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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Amendment 258**  
**Notis Marias**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**11. Agrees that structural reforms in product, services and labour markets remain a priority in the Member States;**

*deleted*

Or. el

**Amendment 259**  
**Marisa Matias, Fabio De Masi**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**11. Agrees that structural reforms in product, services and labour markets remain a priority in the Member States;**

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 260**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**11. Agrees that structural reforms in product, services and labour markets remain a priority in the Member States;**

**11. *Voices its concern at the fact that structural reforms in product, services and labour markets have been confirmed as a priority in the Member States; stresses that recent empirical studies have shown that there is no statistically significant correlation between structural reforms and productivity and that the greatest positive impact on total-factor productivity has come from public investment in R&D***

*and innovation;*

Or. it

**Amendment 261**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Agrees that structural reforms in product, services and labour markets remain a priority in the Member States;

*Amendment*

11. Agrees that *socially balanced* structural reforms in product, services and *inclusive* labour markets *policies* remain a priority in the Member States *in order to boost competitiveness and enhance fair competition without watering down worker's rights, consumer protection or environmental standards;*

Or. en

**Amendment 262**  
**Cătălin Sorin Ivan**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

11. *Agrees that* structural reforms in product, services and labour markets remain a priority in the Member States;

*Amendment*

11. *Considers that durable and socially balanced* structural reforms in *the* product, services and labour markets *which seek to consolidate growth potential on the basis of high-quality jobs and productivity must* remain a priority in the Member States;

Or. ro

**Amendment 263**  
**Bas Eickhout**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

11. *Agrees that* structural reforms in product, services *and* labour markets *remain a priority in the Member States;*

*Amendment*

11. *Calls on the Commission to ensure that recommendations for sustainable and socially balanced* structural reforms in product, services, labour markets, *public administrations and tax systems are effectively contributing to the EU2020 objectives;*

Or. en

**Amendment 264**  
**Lieve Wierinck, Sylvie Goulard**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Agrees that structural reforms in product, services and labour markets remain a priority in the Member States;

*Amendment*

11. Agrees that structural reforms in product, services and labour markets, *also with the aim to improve the efficiency of research and innovation systems*, remain a priority in the Member States;

Or. en

**Amendment 265**  
**Esther de Lange**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Agrees that structural reforms in product, services and labour markets remain a priority in the Member States;

*Amendment*

11. Agrees that structural reforms in product, services and labour markets *should* remain a priority in the Member States, *as well as pension markets and, in some Member States, housing markets;*

Or. en

**Amendment 266**  
**Enrique Calvet Chambon**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Agrees that structural reforms *in* product, services and labour markets *remain a priority in the Member States*;

*Amendment*

11. Agrees that structural reforms *are necessary to efficiently tackle the recovery of the* product, services and labour markets *which have been asymmetrically affected by the crisis*;

Or. en

**Amendment 267**  
**Csaba Molnár**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Agrees that structural reforms in product, services *and* labour *markets* remain a priority in the Member States;

*Amendment*

11. Agrees that *socially balanced* structural reforms in product *and* services *markets and inclusive* labour *market policies* remain a priority in the Member States;

Or. en

**Amendment 268**  
**Jonás Fernández**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Agrees that structural reforms in product, services and labour markets remain a priority in the Member States;

*Amendment*

11. Agrees that *socially balanced* structural reforms in product, services and labour markets remain a priority in the Member States;

**Amendment 269**

**Barbara Kappel**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. ***Agrees that*** structural reforms in product, services and labour markets ***remain a priority in the Member States;***

*Amendment*

11. ***Reaffirms that the Member States must encourage*** structural reforms in product, services and labour markets;

Or. de

**Amendment 270**

**Lieve Wierinck, Sylvie Goulard**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11 a. Believes that the Member States and the Commission are not delivering enough on their commitment to complete the Single Market which limits the transfer of capital and labour resources from traditional to new activities, such as in the services sector which contributed more than 70% of the EU-28's total gross value added in 2015, and limits the expansion of intra-EU trade; reiterates the importance of the completion of the Single Market, not only for the purpose of economic gains such as growth and jobs in the EU but also as a way to increase citizens confidence in the European project;***

Or. en

**Amendment 271**

**Alfred Sant**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**11 a.** *Considering that structural reforms may have a negative impact on national budgets, notes that the mismatch between the flexibility granted by the Stability and Growth Pact and the temporal horizon needed to reap the benefits of structural reforms is counterproductive;*

Or. en

**Amendment 272**  
**Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**11 a.** *Believes that in big Member States fiscal federalism would allow low-growing regions to set their own economic growth strategies, attract more talent and be less dependent on transfers from the central government.*

Or. en

**Amendment 273**  
**Siegfried Mureşan**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**11 a.** *Stresses the need for structural reforms of labour markets in Member States in order to tackle high unemployment rates, to increase their competitiveness and achieve upward*



*convergence;*

Or. en

**Amendment 274**  
**Danuta Maria Hübner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11 a. Highlights that one of the main aims of structural reforms is to foster convergence between Member States;***

Or. en

**Amendment 275**  
**Notis Marias**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12. Considers that well-functioning, flexible labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn;***

*deleted*

Or. el

**Amendment 276**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12. Considers that well-functioning, flexible labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn;***

*deleted*

**Amendment 277**

**Alfred Sant**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Considers that well-functioning, flexible labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn;

*Amendment*

12. Considers that well-functioning, flexible labour markets have *in some instances* proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn *but deploras that this was done at the expense of social rights whose protection had been synonymous with the European Union's ethos; believes that flexibility in labour markets should not mean a race to the bottom in the protection of workers' rights but should fully respect such rights;*

Or. en

**Amendment 278**

**Tom Vandenkendelaere**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Considers that well-functioning, flexible labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn;

*Amendment*

12. Considers that well-functioning, flexible labour markets, *combined with a high level of social protection*, have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn; *calls on Member States to combat segmentation of the labour market by integrating and upgrading low-skilled and medium-skilled workers;*

Or. nl

**Amendment 279**

**Esther de Lange**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Considers that well-functioning, flexible labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn;

*Amendment*

12. Considers that well-functioning, flexible labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn; ***notes the need for 'flexicurity': creating more flexible labour markets as well as safeguards against fictitious self-employment and protecting employees from too many consecutive temporary contracts;***

Or. en

**Amendment 280**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. ***Considers that well-functioning, flexible labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn;***

*Amendment*

12. ***Emphasises that further steps are needed towards making labour markets more resilient in order to reduce segmentation, upgrade skills, including a stronger focus on training and lifelong learning provided by public agencies and firms to enhance workers' employability and productivity.***

Or. en

**Amendment 281**

**Beatrix von Storch**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

12. Considers that well-functioning, flexible labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn;

12. Considers that well-functioning, flexible labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn; ***stresses that no EU Member State permits a genuinely flexible labour market, and that there is much room for improvements everywhere;***

Or. de

**Amendment 282**  
**Markus Ferber**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Considers that well-functioning, flexible labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn;

*Amendment*

12. Considers that well-functioning, flexible labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn; ***observes that some Member States still have a considerable need for reform in order to make their labour markets more flexible and resilient;***

Or. de

**Amendment 283**  
**Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Considers that well-functioning, flexible labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn;

*Amendment*

12. Considers that well-functioning, flexible labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn; ***Calls big Member States to consider decentralized collective agreements as way to increase their competitiveness.***

Or. en

## Amendment 284

Barbara Kappel

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 12

##### *Motion for a resolution*

12. *Considers that* well-functioning, flexible labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn;

##### *Amendment*

12. *Observes that Member States which have* well-functioning, flexible labour markets *or have initiated labour market reforms in sufficient time contribute to greater work intensity and* have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn;

Or. de

## Amendment 285

Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 12

##### *Motion for a resolution*

12. Considers that *well-functioning, flexible* labour *markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn;*

##### *Amendment*

12. Considers that *liberalisation of the labour market has had a profoundly impact impact on growth and employment and resulted in a sharp upsurge in the number of insecure and part-time jobs;*

Or. it

## Amendment 286

Enrique Calvet Chambon

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 12

##### *Motion for a resolution*

12. Considers that well-functioning, flexible labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn;

##### *Amendment*

12. Considers that well-functioning, flexible labour markets, *where effective social dialog exist*, have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic

downturn;

Or. en

### **Amendment 287**

**Marisa Matias, Fabio De Masi**

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

##### **Paragraph 12**

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

12. Considers that well-functioning, ***flexible*** labour markets have proven to ***be quicker to recover from the economic downturn;***

###### *Amendment*

12. Considers that well-functioning ***and fair*** labour markets have proven to ***better endure economic downturns by protecting jobs and avoiding recessionary spirals;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 288**

**Jonás Fernández**

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

##### **Paragraph 12**

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

12. Considers that ***well-functioning, flexible*** labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn;

###### *Amendment*

12. Considers that ***stable*** labour markets ***capable of adapting to change*** have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn;

Or. es

### **Amendment 289**

**Olle Ludvigsson**

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

##### **Paragraph 12**

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

12. Considers that well-functioning, ***flexible*** labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic

###### *Amendment*

12. Considers that well-functioning, ***productive and more adaptable*** labour markets have proven to be quicker to

downturn;

recover from the economic downturn;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 290**

**Paul Tang**

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

##### **Paragraph 12**

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

12. Considers that *well-functioning, flexible labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn;*

###### *Amendment*

12. Considers that *strong social welfare states can help to prevent that the economic downturn has to be absorbed by requiring more flexibility;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 291**

**Pervenche Berès**

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

##### **Paragraph 12**

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

12. Considers that well-functioning, *flexible* labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn;

###### *Amendment*

12. Considers that well-functioning labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 292**

**Neena Gill**

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

##### **Paragraph 12**

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

12. Considers that well-functioning, *flexible* labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic

###### *Amendment*

12. Considers that well-functioning labour markets have proven to be quicker to recover from the economic downturn;

downturn;

Or. en

**Amendment 293**

**Lieve Wierinck, Sylvie Goulard, Enrique Calvet Chambon**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12 a. Underlines the importance of launching or continuing the process of coherent and sustainable structural reforms for stability in the medium and long term; stresses that the EU cannot compete on general or labour costs alone, but needs to invest more in research, innovation and development, education and skills, and resource efficiency, at both national and European level;***

Or. en

**Amendment 294**

**Enrique Calvet Chambon**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12 a. Considers that Member States need to invest more in creating supportive conditions for greater labour market participation, more jobs and effective training and upskilling;***

Or. en

**Amendment 295**

**Lieve Wierinck, Sylvie Goulard**

**Motion for a resolution**

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## Paragraph 12 b (new)

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**12 b.** *believes that reducing the tax burden for low and middle incomes will increase demand and boost growth agrees with the Commission that the Member States need to continue to pursue growth-friendly fiscal consolidation; calls on Member States to simplify tax systems, reduce taxes and social security contributions, especially for low and medium incomes, and shift taxes away from labour to consumption and environmentally damaging activities in order to stimulate growth, private investment and job creation, to make consolidation efforts more efficient, and to enhance investments in education, R&D, and active labour market policies;*

Or. en

## Amendment 296

**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

13. Is concerned *about the effects of demographic developments on public finances, conditioned by, inter alia, low birth rates, ageing societies and the influx of refugees; points in particular to the impact of ageing populations on pension and healthcare systems in the EU; notes that, owing to different demographic structures, the effects of these developments will vary across Member States, but warns that the already foreseeable funding costs will have a significant impact on public deficits; highlights the fact that current consolidation paths will not be sufficient to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules if pension systems are not reformed or*

13. Is *deeply concerned at the fact that current fiscal policy and the pursuit of absurd, unrealistic budget targets are compromising the quality and fitness for purpose of Member State pension and healthcare systems and thereby undermining the enjoyment of the fundamental right to health protection and a decent pension that is enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;*

*current reforms are reversed or not implemented;*

Or. it

## **Amendment 297**

**Notis Marias**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 13**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

13. Is concerned about the effects of demographic developments on public finances, conditioned by, inter alia, low birth rates, ageing societies and the influx of refugees; points in particular to the impact of ageing populations on pension and healthcare systems in the EU; notes that, owing to different demographic structures, the effects of these developments will vary across Member States, *but warns that the already foreseeable funding costs will have a significant impact on public deficits; highlights the fact that current consolidation paths will not be sufficient to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules if pension systems are not reformed or current reforms are reversed or not implemented;*

##### *Amendment*

13. Is concerned about the effects of demographic developments on public finances, conditioned by, inter alia, low birth rates, ageing societies and the influx of refugees; points in particular to the impact of ageing populations on pension and healthcare systems in the EU; notes that, owing to different demographic structures, the effects of these developments will vary across Member States;

Or. el

## **Amendment 298**

**Beatrix von Storch**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 13**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

13. Is concerned about the effects of demographic developments on public finances, conditioned by, inter alia, low birth rates, ageing societies and the influx

##### *Amendment*

13. Is concerned about the effects of demographic developments on public finances, conditioned by, inter alia, low birth rates, ageing societies and the influx

of refugees; points in particular to the impact of ageing populations on pension and healthcare systems in the EU; notes that, owing to different demographic structures, the effects of these developments will vary across Member States, but warns that the already foreseeable funding costs will have a significant impact on public deficits; highlights the fact that current consolidation paths will not be sufficient to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules if pension systems are not reformed or current reforms are reversed or not implemented;

of refugees; points in particular to the impact of ageing populations on pension and healthcare systems in the EU; notes that, owing to different demographic structures, the effects of these developments will vary across Member States, but warns that the already foreseeable funding costs will have a significant impact on public deficits; highlights the fact that current consolidation paths will not be sufficient to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules if pension systems are not reformed or current reforms are reversed or not implemented; ***is concerned that the demographic situation threatens the survival of pay-as-you-go schemes, while the persistent low-interest environment endangers capital-funded old age pension schemes, which could have a disastrous impact in future;***

Or. de

## **Amendment 299**

### **Paul Tang**

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

#### **Paragraph 13**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

13. Is concerned about the effects of demographic developments on public finances, conditioned by, inter alia, low birth rates, ageing societies and the influx of refugees; points in particular to the impact of ageing populations on pension and healthcare systems in the EU; ***notes that, owing to different demographic structures, the effects of these developments will vary across Member States, but warns that the already foreseeable funding costs will have a significant impact on public deficits; highlights the fact that current consolidation paths will not be sufficient to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules if pension systems are not reformed or***

##### *Amendment*

13. Is concerned about the effects of demographic developments on public finances; conditioned by, inter alia, low birth rates, ageing societies and the influx of refugees; points in particular to the impact of ageing populations on pension and healthcare systems in the EU; ***requires countries to tackle the problem of tax avoidance and the hidden costs of financial deregulation and/or underregulation, notes that strong welfare states are a characteristic of the European model;***

*current reforms are reversed or not implemented;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 300**

**Marisa Matias, Fabio De Masi**

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

##### **Paragraph 13**

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

13. Is concerned about the effects of *demographic developments* on public finances, *conditioned by, inter alia, low birth rates, ageing societies and the influx of refugees; points in particular to* the impact of *ageing populations* on pension *and healthcare* systems in the EU; *notes that, owing to different demographic structures, the effects of these developments will vary across Member States, but warns that the already foreseeable funding costs will have a significant impact on public deficits;* highlights the fact that current consolidation paths will not be sufficient to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules if *pension systems are not reformed or current reforms are reversed or* not implemented;

###### *Amendment*

13. Is concerned about the effects of *high levels of unemployment* on public finances, *as these imply a lower level of contributions and a higher number of beneficiaries; stresses* the impact of *persistent unemployment* on pension systems in the EU *and the inefficiency of partly privatized healthcare systems;* highlights the fact that current consolidation paths will not be sufficient to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules if *decisive job creation policies are* not implemented;

Or. en

### **Amendment 301**

**Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

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

##### **Paragraph 13**

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

13. Is concerned about the effects of demographic developments on public finances, conditioned by, inter alia, low birth rates, ageing societies and the influx

###### *Amendment*

13. Is concerned about the effects of demographic developments on public finances, conditioned by, inter alia, low birth rates, ageing societies and the influx

of refugees; points in particular to the impact of ageing populations on pension and healthcare systems in the EU; notes that, owing to different demographic structures, the effects of these developments will vary across Member States, but warns that the already foreseeable funding costs will have a significant impact on public deficits; highlights the fact that current consolidation paths will not be sufficient to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules if pension systems are not reformed or current reforms are reversed or not implemented;

of refugees; points in particular to the impact of ageing populations on pension and healthcare systems in the EU; notes that, owing to different demographic structures, the effects of these developments will vary across Member States, but warns that the already foreseeable funding costs will have a significant impact on public deficits; highlights the fact that current consolidation paths will not be sufficient to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules if pension systems are not reformed or current reforms are reversed or not implemented; ***calls the Commission to propose measures that would create a good framework for the return of birth rates to sustainability.***

Or. en

**Amendment 302**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Is concerned about the effects of demographic developments on public finances, conditioned by, inter alia, low birth rates, ageing societies and the influx of refugees; points in particular to the impact of ageing populations on pension and healthcare systems in the EU; notes that, owing to different demographic structures, the effects of these developments will vary across Member States, ***but warns that the already foreseeable funding costs will have a significant impact on public deficits; highlights the fact that current consolidation paths will not be sufficient to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules if pension systems are not reformed or current reforms are reversed or not implemented;***

*Amendment*

13. Is concerned about the effects of demographic developments on ***sustainable growth and*** public finances, conditioned by, inter alia, low birth rates, ageing societies and the influx of refugees; points in particular to the impact of ageing populations on pension and healthcare systems in the EU; notes that, owing to different demographic structures, the effects of these developments will vary across Member States; ***considers that migration could play a role in compensating for the negative effects of the ageing population, depending on the ability to better use migrants' skills and to adapt migration management systems to labour market needs; recalls that, besides reforms, an important factor for ensuring the sustainability of pension systems is to achieve and maintain a high employment***

*rate;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 303**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

##### **Paragraph 13**

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

13. Is concerned about the effects of demographic developments on public finances, conditioned by, inter alia, low birth rates, *ageing societies and the influx of refugees*; points in particular to the impact of ageing populations on pension and healthcare systems in the EU; notes that, owing to different demographic structures, the effects of these developments will vary across Member States, but warns that the *already* foreseeable funding costs will have a *significant* impact on public *deficits*; highlights the *fact that current consolidation paths will not be sufficient to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules if pension systems are not reformed or current reforms are reversed or not implemented*;

###### *Amendment*

13. Is concerned about the effects of demographic developments on public finances, conditioned by, inter alia, low birth rates *and ageing societies*; points in particular to the impact of ageing populations on pension and healthcare systems in the EU; notes that, owing to different demographic structures, the effects of these developments will vary across Member States, but warns that the foreseeable funding costs will have *an* impact on public *finances*; highlights the *need to adopt, when needed, sustainable and socially inclusive reforms to structurally address these challenges*;

Or. en

### **Amendment 304**

**Roberts Zile**

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

##### **Paragraph 13**

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

13. Is concerned about the effects of demographic developments on public finances, conditioned by, inter alia, low birth rates, ageing societies and the influx

###### *Amendment*

13. Is concerned about the effects of demographic developments on public finances, conditioned by, inter alia, low birth rates, ageing societies, *emigration*

of refugees; points in particular to the impact of ageing populations on pension and healthcare systems in the EU; notes that, owing to different demographic structures, the effects of these developments will vary across Member States, but warns that the already foreseeable funding costs will have a significant impact on public deficits; highlights the fact that current consolidation paths will not be sufficient to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules if pension systems are not reformed or current reforms are reversed or not implemented;

and the influx of refugees; points in particular to the impact of ageing populations -- ***fuelled in some Eastern EU Member States by demographic changes due to emigration*** -- on pension and healthcare systems in the EU; notes that, owing to different demographic structures, the effects of these developments will vary across Member States, but warns that the already foreseeable funding costs will have a significant impact on public deficits; highlights the fact that current consolidation paths will not be sufficient to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules if pension systems are not reformed or current reforms are reversed or not implemented;

Or. en

### **Amendment 305**

**Jonás Fernández**

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

##### **Paragraph 13**

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

13. Is concerned about the effects of demographic developments on public finances, conditioned by, inter alia, low birth rates, ***ageing societies and the influx of refugees***; points in particular to the impact of ageing populations on pension and healthcare systems in the EU; notes that, owing to different demographic structures, the effects of these developments will vary across Member States, but warns that the already foreseeable funding costs will have a significant impact on public deficits; highlights the fact that current consolidation paths will not be sufficient to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules if pension systems are not reformed ***or current reforms are reversed or not implemented***;

###### *Amendment*

13. Is concerned about the effects of demographic developments on public finances, conditioned by, inter alia, low birth rates ***and ageing societies***; points in particular to the impact of ageing populations on pension and healthcare systems in the EU; notes that, owing to different demographic structures, the effects of these developments will vary across Member States, but warns that the already foreseeable funding costs will have a significant impact on public deficits; highlights the fact that current consolidation paths will not be sufficient to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules if pension systems are not reformed; ***considers immigration to be a positive factor for sustaining pension systems in the long term***;

**Amendment 306**

Lieve Wierinck, Sylvie Goulard

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

13. Is concerned about the effects of demographic developments on public finances, conditioned by, inter alia, low birth rates, ageing societies and the influx of refugees; points in particular to the impact of ageing populations on pension and healthcare systems in the EU; notes that, owing to different demographic structures, the effects of these developments will vary across Member States, but warns that the already foreseeable funding costs will have a significant impact on public deficits; highlights the fact that current consolidation paths will not be sufficient to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules if pension systems are not reformed or current reforms are reversed or not implemented;

*Amendment*

13. Is concerned about the effects of demographic developments on public finances, conditioned by, inter alia, low birth rates, ageing societies and the influx of refugees; points in particular to the impact of ageing populations on pension and healthcare systems in the EU; notes that, owing to different demographic structures, the effects of these developments will vary across Member States, but warns that the already foreseeable funding costs will have a significant impact on public deficits; highlights the fact that current consolidation paths will not be sufficient to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules if pension **and health** systems are not reformed or current reforms are reversed or not implemented;

Or. en

**Amendment 307**

Lieve Wierinck, Sylvie Goulard

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

***13 a. Notes that EU Member States currently spend between 5 and 11% of GDP on healthcare which is expected to increase considerably in the next decades due to demographic changes; urges the Commission to focus efforts on more efficient spending on healthcare through***



*cooperation and sharing of best practices at EU level; calls for greater accountability through measurement and reporting of spending on healthcare, and addressing the sustainability of healthcare systems in Country Specific Recommendations.*

Or. en

**Amendment 308**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*13 a. Considers it vital to fight precariousness and the segmentation of the labour market, as well as to increase female labour market participation, close gender pay gaps, improve the work-life balance of men and women, promote the inclusion of disadvantaged groups and prevent discrimination, namely of persons with a migrant background;*

Or. en

**Amendment 309**  
**Ivan Jakovčić**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*13a. Calls particular attention to the long-term negative effects of the emigration of young people from less-developed EU Member States; points out that the benefits gained by highly developed countries from the immigration of working-age people exceed, by several times, the assistance available to the less-developed countries of origin of*

*immigrants;*

Or. hr

**Amendment 310**  
**Gunnar Hökmark**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13 a. Invites the Commission to regularly publish fiscal sustainability assessments for each Member State taking into account all country-specific factors, such as demographical developments, that affect the sustainability of public finances; Recommends that these reports be part of the annual country reports;***

Or. en

**Amendment 311**  
**Bas Eickhout**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13 a. Stresses that promoting the integration of migrants in the labour market contributes to improving the sustainability of pension systems and to addressing the negative consequences of an ageing society in terms of productivity, innovation, investment and other sources of internal demand;***

Or. en

**Amendment 312**  
**Enrique Calvet Chambon**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13 a. Is concerned about the high levels of inequality that reduces the output of the economy and the potential for sustainable growth and development;***

Or. en

**Amendment 313**  
**Lieve Wierinck, Sylvie Goulard**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13 b. Calls on the Commission to broaden its debt sustainability analysis of Member States by including contingent, implicit and other off-budget obligations, and make them public; notes the increased burden on companies as a barrier to growth due to late payments notably by public companies and calls for the Commission to assess of the application of the Late Payments Directive 2011/7/EU by Member States as part of the CSR's.***

Or. en

**Amendment 314**  
**Bas Eickhout**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13 b. Agrees with the Commission that universal access to cost effective public***

*health and healthcare services should be ensured;*

Or. en

**Amendment 315**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Welcomes the fact that, on average, youth unemployment is declining; notes, *however*, that there remain stark differences across the Member States that call for continued reforms to facilitate the entry of young people into the labour market;

*Amendment*

14. Welcomes the fact that, on average, youth unemployment is declining, *although it is still very high*; notes that there remain stark differences across the Member States that call for continued reforms to facilitate the entry of young people into the labour market; *emphasises, in this regard, the importance of the Youth Guarantee and calls for continued EU funding to this crucial programme; agrees with the Commission that more action is needed from the Member States to fight youth unemployment, particularly in pursuing the roll-out of the Youth Guarantee and enhancing its effectiveness;*

Or. en

**Amendment 316**  
**Alfred Sant**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Welcomes the fact that, on average, youth unemployment is declining; notes, however, that there remain stark differences across the Member States that call for continued reforms to facilitate the entry of young people into the labour market;

*Amendment*

14. Welcomes the fact that, on average, youth unemployment is declining; notes, however, that there remain stark differences across the Member States that call for continued reforms to facilitate the entry of young people into the labour market; *notes too and regrets that the*

*creation of much youth employment remains of a precarious nature, disallowing young employees from the possibility of planning for their future;*

Or. en

**Amendment 317**  
**Beatrix von Storch**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Welcomes the fact that, on average, youth unemployment is declining; notes, however, that there remain stark differences across the Member States that call for continued reforms to facilitate the entry of young people into the labour market;

*Amendment*

14. Welcomes the fact that, on average, youth unemployment is declining; notes, however, that there remain stark differences across the Member States that call for continued reforms to facilitate the entry of young people into the labour market; *is concerned about the connection between unemployment and university education in disciplines which are irrelevant to the labour market;*

Or. de

**Amendment 318**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

14. *Welcomes the fact that, on average, youth unemployment is declining;* notes, *however*, that there remain stark differences across the Member States *that* call for *continued reforms to facilitate the entry of* young people *into the labour market;*

*Amendment*

14. *Is alarmed at the still unacceptably high levels of youth and long-term unemployment;* notes, *furthermore*, that there remain stark differences *inside the euro area and that those differences are a reflection of the asymmetrical and distortionary impact that the single currency is having* across the Member States *and* call for *policies to stimulate demand and thereby help* young people *to find high-quality jobs;*

**Amendment 319**  
**Tom Vandenkendelaere**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Welcomes the fact that, on average, youth unemployment is declining; notes, however, that there remain stark differences across the Member States that call for continued reforms to facilitate the entry of young people into the labour market;

*Amendment*

14. Welcomes the fact that, on average, youth unemployment is declining; notes, however, that there remain stark differences across the Member States that call for continued reforms to facilitate the entry of young people into the labour market; **welcomes, therefore, the proposal to allocate an extra EUR 2 billion to the Youth Guarantee;**

Or. nl

**Amendment 320**  
**Siegfried Mureşan**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Welcomes the fact that, on average, youth unemployment is declining; notes, however, that there remain stark differences across the Member States that call for continued reforms to facilitate the entry of young people into the labour market;

*Amendment*

14. Welcomes the fact that, on average, youth unemployment is declining; notes, however, that there remain stark differences across the Member States that call for continued reforms to facilitate the entry of young people into the labour market, **which should remain a priority among labour market reforms;**

Or. en

**Amendment 321**  
**Lieve Wierinck, Sylvie Goulard**

**Motion for a resolution**

## Paragraph 14

### *Motion for a resolution*

14. Welcomes the fact that, on average, youth unemployment is declining; notes, however, that there remain stark differences across the Member States that call for continued reforms to facilitate the entry of young people into the labour market;

### *Amendment*

14. Welcomes the fact that, on average, youth unemployment is declining; notes, however, that there remain stark differences across the Member States that call for continued reforms to facilitate the entry of young people into the labour market ***to ensure intergenerational fairness;***  
;

Or. en

## Amendment 322 Cătălin Sorin Ivan

### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14

#### *Motion for a resolution*

14. Welcomes the fact that, ***on average,*** youth unemployment is declining; notes, however, that there remain stark differences across the Member States that call for continued reforms to facilitate the entry of young people into the labour market;

#### *Amendment*

14. Welcomes the fact that youth unemployment is declining, ***but still views the percentage rate with concern;*** notes, however, that there remain stark differences across the Member States that call for continued reforms to facilitate the entry of young people into the labour market;

Or. ro

## Amendment 323 Notis Marias

### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14

#### *Motion for a resolution*

14. ***Welcomes the fact that, on average, youth unemployment is declining;*** notes, ***however,*** that there remain stark differences across the

#### *Amendment*

14. notes that there remain stark differences across the Member States ***with regard to unemployment rates*** that call for ***immediate measures*** to facilitate the entry

Member States that call for *continued reforms* to facilitate the entry of young people into the labour market;

of young people into the labour market;

Or. el

**Amendment 324**

**Csaba Molnár**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**15. Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with productivity;**

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 325**

**Pervenche Berès**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**15. Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with productivity;**

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 326**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**15. Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with productivity;**

**15. Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with productivity; *stresses however that wages are not merely macro-economic***



*adjustment variables but also the main source of income that people need for a decent living, calls on the Commission to promote decent wages and preserve collective bargaining;*

Or. en

**Amendment 327**  
**Enrique Calvet Chambon**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with productivity;

*Amendment*

15. Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with productivity *but also the importance to invest on human capital and social infrastructures; Notes that an effective social dialogue is crucial for a well-functioning social market economy;*

Or. en

**Amendment 328**  
**Marisa Matias, Fabio De Masi**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Stresses the *importance of wage developments in line with* productivity;

*Amendment*

15. *Notes that wages in many countries have been growing below productivity; Stresses the need to correct this trajectory and also ensure that productivity gains benefit, first and foremost, workers, specially in low-wage countries;*

Or. en

**Amendment 329**

**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Stresses the importance of wage developments *in line with* productivity;

*Amendment*

15. Stresses the importance of *social dialogue and the irreplaceable role of social partners in wage-setting; stresses the need for growth-friendly* wage developments *that take account of* productivity *gains*;

Or. en

**Amendment 330  
Paul Tang**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with productivity;

*Amendment*

15. Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with productivity *in the long run to restore equal competitiveness while excluding the use of wage moderation as a beggar-thy-neighbour instrument*;

Or. en

**Amendment 331  
Siegfried Mureşan**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with productivity;

*Amendment*

15. Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with productivity, *as unjustified wage increases only lead to an overall loss of competitiveness in the medium-term*;

**Amendment 332**

**Markus Ferber**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with productivity;

*Amendment*

15. Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with productivity, ***as otherwise competitiveness is seriously impaired;***

Or. de

**Amendment 333**

**Jonás Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with productivity;

*Amendment*

15. Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with productivity, ***the cost of living and social justice;***

Or. es

**Amendment 334**

**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15 a. Agrees with the Commission that improving the adequacy and coverage of income support schemes (unemployment benefits; social assistance including minimum income; pensions) is crucial to prevent social exclusion and, in the case of unemployment benefits, can increase***

*both macroeconomic stability and labour market attachment whilst reducing precariousness;*

Or. en

**Amendment 335**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*15 a. Stresses the importance to ensure that the wage setting mechanism is also able to promoting quality job creation, real income increases and preserving the purchasing power of the low wages, also to fight the issue of working poor;*

Or. en

**Amendment 336**

**Enrique Calvet Chambon**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*15 a. Stresses the need to modernise vocational training and education by promoting flexible learning paths which requires close partnerships with business and research sector;*

Or. en

**Amendment 337**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**15 b. Stresses that attracting and retaining high-skills workers in the economic system is an important source of productivity growth and innovation; welcomes that the AGS recognises the need to improving the adequacy and coverage of income support schemes to prevent social exclusion and increase both macro-economic stability and labour market resilience.**

Or. en

**Amendment 338**  
**Olle Ludvigsson**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16. Agrees that high taxation is a hindrance to investments and jobs; calls for reforms in taxation with a view to tackling the high tax burden on labour in Europe;**

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 339**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16. Agrees that high taxation is a hindrance to investments and jobs; calls for reforms in taxation with a view to tackling the high tax burden on labour in Europe;**

**16. Notes that taxation should not hinder investments and job creation; calls for reforms in taxation with a view to improving tax collection, preventing tax avoidance, tax evasion and aggressive tax**

*planning, as well as tackling the high tax burden on labour in Europe while ensuring the sustainability of social protection systems; highlights the importance of using progressive tax rates to attain the redistributive effects of tax reforms;*

Or. en

**Amendment 340**  
**Barbara Kappel**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Agrees that high taxation is a hindrance to investments and jobs; calls for reforms in taxation with a view to tackling the high tax burden on labour in Europe;

*Amendment*

16. Agrees that high taxation is a hindrance to investments and jobs; calls for reforms in taxation with a view to tackling the high tax burden on labour in Europe; *stresses furthermore that in some Member States taxation needs to be improved, tax evasion and avoidance need to be combated and the coordination of measures to combat aggressive tax planning and tax evasion and avoidance needs to be improved;*

Or. de

**Amendment 341**  
**Paul Tang, Hugues Bayet**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16. *Agrees that high taxation is a hindrance to investments and jobs;* calls for *reforms in taxation with a view to tackling the high tax burden on labour in Europe;*

*Amendment*

16. *Calls for reforms in taxation with a view to tackling the high tax burden on labour in Europe; considers corporate tax avoidance as a challenge to the tax revenues of members states and calls for further European harmonization in the field of taxation, in line with the legislative proposal for a Common Consolidated*

*Corporate Tax Base, in order to stop the harmful tax competition between member states;*

Or. en

**Amendment 342**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Agrees that high taxation *is a hindrance to* investments and *jobs*; calls for reforms in taxation with a view to tackling the high tax burden on *labour* in Europe;

*Amendment*

16. Agrees that high taxation *on labour for low and medium income earners can hinder consumption*, investments and *job creation*; calls for *further* reforms in taxation with a view to tackling the high tax burden on *low income and medium income earners* in Europe, *while preserving tax revenue ability to finance investment, innovation and social expenditure*;

Or. en

**Amendment 343**

**Danuta Maria Hübner**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Agrees that high taxation is a hindrance to investments and jobs; calls for reforms in taxation with a view to tackling the high tax burden on labour in Europe;

*Amendment*

16. Agrees that high taxation is a hindrance to investments and jobs; calls for reforms in taxation with a view to tackling the high tax burden on labour in Europe *and making tax systems simpler, fairer and more efficient; highlights the need for a better coordination of administrative practices in the field of taxation*;

Or. en

**Amendment 344**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Agrees that high taxation is a hindrance to *investments* and jobs; *calls for reforms in taxation with a view to tackling the high tax burden on labour in Europe;*

*Amendment*

16. Agrees that high taxation *of work and consumption* is a hindrance to *growth, investment* and jobs; *stresses the importance of building a fairer taxation system by shifting the tax burden away from labour and towards effective arrangements for taxing multinationals' profits, environmental pollution and financial transactions;*

Or. it

**Amendment 345**  
**Marisa Matias, Fabio De Masi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16. *Agrees that high taxation is a hindrance to investments and jobs; calls for reforms in taxation with a view to tackling the high tax burden on labour in Europe;*

*Amendment*

16. *Calls for reforms in taxation with a view to tackling the high tax burden on labour in Europe, be that through direct and indirect taxation; Calls for a shift from labour to corporate taxation, which requires the definition of minimum rates and the abolition of privileged jurisdictions and tax dumping in the EU;*

Or. en

**Amendment 346**  
**Neena Gill**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**



*Motion for a resolution*

16. Agrees that high taxation is a hindrance to investments and jobs; calls for reforms in taxation with a view to tackling the high tax burden on labour in Europe;

*Amendment*

16. Agrees that high taxation is a hindrance to investments and jobs; calls for reforms in taxation with a view to tackling the high tax burden on labour in Europe, ***while at the same time incentivies the fight against tax fraud and tax evasion;***

Or. en

**Amendment 347**  
**Jonás Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16. ***Agrees that high taxation is a hindrance to investments and jobs; calls for reforms in taxation with a view to tackling the high tax burden on labour in Europe;***

*Amendment*

16. ***Calls for reforms in taxation with a view to ensuring that the labour factor is not penalised;***

Or. es

**Amendment 348**  
**Beatrix von Storch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Agrees that ***high*** taxation is a hindrance to investments and jobs; calls for reforms in taxation with a view to tackling the high tax burden on labour in Europe;

*Amendment*

16. Agrees that taxation is a hindrance to investments and jobs; calls for reforms in taxation with a view to tackling the high tax burden on labour in Europe ***and calls for tax revenue to be reduced in general;***

Or. de

**Amendment 349**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16 a.** *Calls for measures preventing a race to the bottom in terms of taxation and social standards, which leads to an increase in inequalities; recalls the need to maintain international competitiveness based on productivity and upward convergence;*

Or. en

**Amendment 350**  
**Bas Eickhout**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16 a.** *calls on the Member States to step up the fight against tax evasion, increase the redistributive feature of taxation, promote tax shifts towards pollution and other sources of taxation less detrimental to growth;*

Or. en

**Amendment 351**  
**Jonás Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16a.** *Points out that reforms and economic growth are necessary in order to generate quality jobs and social well-being; takes the view that the European Semester needs to be accompanied by a*

**Amendment 352**

**Roberts Zile**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***16 a. Warns against unilateral actions taken by some Member States in a name of equal social standards which in reality limit effective competition within the Single Market;***

Or. en

**Amendment 353**

**Beatrix von Storch**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***16a. Stresses the importance of tax competition within Europe, and welcomes the steps taken by some Member States to reduce corporation tax rates;***

Or. de

**Amendment 354**

**Enrique Calvet Chambon**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***16 a. Welcomes the Commission initiatives on the field of taxation; believes***

*that cooperation and a coordinated approach are fundamental to fight against tax abuse;*

Or. en

**Amendment 355**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*16 b. Highlights the importance of greater efficiency in the use of natural resources and energy, including through the development of the circular economy; underlines the importance of developing further a true Energy Union based on solidarity, efficiency and diversity while promoting indigenous energy sources, including renewable energy;*

Or. en

**Amendment 356**  
**Jonás Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*16b. Takes the view that more attention should be paid to social indicators and well-being objectives in the context of the European Semester and the Annual Growth Survey;*

Or. es

**Amendment 357**  
**Beatrix von Storch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16b. Considers that, in some Member States, non-tax levies are also too high and need to be reduced;**

Or. de

**Amendment 358**  
**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Fiscal responsibility and structure of public finances***

***deleted***

Or. el

**Amendment 359**  
**Bas Eickhout**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Fiscal responsibility and structure of public finances***

***Euro Area fiscal stance, fiscal responsibility and structure of public finances***

Or. en

**Amendment 360**  
**Jonás Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

Fiscal **responsibility** and structure of public finances

*Amendment*

Fiscal **stability** and structure of public finances

Or. es

**Amendment 361**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***16 c. Agrees with the Commission that fiscal sustainability remains a priority, although challenges have receded significantly since the peak of the crisis, and may not be a major source of risks for the euro area as a whole in the short term;***

Or. en

**Amendment 362**  
**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***17. Underlines the fact that all Member States are obliged to comply with the Stability and Growth Pact; points, in this regard, also to the importance of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance (TSCG), and urges the Commission to submit a report on the implementation of the TSCG in the Member States;***

***deleted***

Or. el

**Amendment 363**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

17. Underlines the fact that *all* Member States *are obliged to comply with* the Stability and Growth Pact; *points, in this regard, also to the importance* of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance (TSCG), *and urges the Commission to submit a report on the implementation of the TSCG in the Member States;*

*Amendment*

17. Underlines the fact that, *for some time now, the widespread difficulties experienced by the Member States in meeting their obligations under* the Stability and Growth Pact *have been fuelling doubts about the credibility and sustainability of the current budgetary rules, pointing to the need for radical change; calls, furthermore, for the suspension or repeal* of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance (TSCG), *given that the drive to balance budgets has, as predicted, proved the principal obstacle to public investment, undermining States' ability to tackle the recession;*

Or. it

**Amendment 364**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

17. Underlines *the fact that all Member States are obliged to comply with the Stability and Growth Pact*; *points, in this regard, also to the importance of the* Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance (TSCG), *and urges the Commission to submit a report on the implementation of the TSCG in the Member States;*

*Amendment*

17. Underlines *that the Stability and Growth Pact should be duly implemented while making full use of the appropriate flexibility, inter alia to support greater investment and structural reforms, as well as to deal with security threats, refugee inflows and natural disasters*; *points, in this regard, also to the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance (TSCG), which should be reviewed on the basis of an assessment of the experience with its implementation,* and urges the Commission to submit a report on the *issue;*

### Amendment 365

Alfred Sant

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 17

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

17. Underlines the fact that ***all Member States are obliged to comply with the Stability and Growth Pact***; points, in this regard, also ***to the importance*** of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance (TSCG), and urges the Commission to submit a report on the implementation of the TSCG in the Member States;

###### *Amendment*

17. Underlines the fact that ***divergences in economic performance among the members of the Euro area are growing and that this is undermining the support for the single currency; observes the current excessive reliance on the monetary policy of the European Central Bank (ECB) to ensure macroeconomic stability***; points, in this regard, also ***the role*** of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance (TSCG), and urges the Commission to submit a report on the implementation of the TSCG in the Member States;

Or. en

### Amendment 366

Jonás Fernández

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 17

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

17. ***Underlines the fact*** that all Member States ***are obliged to*** comply with the Stability and Growth Pact; ***points, in this regard, also to the importance of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance (TSCG), and urges the Commission to submit a report on the implementation of the TSCG in the Member States***;

###### *Amendment*

17. ***Recalls*** that all ***the*** Member States ***must*** comply with the Stability and Growth Pact, ***in the context of flexibility***;

Or. es



## **Amendment 367**

**Paul Tang**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 17**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

17. Underlines the fact that **all** Member States **are obliged** to comply with the Stability and Growth Pact; points, in this regard, also to **the importance of** the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance (TSCG), and urges the Commission to submit a report on the implementation of the TSCG in the Member States;

##### *Amendment*

17. Underlines the fact that **it is often unrealistic for** Member States to comply with **all the rules of** the Stability and Growth Pact, **especially the debt reduction rule, and that a rules based system of economic governance has shown its limitations**; points, in this regard, also to the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance (TSCG), and urges the Commission to submit a report on the implementation of the TSCG in the Member States;

Or. en

## **Amendment 368**

**Lieve Wierinck, Sylvie Goulard**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 17**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

17. Underlines the fact that all Member States are obliged to comply with the Stability and Growth Pact; points, in this regard, also to the importance of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance (TSCG), and urges the Commission to submit a report on the implementation of the TSCG in the Member States;

##### *Amendment*

17. Underlines the fact that all Member States are obliged to comply with the Stability and Growth Pact; points, in this regard, also to the importance of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance (TSCG), and urges the Commission to submit a report on the implementation of the TSCG in the Member States; **believes that the TSCG should be incorporated into Community law as soon as possible**;

Or. en

## **Amendment 369**

**Bas Eickhout**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

17. ***Underlines the fact*** that all Member States are obliged to comply with the Stability and Growth Pact; ***points, in this regard, also to the importance*** of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance (TSCG), ***and urges the Commission to submit a report on the implementation of the TSCG in the Member States;***

*Amendment*

17. ***Notes*** that all Member States are obliged to comply with the Stability and Growth Pact; ***notes that empirical observations about the functioning of the new fiscal rules of the SGP, including the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance (TSCG), provide evidences of the complexity and the shortcomings of the current rules which undermine their credibility;***

Or. en

**Amendment 370**  
**Marisa Matias**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

17. ***Underlines the fact that all Member States are obliged to comply with*** the Stability and Growth Pact; ***points, in this regard, also to the importance of*** the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance (TSCG), ***and urges the Commission to submit a report on the implementation of the TSCG in the Member States;***

*Amendment*

17. ***Notes that*** the Stability and Growth Pact ***and*** the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance (TSCG) ***have failed to provide fiscal consolidation,*** ***and urges the Commission to submit a report on the assessments of austerity policies on growth, employment and fiscal consolidation*** in the Member States;

Or. en

**Amendment 371**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

18. *Notes* that six Member States continue to be under the Excessive Deficit Procedure;

*Amendment*

18. *Deplores the fact that the burden of the adjustment process was placed squarely on the shoulders of the deficit countries and notes* that six Member States continue to be under the Excessive Deficit Procedure *while the countries with excessive current account surpluses have been free to continue to accentuate the existing imbalances to the detriment of the euro area as a whole, making any rebalancing impossible; stresses that high and persistent current account surpluses in a monetary union are primarily a reflection of the competitive advantages of an undervalued currency and deflationary policies designed to damage partners countries; calls accordingly on the Commission not to hesitate to take action under the macroeconomic imbalance procedure against countries that fail to take proper steps to rein in excessive surpluses;*

Or. it

**Amendment 372**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Notes that six Member States continue to be under the Excessive Deficit Procedure;

*Amendment*

18. Notes *the consistent decrease of the average public deficit level, which is expected to stand below 2% in 2016 and will continue to reduce in the upcoming years, allowing several Member States to exit the Excessive Deficit Procedure; Notes, however,* that six Member States continue to be under the Excessive Deficit Procedure, *but underlines that, according to the Commission forecast, in 2017 only one Member State will remain under such procedure;*

Or. en

**Amendment 373**  
**Markus Ferber**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Notes that six Member States continue to be under the Excessive Deficit Procedure;

*Amendment*

18. Notes that six Member States continue to be under the Excessive Deficit Procedure; ***is concerned about the fact that some Member States are experiencing substantial problems in abiding by the agreed path of consolidation; observes that this is often due to a lack of political will;***

Or. de

**Amendment 374**  
**Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Notes that six Member States continue to be under the Excessive Deficit Procedure;

*Amendment*

18. Notes that six Member States continue to be under the Excessive Deficit Procedure; ***underlines that this become very problematic in case interest rates go up before it is expected.***

Or. en

**Amendment 375**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***18 a. Notes that the levels of government debt have stabilised and are expected to***

*decrease; agrees with the Commission that, in most cases, the large increase of debt in the recent past was the result of bank recapitalisation and low growth in nominal GDP, not of fiscal profligacy; points out that sustained growth is crucial to reducing debt/GDP ratios;*

Or. en

**Amendment 376**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**19. Emphasises the Commission's role as guardian of the treaties;** *deleted*

Or. it

**Amendment 377**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**19. Emphasises the Commission's role as guardian of the treaties;** *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 378**  
**Alfred Sant**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

19. Emphasises the Commission's role 19. Emphasises the Commission's role

as guardian of the treaties;

as guardian of the treaties; ***calls on the EU Institutions to assess whether the EU methodologies for the evaluation of the economic and social performance of EU Member States as well as the targets applied under the Stability and Growth Pact are still up-to-date, given that the overall economic and social conditions both at national and European level have changed drastically since the time when they were first drafted;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 379**

**Markus Ferber**

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

##### **Paragraph 19**

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

19. Emphasises the Commission's role as guardian of the treaties;

###### *Amendment*

19. Emphasises the Commission's role as guardian of the treaties; ***calls on the Commission to play this role actively and with determination; deplores the fact that in the past the Commission has not done this;***

Or. de

### **Amendment 380**

**Burkhard Balz**

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

##### **Paragraph 19**

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

19. Emphasises the Commission's role as guardian of the treaties;

###### *Amendment*

19. Emphasises the Commission's role as guardian of the treaties; ***underlines the necessity for an objective evaluation of the application as well as a non-politicized enforcement of commonly agreed legislation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 381**  
**Lieve Wierinck, Sylvie Goulard**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Emphasises the Commission's role as guardian of the treaties;

*Amendment*

19. Emphasises the Commission's role as guardian of the treaties; ***recalls the importance of credible fiscal rules for regaining trust of financial markets, which is fundamental to attract investment;***

Or. en

**Amendment 382**  
**Danuta Maria Hübner**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Emphasises the Commission's role as guardian of the treaties;

*Amendment*

19. Emphasises the Commission's role as guardian of the treaties ***and stresses that politicisation of decisions in the area of compliance with fiscal rules should be avoided;***

Or. en

**Amendment 383**  
**Beatrix von Storch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Emphasises the Commission's role as guardian of the treaties;

*Amendment*

19. Emphasises the Commission's role as guardian of the treaties; ***warns that a politicised Commission cannot perform this role objectively;***

**Amendment 384**

**Marisa Matias, Fabio De Masi**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Emphasises the *Commission's role as guardian of the treaties*;

*Amendment*

19. Emphasises the *need to revise European treaties in order to face divergence and breakdown tendencies*;

Or. en

**Amendment 385**

**Enrique Calvet Chambon**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 19 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*19 a. Emphasises the Single Resolution Mechanism, the ECB and the ESRB's role as guardians of financial stability;*

*Amendment*

Or. en

**Amendment 386**

**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. *Is concerned about the hesitancy in using the instruments available under the Excessive Deficit Procedure;*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. el



**Amendment 387**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**20. *Is concerned about the hesitancy in using the instruments available under the Excessive Deficit Procedure;*** *deleted*

Or. it

**Amendment 388**  
**Jonás Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**20. *Is concerned about the hesitancy in using the instruments available under the Excessive Deficit Procedure;*** *deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 389**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**20. *Is concerned about the hesitancy in using the instruments available under the Excessive Deficit Procedure;*** *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 390**  
**Pervenche Berès**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**20. Is concerned about the hesitancy in using the instruments available under the Excessive Deficit Procedure;** *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 391**  
**Neena Gill**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**20. Is concerned about the hesitancy in using the instruments available under the Excessive Deficit Procedure;** *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 392**  
**Alfred Sant**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**20. Is concerned about the hesitancy in using the instruments available under the Excessive Deficit Procedure;** *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 393**  
**Csaba Molnár**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**20. Is concerned about the hesitancy in using the instruments available under the Excessive Deficit Procedure;**

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 394**

**Lieve Wierinck, Sylvie Goulard**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

20. Is concerned about the hesitancy in using the instruments available under the Excessive Deficit Procedure;

20. Is concerned about the hesitancy in using the instruments available under the Excessive Deficit Procedure, ***which may be interpreted as a lack of commitment to the EU's fiscal rules and hence undermine trust of financial markets; recalls that the mere announcement of the potential use of such instruments such as macro-economic sanctions may have motivated Member States in the past to take budgetary actions, notably Spain and Portugal; notes that only a fiscal policy that respects and follows the rules of the Stability and Growth Pact will lead to credibility and trust between Member States as a pre-condition for the completion of EMU.***

Or. en

**Amendment 395**

**Beatrix von Storch**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

20. Is concerned about the hesitancy in using the instruments available under the Excessive Deficit Procedure;

20. Is concerned about the hesitancy in using the instruments available under the Excessive Deficit Procedure, ***which is due***

*to political grounds; is concerned that the procedure is no less politicised than before its reform; calls therefore for a European State insolvency law to be instituted, particularly for the euro zone, which can prevent excessive deficits and state indebtedness significantly better by means of market incentives;*

Or. de

**Amendment 396**  
**Markus Ferber**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Is concerned about the hesitancy in using the instruments available under the Excessive Deficit Procedure;

*Amendment*

20. Is concerned about the hesitancy in using the instruments available under the Excessive Deficit Procedure; *is concerned that the Commission often takes decisions on the basis of political considerations rather than the rules applicable; is concerned that this jeopardises the credibility of the Stability and Growth Pact;*

Or. de

**Amendment 397**  
**Bas Eickhout**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Is concerned about the *hesitancy in using the instruments available under* the Excessive Deficit Procedure;

*Amendment*

20. Is concerned about the *credibility and the effectiveness of* the Excessive Deficit Procedure; *questions the high technicality of the effective actions assessment which undermines the transparency required for such a crucial exercise;*

**Amendment 398**

**Marisa Matias**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Is concerned about the ***hesitancy in using*** the instruments available under the Excessive Deficit Procedure;

*Amendment*

20. Is concerned about the ***lack of uniform criteria when assessing the compliance of different member states and evaluating the use of*** the instruments available under the Excessive Deficit Procedure;

Or. en

**Amendment 399**

**Roberts Zile**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Is concerned about the hesitancy in using the instruments available under the Excessive Deficit Procedure;

*Amendment*

20. Is concerned about the hesitancy in using the instruments available under the Excessive Deficit Procedure ***as well as the Excessive Imbalance Procedure***;

Or. en

**Amendment 400**

**Gunnar Hökmark**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 20 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***20 a. Invites the Commission and the Council to be as specific as possible when addressing fiscal recommendations under the preventive and corrective arm of the***

*Stability and Growth Pact in order to increase transparency and enforceability of the recommendations; Underlines the need to include in the recommendations under the preventive arm both the target date of the country specific medium-term objective and the fiscal adjustment required to achieve or remain at it;*

Or. en

**Amendment 401**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 20 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*20 a. Considers that addressing the procyclicality bias of existing SGP rules intensified by the current low nominal growth environment, would decisively contribute to a proper and strict application of these instruments and enhancing the credibility of the overall framework;*

Or. en

**Amendment 402**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 20 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*20 b. Takes note of the Council agreement to simplify the assessment of compliance with the pact's rules; considers that it will not be sufficient to increase the predictability and the transparency of the compliance assessment;*

**Amendment 403**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 20 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***20 c. Considers that subsequent attempts to repair SGP rules without a comprehensive evaluation of the shortcomings of the current framework are ineffective and continue to undermine their credibility; calls on the Commission for a comprehensive evaluation and legislative proposals to address the shortcomings;***

Or. en

**Amendment 404**

**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 21**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***21. Notes with concern that, following the assessment of the 2017 Draft Budgetary Plans, eight Member States are considered to be at risk of non-compliance, with some significantly deviating from the required adjustment path and unlikely to be able to contain the risks unless they deliver on the necessary fiscal measures;***

***deleted***

Or. it

**Amendment 405**

**Jonás Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**21.** *Notes with concern that, following the assessment of the 2017 Draft Budgetary Plans, eight Member States are considered to be at risk of non-compliance, with some significantly deviating from the required adjustment path and unlikely to be able to contain the risks unless they deliver on the necessary fiscal measures;*

*deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 406**  
**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**21.** *Notes with concern that, following the assessment of the 2017 Draft Budgetary Plans, eight Member States are considered to be at risk of non-compliance, with some significantly deviating from the required adjustment path and unlikely to be able to contain the risks unless they deliver on the necessary fiscal measures;*

*deleted*

Or. el

**Amendment 407**  
**Markus Ferber**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

21. Notes with concern that, following  
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the assessment of the 2017 Draft Budgetary Plans, eight Member States are considered to be at risk of non-compliance, with some significantly deviating from the required adjustment path and unlikely to be able to contain the risks unless they deliver on the necessary fiscal measures;

the assessment of the 2017 Draft Budgetary Plans, eight Member States are considered to be at risk of non-compliance, with some significantly deviating from the required adjustment path and unlikely to be able to contain the risks unless they deliver on the necessary fiscal measures; ***calls on the the Commission to urge that the agreed adjustment paths be adhered to;***

Or. de

#### **Amendment 408**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

##### **Paragraph 21**

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

21. Notes ***with concern*** that, following the assessment of the 2017 Draft Budgetary Plans, eight Member States are considered to be at risk of non-compliance, with some significantly deviating from the required adjustment path ***and unlikely to be able to contain the risks unless they deliver on the necessary fiscal measures;***

###### *Amendment*

21. Notes that, following the assessment of the 2017 Draft Budgetary Plans, eight Member States are considered to be at risk of non-compliance, with some significantly deviating from the required adjustment path;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 409**

**Alfred Sant**

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

##### **Paragraph 21**

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

21. Notes with concern that, following the assessment of the 2017 Draft Budgetary Plans, eight Member States are considered to be at risk of non-compliance, with some significantly deviating from the required adjustment path ***and unlikely to be able to contain the risks unless they***

###### *Amendment*

21. Notes with concern that, following the assessment of the 2017 Draft Budgetary Plans, eight Member States are considered to be at risk of non-compliance, with some significantly deviating from the required adjustment path;

*deliver on the necessary fiscal measures;*

Or. en

**Amendment 410**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Motion for a resolution*

21. Notes with concern that, following the assessment of the 2017 Draft Budgetary Plans, eight Member States are considered to be at risk of non-compliance, *with some significantly deviating from the required adjustment path and unlikely to be able to contain the risks unless they deliver on the necessary fiscal measures;*

*Amendment*

21. *Welcomes the consistent improvement of public finances over the recent years;* Notes with concern that, following the assessment of the 2017 Draft Budgetary Plans, eight Member States are considered to be at risk of non-compliance;

Or. en

**Amendment 411**  
**Marisa Matias**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Motion for a resolution*

21. Notes with concern that, following the assessment of the 2017 Draft Budgetary Plans, *eight* Member States are considered to be at risk of non-compliance, *with some significantly deviating from the required adjustment path and unlikely to be able to contain the risks unless they deliver on the necessary fiscal measures;*

*Amendment*

21. Notes with concern that, following the assessment of the 2017 Draft Budgetary Plans, *some* Member States are considered to be at risk of non-compliance *despite having delivered significant fiscal adjustment with enormous costs for their own economies;*

Or. en

**Amendment 412**  
**Neena Gill**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Motion for a resolution*

21. Notes *with concern* that, following the assessment of the 2017 Draft Budgetary Plans, eight Member States are considered to be at risk of non-compliance, with some significantly deviating from the required adjustment path and unlikely to be able to contain the risks unless they deliver on the necessary fiscal measures;

*Amendment*

21. Notes that, following the assessment of the 2017 Draft Budgetary Plans, eight Member States are considered to be at risk of non-compliance, with some significantly deviating from the required adjustment path and unlikely to be able to contain the risks unless they deliver on the necessary fiscal measures;

Or. en

**Amendment 413**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***21 a. Notes that last year full implementation of the Draft Budgetary Plan assessment would have led to a more restrictive fiscal stance with respect to the agreed neutral fiscal stance;***

Or. en

**Amendment 414**

**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 22**

*Motion for a resolution*

***22. Welcomes the reduction in average public deficits, but agrees that aggregate pictures hide significant disparities across the Member States;***

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. it

**Amendment 415**

**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 22**

*Motion for a resolution*

22. *Welcomes the reduction in average public deficits, but agrees that aggregate pictures hide significant disparities across the Member States;*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. el

**Amendment 416**

**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 22**

*Motion for a resolution*

22. *Welcomes* the reduction in average public deficits, but agrees that aggregate pictures hide significant disparities across the Member States;

*Amendment*

22. *Notes* the reduction in average public deficits, but agrees that aggregate pictures hide significant disparities across the Member States; *considers this and other asymmetries are detrimental to the proper functioning of the Euro, which illustrates the need to promote and support real convergence especially between euro area Member States;*

Or. en

**Amendment 417**

**Barbara Kappel**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 22**

*Motion for a resolution*

22. Welcomes the reduction in average public deficits, *but agrees* that aggregate

*Amendment*

22. Welcomes the reduction in average public deficits; *confirms, however,* that

pictures hide significant disparities across the Member States;

aggregate pictures hide significant disparities across the Member States *and that in the medium term the establishment of structural deficits with a view to responsible and sustainable budgetary policies can result in fiscal uncertainties*;

Or. de

#### **Amendment 418**

**Markus Ferber**

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

#### **Paragraph 22**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

22. Welcomes the reduction in average public deficits, but agrees that aggregate pictures hide significant disparities across the Member States;

##### *Amendment*

22. Welcomes the reduction in average public deficits, but agrees that aggregate pictures hide significant disparities across the Member States *and can result in mistaken conclusions being drawn; stresses that aggregate pictures cannot replace the examination of individual budgets*;

Or. de

#### **Amendment 419**

**Marisa Matias**

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

#### **Paragraph 22**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

22. Welcomes the reduction in average public deficits, but agrees that aggregate pictures hide significant disparities across the Member States;

##### *Amendment*

22. Welcomes the reduction in average public deficits, but agrees that aggregate pictures hide significant disparities across the Member States; *Deplores that this reduction was achieved through policies that have dramatically the quantity and quality of unemployment in the EU*;

Or. en

**Amendment 420**  
**Lieve Wierinck, Sylvie Goulard**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 22**

*Motion for a resolution*

22. Welcomes the reduction in average public deficits, but agrees that aggregate pictures hide significant disparities across the Member States;

*Amendment*

22. Welcomes the reduction in average public deficits **and debt**, but agrees that aggregate pictures hide significant disparities across the Member States; ***stresses the need for prudent fiscal policies in anticipation of rising interest rates;***

Or. en

**Amendment 421**  
**Jonás Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 22**

*Motion for a resolution*

22. Welcomes the reduction in average public deficits, but agrees that aggregate ***pictures hide*** significant disparities across the Member States;

*Amendment*

22. Welcomes the reduction in average public deficits, but agrees that ***the aggregate position hides*** significant disparities across the Member States;

Or. es

**Amendment 422**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 22 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***22 a. Notes with concern that, as the Commission recognises, a full delivery of the fiscal requirements contained in the country-specific recommendations of the Council would lead, on aggregate, to a modestly restrictive fiscal stance for the***

*euro area as a whole in 2017 and 2018, while the economic situation would seem to call for an expansionary fiscal stance in the present circumstances;*

Or. en

**Amendment 423**  
**Roberts Zile**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 22 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*22 a. Is concerned about excessively high and on-going current account surpluses of some Member States as this affects the overall functioning of the Monetary Union; notes that in such environment the required adjustment for some Member States seeking improvement of intra-EU competitiveness becomes much harder to achieve;*

Or. en

**Amendment 424**  
**Bas Eickhout**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 22 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*22 a. Is concerned about the fact that low public deficit ratios do not translate into significant reduction in public debt ratios due to the persistent sluggish nominal growth which also complicate the needed reduction in households and corporate debt;*

Or. en

**Amendment 425**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Positive fiscal stance for the euro area*

Or. en

**Amendment 426**  
**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**23. Takes note of the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; questions the usefulness of an aggregate target, given the lack of significant spill-over effects of domestic demand between Member States; recalls that the Member States must comply with the Stability and Growth Pact, regardless of aggregate recommendations;**

*deleted*

Or. el

**Amendment 427**  
**Siegfried Mureşan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

23. Takes note of the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; questions the usefulness of an aggregate target, given the lack of significant spill-over effects of domestic demand between Member States; recalls that the Member States must comply with the Stability and

23. Takes note of the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; questions the usefulness of an aggregate target, given the lack of significant spill-over effects of domestic demand between Member States; ***stresses that the Commission communication is of a non-***



Growth Pact, regardless of aggregate recommendations;

*binding character and the use of fiscal space up to the Member States themselves; recalls that the Member States must comply with the Stability and Growth Pact, regardless of aggregate recommendations, as fiscal requirements are based on the commonly agreed fiscal rules; urges the European Commission to fulfill its responsibility of upholding the Stability and Growth Pact in its role as guardian of the treaties;*

Or. en

**Amendment 428**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. *Takes note of the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; questions the usefulness of an aggregate target, given the lack of significant spill-over effects of domestic demand between Member States; recalls that the Member States must comply with the Stability and Growth Pact, regardless of aggregate recommendations;*

*Amendment*

23. *Welcomes the Commission's recommendation for a Council recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area and the accompanying communication on a positive fiscal stance for the euro area; agrees that, at this point in time, given the need to support the ongoing recovery, more efforts are needed to bring about a positive fiscal stance for the euro area as a whole, complementing the monetary policy of the ECB; praises the Commission for its recommendation of a moderate fiscal expansion in 2017; questions whether an aggregate fiscal expansion of up to 0.5% GDP is sufficient to attain the goals of bolstering recovery, closing the 'investment gap' and promoting growth;*

Or. en

**Amendment 429**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**

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## Paragraph 23

### *Motion for a resolution*

23. Takes note of the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; ***questions the usefulness of an aggregate target, given the lack of significant spill-over effects of domestic demand between Member States***; recalls that ***the Member States must comply with the Stability and Growth Pact, regardless of aggregate recommendations***;

### *Amendment*

23. Takes note ***with concern*** of the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance ***which entrusts surplus countries with the necessary fiscal expansion while continuing to prevent countries with no fiscal space from implementing counter-cyclical policies, making the possibility for euro area recovery contingent upon the non-existent political will of surplus countries to increase their spending and public investment for the benefit of partner countries***; recalls that ***an expansionary fiscal policy would, conversely, have the greatest positive impact precisely in those countries without any fiscal space, in which multipliers are higher***;

Or. it

## Amendment 430

Lieve Wierinck, Sylvie Goulard

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 23

### *Motion for a resolution*

23. Takes note of the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; questions the usefulness of an aggregate target, given the lack of significant spill-over effects of domestic demand between Member States; recalls that the Member States must comply with the Stability and Growth Pact, regardless of aggregate recommendations;

### *Amendment*

23. Takes note of the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; questions the usefulness of an aggregate target, given the lack of significant spill-over effects of domestic demand between Member States; recalls that the Member States must comply with the Stability and Growth Pact, regardless of aggregate recommendations; ***notes that a debate on a fiscal stance would first require further transfers of sovereignty to the EU level, such as some form of effective control of Member States' budgets and their composition***;

Or. en

**Amendment 431**  
**Danuta Maria Hübner**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. Takes note of the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; ***questions the usefulness*** of an aggregate target, given the lack of significant spill-over effects of domestic demand between Member States; recalls that the Member States must comply with the Stability and Growth Pact, regardless of aggregate recommendations;

*Amendment*

23. Takes note of the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; ***doubts the potential*** of an aggregate target ***as an instrument to provide practical guidance***, given the ***current*** lack of significant spill-over effects of domestic demand between Member States; ***welcomes however the intention shown by the communication to reflect on economic policies from the European angle***; recalls that the Member States must comply with the Stability and Growth Pact, regardless of aggregate recommendations;

Or. en

**Amendment 432**  
**Csaba Molnár**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. ***Takes note of*** the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; ***questions the usefulness of an aggregate target, given the lack of significant spill-over effects of domestic demand between Member States; recalls that the Member States must comply with the Stability and Growth Pact, regardless of aggregate recommendations;***

*Amendment*

23. ***Welcomes*** the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance ***which is the right way forward to increase growth, job creation and investment;***

Or. en

**Amendment 433**

**Jonás Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. Takes note of the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; ***questions the usefulness of an aggregate target, given the lack of significant spill-over effects of domestic demand between Member States; recalls that the Member States must comply with the Stability and Growth Pact, regardless of aggregate recommendations;***

*Amendment*

23. Takes note of the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; ***welcomes the calculation of the aggregate fiscal position, which represents a significant step forwards in the integrated analysis of the eurozone economy;***

Or. es

**Amendment 434  
Alfred Sant**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. ***Takes note of the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; questions the usefulness of an aggregate target, given the lack of significant spill-over effects of domestic demand between Member States; recalls that the Member States must comply with the Stability and Growth Pact, regardless of aggregate recommendations;***

*Amendment*

23. ***Welcomes the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; points, in this regard, to the importance of complementing the EU's fiscal framework with binding rules and instruments to directly manage the aggregate fiscal stance of the Euro area;***

Or. en

**Amendment 435  
Pervenche Berès**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

23. ***Takes note of*** the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; ***questions*** the usefulness of an ***aggregate target, given the lack of significant spill-over effects of domestic demand between Member States; recalls that the Member States must comply with the Stability and Growth Pact, regardless of aggregate recommendations;***

23. ***Welcomes*** the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; ***reiterates*** the usefulness of an ***overall assessment of the budgetary and prospects in the euro area leading to the definition and implementation of an appropriate aggregate fiscal stance, notably given the persistent and significant spill-over effects between Member States;***

Or. en

**Amendment 436**  
**Sander Loones**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. ***Takes note of*** the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; ***questions*** the usefulness of an aggregate target, given the lack of significant spill-over effects of domestic demand between Member States; ***recalls that the Member States must comply with the Stability and Growth Pact, regardless of aggregate recommendations;***

*Amendment*

23. ***Regrets*** the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; ***questions*** the usefulness of an aggregate target, given the lack of significant spill-over effects of domestic demand between Member States; ***recalls that the Member States must comply with the Stability and Growth Pact, regardless of aggregate recommendations;***

Or. en

**Amendment 437**  
**Paul Tang**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. ***Takes note of*** the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; ***questions the usefulness of an aggregate target, given the lack of significant spill-over effects of domestic demand between Member States; recalls that the Member States must comply with the Stability and***

*Amendment*

23. ***Welcomes*** the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance, ***which highlights the lack of investment in Europe and clearly illustrates how the Stability and Growth Pact does not lead to macro-economic convergence, inter alia because it was not designed for the***

***Growth Pact, regardless of aggregate recommendations;***

***current low interest rate and low investment environment;***

Or. en

**Amendment 438**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. ***Takes note of*** the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; ***questions the usefulness of an*** aggregate target, given ***the lack of significant*** spill-over effects of domestic demand between Member States; ***recalls that the*** Member States must comply with the Stability and Growth Pact, ***regardless of aggregate recommendations;***

*Amendment*

23. ***Welcomes*** the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; ***highlights the crucial role of the*** aggregate target, given spill-over effects of domestic demand between Member States ***which have been underlined by all major experts;*** ***notes the fact that*** Member States must ***anyway*** comply with the Stability and Growth Pact;

Or. en

**Amendment 439**

**Marisa Matias, Fabio De Masi**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. Takes note of the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; ***questions the usefulness of an aggregate target, given the lack of significant spill-over effects of domestic demand between Member States;*** ***recalls that the Member States must comply with the Stability and Growth Pact, regardless of aggregate recommendations;***

*Amendment*

23. Takes note of the Commission's communication on a fiscal stance; ***Underlines that a major contribution for this target would be for surplus countries to comply with the macroeconomic imbalances procedure rules, namely through the boosting of its domestic demands and reduction of systemic external surpluses;***

Or. en

**Amendment 440**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 23 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**23 a. Agrees on the Commission that the current fiscal framework is characterised by the key weakness of the absence of rules to coordinate the aggregate Euro Area fiscal stance, in particular the SGP asymmetry represented by the lack of tools to require expansionary fiscal stance;**

Or. en

**Amendment 441**

**Markus Ferber**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 23 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**23a. Considers that, in view of the fact that a considerable number of Member States are at risk of missing the deficit targets, the demand for an expansive fiscal policy at aggregate level is mistaken;**

Or. de

**Amendment 442**

**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 23 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**23 a. Calls on the Council to adopt the recommendation for a positive fiscal stance for the euro area in 2017 and**

*encourages Member States to take the necessary steps in order to attain such goal;*

Or. en

**Amendment 443**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*23 b. Deplores that, contrary to other unified currency areas across the world, the EU's current fiscal framework contains no rules or instruments to directly manage the aggregate fiscal stance of the euro area; points out that a macroeconomic governance framework in which rules can proscribe high deficits but can only prescribe the reduction of budgetary surpluses, without imposing it, is patently asymmetrical, unbalanced and incomplete;*

Or. en

**Amendment 444**  
**Bas Eickhout**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*23 b. Express concerns on the fact that the lack of tools to ensure an effective coordination of fiscal policies at Euro area aggregate level might jeopardise the sustainability of the monetary union; considers that the on-going discussion on the Euro Area fiscal capacity should reflect on mechanisms to incentivise the conduction of national fiscal policies*



*which are consistent with the suggested fiscal stance;*

Or. en

**Amendment 445**

**Markus Ferber**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 23 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**23b. Considers that, in view of the high level of indebtedness of the euro zone, an aggregate fiscal position geared to consolidation is the only logical conclusion;**

Or. de

**Amendment 446**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 23 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**23 c. Deplores that the Council has de facto dismissed the European Commission recommendation for an expansionary fiscal policy, overlooking the repeated calls of the ECB to complement monetary policy with other policy tools to support sustainable growth;**

Or. en

**Amendment 447**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 23 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**23 d. Is concerned that Council's reluctance to take on board European Commission's recommendation on the Euro Area fiscal stance will further undermine policy cooperation at European level, including the need to implement structural reforms to ensure the sustainability of public finances and improve national competitiveness;**

Or. en

**Amendment 448**

**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**24. Takes the view that improving the structure of public budgets is a key lever to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules and to allow for the financing of indispensable expenditure, the building of buffers for unforeseen needs and, lastly, the financing of non-essential spending;**

**deleted**

Or. el

**Amendment 449**

**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

24. Takes the view that improving the structure of public budgets is **a key lever** to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules and to allow for the financing of indispensable expenditure, the building of buffers for

24. Takes the view that improving the structure of public budgets is **one of the levers to maximise growth**, to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules and to allow for the financing of indispensable

unforeseen needs and, lastly, the financing of non-essential spending;

expenditure, the building of buffers for unforeseen needs and, lastly, the financing of non-essential spending; ***recalls that the composition of national budgets is decided at national level taking into account country-specific recommendations; incentivizes all Member States to step up their efforts towards achieving a more growth-friendly composition of fiscal policies;***

Or. en

**Amendment 450**  
**Markus Ferber**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. Takes the view that improving the structure of public budgets is a key lever to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules and to allow for the financing of indispensable expenditure, the building of buffers for unforeseen needs and, lastly, the financing of non-essential spending;

*Amendment*

24. Takes the view that improving the structure of public budgets is a key lever to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules and to allow for the financing of indispensable expenditure, the building of buffers for unforeseen needs and, lastly, the financing of non-essential spending, ***and to contribute to more efficient use of public funds;***

Or. de

**Amendment 451**  
**Marisa Matias, Fabio De Masi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. Takes the view that improving the structure of public budgets is a key lever to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules and to allow for the financing of indispensable expenditure, ***the building of buffers for unforeseen needs and, lastly, the***

*Amendment*

24. Takes the view that improving the structure of public budgets, ***namely through public provision of essential services and a European-wide approach to excessive public debts, leading to a comprehensive debt restructuring,*** is a key

*financing of non-essential spending;*

lever to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules and to allow for the financing of indispensable expenditure, ;

Or. en

**Amendment 452**

**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. Takes the view that *improving the structure of public budgets is a key lever to ensure compliance with* EU fiscal rules *and to allow for* the financing of indispensable expenditure, *the building of buffers for unforeseen needs and, lastly, the financing of non-essential spending;*

*Amendment*

24. Takes the view that *the* EU fiscal rules *prevent* the financing of indispensable expenditure *to fund policies in support of demand and public investments, which are vital in order to boost the real economy;*

Or. it

**Amendment 453**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. Takes the view that improving the structure of public budgets is a key lever to ensure *compliance with EU fiscal rules* and to allow for the financing of indispensable expenditure, the building of buffers for unforeseen needs *and, lastly, the financing of non-essential spending;*

*Amendment*

24. Takes the view that improving the structure of public budgets is a key lever to ensure *sound public finances* and to allow for the financing of indispensable expenditure *and* the building of buffers for unforeseen needs;

Or. en

**Amendment 454**

**Lieve Wierinck, Sylvie Goulard**

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**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. Takes the view that improving the structure of public budgets is a key lever to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules and to allow for the financing of indispensable expenditure, the building of buffers for unforeseen needs and, lastly, the financing of non-essential spending;

*Amendment*

24. Takes the view that improving the structure of public budgets is a key lever to ensure compliance with EU fiscal rules and to allow for the financing of indispensable expenditure, the building of buffers for unforeseen needs, **growth-enhancing investment** and, lastly, the financing of non-essential spending;

Or. en

**Amendment 455**  
**Paul Tang**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. Takes the view that improving the structure of public budgets is a key lever to ensure **compliance with EU fiscal rules** and to allow for the financing of indispensable expenditure, the building of buffers for unforeseen needs and, lastly, the financing of **non-essential spending**;

*Amendment*

24. Takes the view that improving the structure of public budgets is a key lever to ensure **responsibility** and to allow for the financing of indispensable expenditure, the building of buffers for unforeseen needs and, lastly, the financing of **investments**;

Or. en

**Amendment 456**  
**Gunnar Hökmark**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**24 a. Notes that the debate on a smart allocation of public spending and policy priorities is regularly taking place on the EU budget, and that such a critical**

*assessment is also indispensable for national budgets to improve the quality of public budgets in the medium-term and long-term and avoid linear budget cuts;*

Or. en

**Amendment 457**  
**Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*24a. Welcomes efforts to create responsible fiscal policies that favour growth; welcomes efforts to introduce more just and effective tax systems and to fight tax fraud and tax evasion;*

Or. hr

**Amendment 458**  
**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*25. Welcomes the ongoing review of public spending, and encourages the Member States critically to assess the quality of their budgets; points out that such a review cannot replace urgent fiscal consolidation needs;*

*deleted*

Or. el

**Amendment 459**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25**

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*Motion for a resolution*

25. Welcomes the ongoing review of public spending, and encourages the Member States critically to assess the quality of their budgets; ***points out that such a review cannot replace urgent fiscal consolidation needs;***

*Amendment*

25. Welcomes the ongoing review of public spending, and encourages the Member States critically to assess the quality of their budgets; ***supports rational and country-specific efforts towards improving the quality, efficiency and growth-friendly character of public expenditure, especially by shifting unproductive expenses towards growth-enhancing investments, but without jeopardizing essential provision of public and social services;***

Or. en

**Amendment 460**

**Markus Ferber**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

25. Welcomes the ongoing review of public spending, and encourages the Member States critically to assess the quality of their budgets; points out that such a review cannot replace urgent fiscal consolidation needs;

*Amendment*

25. Welcomes the ongoing review of public spending, and encourages the Member States critically to assess the quality of their budgets; ***urges those Member States in particular which are in danger of missing the deficit targets to use the ongoing review to identify further potential for savings;*** points out that such a review cannot replace urgent fiscal consolidation needs;

Or. de

**Amendment 461**

**Jonás Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

25. **Welcomes** the ongoing review of public spending, and encourages the Member States critically to assess the quality of their budgets; **points out that such a review cannot replace urgent fiscal consolidation needs;**

25. **Notes** the ongoing review of public spending, and encourages the Member States critically to assess the quality of their budgets;

Or. es

#### **Amendment 462**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

##### **Paragraph 25**

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

25. Welcomes the **ongoing** review of public spending, and encourages the Member States **critically** to assess the quality of their budgets; **points out that such a review cannot replace urgent fiscal consolidation needs;**

###### *Amendment*

25. Welcomes the **on-going** review of public spending, and encourages the Member States to **critically** assess the quality of their budgets;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 463**

**Marisa Matias**

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

##### **Paragraph 25**

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

25. Welcomes the ongoing review of public spending, and encourages the Member States critically to assess the quality of their budgets; points out that such a review **cannot replace urgent** fiscal consolidation **needs;**

###### *Amendment*

25. Welcomes the ongoing review of public spending, and encourages the Member States critically to assess the quality of their budgets; points out that such a review **should be combined with a growth and jobs strategy, which is fundamental for a consistent** fiscal consolidation ;

Or. en



**Amendment 464**  
**Neena Gill**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

25. Welcomes the ongoing review of public spending, and encourages the Member States critically to assess the quality of their budgets; points out that such a review cannot replace urgent fiscal consolidation needs;

*Amendment*

25. Welcomes the ongoing review of public spending, and encourages the Member States critically to assess the quality of their budgets *in the long run*; points out that such a review cannot replace urgent fiscal consolidation needs;

Or. en

**Amendment 465**  
**Lieve Wierinck, Sylvie Goulard**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

25. Welcomes the ongoing review of public spending, and encourages the Member States critically to assess the quality of their budgets; points out that such a review cannot replace urgent fiscal consolidation needs;

*Amendment*

25. Welcomes the ongoing review of public spending, and encourages the Member States critically to assess the quality *and composition* of their budgets; points out that such a review cannot replace urgent fiscal consolidation needs;

Or. en

**Amendment 466**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

25. *Welcomes* the ongoing review of public spending, and encourages the Member States *critically to assess* the quality of their budgets; *points out that such a review cannot replace urgent fiscal*

*Amendment*

25. *Is concerned about* the ongoing review of public spending, and encourages the Member States *to guarantee* the quality of their budgets *by financing appropriate universal, quality public and social*

*consolidation needs;*

*services, especially in the areas of education, pensions and health;*

Or. it

**Amendment 467**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*25 a. Believes the EU budget could help relieve the strain on national budgets by collecting own resources instead of relying extensively on national contributions; stresses that greater integration within the euro area is indispensable and that the creation of a budgetary capacity to absorb economic shocks, mitigate asymmetries and foster convergence is a key element in the completion of the EMU;*

Or. en

**Amendment 468**  
**Gunnar Hökmark**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*25 a. Welcomes the thematic discussions undertaken and best practice standards adopted by the Eurogroup, such as on expenditure reviews, during the 2016 Semester Cycle; Invites the Commission and the Eurogroup to establish minimum requirements for these thematic discussions in order to make them more effective and transparent;*

Or. en

**Amendment 469**  
**Lieve Wierinck, Sylvie Goulard**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**25 a. Stresses the importance of the long term sustainability of public finances; suggests that the Commission develops an indicator to assess to which extent Member States public finances and annual budgets affect future generations taking into account future liabilities and implicit budgetary obligations;**

Or. en

**Amendment 470**  
**Jonás Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**25a. Considers it necessary to step up the fight against tax evasion and avoidance in order to boost budget resources and guarantee social justice;**

Or. es

**Amendment 471**  
**Gunnar Hökmark**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**25 b. Invites the Commission and the Council to formulate the country-specific recommendations in a way that makes**

*progress measurable, for example by setting milestones, so as to improve implementation assessment both in its form and degree; Underlines that such an approach is in particular relevant for cases where the policy recommendation repeatedly targets the same policy area and/or where the nature of the reform requires implementation beyond one Semester cycle;*

Or. en

**Amendment 472**  
**Gunnar Hökmark**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*25 c. Suggests to systematically assess expenditure performance by measuring funding decisions and policy priorities against the policy impact and outcomes delivered to citizens, companies, and other end-users;*

Or. en

**Amendment 473**  
**Sylvie Goulard**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*25 a. recalls that a better economic governance in the euro area is crucial and that, according to the Five Presidents' Report on Completing Europe's Economic and Monetary Union, "a complete EMU is not an end in itself. It is a means to create a better and fairer life for all citizens, to prepare the Union for future global challenges and to enable*

*each of its members to prosper''*

Or. en

**Amendment 474**

**Ivana Maletić**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

26. Highlights the importance of national parliaments debating country reports and country-specific recommendations;

*Amendment*

26. Highlights the importance of national parliaments debating ***national reform programs***, country reports and country-specific recommendations; ***stresses that coordination of these documents with local and regional governments as well as other stakeholders can support and improve their implementation.***

Or. en

**Amendment 475**

**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

26. ***Highlights the importance of*** national parliaments ***debating*** country reports and country-specific recommendations;

*Amendment*

26. ***Stresses that debates, by*** national parliaments, ***concerning*** country reports and country-specific recommendations, ***cannot under any circumstances make up for the lack of democratic legitimacy inherent in the European Semester coordination mechanism;***

Or. it

**Amendment 476**

**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

26. Highlights the importance of national parliaments debating country reports and country-specific recommendations;

*Amendment*

26. Highlights the importance of national parliaments debating country reports and country-specific recommendations, *as well as national reform programmes and stability programmes*;

Or. en

**Amendment 477**  
**Markus Ferber**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

26. Highlights the importance of national parliaments debating country reports and country-specific recommendations;

*Amendment*

26. Highlights the importance of national parliaments debating country reports and country-specific recommendations *and act on them more than hitherto*;

Or. de

**Amendment 478**  
**Neena Gill**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

26. Highlights the importance of national parliaments debating country reports and country-specific recommendations;

*Amendment*

26. Highlights the importance of national parliaments debating *and feeding in in the* country reports and country-specific recommendations;

Or. en

**Amendment 479**  
**Alfred Sant**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

26. Highlights the importance of national parliaments debating country reports and country-specific recommendations;

*Amendment*

26. Highlights the importance of national **and regional** parliaments debating country reports and country-specific recommendations;

Or. en

**Amendment 480**  
**Marisa Matias, Fabio De Masi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

26. Highlights the importance of national parliaments debating country reports and country-specific **recommendations**;

*Amendment*

26. Highlights the importance of national parliaments debating country reports and **defining** country-specific **policies**;

Or. en

**Amendment 481**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**26a. Points out that the current macroeconomic coordination mechanisms unnecessarily prevent Member States from making fundamental economic policy choices, in a democratic manner, based on the specific requirements of their economies and in the interests of their own citizens; calls for a radical change in the EU model of economic**

*governance, which should centre on full respect for national economic sovereignty; stresses the urgent need to draw up a plan for an orderly and coordinated dissolution of the euro area and, in the meantime, provide for an opt-out procedure for any Member State that wishes to leave the monetary union;*

Or. it

**Amendment 482**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*26 a. Calls on the Member States to involve the social partners, local and regional authorities and other relevant stakeholders in a structured manner;*

Or. en

**Amendment 483**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*26b. Stresses that the only way to guarantee democratic legitimacy and accountability in the European Union is to give full economic sovereignty back to the Member States to enable them to pursue independent fiscal and monetary policies;*

Or. it

**Amendment 484**

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Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

27. Believes that ***better*** implementation of country-specific recommendations ***requires clearly articulated priorities at European level and genuine public debate at national level, leading to greater ownership;***

*Amendment*

27. Believes that ***the poor*** implementation of country-specific recommendations ***reflects the inadequacy of the solutions proposed by the Commission in respect of the real economic and social requirements of each country; takes the view, moreover, that the greater ownership and legitimacy of the country-specific recommendations called for cannot stem merely from public debate at national level, but that it must necessarily be linked to full control of macroeconomic policy instruments by the Member States;***

Or. it

**Amendment 485**  
**Lieve Wierinck, Sylvie Goulard**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

27. Believes that better implementation of country-specific recommendations requires clearly articulated priorities at European level and genuine public debate at national level, leading to greater ownership;

*Amendment*

27. Believes that better implementation of country-specific recommendations requires clearly articulated priorities at European level and genuine public debate at national level, leading to greater ownership; ***believes that national parliaments should invite the responsible Commissioner for a hearing in their national parliament on the CSRs; stresses that CSRs should be legally binding as they are formally adopted by elected governments;***

Or. en

**Amendment 486**  
**Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

27. Believes that better implementation of country-specific recommendations requires clearly articulated priorities at European level and genuine public debate at national level, leading to greater ownership;

*Amendment*

27. Believes that better implementation of country-specific recommendations requires clearly articulated priorities at European level and genuine public debate at national level, leading to greater ownership; ***adds that the possibility of reducing the number of recommendations but making it of binding compliance would enhance the efficiency of the European Semester.***

Or. en

**Amendment 487**  
**Jonás Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

27. Believes that better implementation of country-specific recommendations requires clearly articulated priorities at European level and genuine public debate at national level, leading to greater ownership;

*Amendment*

27. Believes that better implementation of country-specific recommendations requires clearly articulated priorities at European level and genuine public debate at national level, leading to greater ownership, ***including dialogue with social partners and non-profit organisations;***

Or. es

**Amendment 488**  
**Marisa Matias**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

27. Believes that better *implementation* of country-specific *recommendations* requires *clearly articulated priorities at European level and* genuine public debate at national level, *leading to greater ownership*;

27. Believes that better *design* of country-specific *policies* requires *a* genuine public debate at national level;

Or. en

**Amendment 489**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

27. Believes that better implementation of country-specific recommendations requires clearly articulated priorities at European level and genuine public debate at national *level*, leading to greater ownership;

*Amendment*

27. Believes that better implementation of country-specific recommendations requires clearly articulated priorities at European level and genuine public debate at national, *regional and local levels*, leading to greater ownership;

Or. en

**Amendment 490**  
**Alfred Sant**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

27. Believes that better implementation of country-specific recommendations requires clearly articulated priorities at European level and genuine public debate at national level, leading to greater ownership;

*Amendment*

27. Believes that better implementation of country-specific recommendations requires clearly articulated priorities at European level and genuine public debate at national *and regional* level, leading to greater ownership;

Or. en

**Amendment 491**  
**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**27 a.** *Is concerned about the low rate of compliance with CSRs including both those aimed at fostering convergence and increasing competitiveness to structurally reduce the current account deficit bias of certain economies, and those aimed at using the available fiscal space to increase investment, improve long-term growth prospects and reducing the current account surplus; calls on the Commission to use all existing tools to enforce those CSRs aimed at addressing these challenges which represent a threat for the sustainability of the monetary union;*

Or. en

**Amendment 492**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**27 a.** *Stresses that more than half of the 2016 country-specific recommendations address challenges the impact of which is unevenly felt within Member States or which should be addressed at sub-national level, and that, therefore, local and regional authorities should be permanently involved in the design and implementation of the national reform programmes; confirms its endorsement to the proposal of the European Committee of the Regions of a code of conduct to involve the local and regional authorities in the European Semester;*

Or. en

**Amendment 493**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***27 b. Urges the Commission to launch negotiations on an interinstitutional agreement on economic governance; insists that this IIA should ensure that, within the framework of the Treaties, the structure of the European Semester allows for meaningful and regular parliamentary scrutiny of the process, in particular as regards the Annual Growth Survey priorities and the euro area recommendations;***

Or. en