, 7 and 11 regarding the revision of Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 in order to safeguard fair competition in EU external aviation relations and reinforce the competitive position of the EU aviation industry, prevent unfair competition more effectively, ensure reciprocity and eliminate unfair practices, including*

subsidies and state aid awarded to all airlines from certain third countries that distort the market. Financial transparency in the fair competition clause is an essential element to guarantee this level playing field,

1a

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=TA&reference=P8-TA-2015-0394&language=EN&ring=P8-RC-2015-1146>

Or. en

Amendment 15

Alfred Sant, Michela Giuffrida, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution

Citation 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the European Parliament Resolution of 4 February 2016 on the special situation of islands (2015/3014(RSP)),*

Or. en

Amendment 16

Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas a strong and effective EU competition policy has always been a cornerstone of the European project;

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 17
Sander Loones

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas a strong and effective EU competition policy has always been a cornerstone of the *European project*;

Amendment

A. whereas a strong and effective EU competition policy has always been a cornerstone of the *internal market, as it encourages economic efficiency and creates a favourable climate for growth, innovation and technological progress while pushing down prices*;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas a strong and effective EU competition policy has always been a cornerstone *of the European project*;

Amendment

A. whereas a strong and effective EU competition policy has always been a cornerstone;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas competition policy is in itself a means of safeguarding European democracy, in that it prevents the over-

concentration of economic and financial power in the hands of a few, which would undermine the ability of Europe's political authorities to act independently of major industrial and banking groups;

Or. es

Amendment 20
Sander Loones, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas EU competition policy is an essential instrument for *a properly functioning* internal market *in the Union*;

Amendment

B. whereas EU competition policy is an essential instrument for *fighting fragmentation of the* internal market *and thus creating and maintaining a level playing field for businesses throughout the EU*;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas EU competition policy is an essential instrument for a properly functioning *internal market in the Union*;

Amendment

B. whereas EU competition policy *should be* an essential instrument for a properly functioning *economy in the Member States*;

Or. el

Amendment 22
Sylvie Goulard

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. *whereas the European Union, under the leadership of the Commission, should promote "a competition culture" in the EU and world-wide;*

Or. en

Amendment 23
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. *whereas competition prevents the over-concentration of economic and financial power in the hands of a few;*

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 24
Bernard Monot

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. *whereas competition prevents the over-concentration of economic and financial power in the hands of a few;*

C. *whereas, **in theory**, competition prevents the over-concentration of economic and financial power in the hands of a few, **but whereas in reality the global and European economies are characterised by exactly the opposite result;***

Or. fr

Amendment 25
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas competition ***prevents*** the over-concentration of economic and financial power in the hands of a few;

Amendment

C. whereas competition ***policy should prevent*** the over-concentration of economic and financial power in the hands of a few ***private companies or individuals, facilitating democratic control over the economy;***

Or. en

Amendment 26
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas competition ***prevents*** the over-concentration of economic and financial power in the hands of a few;

Amendment

C. whereas competition ***policies allows fairer and better functioning markets preventing*** the over-concentration of economic and financial power in the hands of a few;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Alain Lamassoure, Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas competition prevents the over-concentration of economic and financial power ***in the hands of a few;***

Amendment

C. whereas competition prevents the over-concentration of economic and financial power ***and stimulates actors by providing an incentive for them to be***

*dynamic and innovative and to
differentiate themselves in the markets;*

Or. fr

Amendment 28
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas competition prevents the over-concentration of economic and financial power in the hands of a few;

Amendment

C. whereas *the socially responsible implementation of competition rules* prevents the over-concentration of economic and financial power in the hands of a few;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas *competition prevents* the over-concentration of economic and financial power in the hands of a few;

Amendment

C. whereas *anti-trust rules prevent* the over-concentration of economic and financial power in the hands of a few;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. *whereas competition policy keeps markets efficient and open, thus leading to lower prices, better-quality products and services and greater choice for consumers, also promoting innovation and growth;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 31
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas competition policy keeps markets efficient and open, thus leading to lower prices, better-quality products and services and greater choice for consumers, also promoting innovation *and growth*;

D. whereas competition policy keeps markets efficient and open, thus leading to lower prices, better-quality products and services and greater choice for consumers, also promoting *research and innovation, economic growth and more resilient companies*;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Alain Lamassoure, Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas competition policy keeps markets efficient and open, thus leading to lower prices, better-quality products and services and greater choice for consumers, also promoting innovation and growth;

D. whereas competition policy keeps markets efficient and open, thus leading to lower prices, *the emergence of new actors*, better-quality products and services and greater choice for consumers, also promoting innovation and growth;

Amendment 33
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas competition policy keeps markets efficient and open, thus leading to lower prices, better-quality products and services and greater choice for consumers, also promoting innovation and growth;

Amendment

D. whereas ***a market-friendly*** competition policy keeps markets efficient and open, thus leading to lower prices, better-quality products and services and greater choice for consumers, also promoting innovation and growth;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas competition policy ***keeps*** markets efficient and open, thus leading to lower prices, better-quality products and services and greater choice for consumers, also promoting innovation and growth;

Amendment

D. whereas competition policy ***aims at keeping*** markets efficient and open, thus leading to lower prices, better-quality products and services and greater choice for consumers, also promoting innovation and growth;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas competition policy *keeps* markets efficient and open, *thus leading to* lower prices, better-quality products and services and greater choice for consumers, also promoting innovation and growth;

Amendment

D. whereas *fair* competition policy *should aim at keeping* markets efficient and open *with* lower prices, better-quality products and services and greater choice for consumers, also promoting innovation and growth;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas competition policy keeps markets efficient *and open*, thus leading to lower prices, better-quality products and services and greater choice for consumers, also promoting innovation and growth;

Amendment

D. whereas competition policy keeps markets efficient, thus leading to lower prices, better-quality products and services and greater choice for consumers, also promoting innovation and growth;

Or. el

Amendment 37
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Da. whereas Article 102 of the TFEU indicates clearly, that directly or indirectly imposing unfair trading practices on other sectors of the food chain constitutes a breach of this regulation;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 38
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas competition policy *can and should make a significant contribution to key political priorities such as boosting innovation, quality jobs, growth and investment, protecting consumers and reinforcing the single market, with particular regard to the digital single market and the Energy Union;*

Amendment

E. whereas competition policy should *focus on preventing and correcting anti-competitive behaviour;*

Or. en

Amendment 39
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas competition policy can and should make a significant contribution to key political priorities such as boosting innovation, quality jobs, growth and investment, protecting consumers and reinforcing the single market, with particular regard to the digital single market and the Energy Union;

Amendment

E. whereas competition policy can and should make a significant contribution to key political priorities such as boosting innovation, quality jobs, growth and investment, *particularly in the southern European Member States such as Greece, Italy, Spain, Portugal, etc.*, protecting consumers and reinforcing the single market, with particular regard to the digital single market and the Energy Union;

Or. el

Amendment 40
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas competition policy can and should make a significant contribution to key political priorities such as boosting innovation, quality jobs, growth and investment, protecting consumers and reinforcing the single market, with particular regard to the digital single market and the Energy Union;

Amendment

E. whereas competition policy can and should make a significant contribution to key political priorities such as boosting innovation, quality jobs, ***the fight against climate change, sustainable*** growth and investment, ***resource efficiency***, protecting consumers and reinforcing the single market, with particular regard to the digital single market and the Energy Union;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas competition policy can and should make a significant contribution to key political priorities such as boosting innovation, quality jobs, growth and investment, protecting consumers and reinforcing the single market, with particular regard to the digital single market and the Energy Union;

Amendment

E. whereas competition policy can and should make a significant contribution to key political priorities such as boosting innovation, quality jobs, growth and ***sustainable development***, investment, protecting consumers and reinforcing the single market, with particular regard to the digital single market and the Energy Union;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas competition policy can and should make a significant contribution to key political priorities such as boosting innovation, **quality** jobs, growth and investment, protecting consumers and reinforcing the single market, with particular regard to the digital single market and the Energy Union;

Amendment

E. whereas competition policy can and should make a significant contribution to key political priorities such as boosting innovation, **emergence of new** jobs, growth and investment, protecting consumers and reinforcing the single market, with particular regard to the digital single market and the Energy Union;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas competition policy **can and should make a significant contribution to key political priorities such as boosting innovation, quality jobs, growth and investment, protecting consumers and reinforcing the single market, with particular regard to the digital single market and the Energy Union;**

Amendment

E. whereas competition policy **should take into account the need to ensure the promotion of a high level of employment, the guarantee of adequate social protection, the fight against social exclusion, and a high level of education, training and protection of human health;**

Or. en

Amendment 44

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ea. whereas a successful competition policy must not be directed exclusively towards bringing down prices for

Amendment

consumers, but must also be mindful of the innovativeness and investment activity of European industry and the particular competitive conditions for small and medium-sized enterprises;

Or. de

Amendment 45
Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas EU competition policy is defined by creating level playing field for business in Europe where companies can generate wealth, create jobs, and invest in the future;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas EU competition policy is also defined by the values of social fairness, political independence, transparency and due process; *deleted*

Or. it

Amendment 47
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas EU competition policy is also defined by the values of ***social fairness***, political independence, transparency and due process;

Amendment

F. whereas EU competition policy is also defined by the values of political independence, transparency and due process, ***thereby promoting justice and social justice***;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas EU competition policy is also defined by the values of ***social fairness***, political independence, transparency and due process;

Amendment

F. whereas EU competition policy is also defined by the values of ***fair market***, political independence, transparency and due process;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Alain Lamassoure, Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas EU competition policy is interdependent with other major EU policies, including tax, industrial and digital policies, the coordination of which is intended to ensure compliance with the fundamental principles enshrined in the Treaties, in particular transparency and loyalty;

Amendment 50
Anneliese Dodds

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas tax evasion, tax fraud and tax havens are costing the EU taxpayers billions of euros (some estimates put the figure as high as one trillion euros) per year in lost revenue, distorting competition in the single market between those companies who pay their fair share of tax and those who do not;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas the public sector provides, produces and manages goods and services in a more efficient manner than the private sector when social, environmental or other externalities cannot be properly accounted through the market;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Sander Loones, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas global cooperation on competition enforcement helps to avoid inconsistencies in remedies and outcomes of enforcement actions, and helps businesses to reduce their costs of compliance;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Sander Loones, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Recital F b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fb. whereas the case law of the ECJ and the decision making practice of the Commission give a different interpretation to the notion of 'economic activity' depending on whether the internal market rules or the competition rules are involved; whereas this confusing practice troubles the already burdensome notion of 'economic activity' even further;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Welcomes the annual report by the Commission on competition policy, which can help to restore a sufficient level of investment and innovation by creating a fair competition environment; also

1. Welcomes the annual report by the Commission on competition policy, which can help to restore a sufficient level of investment and innovation by creating a fair competition environment; also

reiterates that Europe's future should be based on innovation;

reiterates that Europe's future should be based on innovation; ***notes that in the area of competition law the European Parliament is as a rule involved only through the consultation procedure, with the result that its influence still remains very limited in comparison with that of the Commission;***

Or. de

Amendment 55
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. ***Welcomes*** the annual report by the Commission on competition policy, ***which can help to restore a sufficient level of investment and innovation by creating a fair competition environment; also reiterates that Europe's future should be based on innovation;***

Amendment

1. ***Notes*** the annual report by the Commission on competition policy;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the annual report by the Commission on competition policy, which can help to restore a sufficient level of investment and innovation by creating a fair competition environment; also reiterates that Europe's future should be based on innovation;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the annual report by the Commission on competition policy, which can help to restore a sufficient level of investment and innovation by creating a fair competition environment; also reiterates that Europe's future should be based on innovation ***which creates a high standard of living for all EU citizens,***

irrespective of economic or geographical background;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the annual report by the Commission on competition policy, which can help to restore a sufficient level of investment and innovation by creating a fair competition environment; also reiterates that Europe's future should be based on innovation;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the annual report by the Commission on competition policy, which ***demonstrates that proper EU Competition Policy*** can help to restore a sufficient level of investment and innovation by creating a fair competition environment; also reiterates that Europe's future should be based on innovation;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the annual report by the Commission on competition policy, which can help to restore a sufficient level of investment and innovation by creating a fair competition environment; also reiterates that Europe's future should be based on innovation;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the annual report by the Commission on competition policy, which can help to restore a sufficient level of investment and innovation by creating a fair competition environment; also reiterates that Europe's future should be based on innovation ***social fairness and resource efficiency***;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Sander Loones, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the annual report by the Commission on competition policy, ***which can help to restore a sufficient level of investment and innovation by creating a fair competition environment***; also reiterates that Europe's future should be based on innovation;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the annual report by the Commission on competition policy, ***and its focus on the contribution of competition policy to eliminating barriers and distortive state aid measures for the benefit of the internal market***; also reiterates that Europe's future should be based on innovation;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the annual report by the Commission on competition policy, which can help to restore a ***sufficient level of investment and innovation by creating a fair competition environment***; also reiterates that Europe's future should be based on innovation;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the annual report by the Commission on competition policy, which can help to restore a ***fair competition environment, especially by highlighting legal barriers to market entry and distortive state aid measures***;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. **Welcomes** the annual report by the Commission on competition policy, which can help to restore a sufficient level of investment and innovation by creating a fair competition environment; also reiterates that **Europe's** future should be based on innovation;

Amendment

1. **Notes** the annual report by the Commission on competition policy, which **must** help to restore a sufficient level of investment and innovation by creating a fair competition environment; also reiterates that **the** future **of the EU Member States** should be based on innovation;

Or. el

Amendment 62

Sander Loones, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment 63

Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. **Welcomes the Commission's goal of opening up new opportunities for citizens and businesses by allowing people, goods, services and capital to move freely within the single market;**

Amendment

1a. Considers that ensuring a level playing field for companies in the internal market also depends on decisively combating social dumping;

Or. en

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 64
Alain Lamassoure, Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. **Welcomes** the Commission's goal of opening up new opportunities for citizens and businesses by allowing people, goods, services and capital to move freely within the single market;

Amendment

2. **Stresses that the improvement and development of the functioning of the single market go hand in hand with the development of competition policy; welcomes** the Commission's goal of opening up new opportunities for citizens and businesses by allowing people, goods, services and capital to move freely within the single market; **welcomes the Commission's use of the various instruments at its disposal, including control of mergers, combating abuse of a dominant position and anti-competitive practices, combating cartels, control of state aid, coordination with national competition authorities and sectoral inquiries;**

Or. fr

Amendment 65
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Welcomes the Commission's goal of opening up new opportunities for citizens and businesses by allowing people, goods, services and capital to move freely within the single market;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the Commission's goal of opening up new opportunities for citizens and businesses by allowing people, goods, services and capital to move freely within the single market; **stresses that European competition policy is a vital element of the internal market and that, without an effective EU competition policy, the internal market cannot attain**

its full potential;

Or. de

Amendment 66
Fulvio Martusciello, Antonio Tajani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Welcomes the Commission's goal of opening up new opportunities for citizens and businesses by allowing people, goods, services and capital to move freely within the single market;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the Commission's goal of opening up new opportunities for citizens and businesses by allowing people, goods, services and capital to move freely within the single market; ***recalls that the free movement of capital, services, goods and people constitute the four freedoms of the single market and that their implementation is key to bring the EU closer to its citizens;***

Or. en

Amendment 67
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Welcomes the Commission's goal of opening up new opportunities for citizens and businesses by allowing people, goods, services and capital to move freely within the single market;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the Commission's goal of opening up new opportunities for citizens and ***small and medium-sized*** businesses by allowing people, goods, services and capital to move freely within the single market;

Or. el

Amendment 68
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Welcomes *the Commission's goal of* opening up new opportunities for citizens and businesses by allowing people, goods, services and capital to move freely within the single market;

Amendment

2. Welcomes opening up new opportunities for citizens and businesses by allowing people, goods, services and capital to move freely within the single market;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Deplores the fact that Article 3(3) TEU, which refers to the concept of a social market economy, amounts to a dangerous race to the bottom in terms of taxation and wages, the reason being the strong emphasis that it lays on competitiveness;

Or. it

Amendment 70
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Recalls that net neutrality is of the uttermost importance to ensure that there is no discrimination between internet services and competition is fully

guaranteed. Where "Net neutrality" means the principle according to which all internet traffic is treated equally, without discrimination, restriction or interference, independently of its sender, recipient, type, content, device, service or application;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Maintains that an effective competition policy has to allow for the specific market conditions applying to SMEs, micro-enterprises, and start-ups, and must protect workers' rights and make for fair taxation;

Or. it

Amendment 72
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; Welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems;

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems; *stresses that the Directorate-General for Competition should receive the requisite information to enable it to investigate the competitive dimension of such practices;*

stresses that, to this end, access to the information about tax rulings and transfer pricing arrangements exchanged between the tax authorities of Member States is particularly decisive; deplores the fact that Member States deny DG Competition access to this information;

Or. de

Amendment 73

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; Welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems;

Amendment

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems; **welcomes the recent outcomes of investigations against Ireland, Luxembourg, Belgium and the Netherlands demonstrating that selective tax breaks constitutes illegal state aid contrary to EU competition law; underlines the need to ensure broad access to information in order to trigger more investigations on suspicious cases; stresses its concern on the current resources of Commission's competent services which may limit its ability to handle a significantly larger number of cases;**

Or. en

Amendment 74

Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; Welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems;

Amendment

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems; ***emphasises that comprehensive, transparent and effective exchanges of tax information are a key prerequisite for preventing aggressive tax planning; stresses, at the same time, that simplifying tax arrangements at Member State level can do much to foster transparency and clarity;***

Or. de

Amendment 75
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems;

Amendment

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax ***and that taxes must be paid in the place where profits are generated;*** welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems; ***maintains that greater efforts also need to be brought to bear on aggressive tax practices; stresses that the concept of keen competition implicit in the Treaties is translating into a fiscal race to the bottom;***

Or. it

Amendment 76
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; Welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems;

Amendment

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; Welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems; ***stresses that the reduction of tax fraud and tax avoidance is fundamental in order to consolidate sound public budgets ; calls the Commission to provide the European Parliament all the requested documentation regarding the tax rulings affaires;***

Or. en

Amendment 77
Bernard Monot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; Welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems;

Amendment

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems; ***calls on the Commission to consider amending state aid rules to allow the Member States where the profits from these operations were generated to benefit from the revenues obtained from the fines, in the event that penalties are applied;***

Or. fr

Amendment 78
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; Welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems;

Amendment

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax ***in the Member State where production takes place***; Welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems, ***but expresses its dissatisfaction with the low level of sanctions and the current practice where it is the Member State that facilitates tax evasion that receives the payment of the fine***;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Eva Paunova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; Welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems;

Amendment

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; Welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems; ***reiterates the necessity of implementing the Anti Tax Avoidance Package, the rules on information exchange between EU countries and the quick reaction mechanism to combat VAT fraud in order to ensure fair competition***;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; Welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems;

Amendment

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; ***considers that fair tax competition is essential for the integrity of the European internal market and a level playing field;*** welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems;

Or. de

Amendment 81
Sander Loones, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; ***Welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems;***

Amendment

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; ***considers that healthy tax competition is one of the constitutive elements of the internal market; emphasises therefore the need to eliminate distortive anti-competitive fiscal state aid measures; welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations in this regard;***

Or. en

Amendment 82
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. ***Reiterates that all market players should pay their fair share of tax; Welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems;***

Amendment

3. ***Respects fully the tax sovereignty of Member States; notes the Commission's investigations into anti-competitive practices; welcomes any tax competition between Member States; rejects the notion of the supposed necessity to coordinate tax policy between Member States as being detrimental to tax competition;***

Or. en

Amendment 83
Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their ***fair*** share of tax; Welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems;

Amendment

3. Reiterates that all market players should pay their share of tax ***through the gradual convergence of taxable bases***; Welcomes the Commission's in-depth investigations into anti-competitive practices such as selective tax advantages or excess profit ruling systems;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Underlines that since the Lux Leaks scandal, the EU has acknowledged that it is necessary to put an end to

irresponsible tax competition by Member States, which places an intolerable tax burden on honest taxpayers and prevents the development of SMEs. The Commission and the EP have made serious efforts to combat tax evasion and tax fraud. Stresses the need to investigate thoroughly all the cases where suspected that the aim is tax optimisation by multinationals, like for example in the legislation on tax credits for growth in Hungary;

Or. en

Amendment 85

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Praises and strongly welcomes in particular the recent Commission decision as regards the Ireland/Apple case which represents a key milestone for addressing the issue of illegal state aid by means of tax advantages; encourages the Commission to investigate similar cases across the single market;

Or. en

Amendment 86

Fulvio Martusciello, Antonio Tajani

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Notes that Brexit could negatively affect EU competition policy as a tool to

promote the integration of the single market; is concerned, in particular, of the risk of duplication of proceedings which would increase administrative costs and delay investigation processes;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Notes that healthy tax competition accompanied with appropriate transfer mechanisms set up to compensate for the structural economic divergences between different regions and states of the Union remains a constitutive element of the internal market of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Calls Member States to publish information on their tax rulings and to present it in a regional breakdown, to ensure that there is not an excess of tax rulings in some regions creating de facto state aid to them;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission to make full use of its powers under competition law to help Member States to tackle harmful tax practices efficiently;

Or. de

Amendment 90
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Recommends an increased sharing of information between national authorities in order to ensure that taxes are paid in EU when this shall be the case and in the relevant Member State;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Stresses that, within the internal market, new entrants and SMEs doing business only in one country are penalised as compared to MNCs, which can shift profits or implement other forms

of aggressive tax planning through a variety of decisions and instruments, available to them only; notes with concern that, everything being equal, the resulting lower tax liabilities leave the latter with a higher post-tax profit and create an uneven playing field with their competitors on the single market, which do not have recourse to aggressive tax planning and keep the connection between where they generate profit and their place of taxation; stresses that promoting harmful tax practices through the creation of a European one-person-entity (SUP) which explicitly allows for having two different residences, a registered office in one place and an administrative headquarter is the wrong approach for the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 92

Tibor Szanyi, Pervenche Berès, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță, Jonás Fernández, Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. *Emphasises that corruption in public procurement has serious market distorting effects on European competitiveness; reiterates that public procurement is one of the government activities most vulnerable to corruption; highlights that in certain Member States, EU funded procurement carries higher corruption risks than nationally funded procurement; reminds that tailor-made tender invitations are widely used to limit market competition; calls on the Commission to continue its effort to prevent the misuse of EU funds and stimulate accountability in public procurement; urges the establishment of*

the European Public Prosecutors' Office with the necessary rights in order to better investigate alleged crimes against EU money;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Underlines the need for simple and transparent tax policies and regulations;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Tibor Szanyi, Doru-Claudian Frunzulică, Jonás Fernández, Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3c. Recognises the actions of the Commission against international companies distorting fair competition on the European Single Market; reminds that unfair competition is still one of the main challenges identified by European SMEs; highlights that illegal tax benefits granted by Member State governments to multinational companies generate a highly anti-competitive environment and further degrade the capacity of SMEs for job creation; calls on the Member States to forthwith cease such activities and asks the Commission to actively support the improvement of SMEs' access to markets, the reduction of administrative burdens on SMEs and the promotion of

entrepreneurship and skills within the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3c. Underlines however that taxation is a national competence, dependent on the political view and actions of governments and parliaments, based upon fiscal policies and political aspirations regarding public spending;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3c. Calls to revising state aid guidelines on taxation to cover cases of unfair competition going beyond tax rulings and transfer pricing;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3d. Calls for achieving diligent progress as regards an EU legislative framework to prevent distortions of competition by aggressive tax planning and tax evasion; recommends in that perspective the establishment of CCCTB and a guarantee that no profit leaves the EU untaxed, the public disclosure of tax rulings, a review of the VAT Directive in order to prevent fraud, the obligation on large international companies to report publicly their turnover and profits on a 'country-by-country' basis, and a call on the Member States to introduce greater transparency in their tax practices and mutual reporting requirements;

Or. en

Amendment 98

Tibor Szanyi, Pervenche Berès, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță, Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3d. Calls on the Member States and the EU institutions to prioritise the strengthening of the post-Brexit Single Market by ensuring full compliance with European competition laws and by further increasing cooperation between Member States on tax issues;

Or. en

Amendment 99

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3e. Considers that fair competition can be hampered by tax planning; welcomes the Commission recommendation to adjust the definition of 'permanent establishment' so that companies cannot artificially avoid having a taxable presence in Member States in which they have an economic activity; stresses that this definition should also address the specific situation of the digital sector, ensuring that companies engaged in fully dematerialised activities are considered to have a permanent establishment in a Member State if they maintain a significant digital presence in the economy of that country;

Or. en

Amendment 100

Tibor Szanyi, Doru-Claudian Frunzulică, Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3e. Stresses the need for single market rules to be enforced also at the Member States level and for infringements to be dealt to tackle fragmentation of the single market;

Or. en

Amendment 101

Tibor Szanyi, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3f. Calls for improving the one-stop shop based on the current experience of the Mini One Stop Shops for digital products; notes that even with the Mini One Stop Shop, small and micro-businesses can face a significant administrative burden;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Stresses the need to reinforce the single market through a fiscal union, and calls for the treaties to be amended accordingly;

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 103
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Stresses the need to reinforce the single market through a fiscal union, and calls for the treaties to be amended accordingly;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 104
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Stresses the need to reinforce the single market through a fiscal union, and calls for the treaties to be amended accordingly; *deleted*

Or. de

Amendment 105
Werner Langen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Stresses the need to reinforce the single market through a fiscal union, and calls for the treaties to be amended accordingly; *deleted*

Or. de

Amendment 106
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Stresses the need to reinforce the single market through a fiscal union, and calls for the treaties to be amended accordingly; *deleted*

Amendment 107
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Stresses the need to reinforce the single market through a fiscal union, and calls for the treaties to be amended accordingly; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 108
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Stresses the need to reinforce the single market through a fiscal union, and calls for the treaties to be amended accordingly; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 109
Sander Loones

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Stresses the need to reinforce the single market through a fiscal union, and calls for the treaties to be amended *deleted*

accordingly;

Or. en

Amendment 110

Sylvie Goulard

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses the need to reinforce the single market through *a fiscal union*, and calls for *the treaties* to be *amended* accordingly;

Amendment

4. Stresses the need to reinforce the single market *by addressing divergent tax policies* through *the EU which impact upon competition, ranging from discriminatory national tax regimes to regimes favouring particular financial instruments*, and calls for *initiatives* to be *taken* accordingly;

Or. en

Amendment 111

Eva Paunova

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses the need to reinforce the single market through a fiscal union, *and* calls for the treaties to be amended accordingly;

Amendment

4. Stresses the need to reinforce the single market through a fiscal union, *as a robust framework for budgetary discipline will reinforce the EU's economic cohesion and competitiveness and improve its capacity to face global competition*; calls for the treaties to be amended accordingly;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Andreas Schwab, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. *Stresses the need to reinforce the single market through a fiscal union, and calls for the treaties to be amended accordingly;*

Amendment

4. *Considers that a successful European competition policy must take account of the innovativeness of European industry and the competitive conditions afforded to SMEs;*

Or. de

Amendment 113
Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses the need to reinforce the single market *through a fiscal union, and calls for the treaties to be amended accordingly;*

Amendment

4. Stresses the need to *further* reinforce the single market;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Krišjānis Kariņš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses the need to reinforce the single market *through a fiscal union, and calls for the treaties to be amended accordingly;*

Amendment

4. Stresses the need to reinforce the single market *by removing the remaining barriers and obstacles;*

Or. en

Amendment 115
Esther de Lange

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses the need to **reinforce the single market through a fiscal union, and calls for the treaties to be amended accordingly**;

Amendment

4. Stresses the need to **improve the functioning of the single market by initiatives such as the Capital Markets Union**;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Believes that the Commission should further strengthen the links between competition policy and transport policy to improve the competitiveness of the European transport sector;

Calls on the Commission to open up competition in the transport sector in order to complete the Single Market; in particular in those Member States that have port and airport public networks managed and monopolised by the central government or if they persistently generate public deficits;

Encourages the Commission to investigate whether certain practices with regard to the imposition of specific hub airports – based on the terms of the over 1000 existing bilateral air services agreements signed by Member States with non-EU countries – are detrimental to fair competition between carriers and

airports, and are against European consumers' interests;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Stresses the need to deepen the single market, opening up for new completion and freedom of establishment in all sectors, underlines the need for structural reforms and fiscal consolidation in the framework of the Stability and Growth Pact, calls upon Commission that the credibility of the SGP is restored by securing that all Member States follow the rules instead of calling for new rules and new institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Fulvio Martusciello, Antonio Tajani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission to further tackle any abuse of tax rulings; believes, to this regard, that the Commission decisions which have set out a clear methodology for calculating the value and the undue competitive advantages enjoyed by companies involved in incorrect rulings provide a good legal basis for further harmonisation in the area;

Amendment 119

Alfred Sant, Michela Giuffrida, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Reminds the Commission that for the EU's single market to function smoothly, it is imperative to allow national and regional authorities to intervene in situations which emanate from geographical handicaps that impede on the market's ability to flourish in both its economic and social dimension;

Or. en

Amendment 120

Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Points out that the harmonisation of the common consolidated corporate tax base (CCCTB) is vital in order to eliminate distortions of competition and reduce the appeal of concluding opaque tax agreements between certain multinationals and Member States;

Or. es

Amendment 121

Hugues Bayet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. *Calls for the establishment at European level of a minimum corporation tax level and for the harmonisation of tax bases to stop tax competition between states, which mainly benefits transnational groups;*

Or. fr

Amendment 122
Pervenche Berès, Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. *Insists on the need to fight against fiscal dumping, abusive tax planning and tax evasion to ensure fair competition across the single market;*

Or. en

Amendment 123
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. *Notes that economic integration cannot proceed without tackling anti-competitive practices such as social and tax dumping in the EU;*

Or. en

Amendment 124
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Repeats its calls that one size fits all calculations do not define competition policies, since these undermine social cohesion across the Union, promote policy options that potentially are economically flawed, and in the medium term, inhibit the union's competitiveness vis-à-vis other continental trading and investment blocs;

Or. en

Amendment 125
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Urges the Commission to complete the implementation of the Single European Railway Area, ensure full transparency in the flows of money between infrastructures managers and railway undertakings, and verify that each Member State has a strong and independent national regulator;

Or. en

Amendment 126
Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Urges the Council to take swift action to adopt the Commission proposal on the harmonisation of the consolidated corporate tax base (CCCTB);

Or. es

Amendment 127

Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4c. Deplores the fact that Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 on protection against unfair pricing practices in the air transport sector has proved to be inadequate and ineffective in terms of scope; calls on the Commission to revise Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 in order to safeguard fair competition in EU external aviation relations and reinforce the competitive position of the EU aviation industry ^{1a}, prevent unfair competition more effectively, ensure reciprocity and eliminate unfair practices, including subsidies and state aid awarded to airlines from certain third countries that distort the market; stresses that the aim should be to improve the political strategy at European level in order to quickly resolve this conflict, based mainly on the application of a transparent 'fair competition' clause; calls also on the Commission to fully implement Article 4(f) of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 on the 'effective control' of airlines. ^{1b}

^{1a}

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getAllAnswers.do?reference=E-2015->

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^{1b} <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:293:0003:0020:en:PDF>

Or. en

Amendment 128
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4d. *Takes the view that the adoption of the euro by those Member States that have not yet joined the single currency would strengthen free competition within the internal market;*

Or. es

Amendment 129
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. *Welcomes the Commission's Digital Single Market Strategy; reiterates that a unified digital single market could create hundreds of thousands of new jobs and could contribute EUR 415 billion per year to the EU economy;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 130
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes the Commission's Digital Single Market Strategy; reiterates that a unified digital single market could create hundreds of thousands of new jobs and could contribute EUR 415 billion per year to the EU economy;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the Commission's Digital Single Market Strategy; ***supports the Commission's efforts to ensure that EU competition policy applies fully to the digital single market, as competition not only gives consumers more choice but will also provide a level playing field, and regrets that the current lack of a European digital framework has highlighted the failure to reconcile the interests of large and small service providers***; reiterates that a unified digital single market could create hundreds of thousands of new jobs and could contribute EUR 415 billion per year to the EU economy;

Or. hu

Amendment 131
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes the Commission's Digital Single Market Strategy; reiterates that a unified digital single market could create hundreds of thousands of new jobs and could contribute EUR 415 billion per year to the EU economy;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the Commission's Digital Single Market Strategy; reiterates that a unified digital single market could create hundreds of thousands of new jobs and could contribute EUR 415 billion per year to the EU economy; ***observes at the same time that traditional market models of competition policy are often not sufficiently relevant to the digital internal market; calls, therefore, for greater attention to be focused on the new business models used by digital companies and for new assessment criteria to be applied to those companies; calls also for the specific market structures in the***

digital economy to be taken more fully into account;

Or. de

Amendment 132

Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. ***Welcomes*** the Commission's Digital Single Market Strategy; ***reiterates that a unified digital single market could create hundreds of thousands of new jobs and could contribute EUR 415 billion per year to the EU economy;***

Amendment

5. ***Notes*** the Commission's Digital Single Market Strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 133

Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes the Commission's Digital Single Market Strategy; ***reiterates*** that a unified digital single market could create hundreds of thousands of new jobs and could contribute EUR 415 billion per year to the EU economy;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the Commission's Digital Single Market Strategy; ***emphasises the crucial role of competition policy in completing the digital internal market and*** that a unified digital single market could create hundreds of thousands of new jobs and could contribute EUR 415 billion per year to the EU economy;

Or. de

Amendment 134

Sander Loones, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes the Commission's Digital Single Market Strategy; **reiterates that** a unified digital single market could create hundreds of thousands of new jobs and could contribute EUR 415 billion per year to the EU economy;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the Commission's Digital Single Market Strategy; **emphasises that, according to the Commission's estimates,** a unified digital single market could create hundreds of thousands of new jobs and could contribute EUR 415 billion per year to the EU economy **by breaking down regulatory barriers;**

Or. en

Amendment 135

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. **Welcomes** the Commission's Digital Single Market Strategy; reiterates that a unified digital single market could create hundreds of thousands of new jobs and could contribute EUR 415 billion per year to the EU economy;

Amendment

5. **Takes note of** the Commission's Digital Single Market Strategy; reiterates that a unified digital single market could create hundreds of thousands of new jobs and could contribute EUR 415 billion per year to the EU economy;

Or. en

Amendment 136

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Reiterates that in the context of a

digital single market, the Commission must be equipped with the right tools to strengthen its surveillance and avoid abuses stemming from dominant positions at the detriment of end consumers in the digital economy;

Or. en

Amendment 137
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to take more ambitious steps to eliminate obstacles to online competition, in order to ensure barrier-free online shopping for EU consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 138
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to take more ambitious steps to eliminate obstacles to online competition, in order to ensure barrier-free online shopping for EU consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State;

6. Calls on the Commission to take more ambitious steps to eliminate obstacles to online competition, in order to ensure barrier-free online shopping for EU consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State; *considers, therefore, that targeted actions are needed to improve access to goods and services, in particular by ending unjustified geo-blocking practices and unfair price discrimination based on geographical*

location or nationality which often have the effect of building monopolies and of some consumers resorting to illegal content;

Or. hu

Amendment 139

Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. *Calls on the Commission to take more ambitious steps to eliminate obstacles to online competition, in order to ensure barrier-free online shopping for EU consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State;*

Amendment

6. *Notes the Commission's steps in fostering online competition, in order to promote online shopping for EU consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State; stresses the need to ensure that the development of online shopping does not open the door to new forms of tax competition; underlines the need to avoid the concentration of digital services into a few providers, which would harm small producers and consumers alike;*

Or. en

Amendment 140

Alain Lamassoure, Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to take more ambitious steps to eliminate obstacles to online competition, in order to ensure **barrier-free** online shopping for EU consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to take more ambitious steps to eliminate obstacles to online competition, in order to ensure online shopping **free of barriers and geographic discrimination** for EU consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State; **stresses**

that the Commission should adopt flexible measures to adapt to the fourth industrial revolution, characterised by digitisation and robotisation;

Or. fr

Amendment 141

Andreas Schwab, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission *to take more ambitious steps* to eliminate obstacles to online competition, in order to ensure barrier-free online shopping for EU consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State;

Amendment

6. *Welcomes the Commission's sectoral investigation of e-commerce, the preliminary results of which have identified certain business practices in this sector which could restrict online competition;* calls on the Commission, *where necessary*, to eliminate obstacles to online competition, in order to ensure barrier-free online shopping for EU consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State;

Or. de

Amendment 142

Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to take more ambitious steps to eliminate obstacles to online competition, in order to ensure barrier-free online shopping for EU consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to take more ambitious steps to eliminate obstacles to online competition, in order to ensure barrier-free online shopping for EU consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State; *notes that, to eliminate these obstacles, long-term investments in the necessary infrastructure are needed and should be*

made in accordance with the requirements of the market and of competition;

Or. de

Amendment 143
Hugues Bayet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to take more ambitious steps to eliminate obstacles to online competition, in order to ensure barrier-free online shopping for EU consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to take more ambitious steps to eliminate obstacles to online competition, in order to ensure barrier-free online shopping for EU consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State; *calls for EU-level website labelling to guarantee the existence and quality of the services or products offered;*

Or. fr

Amendment 144
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to take *more* ambitious steps to eliminate obstacles to online competition, in order to ensure *barrier-free* online shopping for *EU* consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to take ambitious steps to eliminate *legal* obstacles to online competition, in order to ensure online shopping for consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State *or outside the EU;*

Or. en

Amendment 145
Sander Loones

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to take **more** ambitious steps to eliminate obstacles to online competition, in order to ensure barrier-free online shopping for EU consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to take ambitious steps to eliminate obstacles to online competition, in order to ensure barrier-free online shopping for EU consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to **take more ambitious steps** to eliminate obstacles to online competition, in order to ensure barrier-free online shopping for EU consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to **act** to eliminate obstacles to online competition **within the EU**, in order to ensure barrier-free online shopping for EU consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State;

Or. it

Amendment 147
Tibor Szanyi, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Welcomes the Commission's commitment towards a European digital single market and its proposal on geo-

blocking and other forms of discrimination based on customers' nationality and place of residence; notes that the proposal only covers online purchases of goods and services therefore calls on the Commission to also address the geo-blocking of audiovisual services;

Or. en

Amendment 148
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission to take more ambitious steps to eliminate illegitimate obstacles to online competition, in order to ensure barrier-free online shopping for EU consumers purchasing from sellers who are based in another Member State, while at the same time not creating new barriers caused by existing variations in consumer law;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Hugues Bayet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission to enhance consumer trust in online payment by making it more secure, including by establishing a 'legal offer' label in order to help consumers clearly identify the legality of online offers for works and objects protected by intellectual

property rights;

Or. fr

Amendment 150
Sorin Moisă, Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. *Calls on the Commission to take the necessary steps towards establishing an EU-wide VAT system for cross-border transactions;*

Or. en

Amendment 151
Sorin Moisă, Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6b. *Considers that enhancing the participation of SMEs should play an essential role in the efforts to promote an unified digital single market and stresses the need to assess the potential impact of every initiative, notably those aiming to promote e-commerce and clarify the permanent establishment status for digital sector, on the ability of SMEs to benefit from the digital single market;*

Or. en

Amendment 152
Tibor Szanyi, Doru-Claudian Frunzulică, Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6b. *Underlines that collaborative economy platforms have brought into play the idea of challenging existing incumbent, dominant players to create a more competitive environment for consumers and businesses alike;*

Or. en

Amendment 153
Tibor Szanyi, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță, Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6c. *Highlights, the increasing presence of new digitally enabled businesses, in particular internet and mobile phone applications, alongside existing operators has opened up new channels for consumers to find, compare, and select goods and services across the single market. This results in an empowered consumer who seeks to make informed choices based on their personal needs and goals;*

Or. en

Amendment 154
Sorin Moisă, Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6c. *Calls on the Commission to use its*

policy and financial instruments and promote exchanges of best practices between Member States to foster investments in various traditional sectors and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) that are lagging behind the digital industrial revolution;

Or. en

Amendment 155
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6d. *Underlines that the European Union should encourage all businesses (like ones with dominant market share and also start-ups) to innovate;*

Or. en

Amendment 156
Anneliese Dodds

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Stresses that the sharing economy is offering EU consumers numerous innovative products and services; reiterates that beside the taxation and security aspects, the Commission should also examine its competition aspects; underlines that national or EU rules must not impose the same conditions for different kinds of services;

7. Stresses that the sharing economy is offering EU consumers numerous innovative products and services; ***calls on the Commission to ensure that firms operating in the collaborative economy, such as Uber, abide by competition law and do not seek to undermine the level playing field by, for example, circumventing employment or taxation rules in order to gain an unfair competitive advantage;*** reiterates that beside the taxation and security aspects, the

Commission should also examine its competition aspects; underlines that national or EU rules must not impose the same conditions for different kinds of services;

Or. en

Amendment 157

Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses that the sharing economy is ***offering EU consumers numerous innovative products and services***; reiterates that beside the taxation and security aspects, the Commission should also examine its competition aspects; underlines that national or EU rules ***must not impose*** the same ***conditions for different kinds of services***;

Amendment

7. Stresses that the ***for-profit*** sharing economy is ***producing a marked deterioration in labour and consumer standards***; reiterates that beside the taxation and security aspects, the Commission should also examine its competition aspects; underlines that national or EU rules ***should ensure that new entrants from the sharing economy in a particular sector abide by*** the same ***labour and consumer regulations already in force for traditional providers***; ***stresses the need to fight against bogus self-employment and other forms of precarious employment developing in the for-profit sharing economy***;

Or. en

Amendment 158

Sylvie Goulard

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

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innovative products and services; reiterates that beside the taxation and security aspects, the Commission should also examine its competition aspects; underlines that national or EU rules must not impose the same conditions for different kinds of services;

innovative products and services; reiterates that beside the taxation and security aspects, the Commission should also examine its competition aspects; underlines that national or EU rules must not impose the same conditions for different kinds of services; ***stresses that this type of economy, already established several years ago, raises competition issues in several Member States and they should be resolved at the EU level, for reasons of legal consistency;***

Or. en

Amendment 159
Alain Lamassoure, Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses that the sharing economy is offering EU consumers numerous innovative products and services; reiterates that beside the taxation and security aspects, the Commission should also examine its competition aspects; underlines that national or EU rules must not impose the same conditions for different kinds of services;

Amendment

7. Stresses that the sharing economy is offering EU consumers numerous innovative products and services; reiterates that beside the taxation and security aspects, the Commission should also examine its competition aspects; underlines that national or EU rules must not impose the same conditions for different kinds of services; ***stresses the need to guarantee a high level of consumer and personal data protection in connection with the digital single market;***

Or. fr

Amendment 160
Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses that the sharing economy is offering EU consumers numerous innovative products and services; reiterates that beside the taxation and security aspects, the Commission should also examine its competition aspects; ***underlines that national or EU rules must not impose the same conditions for different kinds of services;***

Amendment

7. Stresses that the sharing economy is offering EU consumers numerous innovative products and services; reiterates that beside the taxation and security aspects, the Commission should also examine its competition aspects;

Or. en

Amendment 161
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses that the sharing economy is offering EU consumers numerous innovative products and services; reiterates that beside the taxation and security aspects, the Commission should also examine its competition aspects; ***underlines that national or EU rules must not impose the same conditions for different kinds of services;***

Amendment

7. Stresses that the sharing economy is offering EU consumers numerous innovative products and services; reiterates that beside the taxation, ***administrative framework*** and security aspects, the Commission should also examine its competition aspects; ***underlines that national or EU rules must not impose the same conditions for different kinds of services;***

Or. en

Amendment 162
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

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offering *EU* consumers numerous innovative products and services; reiterates that *beside the taxation and security aspects, the Commission should also examine its competition aspects*; underlines that national or EU rules must not impose the same conditions for different kinds of services;

offering consumers numerous innovative products and services; reiterates that *the Commission should remove obstacles for market entry of businesses in order to create a more intense competition*; underlines that national or EU rules must not impose the same conditions for different kinds of services;

Or. en

Amendment 163
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses that the sharing economy is offering EU consumers numerous innovative products and services; reiterates that beside the taxation and security aspects, the Commission should *also* examine its competition aspects; underlines that national or EU rules must not impose the same conditions for different kinds of services;

Amendment

7. Stresses that the sharing economy is offering EU consumers numerous innovative products and services *but* reiterates that beside the taxation and security aspects, the Commission should examine its competition aspects; underlines that national or EU rules must not impose the same conditions for different kinds of services *or cities*;

Or. en

Amendment 164
Sander Loones

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses that the sharing economy *is offering* EU consumers numerous innovative products and services; reiterates that *beside the taxation and security aspects, the Commission should also examine its competition aspects*;

Amendment

7. Stresses that the sharing economy *offers* EU consumers numerous innovative products and services; reiterates that the Commission should *continue to scrutinize* its competition aspects; underlines that national or EU rules must not impose the

underlines that national or EU rules must not impose the same conditions for different kinds of services;

same conditions for different kinds of services;

Or. en

Amendment 165

Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Urges the Commission therefore to create a political toolkit, which is indispensable in order for the numerous forms and variants of the sharing economy to receive support at EU level and in the individual Member States, to be applied, to become credible and to win trust;

Or. hu

Amendment 166

Tibor Szanyi, Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Underlines that the Commission should also ensure that Member States have permissive and supportive regulatory frameworks on collaborative economy that do not lead to competitive distortions;

Or. en

Amendment 167

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Calls on the Commission to conduct a wide-ranging review of the effectiveness of existing competition law instruments in the digital age, and where appropriate to develop them further;

Or. de

Amendment 168
Tibor Szanyi, Doru-Claudian Frunzulică

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. There is clearly a need for further deregulation of the taxi and private hire vehicle market in Europe. The present rigid regulation of the number of taxis and private hire vehicles results in poor competition, detrimental to consumers and businesses alike. Therefore the present system should be reformed as quickly as possible across Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 169
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. Calls on the Commission to address these concerns again so that the benefits to society of these business

*models can become tangible in reality
within legal frameworks;*

Or. hu

Amendment 170

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. *Calls on the Commission, when assessing digital economy transactions with competition law relevance, to place greater emphasis on the role of data and of network effects;*

Or. de

Amendment 171

Tibor Szanyi, Doru-Claudian Frunzulică, Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7c. *For decades, national authorities have conferred special rights to taxi operators by granting them exclusive rights, resulting in artificial and unnecessary barriers to competition in the provision of services. Conversely, Member State measures have prevented other sector participants, such as Private Hire Vehicle (PHV) drivers, from operating under equivalent conditions as taxi operators. They have created a dramatic imbalance between supply and demand as evidenced by the difficulties that consumers often face when trying to find an available taxi or PHV. These entry barriers have a negative economical and societal impacts as consumers are facing*

reduced choice and availability of taxis and PHVs, higher prices, lower quality of service, and longer waiting periods;

Or. en

Amendment 172
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7c. Stresses that, particularly in a dynamic sector such as the digital economy, it is absolutely crucial for competition proceedings to be swiftly concluded, so that the abuse of a dominant position on the market cannot lead to a market shakeout;

Or. de

Amendment 173
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Welcomes, furthermore, the current Commission practice whereby instant messaging (IM) applications are not compared with services of a different nature provided by the general telecommunications sector;

8. Welcomes, furthermore, the current Commission practice whereby instant messaging (IM) applications are not compared with services of a different nature provided by the general telecommunications sector; *notes, however, that these services use, free of charge, infrastructure provided and financed by the telecommunications sector;*

Or. de

Amendment 174
Werner Langen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. ***Welcomes, furthermore, the current Commission practice whereby instant messaging (IM) applications are not compared with services of a different nature provided by the general telecommunications sector;***

Amendment

8. ***Calls on the Commission to take account of the growing convergence in the digital markets, by comparing comparable services, such as instant messaging (IM) applications, with equivalent services provided by the general telecommunications sector;***

Or. de

Amendment 175
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

8a. ***Stresses Google's widespread abuse of its dominant position across key vertical search markets, notably in the area of local search; calls on the European Commission to order Google to refrain from abusing its dominant general search engine to give advantages to its own specialised search products and to explore additional remedies that would seek to undo the harms that Google has already inflicted on competition, consumers and innovation in all verticals;***

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 176
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Welcomes the Commission's investigations into certain anti-competitive practices by a number of companies, in particular Google, Amazon, Qualcomm and other media companies, film studios and TV distributors; calls on the Commission to speed up all procedures against behaviour which infringes EU antitrust rules;

Amendment

9. Welcomes the Commission's investigations into certain anti-competitive practices by a number of companies, in particular Google, Amazon, Qualcomm and other media companies, film studios and TV distributors; calls on the Commission to speed up all procedures against behaviour which infringes EU antitrust rules; ***calls on the Commission to address Google's widespread abuse of its dominant position across key vertical search markets, including local search;***

Or. en

Amendment 177

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Welcomes the Commission's investigations into ***certain*** anti-competitive practices ***by a number of companies***, in particular Google, Amazon, Qualcomm and other media companies, film studios and TV distributors; calls on the Commission to speed up all procedures against behaviour which infringes EU antitrust rules;

Amendment

9. Welcomes the Commission's investigations into anti-competitive practices ***of dominant internet platforms***, in particular Google, Amazon, Qualcomm and other media companies, film studios and TV distributors; ***underlines their influence on markets and the public sphere alike, and the need to regulate them to protect both***; calls on the Commission to speed up all procedures against behaviour which infringes EU antitrust rules;

Or. en

Amendment 178
Bernard Monot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Welcomes the Commission's investigations into certain anti-competitive practices by a number of companies, in particularly Google, Amazon, Qualcomm and other media companies, film studios and TV distributors; calls on the Commission to speed up all procedures against behaviour which infringes EU antitrust rules;

Amendment

9. Welcomes the Commission's investigations into certain anti-competitive practices by a number of companies, in particularly Google, Amazon, Qualcomm and other media companies, film studios and TV distributors; calls on the Commission to speed up all procedures against behaviour which infringes EU antitrust rules ***and to ensure that the fines imposed are actually paid in full***;

Or. fr

Amendment 179
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Welcomes the Commission's investigations into certain anti-competitive practices by a number of ***companies, in particularly Google, Amazon, Qualcomm and other media*** companies, ***film studios and TV distributors***; calls on the Commission to speed up all procedures against behaviour which infringes EU antitrust rules;

Amendment

9. Welcomes the Commission's investigations into certain anti-competitive practices by a number of ***multinational*** companies; calls on the Commission to speed up all procedures against behaviour which infringes EU antitrust rules;

Or. de

Amendment 180
Sander Loones

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Welcomes the Commission's investigations into certain anti-competitive practices by a number of companies, in *particularly Google, Amazon, Qualcomm* and other media companies, film studios and TV distributors; calls on the Commission to speed up all procedures against behaviour which infringes EU antitrust rules;

Amendment

9. Welcomes the Commission's investigations into certain anti-competitive practices by a number of companies, in *particular by internet and telecom giants* and other media companies, film studios and TV distributors; calls on the Commission to speed up all procedures against *anticompetitive* behaviour which infringes EU antitrust rules;

Or. en

Amendment 181
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. *Welcomes* the Commission's investigations into certain anti-competitive practices by a number of companies, *in particularly Google, Amazon, Qualcomm and other media companies, film studios and TV distributors*; calls on the Commission to *speed up* all procedures against behaviour which infringes EU antitrust rules;

Amendment

9. *Notes* the Commission's investigations into certain anti-competitive practices by a number of companies *of the network and media economy*; calls on the Commission to *conduct* all procedures against behaviour which infringes EU antitrust rules *with appropriate diligence*;

Or. en

Amendment 182
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. **Welcomes** the Commission's investigations into certain anti-competitive practices by a number of companies, in particularly Google, Amazon, Qualcomm and other media companies, film studios and TV distributors; calls on the Commission to speed up all procedures against behaviour which infringes EU antitrust rules;

Amendment

9. **Notes** the Commission's investigations into certain anti-competitive practices by a number of companies, in particularly Google, Amazon, Qualcomm and other media companies, film studios and TV distributors; calls on the Commission to speed up all procedures against behaviour which infringes EU antitrust rules;

Or. el

Amendment 183

Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

welcomes the fact that the Commission has been involved in the Apple case concerning unlawful tax rulings, but considers it disappointing that the one action taken by the Commission has been to require Ireland to recover debt; points out that the EU needs to have more stringent legislation on tax rulings, providing also for an effective system of penalties and a debt recovery procedure for Member States which have been harmed;

Or. it

Amendment 184

Alain Lamassoure, Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Commission to bring

forward a regulatory strategy taking into account technology convergence and, in particular, the multiplication of platforms; recalls that for this purpose ex ante sectoral regulations must balance defence of pluralism, freedom of expression, protection of personal data, protection of the consumer's autonomy and freedom of choice and equal promotion of competing offers in Europe and of convergent offers for European champions in international competition; calls for inequalities in the balance of power to be corrected and for situations of dependency between economic operators to be alleviated with a view to achieving a fair sharing of value;

Or. fr

Amendment 185
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Regrets the long duration of the investigations into Google's practices, the shopping search probe was opened in November 2010 ^{1a} and the fact that these investigations have already dragged on for several years without any final results; welcomes the Supplementary Statement of Objections sent by the Commission to Google on comparison shopping service^{1b}; asks the EC to decide its next steps before the end of 2016; calls on the Commission to continue to examine determinedly all concerns identified in its investigations, including other areas of local search bias, as it is ultimately part of ensuring a level playing field for all market players in the digital market;

^{1a} http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-

10-1624_en.htm

^{1b} http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-2532_en.htm

Or. en

Amendment 186
Werner Langen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Welcomes the greater attention being paid to network effects and to data accumulation and analysis in identifying market power on digital markets; takes the view that data play a major role in the digital economy and should therefore be taken into account in assessment under competition rules;

Or. de

Amendment 187
Michel Reimon
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Commission to investigate in a number of dominant hotel online booking platforms, in particularly Booking.com;

Or. en

Amendment 188
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9b. *Welcomes the Commission Statement of Objection (SO) on Android, a thorough investigation into the Google practice is needed whereby the 'Android' operating system is offered only in conjunction with other Google services, and whereby manufacturers may not pre-install rival products; calls, furthermore, on the Commission to examine in detail Google's dominant market position in the area of direct hotel bookings and local searches, and to seek an appropriate solution to this problem; supports the Commission measures designed to bring about a greater degree of interoperability and portability across all digital sectors and, thereby, avoid a winner-takes-all scenario; stresses the importance of equipping the Commission with the right tools to maintain an up-to-date overview of swift developments on the digital market;*

Or. en

Amendment 189
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9c. *Calls on the Commission to conduct and complete all other pending cartel investigations carefully, and to do away with any market restrictions; calls for the proceedings to be speeded up so that results can be achieved within the next year; welcomes, therefore, the supplementary statement of objections*

sent by the Commission on the comparison shopping service; calls on the Commission to continue to examine determinedly all concerns identified in its investigations, including other areas of search bias, in order to guarantee a level playing field for all market players in the digital market;

Or. en

Amendment 190
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Considers that competition in the telecommunications sector is essential, not only to drive innovation and investment in networks but also to encourage affordable prices and choice of services for consumers; calls on the Commission, therefore, to safeguard competition in this sector, including with regard to spectrum allocation;

Amendment

10. Considers that competition in the telecommunications sector is essential, not only to drive innovation and investment in networks but also to encourage affordable prices and choice of services for consumers; calls on the Commission, therefore, to safeguard competition in this sector, including with regard to spectrum allocation; *stresses, however, that in order to maintain competition in this sector it is not only necessary to focus on Europe as a whole but also to guarantee competition among telecoms providers within the Member States;*

Or. de

Amendment 191
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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telecommunications sector is essential, not only to drive innovation and investment in networks but also to encourage affordable prices and choice of services for consumers; calls on the Commission, therefore, to safeguard competition in this sector, including with regard to spectrum allocation;

telecommunications sector is essential, not only to drive innovation and investment in networks but also to encourage affordable prices and choice of services for consumers; calls on the Commission, therefore, to safeguard competition in this sector, including with regard to spectrum allocation; *welcomes in this connection the Commission's intention, when applying the state aid guidelines on broadband networks, to look sympathetically at the strategic aims of the telecoms package;*

Or. de

Amendment 192
Anneliese Dodds

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Considers that competition in the telecommunications sector is essential, not only to drive innovation and investment in networks but also to encourage affordable prices and choice of services for consumers; calls on the Commission, therefore, to safeguard competition in this sector, including with regard to spectrum allocation;

Amendment

10. Considers that competition in the telecommunications sector is essential, not only to drive innovation and investment in networks but also to encourage affordable prices and choice of services for consumers; calls on the Commission, therefore, to safeguard competition in this sector, including with regard to spectrum allocation; *welcomes the Commission decision to stop the merger of the mobile phone service providers O2 and Three in the UK, to the benefit of European consumers;*

Or. en

Amendment 193
Eva Paunova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Considers that competition in the telecommunications sector is essential, not only to drive innovation and investment in networks but also to encourage affordable prices and choice of services for consumers; calls on the Commission, therefore, to safeguard competition in this sector, including with regard to spectrum allocation;

Amendment

10. Considers that competition in the telecommunications sector is essential, not only to drive innovation and investment in networks but also to encourage affordable prices and choice of services for consumers; calls on the Commission, therefore, to safeguard competition in this sector, including with regard to spectrum allocation; ***reiterates the importance of the application of the European Electronic Communications Code and the enhancement of connectivity across the EU;***

Or. en

Amendment 194
Werner Langen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Considers that competition in the telecommunications sector is essential, ***not only to drive innovation and investment in networks but also to encourage affordable prices and choice of services for consumers; calls on the Commission, therefore, to safeguard competition in this sector, including with regard to spectrum allocation;***

Amendment

10. Considers that competition in the telecommunications sector is essential ***to encourage affordable prices and choice of services for consumers; stresses at the same time that, in order to promote innovation, and in particular to implement the objectives of the digital agenda and the sustainable competitiveness of the European market, investments needed or already made should also be looked at in assessments under the competition rules;***

Or. de

Amendment 195
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Considers that competition in the telecommunications **sector** is essential, not only to drive innovation and investment in networks but also to encourage affordable prices and choice of services for consumers; calls on the Commission, therefore, to safeguard competition in **this sector**, including with regard to spectrum allocation;

Amendment

10. Considers that competition in the **internet search and** telecommunications **sectors** is essential, not only to drive innovation and investment in networks **the digital economy** but also to encourage affordable prices and choice of services for consumers; calls on the Commission, therefore, to safeguard competition in **these sectors**, including with regard to **internet services and** spectrum allocation;

Or. en

Amendment 196
Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Considers that competition in the telecommunications sector is essential, not only to drive innovation and investment in networks but also to encourage affordable prices and choice of services for consumers; calls on the Commission, therefore, to **safeguard competition** in this **sector, including with regard to spectrum allocation**;

Amendment

10. Considers that competition in the telecommunications sector is essential, not only to drive innovation and investment in networks but also to encourage affordable prices and choice of services for consumers; calls on the Commission, therefore, to **combat private oligopolies** in this **market in order to ensure universal access to digital services**;

Or. en

Amendment 197
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. *Stresses that any consideration on the level of investments should nevertheless be made with a strong focus on affordability as investments per se do not benefit the consumers;*

Or. en

Amendment 198

Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10b. *Underlines that effective competition in the telecommunication sector delivered by ex-ante regulation, therefore, ex-post rules should not be a substitute to ex-ante regulation but rather a complement to them; while ex-post rules are very important elements and safeguards, still considers that the best way to prevent abuse is through ex-ante regulation as big companies always try to undermine access regulation based on ex-ante assessments in exchange of promises they make on related topics;*

Or. en

Amendment 199

Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. *Considers that ending roaming charges in the EU is not sufficient and*

deleted

that intra-EU calls must be also regulated on the same level as local calls; calls on the Commission to submit a legislative proposal for regulating intra-EU calls;

Or. en

Amendment 200
Werner Langen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Considers that *ending roaming charges in the EU is not sufficient and that intra-EU calls must be also regulated on the same level as local calls*; calls on the Commission to submit a legislative proposal for regulating intra-EU calls;

Amendment

11. Considers that *charges for telephone calls in the EU, whether local or international, are open to competition and therefore do not require any regulation by the European Union; therefore* calls on the Commission *not* to submit a legislative proposal for regulating intra-EU calls;

Or. de

Amendment 201
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Considers that *ending* roaming charges *in the EU is not sufficient and that intra-EU calls must be also regulated on the same level as local calls*; calls on the Commission to submit a legislative proposal for regulating intra-EU calls;

Amendment

11. Considers that roaming charges *are based on different economic and tax conditions in the Member States; considers that in a completed Digital Single Market competition would be so intense that roaming charges would vanish without regulatory intervention*;

Or. en

Amendment 202
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. ***Considers that*** ending roaming charges in the EU ***is not sufficient and that intra-EU calls must be also regulated on the same level as local calls***; calls on the Commission to ***submit a legislative proposal for regulating intra-EU calls***;

Amendment

11. ***Welcomes the*** ending of roaming charges in the EU ***and notes that problems persist regarding the level playing field in the wholesale roaming market, which could lead to arbitrage with an adverse impact on individual companies***; calls on the Commission to ***monitor market abuses more carefully***;

Or. de

Amendment 203
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

11a. Considers that the steps towards ending consumer charges for roaming in the EU is, in the long term perspective, not sufficient if the single market is to be further deepened, and that incentives for intra-EU calls to be on the same level as local calls must be created, by ways of facilitating investments in fully European or shared network; calls on the Commission to thoroughly consult network operators and relevant stakeholders on how to bring down charges for intra-EU calls to the level of local calls in the most efficient way, which at the same time encourages investments and secures global competitiveness and innovation;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 204
Tibor Szanyi, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Welcomes the Commission's investigation into airline distribution, in particular around 'redistribution restrictions,' and calls on the Commission to tackle anti-competitive practices that may undermine European consumers' ability to use a variety of online channels, including metasearch comparison services and online travel agents, for the purposes of finding and comparing available flight ticket options;

Or. en

Amendment 205
Pervenche Berès, Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Welcomes the decision of the European Commission to endorse a negative decision with recovery on the Apple state aid case; calls on the Commission to sanction any infringement with the view of ensuring fair competition across the single market;

Or. en

Amendment 206
Fulvio Martusciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. *Awaits the outcome of the Commission's investigation into airline distribution, in particular around "redistribution restrictions";*

Or. en

Amendment 207

Pervenche Berès, Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. *Calls on the Commission to show the same firmness in the conduct and result of the on-going inquiry against McDonald's;*

Or. en

Amendment 208

Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Competition in the aviation sector:

Having regard to its resolution of 11 November 2015 on aviation^{1a}, in particular paragraphs 6, 7 and 11, calls on the Commission

(1) to come up with the revision of Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 in order to safeguard fair competition in EU external aviation relations and reinforce the competitive position of the EU aviation industry, prevent unfair competition more

effectively, ensure reciprocity and eliminate unfair practices, including subsidies and state aid awarded to all airlines from certain third countries that distort the market. Financial transparency in the fair competition clause is an essential element to guarantee this level playing field;

(2) to be consistent and create a link between accepting the fair competition clause and financial transparency elements in the future comprehensive aviation agreements, and continuing to operate in EU airspace with a licence granted by EU air carriers that third parties invested in. If an airline refuses to cooperate or to provide any information about public subsidies or financial support, the Commission should be able to freeze their traffic rights;

(3) to address these issues in the new guidelines on the application of EU ownership and control rules that are due to be published by the end of 2016;

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<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P8-TA-2015-0394+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN>

Or. en