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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **285 - 569**

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**Markus Pieper**  
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#### Amendment 285

Elie Hoarau, Cornelia Ernst, Patrick Le Hyaric, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Gabriele Zimmer, Jürgen Klute, Helmut Scholz

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 23

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

23. Takes the view that a general new funding category based on GDP/PE between the 75% and 90% rates would be at odds with the tried and tested principles of EU cohesion policy (to support the weakest and pool the inherent potential of the wealthier regions, taking a cross-cutting approach), and therefore rejects this intermediate category;

###### *Amendment*

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Or. en

#### Amendment 286

Tamás Deutsch

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 23

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**Amendment 287**

**Sabine Verheyen, Petru Constantin Luhan, Joachim Zeller**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 23 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***23a. Fears that the transitional category proposed by the Commission will become a permanent feature and will act to the detriment of other regions; calls, therefore, for the transitional rules to be degressive, subject to a time limit and restricted to regions currently eligible for support under the 'convergence' objective;***

Or. de

**Amendment 288**

**Sophie Auconie**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

24. Takes the unequivocal view that efforts under ***Objective 3*** (European Territorial Cooperation) need to be stepped up at all EU internal borders and at all three levels of such cooperation (cross-border, inter-regional and trans-national) and calls for the ***relevant share of the structural funds*** to be increased to 7%; stresses the importance of the border regions in terms of achievement of the EU 2020 objectives; considers there is a need for closer linkage with the TEN networks – in line with European priorities – and with cross-border infrastructure, and calls for a corresponding increase in funding for all

24. Takes the unequivocal view that efforts under ***the objective of*** European Territorial Cooperation need to be stepped up at all EU internal borders and at all three levels of such cooperation (cross-border, inter-regional and trans-national) and calls for the ***contribution by the ERDF to this objective*** to be increased to ***a level equivalent to 7% of the total budget for cohesion policy***; stresses the importance of the border regions in terms of achievement of the EU 2020 objectives; considers there is a need for closer linkage with the TEN networks – in line with European priorities – and with cross-border infrastructure, and

border regions;

calls for a corresponding increase in funding for all border regions;

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 289**

**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli**

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

##### **Paragraph 24**

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24. Takes the unequivocal view that efforts under Objective 3 (European Territorial Cooperation) need to be stepped up at all EU internal borders and at all three levels of such cooperation (cross-border, inter-regional and trans-national) and calls for the relevant share of the Structural Funds to be increased to 7%; stresses the importance of the border regions in *terms* of achievement of the EU 2020 *objectives*; *considers there is a need for closer linkage with the TEN networks – in line with European priorities – and with cross-border infrastructure, and* calls for a *corresponding increase in funding for all border regions*;

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24. Takes the unequivocal view that efforts under Objective 3 (European Territorial Cooperation) ***represent the strongest European added-value and thus*** need to be stepped up at all EU internal borders and at all three levels of such cooperation (cross-border, inter-regional and trans-national) and calls for the relevant share of the Structural Funds to be increased to 7%; stresses the importance of the border regions ***for the integration of the European Union and strengthening of cohesion beyond national borders***; ***stresses the importance of the closures of gaps in sustainable modes of infrastructure for the*** achievement of the EU 2020 ***goals***; calls for a ***co-financing rate of all funds in all programmes which is by 10 percentage points higher as promotional bonus for territorial cohesion due to additional costs of complex decision-making procedures for multi-lateral projects***; ***stresses the added-value of EGTCs and supports their development***;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 290**

**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

24. Takes the unequivocal view that efforts under **Objective 3** (European Territorial Cooperation) need to be stepped up at all EU **internal** borders and at all three levels of such cooperation (cross-border, inter-regional and trans-national) and calls for the relevant share of the **structural** funds to be increased **to 7%**; stresses the importance of **the border regions** in terms of achievement of the EU 2020 objectives; **considers there is a need for closer linkage with the TEN networks – in line with European priorities – and with cross-border infrastructure, and calls for a corresponding increase in funding for all border regions;**

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24. Takes the unequivocal view that efforts under **the** European Territorial Cooperation **objective** need to be stepped up at all EU borders and at all three levels of such cooperation (cross-border, inter-regional and trans-national) and calls for the relevant share of the funds **earmarked for this purpose** to be increased; stresses the importance of **this** in terms of achievement of the EU 2020 objectives;

Or. es

**Amendment 291**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

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***corresponding increase in funding for all border regions;***

with the TEN networks – in line with European priorities – and with cross-border infrastructure;

Or. en

**Amendment 292**  
**Erminia Mazzoni**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

24. Takes the ***unequivocal*** view that efforts under Objective 3 (European Territorial Cooperation) need to be stepped up at all EU internal borders and at all three levels of such cooperation (cross-border, inter-regional and trans-national) ***and calls for the relevant share of the Structural Funds to be increased to 7%***; stresses the importance of the border regions in terms of achievement of the EU 2020 objectives; considers there is a need for closer linkage with the TEN networks – in line with European priorities – and with cross-border infrastructure, ***and calls for a corresponding increase in funding for all border regions;***

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Or. it

**Amendment 293**  
**Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Maurice Ponga, Philippe Boulland, Markus Pieper, Jan Olbrycht, Lambert van Nistelrooij**

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

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Cooperation) need to be stepped up at all EU internal borders and at all three levels of such cooperation (cross-border, inter-regional and trans-national) and calls for the relevant share of the structural funds to be increased to 7%; ***calls for the allocation of funding for each territorial cooperation programme to be based on harmonised criteria in order to provide a strategic and integrated response to the needs and specificities of each geographical territory and area concerned***; stresses the importance of the border regions in terms of achievement of the EU 2020 objectives; considers *that* there is a need ***to increase the coordination of*** the TEN networks ***and their subsidies*** – in line with European priorities – and with cross-border infrastructure, and calls for a corresponding increase in funding for all border regions;

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 294**

**Georgios Stavrakakis, Constanze Angela Krehl**

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

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Or. en

#### **Amendment 295**

**Sabine Verheyen, Joachim Zeller**

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

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Or. de

#### **Amendment 296**

**Petru Constantin Luhan**

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

#### **Paragraph 24**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

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of such cooperation (cross-border, inter-regional and trans-national) and calls for the relevant share of the structural funds to be increased to **10%**; stresses the importance of the border regions in terms of achievement of the EU 2020 objectives **and recognises the role that regions bordering two or more non-EU states play in helping to achieve the objectives of the Neighbourhood Policy**; considers there is a need for closer linkage with the TEN networks – in line with European priorities – and with cross-border infrastructure, and calls for a corresponding increase in funding for all border regions;

Or. ro

#### **Amendment 297**

**Elie Hoarau, Patrick Le Hyaric, Marie-Christine Vergiat**

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

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for closer linkage with the TEN networks – in line with European priorities – and with cross-border infrastructure, and calls for a corresponding increase in funding for all border regions;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 298**

**Iosif Matula, Petru Constantin Luhan, Iuliu Winkler, Andrey Kovatchev**

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

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Or. en

#### **Amendment 299**

**Manfred Weber**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

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Or. de

**Amendment 300**  
**Gaston Franco**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

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*Amendment*

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with the **TEN networks** – in line with European priorities – and with cross-border infrastructure, and calls for a corresponding increase in funding for all border regions;

with the **Trans-European Networks, particularly those concerned with transport and energy** – in line with European priorities – and with cross-border infrastructure, and calls for a corresponding increase in funding for all border regions;

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 301**

**Patrice Tirolien**

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

##### **Paragraph 24**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

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Or. fr

#### **Amendment 302**

**Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Markus Pieper, Jan Olbrycht, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Sophie Auconie**

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

##### **Paragraph 24 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***24a. Considers that EGTCs represent a unique, highly valuable territorial governance instrument which responds to the needs for structured cooperation, and must be promoted as a tool to set up systems of cross-border governance, ensuring the ownership of the different policies at regional and local level;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 303**

**Georgios Stavrakakis, Constanze Angela Krehl**

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

##### **Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

25. Takes the view that new issue-oriented funds (for climate, energy and transport) would undermine the tried and tested principle of multi-level governance and jeopardise the regions' contribution to the achievement of the EU 2020 objectives;

*Amendment*

25. Takes the view that new issue-oriented funds (for climate, energy and transport) would undermine the tried and tested principle of multi-level governance, ***integrated development programmes*** and jeopardise the regions' contribution to the achievement of the EU 2020 objectives;

Or. en

### **Amendment 304**

**Tamás Deutsch**

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

##### **Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

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jeopardise the regions' contribution to the achievement of the EU 2020 objectives;

jeopardise the *availability of synergies, the effectiveness of interventions and thus the* regions' contribution to the achievement of the EU 2020 objectives;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 305**

**Elie Hoarau, Cornelia Ernst, Patrick Le Hyaric, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Jürgen Klute, Helmut Scholz, Gabriele Zimmer**

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

##### **Paragraph 25**

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

25. Takes the view that new issue-oriented funds (for climate, energy and transport) would undermine the tried and tested principle of multi-level governance and jeopardise the *regions'* contribution to *the achievement of the EU 2020 objectives*;

###### *Amendment*

25. Takes the view that new issue-oriented funds (for climate, energy and transport) would undermine the tried and tested principle of multi-level governance and jeopardise the contribution to *cohesion's policy* objectives;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 306**

**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné**

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

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

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25. Takes the view that new issue-oriented funds (for climate, energy and transport) would undermine the tried and tested principle of multi-level governance and jeopardise the regions' contribution to *European cohesion policy*;

Or. es

**Amendment 307**  
**Juozas Imbrasas**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

25. Takes the view that new issue-oriented funds (for climate, energy and transport) would undermine the tried and tested principle of multi-level governance and jeopardise the regions' contribution to the achievement of the EU 2020 objectives;

*Amendment*

25. ***Rejects absolutely all proposals to nationalise or sectoralise cohesion policy;*** takes the view that new issue-oriented funds (for climate, energy and transport) would undermine the tried and tested principle of multi-level governance and jeopardise the regions' contribution to the achievement of the EU 2020 objectives;

Or. It

**Amendment 308**  
**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

26. Calls for the ESF, ***as a component*** of cohesion policy, to ***continue*** to ***foster*** social integration, ***economic growth*** and employment; ***regards*** the ***ESF*** as the ***Union's most important labour-market and employment-policy tool***; ***attaches particular importance*** to ***developing skills*** and ***mobility, enhancing equality of opportunity between the sexes, integrating people who are disadvantaged and supporting SMEs***;

*Amendment*

26. Calls for the ESF ***to remain under the umbrella*** of cohesion policy; ***indicates its special role as most important instrument for labour-market and employment policies and for social cohesion of all regions, especially due to its contribution*** to social integration and ***promotion of*** employment, ***education, training and life long learning, transformation towards sustainable economies and combating poverty***; ***underlines that this can not be achieved by public authorities alone, but that especially non-public actors including companies of the social economy play a central role in the report on social integration***; ***asks for a greater account of a territorial approach in order to increase effectiveness and visibility of its interventions***;



# Amendment 309

Cornelia Ernst, Elie Hoarau, Jürgen Klute, Gabriele Zimmer, Helmut Scholz, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Patrick Le Hyaric

## Motion for a resolution

### Paragraph 26

#### *Motion for a resolution*

26. Calls for the ESF, as a component of cohesion policy, to continue to **foster social integration, economic growth and employment**; regards the **ESF as the Union's most important labour-market and employment-policy tool**; attaches particular importance to developing skills and mobility, enhancing equality of opportunity between the sexes, integrating people who are **disadvantaged** and supporting SMEs;

#### *Amendment*

26. **Notes that the ESF plays a key role in social inclusion, labour-market and employment policy**; calls for the ESF, as a component of cohesion policy, to continue to **reinforce social inclusion, to improve employment and job opportunities, to promote the formation of workers and the adaptation of workers' skill to the demand of the labour market in a way workers can be better integrated in the labour market, to promote gender equality, to integrate people who are disadvantaged and to support the development of the social economy as well as of SMEs**;

# Amendment 310

Philippe Boulland, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Maurice Ponga, Sophie Auconie

## Motion for a resolution

### Paragraph 26

#### *Motion for a resolution*

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26. Calls for the ESF, as a component of cohesion policy, to continue to foster social integration, economic growth and employment; regards the ESF as the Union's most important labour-market and employment-policy tool; attaches particular importance to developing skills and mobility – **with priority being assigned to training which meets local needs** –,

are disadvantaged and supporting SMEs;

enhancing equality of opportunity between the sexes **and people with disabilities**, integrating **and socially reintegrating** people who are disadvantaged and supporting SMEs **and the self-employed**;

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 311**

**Patrice Tirolien**

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

##### **Paragraph 26**

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

26. Calls for the ESF, as a component of cohesion policy, to **continue** to foster social integration, economic growth and employment; regards the ESF as the Union's most important labour-market and employment-policy tool; attaches particular importance to developing skills and mobility, enhancing equality of opportunity between the sexes, integrating people who are disadvantaged and supporting SMEs;

###### *Amendment*

26. Calls for the ESF, as a component of cohesion policy, to **be territorialised more in order to increase its effectiveness and raise the profile of its measures and the purpose of the policies which it finances**; **recalls that it does more** to foster social integration, economic growth and employment; regards the ESF as the Union's most important labour-market and employment-policy tool; attaches particular importance to developing skills and mobility, enhancing equality of opportunity between the sexes, integrating people who are disadvantaged and supporting SMEs;

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 312**

**Georgios Stavrakakis, Constanze Angela Krehl, Evgeni Kirilov**

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

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employment; regards the ESF as the Union's most important labour-market and employment-policy tool; attaches particular importance to developing skills and mobility, enhancing equality of opportunity between the sexes, integrating people who are disadvantaged and supporting ***social services, social inclusion and*** SMEs; ***reiterates the need for the ESF to remain a key component in the Cohesion Policy catering in tandem with the ERDF for the region's development needs;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 313**

**Alain Cadec, Maurice Ponga, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Philippe Boulland, Markus Pieper, Jan Olbrycht, Lambert van Nistelrooij**

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

##### *Motion for a resolution*

27. Draws attention to the synergies achievable through integrated approaches, notably linking the ESF and the ERDF, and calls for the option of cross-financing between these funds – specifically with a view to integrated development planning – to be facilitated;

##### *Amendment*

27. Draws attention to the synergies achievable through integrated approaches, notably linking the ESF and the ERDF, and calls for the option of cross-financing between these funds – specifically with a view to integrated development planning – to be facilitated; ***calls, furthermore, for better synergies between the EDF and the ERDF;***

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 314**

**Georgios Stavrakakis, Constanze Angela Krehl**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

27. Draws attention to the synergies achievable through integrated approaches, notably linking the ESF and the ERDF, and calls for the option of cross-financing between these funds – specifically with a view to integrated development planning – to be facilitated;

*Amendment*

27. Draws attention to the synergies achievable through integrated approaches, notably linking the ESF and the ERDF, and calls for the option of cross-financing between these funds – specifically with a view to integrated development planning – to be facilitated; ***supports the introduction of an option for multi-fund OPs which would further facilitate integrated approaches;***

Or. en

**Amendment 315**

**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

27. Draws attention to the synergies achievable through integrated approaches, notably linking the ESF and the ERDF, and calls for the option of cross-financing between these funds – specifically with a view to integrated development planning – to be facilitated;

*Amendment*

27. Draws attention to the synergies achievable through integrated approaches, notably linking the ESF and the ERDF, and calls for the option of cross-financing between these funds – specifically with a view to integrated development planning – to be facilitated ***and allowing for the option of multi-fund programmes;***

Or. en

**Amendment 316**

**Lambert van Nistelrooij, Markus Pieper, Jan Olbrycht**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

27. Draws attention to the synergies

*Amendment*

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achievable through integrated approaches, notably linking the ESF and the ERDF, and calls for the option of cross-financing between these funds – specifically with a view to integrated development planning – to be facilitated;

achievable through integrated **local and regional development** approaches, notably linking the ESF and the ERDF, and calls for the option of cross-financing between these funds – specifically with a view to integrated development planning – to be facilitated;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 317**

**Iosif Matula, Petru Constantin Luhan, Iuliu Winkler, Andrey Kovatchev**

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

##### **Paragraph 27**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

27. Draws attention to the synergies achievable through integrated approaches, notably linking the ESF and the ERDF, and calls for the option of cross-financing between these funds – specifically with a view to integrated development planning – to be facilitated;

##### *Amendment*

27. Draws attention to the synergies achievable through integrated approaches, notably linking the ESF and the ERDF, and calls for **common eligibility rules and for** the option of cross-financing between these funds – specifically with a view to integrated development planning – to be **increased and** facilitated;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 318**

**Derek Vaughan**

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

##### **Paragraph 27**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

27. Draws attention to the synergies achievable through integrated approaches, notably linking the ESF and the ERDF, and calls for the option of cross-financing between these funds – specifically with a view to integrated development planning – to be facilitated;

##### *Amendment*

27. Draws attention to the synergies achievable through integrated approaches, notably linking the ESF and the ERDF, and calls for the option of cross-financing between these funds – specifically with a view to **place-based** integrated development planning – to be facilitated;

**Amendment 319**

**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

27. Draws attention to the synergies achievable through integrated approaches, notably linking the ESF and the ERDF, and calls for the option of cross-financing between these funds – specifically with a view to integrated development planning – to be facilitated;

*Amendment*

27. Draws attention to the synergies achievable through integrated approaches, notably linking the ESF and the ERDF, and calls for the option of cross-financing between these funds – specifically with a view to ***place-based*** integrated development planning – to be facilitated;

**Amendment 320**

**Markus Pieper, Jan Olbrycht, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Sabine Verheyen, Joachim Zeller, Hermann Winkler**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 27 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***27a. Calls for the sake of increasing synergies for a greater integration of sectoral policies (transport, energy, research, environment, education) in the cohesion and structural policy creating more effectiveness and better coordination between the Structural Funds, the CIP and the Framework Programmes for Research and Development, suggests that multi-fund programming could contribute to work in a more integrated manner and would increase the effectiveness between these different funds; considers the national / regional development partnerships as an appropriate instrument to bring together***

*the various policies; in this respect underlines the need to set clear objectives and to assess whether the goals were achieved in the Member States;*

Or. en

**Amendment 321**

**Lambert van Nistelrooij, Markus Pieper, Jan Olbrycht**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 27 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*27c. Proposes that research and development policies be territorialised; therefore stresses the importance of adapting the cohesion policy and research and innovation policies to the specific needs of the territories; since a stronger involvement of regional and local authorities in the design and execution of the regional development funds and research and innovation programmes becomes crucial noticing the impossibility of applying the same strategy for development to all the regions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 322**

**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

28. Calls for a common strategy framework for the ERDF, the ESF, the Cohesion Fund, the EAFRD and the EFF, for the post-2013 funding period; takes the view that the model of a standard regulatory approach

28. Calls for a common strategy framework for the ERDF, the ESF, the Cohesion Fund, the EAFRD and the EFF, for the post-2013 funding period; takes the view that the model of a standard regulatory approach

(covering administration, eligibility, auditing and reporting rules) must be further strengthened *by means of a joint framework regulation*;

(covering administration, eligibility, auditing and reporting rules) must be further strengthened;

Or. en

**Amendment 323**  
**Riikka Manner**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. Calls for a common strategy framework for the ERDF, the ESF, the Cohesion Fund, the EAFRD and the EFF, for the post-2013 funding period; takes the view that the model of a standard regulatory approach (covering administration, eligibility, auditing and reporting rules) must be further strengthened by means of a joint framework regulation;

*Amendment*

28. Calls for a common strategy framework for the ERDF, the ESF, the Cohesion Fund, ***Framework Programmes***, the EAFRD and the EFF, for the post-2013 funding period; takes the view that the model of a standard regulatory approach (covering administration, eligibility, auditing and reporting rules) must be further strengthened by means of a joint framework regulation; ***highlights, in this respect, the importance of different funds working smoothly together in order to achieve results; calls for the Commission to make adjustments accordingly so that the relevant funds can, when possible, complete each other;***

Or. en

**Amendment 324**  
**Patrice Tirolien**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. Calls for a common strategy framework for the ERDF, the ESF, the Cohesion Fund,

*Amendment*

28. Calls for a common strategy framework for the ERDF, the ESF, the Cohesion Fund,



the EAFRD and the EFF, for the post-2013 funding period; takes the view that the model of a standard regulatory approach (covering administration, eligibility, auditing and reporting rules) must be further strengthened by means of a joint framework regulation;

the EAFRD and the EFF, for the post-2013 funding period; takes the view that the model of a standard regulatory approach (covering administration, eligibility, auditing and reporting rules) must be further strengthened by means of a joint framework regulation; ***recalls its constant concern to favour the simplest procedures and those which local actors are best able to use;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 325**  
**Sophie Auconie**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. Calls for a common strategy framework for the ERDF, the ESF, the Cohesion Fund, the EAFRD and the EFF, for the post-2013 funding period; takes the view that the model of a standard regulatory approach (covering administration, eligibility, auditing and reporting rules) must be further strengthened by means of a joint framework regulation;

*Amendment*

28. *Does not affect the English version.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 326**  
**Danuta Maria Hübner**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***28a. Calls for a new Common Strategic Framework to be adopted by Council and the Parliament according to ordinary***

*Amendment*

**Amendment 327**

**Seán Kelly**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 29**

*Motion for a resolution*

***29. Suggests, in this context, that reintegration of the regionally oriented EAFRD (Axes 3 and 4) programmes be considered, and calls for binding targets to be set for the Member States and the regions in order to establish more standardised arrangements for administering the EU Structural Funds and the regionally oriented rural development programmes;***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

**Amendment 328**

**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 29**

*Motion for a resolution*

***29. Suggests, in this context, that reintegration of the regionally oriented EAFRD (Axes 3 and 4) programmes be considered, and calls for binding targets to be set for the Member States and the regions in order to establish more standardised arrangements for administering the EU Structural Funds and the regionally oriented rural development programmes;***

*Amendment*

***29. Suggests, in this context, that reintegration of the regionally oriented EAFRD (Axes 3 and 4) programmes **along with the reallocation of resources** be considered;***

**Amendment 329**  
**Hermann Winkler**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 29**

*Motion for a resolution*

29. Suggests, *in this context, that reintegration of the regionally oriented EAFRD (Axes 3 and 4) programmes be considered, and calls for binding targets to be set for the Member States and the regions in order to establish more standardised arrangements for administering the EU structural funds and the regionally oriented rural development programmes;*

*Amendment*

29. Suggests *harmonising the rules governing the funds embedded in the common strategy framework; considers that account should be taken of specific regional conditions when harmonising administrative arrangements;*

**Amendment 330**  
**Riikka Manner**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 29**

*Motion for a resolution*

29. *Suggests, in this context, that reintegration of the regionally oriented EAFRD (Axes 3 and 4) programmes be considered, and calls for binding targets to be set for the Member States and the regions in order to establish more standardised arrangements for administering the EU Structural Funds and the regionally oriented rural development programmes;*

*Amendment*

29. *Calls for binding targets to be set for the Member States and the regions in order to establish more standardised arrangements for administering the EU Structural Funds and the regionally oriented rural development programmes;*

**Amendment 331**  
**Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 29**

*Motion for a resolution*

29. Suggests, in this context, that reintegration of the regionally oriented EAFRD (Axes 3 and 4) programmes be considered, **and** calls for binding targets to be set for the Member States and the regions in order to establish more standardised arrangements for administering the EU structural funds and the regionally oriented rural development programmes;

*Amendment*

29. Suggests, in this context, that reintegration of the regionally oriented EAFRD (Axes 3 and 4) programmes be considered; **considers, however, that such reintegration must not result in any reduction in the budgets for the ERDF and EAFRD**; calls, **furthermore**, for binding targets to be set for the Member States and the regions in order to establish more standardised arrangements for administering the EU structural funds and the regionally oriented rural development programmes;

Or. fr

**Amendment 332**  
**Patrice Tirolien**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 29**

*Motion for a resolution*

29. Suggests, in this context, that reintegration of the regionally oriented EAFRD (Axes 3 and 4) programmes be considered, **and** calls for binding targets to be set for the Member States and the regions in order to establish more standardised arrangements for administering the EU structural funds and the regionally oriented rural development programmes;

*Amendment*

29. Suggests, in this context, that reintegration of the regionally oriented EAFRD (Axes 3 and 4) programmes be considered; **is opposed, however, to the possibility that such reintegration might result in a reduction in the budgets for the ERDF and EAFRD**; calls for binding targets to be set for the Member States and the regions in order to establish more standardised arrangements for administering the EU structural funds and the regionally oriented rural development

programmes;

Or. fr

### Amendment 333

Derek Vaughan

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 29

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

29. Suggests, in this context, that reintegration of the regionally oriented EAFRD (Axes 3 and 4) programmes be considered, and calls for **binding targets** to be set for the Member States and the regions in order to establish more standardised arrangements for administering the EU Structural Funds and the regionally oriented rural development programmes;

###### *Amendment*

29. Suggests, in this context, that reintegration of the regionally oriented EAFRD (Axes 3 and 4) programmes be considered, and calls for **common indicators** to be set for the Member States and the regions in order to establish more standardised arrangements for administering the EU Structural Funds and the regionally oriented rural development programmes;

Or. en

### Amendment 334

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 29

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

29. Suggests, in this context, that **reintegration** of the regionally oriented EAFRD (Axes 3 and 4) programmes be considered, and calls for binding targets to be set for the Member States and the regions in order to establish more standardised arrangements for administering the EU Structural Funds and the regionally oriented rural development programmes;

###### *Amendment*

29. Suggests, in this context, that **integration** of the regionally oriented EAFRD (Axes 3 and 4) programmes be considered, and calls for binding targets to be set for the Member States and the regions in order to establish more standardised arrangements for administering the EU Structural Funds and the regionally oriented rural development programmes;

**Amendment 335**

**Georgios Stavrakakis, Constanze Angela Krehl, Derek Vaughan, Victor Boştinaru, Evgeni Kirilov, María Irigoyen Pérez, Salvatore Caronna, Francesco De Angelis, Andrea Cozzolino**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**30. Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for the elimination or merger of funds relevant to both regional development and cohesion; recommends that the Globalisation Fund be abandoned as a stand-alone instrument and that appropriate provision for its functions be included in the Social Fund; calls for consideration of whether a merger of the Cohesion Fund and the Regional Development Fund would be compatible with the European Treaties; points out that, as a rule, monies from the Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund are spent on the same types of project;** **deleted**

**Amendment 336**

**Patrice Tirolien**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**30. Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for the elimination or merger of funds relevant to both regional development and cohesion; recommends that the Globalisation Fund be abandoned as a stand-alone instrument and that** **deleted**

*appropriate provision for its functions be included in the Social Fund; calls for consideration of whether a merger of the Cohesion Fund and the Regional Development Fund would be compatible with the European Treaties; points out that, as a rule, monies from the Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund are spent on the same types of project;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 337**

**Elie Hoarau, Cornelia Ernst, Patrick Le Hyaric, Jacky Hénin, Marie-Christine Vergiat**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

30. *Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for the elimination or merger of funds relevant to both regional development and cohesion; recommends that the Globalisation Fund be abandoned as a stand-alone instrument and that appropriate provision for its functions be included in the Social Fund; calls for consideration of whether a merger of the Cohesion Fund and the Regional Development Fund would be compatible with the European Treaties; points out that, as a rule, monies from the Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund are spent on the same types of project;* *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 338**

**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for the **elimination or merger** of funds relevant to both regional development and cohesion; **recommends that the Globalisation Fund be abandoned as a stand-alone instrument and that appropriate provision for its functions be included in the Social Fund; calls for consideration of whether a merger of the Cohesion Fund and the Regional Development Fund would be compatible with the European Treaties; points out that, as a rule, monies from the Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund are spent on the same types of project;**

*Amendment*

30. Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for the **coordination** of funds relevant to regional development and cohesion **so as to avoid duplication;**

Or. es

**Amendment 339**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for the elimination or merger of funds relevant to both regional development and cohesion; recommends that the Globalisation Fund be abandoned as a stand-alone instrument and that appropriate provision for its functions be included in the Social Fund; calls for consideration of whether a merger of the Cohesion Fund and the Regional Development Fund would be compatible with the European Treaties; **points out that, as a rule, monies from the Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund are spent on the same**

*Amendment*

30. Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for the elimination or merger of funds relevant to both regional development and cohesion; recommends that the Globalisation Fund be abandoned as a stand-alone instrument and that appropriate provision for its functions be included in the Social Fund; calls for consideration of whether a merger of the Cohesion Fund, **the European Social Fund** and the Regional Development Fund would be compatible with the European Treaties;



*types of project;*

Or. en

**Amendment 340**  
**Erminia Mazzoni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for the elimination or merger of funds relevant to both regional development and cohesion; ***recommends that the Globalisation Fund be abandoned as a stand-alone instrument and that appropriate provision for its functions be included in the Social Fund;*** calls for consideration of whether a merger of the Cohesion Fund and the Regional Development Fund would be compatible with the European Treaties; points out that, as a rule, monies from the Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund are spent on the same types of project;

*Amendment*

30. Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for the elimination or merger of funds relevant to both regional development and cohesion; calls for consideration of whether a merger of the Cohesion Fund and the Regional Development Fund would be compatible with the European Treaties; points out that, as a rule, monies from the Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund are spent on the same types of project;

Or. it

**Amendment 341**  
**Iosif Matula, Petru Constantin Luhan, Iuliu Winkler, Andrey Kovatchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for the elimination or merger of funds relevant to both regional development and cohesion; recommends that the Globalisation Fund be abandoned as a stand-alone instrument and that appropriate

*Amendment*

30. Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for the elimination or merger of funds relevant to both regional development and cohesion; recommends that the Globalisation Fund be abandoned as a stand-alone instrument and that appropriate

provision for its functions be included in the Social Fund; ***calls for consideration of whether a merger of the Cohesion Fund and the Regional Development Fund would be compatible with the European Treaties; points out that, as a rule, monies from the Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund are spent on the same types of project;***

provision for its functions be included in the Social Fund;

Or. en

**Amendment 342**  
**Gaston Franco**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for the elimination or merger of funds relevant to both regional development and cohesion; ***recommends that the Globalisation Fund be abandoned as a stand-alone instrument and that appropriate provision for its functions be included in the Social Fund;*** calls for consideration of whether a merger of the Cohesion Fund and the Regional Development Fund would be compatible with the European Treaties; points out that, as a rule, monies from the Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund are spent on the same types of project;

*Amendment*

30. Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for the elimination or merger of funds relevant to both regional development and cohesion; calls for consideration of whether a merger of the Cohesion Fund and the Regional Development Fund would be compatible with the European Treaties; points out that, as a rule, monies from the Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund are spent on the same types of project;

Or. fr

**Amendment 343**  
**Markus Pieper, Jan Olbrycht, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Seán Kelly**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for the **elimination or** merger of funds relevant to both regional development and cohesion; recommends that the Globalisation Fund be **abandoned as a stand-alone instrument** and that **appropriate provision for its functions be included** in the **Social Fund**; calls for consideration of whether a merger of the Cohesion Fund and the Regional Development Fund would be compatible with the European Treaties; points out that, as a rule, monies from the Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund are spent on the same types of project;

*Amendment*

30. Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for the merger of funds relevant to both regional development and cohesion; recommends that the **European** Globalisation **Adjustment** Fund be **streamlined** and **integrated with the Structural Funds ensuring** that **this does not mean a decrease** in the **overall size of the Cohesion heading**; calls for consideration of whether a merger of the Cohesion Fund and the Regional Development Fund would be compatible with the European Treaties; points out that, as a rule, monies from the Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund are spent on the same types of project;

Or. en

**Amendment 344**

**Seán Kelly**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for the elimination or merger of funds relevant to both regional development and cohesion; recommends that the Globalisation Fund be **abandoned as a stand-alone instrument** and **that appropriate provision for its functions be included in** the Social Fund; calls for consideration of whether a merger of the Cohesion Fund and the Regional Development Fund would be compatible with the European Treaties; points out that, as a rule, monies from the Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund are spent on the same types of project;

*Amendment*

30. Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for the elimination or merger of funds relevant to both regional development and cohesion; recommends that the **European** Globalisation **Adjustment** Fund be **streamlined** and **integrated with the European** Social Fund; calls for consideration of whether a merger of the Cohesion Fund and the Regional Development Fund would be compatible with the European Treaties; points out that, as a rule, monies from the Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund are spent on the same types of project;

**Amendment 345**  
**Ramona Nicole Mănescu**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for the elimination or merger of funds relevant to both regional development and cohesion; recommends that the Globalisation Fund be abandoned as a stand-alone instrument and that appropriate provision for its functions be included in the Social Fund; calls for consideration of whether a merger of the Cohesion Fund and the Regional Development Fund would be compatible with the European Treaties; points out that, as a rule, monies from the Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund are spent on the same types of project;

*Amendment*

30. Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for the elimination or merger of funds relevant to both regional development and cohesion; recommends that the Globalisation Fund be abandoned as a stand-alone instrument and that appropriate provision for its functions be included in the Social Fund ***without overall impact in the cohesion heading within the EU budget***; calls for consideration of whether a merger of the Cohesion Fund and the Regional Development Fund would be compatible with the European Treaties; points out that, as a rule, monies from the Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund are spent on the same types of project;

**Amendment 346**  
**Riikka Manner**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for ***the elimination or merger*** of funds relevant to both regional development and cohesion; recommends that the Globalisation Fund be abandoned as a stand-alone instrument and that appropriate provision for its functions be included in

*Amendment*

30. Calls, in the interests of efficiency, for ***a better coordination*** of funds relevant to both regional development and cohesion; recommends that the Globalisation Fund be abandoned as a stand-alone instrument and that appropriate provision for its functions be included in the Social Fund; calls for

the Social Fund; calls for consideration of whether a merger of the Cohesion Fund and the Regional Development Fund would be compatible with the European Treaties; points out that, as a rule, monies from the Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund are spent on the same types of project;

consideration of whether a merger of the Cohesion Fund and the Regional Development Fund would be compatible with the European Treaties; points out that, as a rule, monies from the Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund are spent on the same types of project;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 347**

**Lambert van Nistelrooij, Markus Pieper, Jan Olbrycht**

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

#### **Paragraph 30 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***30a. Calls for the revision of the Regulation for cross border cooperation at the outside borders and the actual ENPI, integrating these funds into the Objective 3 for territorial cooperation;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 348**

**Salvatore Caronna, Francesco De Angelis, Andrea Cozzolino, Leonardo Domenici, Patrizia Toia**

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

#### **Paragraph 30 – subparagraph 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***points out that the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) is a complementary means of achieving the objectives of the European Social Fund, as it seeks to enable workers made redundant as a result of globalisation and the crisis to find work;***

**Amendment 349**

**Cornelia Ernst, Elie Hoarau, Jürgen Klute, Gabriele Zimmer, Helmut Scholz, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Patrick Le Hyaric**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 31**

*Motion for a resolution*

31. *Welcomes the objectives of the development and investment partnership contracts between the EU and the Member States, which the Commission is proposing in place of the strategic framework plans previously prepared for individual Member States; calls for investment priorities geared to the implementation of the EU 2020 strategy and the achievement of other cohesion policy and structural policy objectives to be set at this stage; considers that the allocation of responsibilities between the various levels involved needs to be clarified, and calls for national and/or regional competences to be retained in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity;*

*Amendment*

31. *Stresses that it is important to involve regional and local authorities, social partners and NGOs to the greatest extent when determining priorities for cohesion policy; stresses the fact that multi-level governance is one of the key principles of Cohesion Policy and is fundamental to ensuring the quality of the decision making process, strategic planning and implementing the objectives; considers that the allocation of responsibilities between the various levels involved needs to be clarified, and calls for regional competences to be strengthened in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity;*

**Amendment 350**

**Evgeni Kirilov**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 31**

*Motion for a resolution*

31. Welcomes the objectives of the development and investment partnership contracts between the EU and the Member States, which the Commission is proposing in place of the strategic framework plans

*Amendment*

31. Welcomes the objectives of the development and investment partnership contracts between the EU and the Member States, which the Commission is proposing in place of the strategic framework plans

previously prepared for individual Member States; calls for *investment* priorities geared to the implementation of the EU 2020 strategy *and the achievement of other cohesion policy and structural policy objectives* to be set at this stage; considers that the allocation of responsibilities between the various levels involved needs to be clarified, and calls for national and/or regional competences to be retained in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity;

previously prepared for individual Member States; calls for *cohesion policy objectives and the relevant* priorities geared to the implementation of the EU 2020 strategy to be set at this stage; considers that the allocation of responsibilities between the various levels involved needs to be clarified, and calls for national and/or regional competences to be retained in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity;

Or. en

### **Amendment 351**

**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné**

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

#### **Paragraph 31**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

31. Welcomes the objectives of the development and investment partnership contracts between the EU and the Member States, which the Commission is proposing in place of the strategic framework plans previously prepared for individual Member States; calls for investment priorities geared to the implementation of the EU 2020 strategy and the achievement of other cohesion policy *and structural policy* objectives to be set at this stage; considers that the allocation of responsibilities between the various levels involved needs to be clarified and calls for national and/or regional competences to be retained in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity;

##### *Amendment*

31. Welcomes the objectives of the development and investment partnership contracts between the EU and the Member States, which the Commission is proposing in place of the strategic framework plans previously prepared for individual Member States; calls for investment priorities geared to the implementation of the EU 2020 strategy and the achievement of other cohesion policy objectives to be set at this stage; considers that the allocation of responsibilities between the various levels involved needs to be clarified and calls for national and/or regional competences to be retained in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity;

Or. es

## Amendment 352

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 31

##### *Motion for a resolution*

31. Welcomes the objectives of the development and investment partnership contracts between the EU and the Member States, which the Commission is proposing in place of the strategic framework plans previously prepared for individual Member States; calls for investment priorities geared to the implementation of the EU 2020 strategy and the achievement of other cohesion policy and structural policy objectives to be set at this stage; considers that the allocation of responsibilities between the various levels involved needs to be clarified, and calls for national and/or regional competences to be retained in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity;

##### *Amendment*

31. Welcomes the objectives of the development and investment partnership contracts between the EU and the Member States, which the Commission is proposing in place of the strategic framework plans previously prepared for individual Member States; calls for investment priorities geared to the implementation of the EU 2020 strategy and the achievement of other cohesion policy and structural policy objectives to be set at this stage; considers that the allocation of responsibilities between the various levels involved needs to be clarified, and calls for national and/or regional ***and local*** competences to be retained in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; ***calls for a clear commitment for an appropriate involvement of partners in the development and investment contracts;***

Or. en

## Amendment 353

Andrey Kovatchev, Petru Constantin Luhan

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 31

##### *Motion for a resolution*

31. Welcomes the objectives of the development and investment partnership contracts between the EU and the Member States, which the Commission is proposing in place of the strategic framework plans previously prepared for individual Member States; calls for investment priorities

##### *Amendment*

31. Welcomes the objectives of the development and investment partnership contracts between the EU and the Member States, which the Commission is proposing in place of the strategic framework plans previously prepared for individual Member States; calls for ***key*** investment priorities



geared to the implementation of the EU 2020 strategy and the achievement of other cohesion-policy and structural-policy objectives to be set at this stage; considers that the allocation of responsibilities between the various levels involved needs to be clarified, and calls for national and/or regional competences to be retained in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity;

geared to the implementation of the EU 2020 strategy and the achievement of other cohesion-policy and structural-policy objectives to be set at this stage; considers that the allocation of responsibilities between the various levels involved needs to be clarified, and calls for national and/or regional competences to be retained in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity;

Or. bg

**Amendment 354**  
**Sophie Auconie**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 31 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***31a. Calls on States to take strict account of the partnership principle in the future partnership and development contracts which replace the former national strategic framework plans; considers that the quality of this strategic document will derive from compliance with the partnership principle; calls on the Commission to ensure that this multi-level partnership is a reality in the negotiation, drafting and assessment of these future partnership contracts;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 355**  
**Cornelia Ernst, Elie Hoarau, Jürgen Klute, Gabriele Zimmer, Helmut Scholz, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Patrick Le Hyaric**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 32**

*Motion for a resolution*

32. Supports retention of the operational programmes as the most important tool for implementation of ***the strategy papers in terms of concrete investment priorities; calls for clear and measurable objectives to be set in this respect;***

*Amendment*

32. Supports retention of the operational programmes as the most important tool for implementation of ***cohesion policy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 356**  
**Oldřich Vlasák**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 32**

*Motion for a resolution*

32. Supports retention of the operational programmes as the most important tool for implementation of the strategy papers in terms of concrete investment priorities; calls for clear and measurable objectives to be set in this respect;

*Amendment*

32. Supports retention of the operational programmes as the most important tool for implementation of the strategy papers in terms of concrete investment priorities; calls for clear and measurable objectives to be set in this respect ***and at the same time emphasises that it is necessary to abandon the principle of creating projects in response to declared challenges in favour of matching resources to specific projects;***

Or. cs

**Amendment 357**  
**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 33**

*Motion for a resolution*

33. Calls for the mandatory involvement of ***federal Länder and regions*** in drawing up development partnerships and operational

*Amendment*

33. Calls for the mandatory involvement of ***regional and local authorities*** in drawing up development partnerships and

programmes; considers it essential to make appropriate provision for this in the regulations governing the Structural Funds;

operational programmes; considers it essential to make appropriate provision for this in the regulations governing the Structural Funds; ***underlines the necessity of participation of regional and local authorities through a detailed and legally binding definition of the partnership principle including specific criteria to guarantee that partners can effectively participate in all stages of programming; points out that regional and local authorities and not only the central government must be included in the Development and Investment Contracts (DIC); considers that only the agreement of all partners concerned provide the DIC a broad and sustainable basis;***

Or. en

**Amendment 358**  
**Patrice Tirolien**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 33**

*Motion for a resolution*

33. Calls for the mandatory involvement of ***federal Länder and regions*** in drawing up development partnerships and operational programmes; considers it essential to make appropriate provision for this in the structural fund regulations;

*Amendment*

33. Calls for the mandatory involvement of ***Regions (NUTS II)*** in drawing up development partnerships and operational programmes; considers it essential to make appropriate provision for this in the structural fund regulations; ***stresses the need to involve the social partners and representatives of civil society at the earliest stage of the negotiations and of the implementation of the Structural Funds;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 359**  
**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 33**

*Motion for a resolution*

33. Calls for the mandatory involvement of ***federal Länder and regions*** in ***drawing up*** development ***partnerships*** and operational programmes; considers it essential to make appropriate provision for this in the structural fund regulations;

*Amendment*

33. Calls for the mandatory involvement of ***all levels of government involved in the negotiation of*** development ***and investment partnerships, as well as in*** operational programmes; considers it essential to make appropriate provision for this in the structural fund regulations;

Or. es

**Amendment 360**

**Markus Pieper, Jan Olbrycht, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Sophie Auconie, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Joachim Zeller, Tamás Deutsch, Sabine Verheyen**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 33**

*Motion for a resolution*

33. Calls for the mandatory involvement of ***federal Länder and regions*** in drawing up development partnerships and operational programmes; considers it essential to make appropriate provision for this in the regulations governing the Structural Funds;

*Amendment*

33. Calls for the mandatory involvement of ***regional and local authorities, in accordance with constitutional and institutional set up of Member States, in*** drawing up development partnerships and operational programmes; considers it essential to make appropriate provision for this in the regulations governing the Structural Funds;

Or. en

**Amendment 361**  
**Peter Simon**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 33**

*Motion for a resolution*

33. Calls for the mandatory involvement of federal Länder and **regions** in drawing up development partnerships and operational programmes; considers it essential to make appropriate provision for this in the regulations governing the Structural Funds;

*Amendment*

33. Calls for the mandatory involvement of federal Länder and ***of regional and local authorities and their associations*** in drawing up development partnerships and operational programmes; considers it essential to make appropriate provision for this in the regulations governing the Structural Funds;

Or. en

**Amendment 362**  
**Oldřich Vlasák**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 33**

*Motion for a resolution*

33. Calls for the mandatory involvement of federal Länder and regions in drawing up development partnerships and operational programmes; considers it essential to make appropriate provision for this in the structural fund **regulations**;

*Amendment*

33. Calls for the mandatory involvement of federal Länder and regions ***and of representatives of local authorities*** in drawing up development partnerships and operational programmes; considers it essential to make appropriate provision for this in the structural fund **regulation**;

Or. cs

**Amendment 363**  
**Derek Vaughan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 33**

*Motion for a resolution*

33. Calls for the mandatory involvement of ***federal Länder*** and **regions** in drawing up development partnerships and operational programmes; considers it essential to make

*Amendment*

33. Calls for the mandatory involvement of ***local*** and ***regional authorities*** in drawing up development partnerships and operational programmes; considers it

appropriate provision for this in the regulations governing the Structural Funds;

essential to make appropriate provision for this in the regulations governing the Structural Funds;

Or. en

**Amendment 364**  
**Ramona Nicole Mănescu**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 33**

*Motion for a resolution*

33. Calls for the mandatory involvement of federal Länder and **regions** in drawing up development partnerships and operational programmes; considers it essential to make appropriate provision for this in the regulations governing the Structural Funds;

*Amendment*

33. Calls for the mandatory involvement of federal Länder, **the local and regional level** in drawing up development partnerships and operational programmes; considers it essential to make appropriate provision for this in the regulations governing the Structural Funds;

Or. en

**Amendment 365**  
**Erminia Mazzoni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 33**

*Motion for a resolution*

33. Calls for the **mandatory** involvement of federal Länder and regions in drawing up development partnerships and operational programmes; considers it essential to make appropriate provision for this in the regulations governing the Structural Funds;

*Amendment*

33. Calls for the **close** involvement of federal Länder and regions in drawing up development partnerships and operational programmes; considers it essential to make appropriate provision for this in the regulations governing the Structural Funds;

Or. it

#### Amendment 366

Cornelia Ernst, Elie Hoarau, Jürgen Klute, Gabriele Zimmer, Helmut Scholz, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Patrick Le Hyaric

#### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 34

##### *Motion for a resolution*

34. Supports the **system** of thematic priorities *that the Commission is proposing; points out that the lower the level of development in a Member State or region, the more wide-ranging the list of priorities there needs to be, taking into account specific regional development needs;*

##### *Amendment*

34. Supports the **general principle** of a **Community "menu" of broad** thematic priorities *to replace the current system whereby the Structural Funds are channelled towards restrictive expenditure categories; opposes, however, any excessive restriction of the number of priorities to be chosen in the context of the new national Development and Investment Partnership Contracts and operational programmes, so that local and regional authorities have sufficient leeway to implement the Europe 2020 objectives at regional level;*

Or. en

#### Amendment 367

Patrice Tirolien

#### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 34

##### *Motion for a resolution*

34. Supports the **system of** thematic **priorities** that the Commission is proposing; *points out that the lower the level of development in a Member State or region, the more wide-ranging the list of priorities there needs to be, taking into account specific regional development needs;*

##### *Amendment*

34. Supports the **principle of a Community** thematic **menu** that the Commission is proposing, *on condition that it is sufficiently broad to take account of the specific needs of each European region; considers that, the less rich the regions are, the more they should expand their range of priorities;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 368**  
**Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 34**

*Motion for a resolution*

34. Supports the **system of** thematic **priorities** that the Commission is proposing; **points out that the lower the level of development in a Member State or region, the more wide-ranging the list of priorities there needs to be, taking into account specific regional development needs;**

*Amendment*

34. Supports the **principle of a Community** thematic **menu** that the Commission is proposing, **on condition that it is sufficiently broad to take account of the specific needs of each European region;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 369**  
**Sophie Auconie**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 34**

*Motion for a resolution*

34. Supports the system of thematic priorities that the Commission is proposing; points out that the lower the level of development in a Member State or region, the **more wide-ranging** the list of priorities there needs to be, taking into account specific regional development needs;

*Amendment*

34. Supports the system of thematic priorities that the Commission is proposing; points out that the lower the level of development in a Member State or region, the **longer** the list of priorities there needs to be, taking into account specific regional development needs; **stresses the need for this system of thematic priorities to be flexible and negotiable, in order to take account of the variety of regional contexts;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 370**  
**Georgios Stavrakakis, Constanze Angela Krehl**



**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 34**

*Motion for a resolution*

34. Supports the system of thematic priorities that the Commission is proposing; points out that the lower the level of development in a Member State or region, the more wide-ranging the list of priorities there needs to be, taking into account specific regional development needs;

*Amendment*

34. Supports the system of thematic priorities that the Commission is proposing; points out that the lower the level of development in a Member State or region, the more wide-ranging the list of priorities there needs to be, taking into account specific regional development needs ***while ensuring that this thematic approach for programming Structural and Cohesion Funds cannot take place to the detriment of the integrated place-based approach;***

Or. en

**Amendment 371**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 34**

*Motion for a resolution*

34. Supports the system of thematic ***priorities*** that the Commission is proposing; points out that the lower the level of development in a Member State or region, the more wide-ranging the list of ***priorities*** there needs to be, taking into account specific regional development needs;

*Amendment*

34. Supports the system of thematic ***objectives*** that the Commission is proposing; points out that the lower the level of development in a Member State or region, the more wide-ranging the list of ***objectives*** there needs to be, taking into account specific regional development needs;

Or. en

**Amendment 372**  
**Elie Hoarau, Cornelia Ernst, Patrick Le Hyaric, Marie-Christine Vergiat**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 35**

*Motion for a resolution*

35. Calls, ***in the event that binding priorities are set for all Member States, for these to cover*** innovation, infrastructure and resource management ***and*** to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; ***calls for suggested priority areas to include energy, education and training, and combating poverty;***

*Amendment*

35. Calls ***for the list of*** priorities ***in the fields of*** innovation, infrastructure and resource management to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities, ***such as energy, education and training and combating poverty,*** on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity;

Or. fr

**Amendment 373**

**Salvatore Caronna, Andrea Cozzolino, Francesco De Angelis, Leonardo Domenici, Patrizia Toia**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 35**

*Motion for a resolution*

35. Calls, ***in the event that binding priorities are set*** for all Member States, ***for these to cover*** innovation, infrastructure and resource management ***and to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs;*** stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; calls for suggested priority areas to include energy, education and training, and combating poverty;

*Amendment*

35. Calls for Member States ***to include among their priorities*** innovation, infrastructure and resource management, ***but considers there should be some margin for manoeuvre to take into account the scale of the programmes, the baseline scenario in each region and the results to be achieved;*** stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; calls for suggested priority areas to include energy, education and training, and combating poverty;

Or. it

**Amendment 374**  
**Derek Vaughan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 35**

*Motion for a resolution*

35. Calls, in the event that binding priorities are set for all Member States, for these to cover innovation, infrastructure and resource management and to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; ***calls for suggested priority areas to include energy, education and training, and combating poverty;***

*Amendment*

35. Calls, in the event that binding priorities are set for all Member States, for these to cover innovation, infrastructure and resource management and to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis ***to allow a necessary degree of flexibility for regions to define additional investment priorities, according to local and regional development needs and*** in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity;

Or. en

**Amendment 375**  
**Hermann Winkler**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 35**

*Motion for a resolution*

35. Calls, in the event that binding priorities are set for all Member States, for these to cover innovation, infrastructure and resource management and to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; calls for suggested priority areas to include energy, education and training, and ***combating poverty;***

*Amendment*

35. Calls, in the event that binding priorities are set for all Member States, for these to cover innovation, infrastructure and resource management and to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; stresses ***in this connection that innovation must be given a broad interpretation in line with the Innovation Union flagship initiative;*** stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; calls for suggested priority areas to include energy, education and

training, and *demographic change*;

Or. de

#### **Amendment 376**

**Oldřich Vlasák**

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

#### **Paragraph 35**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

35. Calls, in the event that binding priorities are set for all Member States, for these to cover innovation, infrastructure and resource management and to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; ***calls for suggested priority areas to include energy, education and training, and combating poverty***;

##### *Amendment*

35. Calls, in the event that binding priorities are set for all Member States, for these to cover innovation, infrastructure and resource management and to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity;

Or. cs

#### **Amendment 377**

**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli**

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

#### **Paragraph 35**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

35. Calls, in the event that binding priorities are set for all Member States, for these to cover innovation, infrastructure and resource management and to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; calls for

##### *Amendment*

35. Calls, in the event that binding priorities are set for all Member States, for these to cover innovation ***and transformation towards a sustainable economy, sustainable and climate-resilient*** infrastructure and ***climate protection***, resource management and ***biodiversity, climate protection and energy efficiency*** and to be tailored in each case to

suggested priority areas to include energy, education and training, and combating poverty;

regions' specific needs; stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; calls for suggested priority areas to include energy, education and training, and combating poverty;

Or. en

### **Amendment 378**

**Patrice Tirolien**

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

##### **Paragraph 35**

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

35. Calls, in the event that binding priorities are set for all Member States, for these to cover innovation, infrastructure and resource management and to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; calls for suggested priority areas to include energy, education and training, and combating poverty;

###### *Amendment*

35. Calls, in the event that binding priorities are set for all Member States, for these ***to be determined at regional level and at the the minimum*** to cover innovation, infrastructure and resource management and to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; calls for suggested priority areas to include energy, education and training, and combating poverty;

Or. fr

### **Amendment 379**

**Markus Pieper, Jan Olbrycht, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Sophie Auconie, Seán Kelly, Richard Seeber**

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

##### **Paragraph 35**

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

35. Calls, in the event that binding

###### *Amendment*

35. Calls, in the event that ***certain*** binding

priorities are set for all Member States, for these to cover innovation, infrastructure and resource management and to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; calls for suggested priority areas to include energy, education and training, and combating poverty;

priorities are set for all Member States, for these to cover innovation, infrastructure and resource management and to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; ***Notes that SMEs are the main source of jobs in the EU and a breeding ground for business ideas***; stresses that ***support to SMEs must be continued and strengthened in light of the key role they can play in the implementation of the EU 2020 Strategy stresses that in terms of the flagship innovation Union a broad concept of "innovation" has to be applied while the SME access to finances must still be facilitated***, notes that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; calls for suggested priority areas to include energy, education and training, and combating poverty;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 380**

**Tamás Deutsch**

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

#### **Paragraph 35**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

35. Calls, in the event that binding ***priorities*** are set for all Member States, for these to cover innovation, infrastructure and resource management and to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; calls for suggested ***priority areas*** to include energy, education and training, and combating poverty;

##### *Amendment*

35. Calls, in the event that binding ***objectives*** are set for all Member States, for these to cover innovation, infrastructure and resource management and to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; calls for suggested ***objectives*** to include energy, education and training, ***health*** and combating poverty;

Or. en

**Amendment 381**  
**Erminia Mazzoni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 35**

*Motion for a resolution*

35. Calls, in the event that **binding** priorities are set for all Member States, for these to cover innovation, infrastructure and resource management and to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; calls for suggested priority areas to include energy, education and training, and combating poverty;

*Amendment*

35. Calls, in the event that priorities are set for all Member States, for these to cover innovation, infrastructure and resource management and to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; calls for suggested priority areas to include energy, education and training, and combating poverty;

Or. it

**Amendment 382**  
**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 35**

*Motion for a resolution*

35. Calls, in the event that binding priorities are set for all Member States, for these to cover innovation, infrastructure and resource management and to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; calls for **suggested** priority areas to include energy, education and training, and combating poverty;

*Amendment*

35. Calls, in the event that binding priorities are set for all Member States, for these to cover innovation, infrastructure and resource management and to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; calls for **envisaged** priority areas to include energy, education and training, and combating poverty;

### Amendment 383

Georgios Stavrakakis, Constanze Angela Krehl

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 35

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

35. Calls, in the event that binding priorities are set for all Member States, for these to cover innovation, infrastructure and resource management and to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; calls for suggested priority areas to include energy, education and training, and combating poverty;

###### *Amendment*

35. Calls, in the event that binding priorities are set for all Member States, for these to cover ***especially*** innovation, infrastructure and resource management and to be tailored in each case to regions' specific needs; stresses that it must be possible to suggest and pursue additional priorities on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity; calls for suggested priority areas to include energy, education and training, and combating poverty;

Or. en

### Amendment 384

Tamás Deutsch

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 36

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

36. Calls for delays in launching programmes to be avoided and for decision-making and evaluation processes to be expedited as a matter of course; calls, too, for the technical ***equipment*** available to the relevant administrative authorities to be improved and for them to be more closely networked, for disclosure requirements to be reduced, ***and for a significant shortening of deadlines for putting the necessary expert reports out to***

###### *Amendment*

36. Calls for delays in launching programmes to be avoided and for decision-making and evaluation processes to be expedited as a matter of course; calls, too, for the technical ***assistance*** available to the relevant administrative authorities to be improved and for them to be more closely networked, for disclosure requirements to be reduced;



*tender and for their delivery;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 385**

**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli**

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

#### **Paragraph 36**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

36. Calls for delays in launching programmes to be avoided and for decision-making and evaluation processes to be expedited as a matter of course; calls, too, for the technical equipment available to the relevant administrative authorities to be improved and for them to be more closely networked, for disclosure requirements to be reduced, and for a significant shortening of deadlines for putting the necessary expert reports out to tender and for their delivery;

##### *Amendment*

36. Calls for delays in launching programmes to be avoided and for decision-making and evaluation processes to be expedited as a matter of course; calls, too, for the technical equipment, ***capacity building measures, guidance and simple and innovative forms*** available to the relevant administrative authorities ***including interlocutory bodies*** to be improved and for them to be more closely networked, for disclosure requirements to be reduced, and for a significant shortening of deadlines for putting the necessary expert reports out to tender and for their delivery; ***underlines the impact of successful partnership for reducing red tape of beneficiaries and that this should go hand in hand with training and empowering of “actors of change”; in this context underlines the importance of exchange of best practise among the regions;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 386**

**Riikka Manner**

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

#### **Paragraph 36**

*Motion for a resolution*

36. Calls for delays in launching programmes to be avoided and for decision-making and evaluation processes to be expedited as a matter of course; calls, too, for the technical equipment available to the relevant administrative authorities to be improved and for them to be more closely networked, for disclosure requirements to be reduced, and for a significant shortening of deadlines for putting the necessary expert reports out to tender and for their delivery;

*Amendment*

36. Calls for delays in launching programmes to be avoided and for decision-making and evaluation processes to be expedited as a matter of course; calls, too, for the technical equipment available to the relevant administrative authorities to be improved and for them to be more closely networked, for disclosure requirements to be reduced, and for a significant shortening of deadlines for putting the necessary expert reports out to tender and for their delivery; ***asks the Commission to evaluate whether pilot areas could be established in order to test new regulations in smaller scale before the regulation is applicable to the rest of the regions in order to identify possible problems in the implementation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 387**  
**Juozas Imbrasas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 36**

*Motion for a resolution*

36. Calls for delays in launching programmes to be avoided and for decision-making and evaluation processes to be expedited as a matter of course; calls, too, for the technical equipment available to the relevant administrative authorities to be improved and for them to be more closely networked, ***for disclosure requirements to be reduced***, and for a ***significant*** shortening of deadlines for putting the necessary expert reports out to tender and for their delivery;

*Amendment*

36. Calls for delays in launching programmes to be avoided and for decision-making and evaluation processes to be expedited as a matter of course; calls, too, for the technical equipment available to the relevant administrative authorities to be improved and for them to be more closely networked, and for a significant of deadlines for putting the necessary expert reports out to tender and for their delivery, ***which, however, must on no account be to the detriment of transparency;***

Or. It

## **Amendment 388**

**Hermann Winkler, Sabine Verheyen, Joachim Zeller**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 36**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

36. Calls for delays in launching programmes to be avoided and for decision-making and evaluation processes to be expedited as a matter of course; calls, too, for the technical equipment available to the relevant administrative authorities to be improved and for them to be more closely networked, for disclosure requirements to be reduced, and for a significant shortening of deadlines for putting the necessary expert reports out to tender and for their delivery;

##### *Amendment*

36. Calls for delays in launching programmes to be avoided and for decision-making and evaluation processes to be expedited as a matter of course; ***stresses that this is extremely important for small and medium-sized undertakings in particular***; calls, too, for the technical equipment available to the relevant administrative authorities to be improved and for them to be more closely networked, for disclosure requirements to be reduced, and for a significant shortening of deadlines for putting the necessary expert reports out to tender and for their delivery;

Or. de

## **Amendment 389**

**Petru Constantin Luhan**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 36**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

36. Calls for delays in launching programmes to be avoided and for decision-making and evaluation processes to be expedited as a matter of course; calls, too, for the technical equipment available to the relevant administrative authorities to be improved and for them to be more closely networked, for disclosure requirements to be reduced, and for a significant shortening of deadlines for putting the necessary expert reports out to

##### *Amendment*

36. Calls for delays in launching programmes to be avoided and for decision-making and evaluation processes to be expedited as a matter of course; calls, too, for the technical equipment available to the relevant administrative authorities to be improved and for them to be more closely networked, for disclosure requirements to be reduced, and for a significant shortening of deadlines for putting the necessary expert reports out to

tender and for their delivery;

tender and for their delivery; ***favours the allocation of financing to increase local and regional administrative capacities where this is needed;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 390**  
**Derek Vaughan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 36**

*Motion for a resolution*

36. Calls for delays in launching programmes to be avoided and for decision-making and evaluation processes to be expedited as a matter of course; calls, too, for the technical equipment available to the relevant administrative authorities to be improved and for them to be more closely networked, for disclosure requirements to be ***reduced***, and for a significant shortening of deadlines for putting the necessary expert reports out to tender and for their delivery;

*Amendment*

36. Calls for delays in launching programmes to be avoided and for decision-making and evaluation processes to be expedited as a matter of course; calls, too, for the technical equipment available to the relevant administrative authorities to be improved and for them to be more closely networked, for disclosure requirements to be ***reviewed***, and for a significant shortening of deadlines for putting the necessary expert reports out to tender and for their delivery;

Or. en

**Amendment 391**  
**Victor Boştinaru**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 36 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***36a. Points out that the exchange of best practices between the regions must be further strengthened, in consideration of the fact that it helps pursuing the objectives of a better and more efficient use of the funds; calls for the creation***

*Amendment*

*and timely implementation of programmes favouring this type of exchange, following the example of the Erasmus for elected local and regional representatives, for which requests that it is swiftly put into effects;*

Or. en

**Amendment 392**  
**Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

Incentives, conditionality, a focus on results, co-financing and financing options,

*Amendment*

Incentives, conditionality, a focus on **needs** **and** results, co-financing and financing options,

Or. el

**Amendment 393**  
**Patrice Tirolien**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 37**

*Motion for a resolution*

***37. Calls for the funding under investment partnerships to be made conditional on the implementation of reforms by the Member States, in order to ensure that it is used efficiently in areas directly related to cohesion policy; considers it fair for such conditions to include, in particular, full implementation of existing EU legislation (e.g. on price regulation, tendering procedures, transport, the environment and health) in order to prevent irregularities and ensure effectiveness; rejects, however, the***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

*imposition of conditions requiring  
Member States to undertake fundamental  
social and economic reform;*

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 394**

**Cornelia Ernst, Elie Hoarau, Jürgen Klute, Gabriele Zimmer, Helmut Scholz, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Patrick Le Hyaric**

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

##### **Paragraph 37**

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

*37. Calls for the funding under investment partnerships to be made conditional on the implementation of reforms by the Member States, in order to ensure that it is used efficiently in areas directly related to cohesion policy; considers it fair for such conditions to include, in particular, full implementation of existing EU legislation (e.g. on price regulation, tendering procedures, transport, the environment and health) in order to prevent irregularities and ensure effectiveness; rejects, however, the imposition of conditions requiring Member States to undertake fundamental social and economic reform;*

###### *Amendment*

*37. Strongly encourages regional and local authorities to ensure the highest performance of their administrative and institutional capacity as well as to develop appropriate financial and human resources to cope with the complexity of EU funded projects, mainly in terms of administrative burden; stresses the need for appropriate levels of financing to be ensured in order to properly enable regional and local authorities to take part in major projects financed through Structural Funds;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 395**

**Constanze Angela Krehl, Georgios Stavrakakis**

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

##### **Paragraph 37**

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

*37. Calls for the funding under investment partnerships to be made conditional on the*

###### *Amendment*

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implementation of reforms by the Member States, in order to ensure that it is used efficiently in areas directly related to cohesion policy; ***considers it fair for such conditions to include, in particular, full implementation of existing EU legislation (e.g. on price regulation, tendering procedures, transport, the environment and health) in order to prevent irregularities and ensure effectiveness; rejects, however, the imposition of conditions requiring Member States to undertake fundamental social and economic reform;***

implementation of reforms by the Member States, in order to ensure that it is used efficiently in areas directly related to cohesion policy;

Or. en

**Amendment 396**  
**Derek Vaughan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 37**

*Motion for a resolution*

37. Calls for the funding under investment partnerships to be made conditional on the implementation of reforms by the Member States, in order to ensure that it is used efficiently in areas directly related to cohesion policy; ***considers it fair for such conditions to include, in particular, full implementation of existing EU legislation (e.g. on price regulation, tendering procedures, transport, the environment and health) in order to prevent irregularities and ensure effectiveness; rejects, however, the imposition of conditions requiring Member States to undertake fundamental social and economic reform;***

*Amendment*

37. Calls for the funding under investment partnerships to be made conditional on the implementation of reforms by the Member States, in order to ensure that it is used efficiently in areas directly related to cohesion policy, ***providing the following conditions are respected: the conditionalities serve to increase effectiveness and efficiency of cohesion policy, the actors involved in the management of Operational Programmes have the possibility to influence conditionalities, those actors have the necessary competence and institutional capacity to carry out the required changes, and that they have ownership of the conditionalities and can relate to them;*** rejects, however, the imposition of conditions requiring Member States to undertake fundamental social and economic reform; ***all conditionalities***

*should fully respect the principles of  
subsidiarity and partnership;*

Or. en

**Amendment 397**

**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 37**

*Motion for a resolution*

**37. *Calls for the funding under investment partnerships to be made conditional on the implementation of reforms by the Member States, in order to ensure that it is used efficiently in areas directly related to cohesion policy; considers it fair for such conditions to include, in particular, full implementation of existing EU legislation (e.g. on price regulation, tendering procedures, transport, the environment and health) in order to prevent irregularities and ensure effectiveness; rejects, however, the imposition of conditions requiring Member States to undertake fundamental social and economic reform;***

*Amendment*

**37. *Expresses doubts concerning the benefits of possibly imposing conditions on funding under development investment partnerships; points out that enhanced regional policy cross-compliance is only possible in the context of suitable governance and therefore inherently related to cohesion policy; considers it fair, however, to assess the results in greater detail; stresses that administrative and regulatory simplification would make it possible to use the resources more efficiently and reduce irregularities; rejects any proposal requiring Member States to undertake fundamental social and economic reform and therefore firmly opposes all macro-economic cross-compliance; points out, moreover, that no common policy is subject to such requirements;***

Or. es

**Amendment 398**

**Oldřich Vlasák**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 37**

*Motion for a resolution*

**37. Calls for the funding under investment**

*Amendment*

**37. Calls for the funding under investment**



partnerships to be made conditional on the implementation of **reforms** by the Member States, in order to ensure that it is used efficiently in areas directly related to cohesion policy; ***considers it fair for such conditions to include, in particular, full implementation of existing EU legislation (e.g. on price regulation, tendering procedures, transport, the environment and health) in order to prevent irregularities and ensure effectiveness;*** rejects, ***however,*** the imposition of conditions requiring Member States to undertake fundamental social **and economic** reform;

partnerships ***not*** to be made conditional on the implementation of **guarantees** by the Member States, in order to ensure that it is used efficiently in areas directly related to cohesion policy; rejects the imposition of conditions ***which would require*** Member States to undertake fundamental ***economic and*** social reform ***and to transfer further responsibilities to EU level in violation of the principle of subsidiarity;***

Or. cs

#### **Amendment 399**

**Alain Cadec, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Maurice Ponga, Philippe Boulland, Sophie Auconie**

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

##### **Paragraph 37**

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

37. Calls for the funding under investment partnerships to be made conditional ***on the implementation of reforms by the Member States***, in order to ensure that it is used efficiently in areas directly related to cohesion policy; ***considers it fair for such conditions to include, in particular, full implementation of existing EU legislation (e.g. on price regulation, tendering procedures, transport, the environment and health) in order to prevent irregularities and ensure effectiveness;*** rejects, however, the imposition of conditions requiring Member States to undertake fundamental social and economic reform;

###### *Amendment*

37. Calls for the funding under investment partnerships to be made conditional, ***for Member States to be called upon to implement*** reforms, in order to ensure that it is used efficiently in areas directly related to cohesion policy; rejects, however, the imposition of conditions requiring Member States to undertake fundamental social and economic reform;

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 400**

**Salvatore Caronna, Francesco De Angelis, Andrea Cozzolino, Leonardo Domenici, Patrizia Toia**

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

##### **Paragraph 37**

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

37. Calls for *the funding under investment partnerships* to be *made conditional on the implementation of reforms by the Member States, in order to ensure that it is used efficiently in areas* directly related to cohesion policy; considers it fair for such conditions to include, in particular, full implementation of existing EU legislation (e.g. on price regulation, tendering procedures, transport, the environment and health) in order to prevent irregularities and ensure effectiveness; rejects, however, the imposition of conditions requiring Member States to undertake fundamental social and economic reform;

###### *Amendment*

37. Calls for funding to be *subject to conditions predetermined in a dialogue between the Commission and Member States at the start of the programming period and set out in the investment partnership contracts and in the operational programmes; those predetermined conditions must be clearly defined, targeted and verifiable, and must refer solely to aspects* directly related to *the effectiveness of* cohesion policy *investments*; considers it fair for such conditions to include, in particular, full implementation of existing EU legislation (e.g. on price regulation, tendering procedures, transport, the environment and health) in order to prevent irregularities and ensure effectiveness; rejects, however, the imposition of conditions requiring Member States to undertake fundamental social and economic reform;

Or. it

#### **Amendment 401**

**Erminia Mazzoni**

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

##### **Paragraph 37**

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

37. Calls for *the funding under investment partnerships to be made conditional on the implementation of reforms by the*

###### *Amendment*

37. Calls for *specific conditions requiring the implementation of reforms by the Member States to be introduced for*

Member States, *in order to ensure that it is used efficiently in areas directly related to cohesion policy*; considers it fair for such conditions to include, in particular, full implementation of existing EU legislation (e.g. on price regulation, tendering procedures, transport, the environment and health) in order to prevent irregularities and ensure effectiveness; rejects, however, the imposition of conditions requiring Member States to undertake fundamental social and economic reform;

*investment partnerships, and for funding to be made dependent on those conditions*; considers it fair for such conditions to include, in particular, full implementation of existing EU legislation (e.g. on price regulation, tendering procedures, transport, the environment and health) in order to prevent irregularities and ensure effectiveness; rejects, however, the imposition of conditions requiring Member States to undertake fundamental social and economic reform;

Or. it

**Amendment 402**  
**Victor Boştinaru**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 37**

*Motion for a resolution*

37. Calls for the funding *under investment partnerships* to be *made conditional on the implementation of reforms by the* Member States, in order to ensure that *it is* used efficiently in areas directly related to cohesion policy; considers it fair for such conditions to include, in particular, full implementation of existing EU legislation (e.g. on price regulation, tendering procedures, transport, the environment and health) in order to prevent irregularities and ensure effectiveness; rejects, however, the imposition of conditions requiring Member States to undertake fundamental social and economic reform;

*Amendment*

37. Calls for the funding to be *linked to conditionalities set out in the development and investment partnership contracts, requesting* Member States *to undertake reforms*, in order to ensure that *funds are* used efficiently in areas directly related to cohesion policy; considers it fair for such conditions to include, in particular, full implementation of existing EU legislation (e.g. on price regulation, tendering procedures, transport, the environment and health) in order to prevent irregularities and ensure effectiveness; rejects, however, the imposition of conditions requiring Member States to undertake fundamental social and economic reform;

Or. en

**Amendment 403**  
**Seán Kelly**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 37**

*Motion for a resolution*

37. Calls for the funding under investment partnerships to be made conditional on the implementation of reforms by the Member States, in order to ensure that it is used efficiently in areas directly related to cohesion policy; considers it fair for such conditions to include, in particular, full implementation of existing EU legislation (e.g. on price regulation, tendering procedures, transport, the environment and health) in order to prevent irregularities and ensure effectiveness; rejects, however, the imposition of conditions requiring Member States to undertake fundamental social and economic reform;

*Amendment*

37. Calls for the funding under ***the development and*** investment partnerships to be made conditional on the implementation of reforms by the Member States, in order to ensure that it is used efficiently in areas directly related to cohesion policy ***as long as the following conditions are respected, that the conditionalities serve the increase of effectiveness and efficiency of cohesion policy, the involved actors in OP management have the possibility to influence conditionalities, those actors have the necessary competence and institutional capacity to carry out the required changes, and the involved actors have ownership towards the conditionalities and can relate to them;*** considers it fair for such conditions to include, in particular, full implementation of existing EU legislation (e.g. on price regulation, tendering procedures, transport, the environment and health) in order to prevent irregularities and ensure effectiveness; rejects, however, the imposition of conditions requiring Member States to undertake fundamental social and economic reform; ***all conditionalities should fully respect the principles of subsidiarity and partnership;***

Or. en

**Amendment 404**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 37**

*Motion for a resolution*

37. Calls for the funding under investment partnerships to be made conditional on ***the implementation of reforms*** by the Member States, in order to ensure that it is used ***efficiently*** in areas directly related to cohesion policy; considers it fair for such conditions to include, in particular, full implementation of existing EU legislation (e.g. on price regulation, tendering procedures, transport, the environment and health) in order to prevent irregularities and ensure effectiveness; rejects, however, the imposition of conditions requiring Member States to undertake fundamental social and economic reform;

*Amendment*

37. Calls for the funding under investment partnerships to be made conditional on ***certain commitments*** by the Member States, in order to ensure that it is used ***effectively*** in areas directly related to cohesion policy; considers it fair for such conditions to include, in particular, full implementation of existing EU legislation (e.g. on price regulation, tendering procedures, transport, the environment and health) in order to prevent irregularities and ensure effectiveness; rejects, however, the imposition of conditions requiring Member States to undertake fundamental social and economic reform;

Or. en

**Amendment 405**

**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 37 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***37a. Stresses that gender responsive budgeting will make EU spending more effective; invites the European Commission to propose a procedure for introducing gender budgeting methods in the design and management of structural fund programmes beyond 2013 and to increase the gender competence of administrations on all relevant levels by promoting capacity building;***

Or. en

**Amendment 406**

**Patrice Tirolien**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 37 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**37a. Strongly opposes all forms of conditionality which might entail penalties for local authorities when they have no power to influence the decision-making process; calls on the Commission, on the other hand, to urge the Member States to implement the reforms necessary for the effective use of financial aid in fields directly related to cohesion policy in order to avoid any irregularities and make the aid effective; strongly opposes the idea that cohesion policy serves to introduce provisions requiring Member States to implement fundamental social and economic reforms;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 407**  
**László Surján, Markus Pieper, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Jan Olbrycht**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 37 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**37a. Takes the view that new conditionality shall not result in extra administration burdens for the actors involved; encourages development of consistent, standard systems of conditionality for both the ERDF and ESF that should be objectively assessable as well;**

Or. en

**Amendment 408**  
**Joachim Zeller**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 37 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**37a. Supports the Commission's call for the macroeconomic conditionality linked to budgetary discipline to apply not only to the Cohesion Fund but to be extended to other structural and agricultural funds as well;**

Or. de

**Amendment 409**  
**Joachim Zeller**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 37 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**37b. Considers the Commission to be responsible for formulating conditionalities and overseeing their implementation, and proposes corresponding action plans for the Member States and regions;**

Or. de

**Amendment 410**  
**Cornelia Ernst, Elie Hoarau, Jürgen Klute, Gabriele Zimmer, Helmut Scholz, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Patrick Le Hyaric**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 38**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**38. Welcomes the Commission's proposal for a stronger focus on results, to be achieved through the ex-ante establishment of appropriate objectives**

**38. Supports the Commission's proposal to move towards a more results-oriented approach by using clear and measurable targets and outcome indicators agreed in**

*and indicators; stresses that such indicators must be few in number, that they must all be clearly defined, measurable and related directly to the impact of the funding, and that they should be established by agreement with the regions/Member States;*

*advance in line with the specific objectives of each region, rejects an assessment of performance solely in terms of progress towards Europe 2020 targets; underlines that progress has been made here in the 2007-2013 programming period with the inclusion of ex-ante, ongoing and ex-post evaluations;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 411**

**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli**

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

#### **Paragraph 38**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

38. Welcomes the Commission's proposal for a stronger focus on results, to be achieved through the ex-ante establishment of appropriate objectives and indicators; stresses that such indicators must be few in number, that they must all be clearly defined, measurable and related directly to the impact of the funding, and that they should be established by agreement with the regions/Member States;

##### *Amendment*

38. Welcomes the Commission's proposal for a stronger focus on results, to be achieved through the ex-ante establishment of appropriate objectives and indicators; stresses that such indicators must be few in number, that they must all be clearly defined, measurable and related directly to the impact of the funding, and that they should be established by agreement with the regions/Member States; ***recommends to improve project selection while building on experience gained in the regions/Member States also by introducing support tools such as NECATER that was developed by the French government and aims at reducing carbon emissions of projects and improving local and regional carbon accounting;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 412**

**Sophie Auconie**



**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 38**

*Motion for a resolution*

38. Welcomes the Commission's proposal for a stronger focus on results, to be achieved through the ex-ante establishment of appropriate objectives and indicators; stresses that such indicators must be few in number, that they must all be clearly defined, measurable and related directly to the impact of the funding, and that they should be established by agreement with the regions/Member States;

*Amendment*

38. Welcomes the Commission's proposal for a stronger focus on results, to be achieved through the ex-ante establishment of appropriate objectives and indicators; stresses that such indicators must be few in number, that they must all be clearly defined, measurable and related directly to the impact of the funding, and that they should be established by agreement with the regions/Member States; ***considers, however, that all instruments and criteria proposed to measure performance should maintain a qualitative vision of the programmes;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 413**  
**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 38**

*Motion for a resolution*

38. Welcomes the Commission's proposal for a stronger focus on results, to be achieved ***through*** the ex-ante establishment of ***appropriate*** objectives and indicators; stresses that such indicators must be few in number, that they must all be clearly defined, measurable and related directly to the impact of the funding, and that they should be established by agreement with the regions/Member States;

*Amendment*

38. Welcomes the Commission's proposal for a stronger focus on results, to be achieved ***while taking the view that*** the ex-ante establishment of objectives and indicators ***will encourage efforts to secure recognition of their credentials rather than focusing on effective results;*** stresses that, ***if they are established,*** such indicators must be few in number, that they must all be clearly defined, measurable and related directly to the impact of the funding, and that they should be established by agreement with the regions/Member States;

Or. es

**Amendment 414**  
**Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 38**

*Motion for a resolution*

38. Welcomes the Commission's proposal for a stronger focus on results, to be achieved through the ex-ante establishment of appropriate objectives and indicators; stresses that such indicators must be few in number, that they must all be clearly defined, measurable and related directly to the impact of the funding, and that they should be established by agreement with the regions/Member States;

*Amendment*

38. Welcomes the Commission's proposal for a stronger focus on ***needs and*** results, to be achieved through the ex-ante establishment of appropriate objectives and indicators; stresses that such indicators must be few in number, that they must all be clearly defined, measurable and related directly to the impact of the funding, and that they should be established by agreement with the regions/Member States;

Or. el

**Amendment 415**  
**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 38 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***38a. Considers that transparency in respect of cohesion policy and its programming cycle, allocation of expenditure and access to information for potential beneficiaries of the Structural Funds are key prerequisites for achieving the overall objectives of cohesion policy, and that transparency should therefore be introduced as a guiding cross-sectoral principle in the cohesion programming and decision-making processes in the next funding period; underlines that the disclosure of the list of beneficiaries should be continued, notably online, as it is an efficient tool to improve***

*transparency;*

Or. en

**Amendment 416**

**Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Philippe Boulland**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 39**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**39. Calls for the indicators to concentrate on areas of impact with European added value (increases in productivity, research, transport services, regional growth and relevant environmental improvements); calls for quantitative targets to be eschewed when measuring progress in areas where responsibility rests largely with national authorities (i.e. on educational standards, poverty thresholds and integration) and for assessment, instead, of projects' potential as models and of the degree of innovation they display;** **deleted**

Or. fr

**Amendment 417**

**Elie Hoarau, Cornelia Ernst, Patrick Le Hyaric, Jacky Hénin, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Gabriele Zimmer, Jürgen Klute, Helmut Scholz**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 39**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**39. Calls for the indicators to concentrate on areas of impact with European added value (increases in productivity, research, transport services, regional growth and relevant environmental improvements); calls for quantitative targets to be**

**39. Endorses the use of a limited number of common indicators, linked to the economic, social and territorial cohesion targets, such as employment, social inclusion, reduction of richness disparities, research, innovation, SSGI**

*eschewed when measuring progress in areas where responsibility rests largely with national authorities (i.e. on educational standards, poverty thresholds and integration) and for assessment, instead, of projects' potential as models and of the degree of innovation they display;*

*quality and universality, transport services, regional growth, improvement in terms of environmental management, as well as the objectives of the EU 2020 strategy, to enable the Commission to conduct a comprehensive and continuous evaluation throughout the programming period, whereas most of indicators should be established at regional level taking into account the specific nature of each region and the priorities set; the indicators must reflect how necessary any proposed approach is for the region's development;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 418**

**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli**

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

##### **Paragraph 39**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

39. Calls for the indicators to concentrate on areas of impact with European added value (*increases in productivity, research, transport services, regional growth and relevant environmental improvements*); calls for quantitative targets to be *eschewed when measuring progress in areas where responsibility rests largely with national authorities (i.e. on educational standards, poverty thresholds and integration)* and for assessment, *instead*, of projects' potential as models and of the degree of innovation they display;

##### *Amendment*

39. Calls for the indicators to concentrate on areas of impact with European added value *taking also into account the monitoring progress for EU 2020*; calls for quantitative targets to be *calculated cautiously* and *as potential contribution to achieve quantifiable targets based on the financial contribution by structural funds* and for assessment of projects' potential as models and of the degree of innovation they display;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 419**

**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 39**

*Motion for a resolution*

39. Calls for **the** indicators to concentrate on **areas of impact with European added value (increases in productivity, research, transport services, regional growth and relevant environmental improvements)**; calls for **quantitative targets to be eschewed** when measuring progress in areas where responsibility rests largely with national authorities (**i.e. on educational standards, poverty thresholds and integration**) and for assessment, **instead**, of projects' potential as models and of the degree of innovation they display;

*Amendment*

39. Calls for **any existing** indicators to concentrate on **achievement of the Europa 2020 strategy objectives**; calls for **the necessary degree of flexibility and proportionality** when measuring progress in areas where responsibility rests largely with national **or regional** authorities and for assessment of projects' potential as models and the degree of innovation they display ;

Or. es

**Amendment 420**  
**Franz Obermayr**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 39**

*Motion for a resolution*

39. Calls for the indicators to concentrate on areas of impact with European added value (increases in productivity, research, transport services, regional growth and relevant environmental improvements); calls **for** quantitative targets **to be eschewed** when measuring progress in areas where responsibility rests largely with national authorities (i.e. on educational standards, poverty thresholds and integration) **and** for assessment, **instead**, of projects' potential as models and of the degree of innovation they display;

*Amendment*

39. Calls for the indicators to concentrate on areas of impact with European added value (increases in productivity, research, transport services, regional growth and relevant environmental improvements); calls, **in addition to an assessment of** quantitative targets when measuring progress in areas where responsibility rests largely with national authorities (i.e. on educational standards, poverty thresholds and integration), for **an** assessment **also to be made** of projects' potential as models and of the degree of innovation they display;

Or. de

**Amendment 421**  
**Sabine Verheyen**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 39 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***39a. Calls for a limit to be placed on eligibility periods for regions which cannot show any significant improvements in their economic, social and environmental situation after several programming periods, despite maximum support;***

Or. de

**Amendment 422**  
**Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 39 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***39a. Considers that the indicators determining regional subsidies from the structural funds and the Cohesion Fund must be based on Eurostat's most recent statistical data, so as to take full account of the impact of the crisis on the regions in economic and social terms;***

Or. el

**Amendment 423**  
**Patrice Tirolien**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 40**

*Motion for a resolution*

40. Regards co-financing as one of the basic principles of cohesion policy; calls for ***a review of the percentage ceiling for EU funding – which should take more account of regional development levels, European added value and the types of measure funded and should be raised or lowered accordingly;***

*Amendment*

40. Regards co-financing as one of the basic principles of cohesion policy; calls for ***cofinancing rates not to be revised downwards and for them to be varied in the light*** of regional development levels;

Or. fr

**Amendment 424**

**Cornelia Ernst, Elie Hoarau, Jürgen Klute, Gabriele Zimmer, Helmut Scholz, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Patrick Le Hyaric**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 40**

*Motion for a resolution*

40. Regards co-financing as one of the basic principles of cohesion policy; calls for ***a review*** of the percentage ceiling for EU funding – ***which should take more account of regional development levels, European added value and the types of measure funded and should be raised or lowered accordingly;***

*Amendment*

40. Regards co-financing as one of the basic principles of cohesion policy; calls for ***maintenance*** of the percentage ceiling for EU funding;

Or. en

**Amendment 425**

**Derek Vaughan**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 40**

*Motion for a resolution*

40. Regards co-financing as one of the basic principles of cohesion policy; ***calls***

*Amendment*

40. Regards co-financing as one of the basic principles of cohesion policy;

*for a review of the percentage ceiling for EU funding – which should take more account of regional development levels, European added value and the types of measure funded and should be raised or lowered accordingly;*

*opposes the introduction of differentiated co-financing rates as this could lead to unpredictable consequences and might ultimately render EU funds unavailable in some regions, especially competitiveness regions, as strained domestic budgets would prevent increased rates of national co-financing;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 426**

**Tamás Deutsch**

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

#### **Paragraph 40**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

40. Regards co-financing as one of the basic principles of cohesion policy; calls for a review of the percentage ceiling for EU funding – which should take more account of regional development levels, ***European added value and the types of measure funded*** and should be raised or lowered accordingly;

##### *Amendment*

40. Regards co-financing as one of the basic principles of cohesion policy; calls for a review of the percentage ceiling for EU funding – which should take more account of regional development levels and should be raised or lowered accordingly;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 427**

**Lambert van Nistelrooij**

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

#### **Paragraph 40**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

40. Regards co-financing as one of the basic principles of cohesion policy; calls for a review of the percentage ceiling for EU funding – which should take more account of regional development levels, European added value and the types of

##### *Amendment*

40. Regards ***public and private*** co-financing as one of the basic principles of cohesion policy; calls for a review of the percentage ceiling for EU funding – which should take more account of regional development levels, European added value



measure funded and should be raised or lowered accordingly;

and the types of measure funded and should be raised or lowered accordingly;

Or. en

**Amendment 428**

**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 40**

*Motion for a resolution*

40. Regards co-financing as one of the basic principles of cohesion policy; calls for a review of the percentage ceiling for EU funding – which should take more account of regional development levels, European added value and the types of measure funded and should be raised or lowered **accordingly**;

*Amendment*

40. Regards co-financing as one of the basic principles of cohesion policy; calls for a review of the percentage ceiling for EU funding – which should take more account of regional development levels, European added value and the types of measure funded and should be raised or lowered **in a differentiated way**;

Or. en

**Amendment 429**

**Sabine Verheyen, Joachim Zeller, Hermann Winkler, Petru Constantin Luhan**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 40 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***40a. Calls on the Member States and regions to look ahead when programming co-financing appropriations and to boost them by means of financial engineering;***

Or. de

**Amendment 430**

**Cornelia Ernst, Elie Hoarau, Jürgen Klute, Gabriele Zimmer, Helmut Scholz, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Patrick Le Hyaric**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 41**

*Motion for a resolution*

41. *Considers that* the maximum level of support *must not exceed 75%, otherwise applications will be driven less by the case for the projects than by the prospect of the funding they can attract; calls for it to be made easier for regions to use private co-financing and market-oriented credit options to cover their share of project financing;*

*Amendment*

41. *Calls for maintaining* the *current* maximum level of support;

Or. en

**Amendment 431**  
**Jan Olbrycht, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 41**

*Motion for a resolution*

41. *Considers that the maximum level of support must not exceed 75%, otherwise applications will be driven less by the case for the projects than by the prospect of the funding they can attract; calls* for it to be made easier for regions to use private co-financing and market-oriented credit options to cover their share of project financing;

*Amendment*

41. *Calls* for it to be made easier for regions to use private co-financing and market-oriented credit options to cover their share of project financing;

Or. en

**Amendment 432**  
**Georgios Stavrakakis, Constanze Angela Krehl, María Irigoyen Pérez, Victor Boștinăru, Derek Vaughan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 41**

*Motion for a resolution*

41. ***Considers that*** the maximum level of support ***must not exceed 75%, otherwise applications will be driven less by the case for the projects than by the prospect of the funding they can attract***; calls for it to be made easier for regions to use private co-financing and market-oriented credit options to cover their share of project financing;

*Amendment*

41. ***Calls on the Commission to examine and to establish the most appropriate maximum level of support on the basis of a thorough analysis of the development situation and the specific needs of the regions in the framework of each objective, in order to ensure that applications will respond to the real needs of each region and will aim to sustainable results in a long-term perspective***; calls for it to be made easier for regions to use private co-financing and market-oriented credit options to cover their share of project financing;

Or. en

**Amendment 433**

**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 41**

*Motion for a resolution*

41. ***Considers that the maximum level of support must not exceed 75%, otherwise applications will be driven less by the case for the projects than by the prospect of the funding they can attract***; calls for it to be made easier for regions to use private co-financing and market-oriented credit options to cover their share of project financing;

*Amendment*

41. ***Calls*** for it to be made easier for regions to use private co-financing and market-oriented credit options to cover their share of project financing;

Or. es

**Amendment 434**

**Oldřich Vlasák**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 41**

*Motion for a resolution*

41. ***Considers that the maximum level of support must not exceed 75%, otherwise applications will be driven less by the case for the projects than by the prospect of the funding they can attract; calls*** for it to be made easier for regions to use private co-financing and market-oriented credit options to cover their share of project financing;

*Amendment*

41. ***Calls*** for it to be made easier for regions to use private co-financing and market-oriented credit options to cover their share of project financing;

Or. cs

**Amendment 435**  
**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 41**

*Motion for a resolution*

41. Considers that the maximum level of support must not exceed 75%, ***otherwise applications will be driven less by the case for the projects than by the prospect of the funding they can attract; calls*** for ***it to be made easier for regions to use private co-financing and market-oriented credit options to cover their share of project financing;***

*Amendment*

41. ***Supports the Commission in its proposals to lower the co-financing rate;*** Considers that the maximum level of support must not exceed 75%, ***as it contributes to a thorough examination and better performance of projects; considers the opening of different options*** for co-financing ***desirable;***

Or. en

**Amendment 436**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 41**

*Motion for a resolution*

41. Considers that the maximum level of support must not exceed **75%**, otherwise applications will be driven less by the case for the projects than by the prospect of the funding they can attract; calls for it to be made easier for regions to use private co-financing and market-oriented credit options to cover their share of project financing;

*Amendment*

41. Considers that the maximum level of support must not exceed **85%**, otherwise applications will be driven less by the case for the projects than by the prospect of the funding they can attract; calls for it to be made easier for regions to use private co-financing and market-oriented credit options to cover their share of project financing;

Or. en

**Amendment 437**

**Iosif Matula, Andrey Kovatchev, Petru Constantin Luhan, Iuliu Winkler**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 41**

*Motion for a resolution*

41. Considers that the maximum level of support must not exceed **75%**, otherwise applications will be driven less by the case for the projects than by the prospect of the funding they can attract; calls for it to be made easier for regions to use private co-financing and market-oriented credit options to cover their share of project financing;

*Amendment*

41. Considers that the maximum level of support must not exceed **85%**, otherwise applications will be driven less by the case for the projects than by the prospect of the funding they can attract; calls for it to be made easier for regions to use private co-financing and market-oriented credit options to cover their share of project financing;

Or. en

**Amendment 438**

**Sabine Verheyen**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 41**

*Motion for a resolution*

41. Considers that the maximum level of

*Amendment*

41. Considers that the maximum level of

support must not exceed **75%**, otherwise applications will be driven less by the case for the projects than by the prospect of the funding they can attract; calls for it to be made easier for regions to use private co-financing and market-oriented credit options to cover their share of project financing;

support must not exceed **70%**, otherwise applications will be driven less by the case for the projects than by the prospect of the funding they can attract; calls for it to be made easier for regions to use private co-financing and market-oriented credit options to cover their share of project financing;

Or. de

#### **Amendment 439**

**Patrice Tirolien**

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

##### **Paragraph 41**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

41. Considers that the maximum level of support must not exceed 75%, otherwise applications will be driven less by the case for the projects than by the prospect of the funding they can attract; ***calls for it to be*** made easier for regions to use private co-financing and market-oriented credit options to cover their share of project financing;

##### *Amendment*

41. Considers that the maximum level of support must not ***generally*** exceed 75%, otherwise applications will be driven less by the case for the projects than by the prospect of the funding they can attract; ***accepts its being*** made easier for regions to use private co-financing and market-oriented credit options to cover their share of project financing;

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 440**

**Sophie Auconie**

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

##### **Paragraph 41**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

41. Considers that the maximum level of support must not exceed 75%, otherwise applications will be driven less by the case for the projects than by the prospect of the funding they can attract; calls for it to be

##### *Amendment*

*(Does not affect English version.)*

made easier for regions to use private co-financing and market-oriented credit options to cover their share of project financing;

Or. fr

**Amendment 441**

**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 41 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***41a. Supports the proposal of the Commissions to establish a performance reserve, which is to be spent on achieving particular results on the agreed priorities in the development and investment contract (DIC) calculated as potential contribution to achieve quantifiable results which are linked to EU targets; after approval in the midterm review the Commission will evaluate and reward the money to all those regions who have well met the targets as fixed in the OPs or even overachieved the priorities foreseen in the OPs; underlines that the DIC needs to define a correction mechanism in case of unexpected crisis which might impede to meet the targets;***

Or. en

**Amendment 442**

**László Surján**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 41 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***41b. Calls for attention and further***

*support to those entities that are effected by deep poverty and often tensed co-existence of majority-minority cultures at sub-regional levels; considers that such sub-regional entities can easily remain deep poverty pockets facing even stronger segregation even within regions that are not necessarily lagging behind the statistical averages; notes that concentrated efforts should be made for the development of these entities (e.g.: lower levels of required own resources for growth and job creating projects targeting specifically these entities; thorough technical assistance boosting up the pool of local human resources; encouragement for state aids with regard cost-sharing of projects; concentrated resources from ESF for facing the specific problems of the mass of long term unemployed and unqualified workers via developing a skilled workforce responding to labour market needs and by paying close attention to cross-cutting priorities such as the social inclusion of disadvantaged groups suffering not only from social and economic exclusion, but also spatial segregation);*

Or. en

#### Amendment 443

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

#### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 42

##### *Motion for a resolution*

42. Calls, in the case of direct subsidies to undertakings, for it to be recognised that ***Cohesion Policy funding, rather than influencing decisions by companies – and particularly bigger companies – to open a plant in a given location, tends to be pocketed by companies which have***

##### *Amendment*

42. Calls, in the case of direct subsidies to undertakings, ***both in the case of bigger companies and SMEs*** for it to be recognised that ***it is necessary to*** focus on investment in research and development or for it to be provided, in more cases, indirectly through infrastructure financing;



*already taken such decisions (deadweight effect), and calls, therefore, for support for undertakings to focus on investment in research and development or for it to be provided, in more cases, indirectly through infrastructure financing; also calls for clear provisions to be included in the general regulation governing the Structural Funds **ruling out** EU support for the relocation of undertakings within the Union, **and for a substantial lowering of the threshold for review of relocation investments**;*

also calls for clear provisions to be included in the general regulation governing the Structural Funds ***analysing the appropriateness of*** EU support for the relocation of undertakings within the Union;

Or. es

#### **Amendment 444**

**Elie Hoarau, Cornelia Ernst, Patrick Le Hyaric, Jacky Hénin, Marie-Christine Vergiat**

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

##### **Paragraph 42**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

42. Calls, in the case of direct subsidies to undertakings, for it to be recognised that Cohesion Policy funding, ***rather than influencing decisions by companies – and particularly bigger companies – to open a plant in a given location, tends to be pocketed by companies which have already taken such decisions (deadweight effect), and*** calls, therefore, for support for undertakings to focus on investment in research and development or for it to be provided, in more cases, indirectly through infrastructure financing; also calls for clear provisions to be included in the general regulation governing the Structural Funds ruling out EU support for the relocation of undertakings within the Union, ***and for a substantial lowering of the threshold for review of relocation investments**;*

##### *Amendment*

42. Calls, in the case of direct subsidies to undertakings, for it to be recognised that Cohesion Policy funding ***fosters regional development and job creation***; calls, therefore, for, ***on the one hand***, support for undertakings to focus on investment in research and development or for it to be provided, in more cases, indirectly through infrastructure financing, ***given that such financing directly helps to create jobs in the undertakings to which it is provided, and, on the other hand***, clear provisions to be included in the general regulation governing the Structural Funds ruling out EU support for the relocation of undertakings within the Union ***and making funding conditional on undertakings not relocating or introducing redundancy plans and on them meeting demanding environmental standards, failing which they would be required to repay the funding received***;

**Amendment 445**  
**Patrice Tirolien**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 42**

*Motion for a resolution*

42. Calls, in the case of direct subsidies to undertakings, for it to be recognised that Cohesion Policy funding, rather than influencing decisions by companies – and particularly bigger companies – to open a plant in a given location, tends to be pocketed by companies which have already taken such decisions (deadweight effect), and calls, therefore, for support for undertakings to focus on investment in research and development or for it to be provided, in more cases, indirectly through infrastructure financing; ***also calls for clear provisions to be included in the general regulation governing the Structural Funds ruling out EU support for the relocation of undertakings within the Union, and for a substantial lowering of the threshold for review of relocation investments;***

*Amendment*

42. Calls, in the case of direct subsidies to undertakings, for it to be recognised that Cohesion Policy funding, rather than influencing decisions by companies – and particularly bigger companies – to open a plant in a given location, tends to be pocketed by companies which have already taken such decisions (deadweight effect), and calls, therefore, for support for undertakings to focus on investment in research and development or for it to be provided, in more cases, indirectly through infrastructure financing;

**Amendment 446**  
**Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Sophie Auconie**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 42**

*Motion for a resolution*

42. Calls, in the case of direct subsidies to undertakings, for it to be recognised that Cohesion Policy funding, rather than influencing decisions by companies – and

*Amendment*

42. Calls, in the case of direct subsidies to undertakings, for it to be recognised that Cohesion Policy funding, rather than influencing decisions by companies – and

particularly bigger companies – to open a plant in a given location, tends to be pocketed by companies which have already taken such decisions (deadweight effect), and calls, therefore, for support for undertakings to focus on investment in research and development or for it to be provided, in more cases, indirectly through infrastructure financing; also calls for clear provisions to be included in the general regulation governing the Structural Funds ruling out EU support for the relocation of undertakings within the Union, **and for a substantial lowering of the threshold for review of relocation investments**;

particularly bigger companies – to open a plant in a given location, tends to be pocketed by companies which have already taken such decisions (deadweight effect), and calls, therefore, for support for undertakings to focus on investment in research and development or for it to be provided, in more cases, indirectly through infrastructure financing; also calls for clear provisions to be included in the general regulation governing the Structural Funds ruling out EU support for the relocation of undertakings within the Union;

Or. fr

**Amendment 447**  
**Sophie Auconie**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 42**

*Motion for a resolution*

42. Calls, in the case of direct subsidies to undertakings, for it to be recognised that Cohesion Policy funding, rather than influencing decisions by companies – and particularly bigger companies – to open a plant in a given location, tends to be pocketed by companies which have already taken such decisions (deadweight effect), and calls, therefore, for support for undertakings to focus on investment in research and development or for it to be provided, in more cases, indirectly through infrastructure financing; also calls for clear provisions to be included in the general regulation governing the Structural Funds ruling out EU **support** for the relocation of undertakings within the Union, **and for a substantial lowering of the threshold for review of relocation investments**;

*Amendment*

42. Calls, in the case of direct subsidies to undertakings, for it to be recognised that Cohesion Policy funding, rather than influencing decisions by companies – and particularly bigger companies – to open a plant in a given location, tends to be pocketed by companies which have already taken such decisions (deadweight effect), and calls, therefore, for support for undertakings to focus on investment in research and development or for it to be provided, in more cases, indirectly through infrastructure financing; also calls for clear provisions to be included in the general regulation governing the Structural Funds ruling out **the provision of any EU funding** for the relocation of undertakings within the Union and **substantially** lowering the threshold for review of relocation investments;

**Amendment 448**

**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 42**

*Motion for a resolution*

42. Calls, in the case of direct subsidies to undertakings, for it to be recognised that cohesion policy funding, rather than influencing decisions by companies – and particularly bigger companies – to open a plant in a given location, tends to be pocketed by companies which have already taken such decisions (deadweight effect), and calls, therefore, for support for undertakings to focus on investment in research and development or for it to be provided, in more cases, indirectly through infrastructure financing; also calls for clear provisions to be included in the general regulation governing the Structural Funds ruling out EU support for the relocation of undertakings within the Union, and for a substantial lowering of the threshold for review of relocation investments;

*Amendment*

42. Calls, in the case of direct subsidies to undertakings, for it to be recognised that cohesion policy funding, rather than influencing decisions by companies – and particularly bigger companies – to open a plant in a given location, tends to be pocketed by companies which have already taken such decisions (deadweight effect), and calls, therefore, for support for undertakings to focus on investment in research and development or for it to be provided, in more cases, indirectly through infrastructure financing; also calls for clear provisions to be included in the general regulation governing the Structural Funds ruling out EU support for the relocation of undertakings within the Union ***also by fixing the durability of operations at 10 years***, and for a substantial lowering of the threshold for review of relocation investments ***including the exclusion of large enterprises from direct subsidies***;

**Amendment 449**

**Hermann Winkler, Joachim Zeller**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 42**

*Motion for a resolution*

42. Calls, in the case of direct subsidies to undertakings, for it to be recognised that

*Amendment*

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Cohesion Policy funding, rather than influencing decisions by companies – and particularly bigger companies – to open a plant in a given location, tends to be pocketed by companies which have already taken such decisions (deadweight effect), and calls, therefore, for support for undertakings to focus on investment in research and development or for it to be provided, in more cases, indirectly through infrastructure financing; also calls for clear provisions to be included in the general regulation governing the Structural Funds ruling out EU support for the relocation of undertakings within the Union, and for a substantial lowering of the threshold for review of relocation investments;

Cohesion Policy funding, rather than influencing decisions by companies – and particularly bigger companies – to open a plant in a given location, tends to be pocketed by companies which have already taken such decisions (deadweight effect), and calls, therefore, for support for **large** undertakings to focus on investment in research and development or for it to be provided, in more cases, indirectly through infrastructure financing; also calls for clear provisions to be included in the general regulation governing the Structural Funds ruling out EU support for the relocation of undertakings within the Union, and for a substantial lowering of the threshold for review of relocation investments;

Or. de

**Amendment 450**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 42**

*Motion for a resolution*

42. Calls, in the case of direct subsidies to undertakings, for it to be recognised that cohesion policy funding, rather than influencing decisions by companies – and particularly bigger companies – to open a plant in a given location, tends to be pocketed by companies which have already taken such decisions (deadweight effect), and calls, therefore, for support for undertakings to focus on investment in research and development or for it to be provided, in more cases, indirectly through infrastructure financing; also calls for clear provisions to be included in the general regulation governing the Structural Funds ruling out EU support for the relocation of undertakings within the Union, and for a substantial lowering of the threshold for

*Amendment*

42. Calls, in the case of direct subsidies to undertakings, for it to be recognised that cohesion policy funding, rather than influencing decisions by companies – and particularly bigger companies – to open a plant in a given location, tends to be pocketed by companies which have already taken such decisions (deadweight effect), and calls, therefore, for **grant** support for **private** undertakings to focus on investment in research and development or for it to be provided, in more cases, indirectly through infrastructure financing; also calls for clear provisions to be included in the general regulation governing the Structural Funds ruling out EU support for the relocation of undertakings within the Union, and for a

review of relocation investments;

substantial lowering of the threshold for  
review of relocation investments;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 451**

**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné**

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

##### **Paragraph 43**

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

43. Recognises the leverage effect of new financial instruments and their potential to mobilise investment, supports increased financing ***from credit*** in principle, ***and calls for the use of*** revolving financial instruments to be extended to more areas ***eligible for funding (including research and infrastructure)***; calls for procedures to be simplified to that end and for a greater degree of legal certainty throughout the entire funding period; ***takes the view that at the end of a funding period, at the latest, responsibility for how the funds are spent should transfer to national level or project level;***

###### *Amendment*

43. Recognises the leverage effect of new financial instruments and their potential to mobilise investment, supports increased financing in principle ***through*** revolving financial instruments to be extended to more areas; calls for procedures to be simplified to that end and for a greater degree of legal certainty throughout the entire funding period;

Or. es

#### **Amendment 452**

**Tamás Deutsch**

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

##### **Paragraph 43**

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

43. Recognises the leverage effect of new financial instruments and their potential to mobilise investment, supports increased financing from credit in principle, and calls for the use of revolving financial

###### *Amendment*

43. Recognises the leverage effect of new financial instruments and their potential to mobilise investment, supports increased financing from credit in principle, and calls for the use of revolving financial

instruments to be extended to more areas eligible for funding (including research and infrastructure); calls for procedures to be simplified to that end and for a greater degree of legal certainty throughout the entire funding period; ***takes the view that at the end of a funding period, at the latest, responsibility for how the funds are spent should transfer to national level or project level;***

instruments to be extended to more areas eligible for funding (including research and infrastructure); calls for procedures to be simplified to that end and for a greater degree of legal certainty throughout the entire funding period;

Or. en

**Amendment 453**  
**Erminia Mazzoni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 43**

*Motion for a resolution*

43. ***Recognises the leverage effect*** of new financial instruments ***and their potential to mobilise investment***, ***supports*** increased financing from credit in principle, ***and calls for the use*** of revolving financial instruments to be extended to more areas eligible for funding (including research and infrastructure); calls for procedures to be simplified to that end and for a greater degree of legal certainty throughout the entire funding period; takes the view that at the end of a funding period, at the latest, responsibility for how the funds are spent should transfer to national level or project level;

*Amendment*

43. ***Calls for the mobilisation*** of new financial instruments, ***for*** increased financing from credit in principle and ***for the implementation*** of revolving financial instruments to be extended to more areas eligible for funding (including research and infrastructure); calls for procedures to be simplified to that end and for a greater degree of legal certainty throughout the entire funding period; takes the view that at the end of a funding period, at the latest, responsibility for how the funds are spent should transfer to national level or project level;

Or. it

**Amendment 454**  
**Czesław Adam Siekierski**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 43**

*Motion for a resolution*

43. Recognises the leverage effect of new financial instruments and their potential to mobilise investment, supports increased financing from credit in principle, and calls for the use of revolving financial instruments to be extended to more areas eligible for funding (including research and infrastructure); ***calls for procedures to be simplified*** to that end ***and for a greater degree of legal certainty throughout the entire funding period***; takes the view that at the end of a funding period, at the latest, responsibility for how the funds are spent should transfer to national level or project level;

*Amendment*

43. Recognises the leverage effect of new financial instruments and their potential to mobilise investment, supports increased financing from credit in principle, and calls for the use of revolving financial instruments to be extended to more areas eligible for funding (including research and infrastructure); ***recommends***, to that end, ***the establishment of an EU register showing which projects are provided with loans and which with subsidies***; takes the view that at the end of a funding period, at the latest, responsibility for how the funds are spent should transfer to national level or project level;

Or. pl

**Amendment 455**

**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 43**

*Motion for a resolution*

43. Recognises the leverage effect of new financial instruments and their potential to mobilise investment, supports increased financing from credit in principle, and calls for the use of revolving financial instruments to be extended to ***more*** areas eligible for funding (***including research and infrastructure***); calls for procedures to be simplified to that end and for a greater degree of legal certainty throughout the entire funding period; takes the view that at the end of a funding period, at the latest, responsibility for how the funds are spent should transfer to national level or project level;

*Amendment*

43. Recognises the leverage effect of new financial instruments and their potential to mobilise investment, supports increased financing from credit in principle, and calls for the use of revolving financial instruments to be extended to ***those*** areas eligible for funding ***which prove to be appropriate***; calls for procedures to be simplified to that end and for a greater degree of legal certainty throughout the entire funding period; takes the view that at the end of a funding period, at the latest, responsibility for how the funds are spent should transfer to national level or project level;

Or. en



#### **Amendment 456**

**Cornelia Ernst, Elie Hoarau, Jürgen Klute, Gabriele Zimmer, Helmut Scholz, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Patrick Le Hyaric**

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

##### **Paragraph 43**

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

43. Recognises the leverage effect of new financial instruments and their potential to mobilise investment, supports increased financing from credit in principle, and calls for the use of revolving financial instruments to be extended to more areas eligible for funding (***including research and infrastructure***); calls for procedures to be simplified to that end and for a greater degree of legal certainty throughout the entire funding period; takes the view that at the end of a funding period, at the latest, responsibility for how the funds are spent should transfer to national level or project level;

###### *Amendment*

43. Recognises the leverage effect of new financial instruments and their potential to mobilise investment, supports increased financing from credit in principle, and calls for the use of revolving financial instruments to be extended to more areas eligible for funding; calls for procedures to be simplified to that end and for a greater degree of legal certainty throughout the entire funding period; takes the view that at the end of a funding period, at the latest, responsibility for how the funds are spent should transfer to national level or project level;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 457**

**Patrice Tirolien**

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

##### **Paragraph 43**

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

43. Recognises the leverage effect of new financial instruments and their potential to mobilise investment, supports increased financing from credit in principle, and calls for the use of revolving financial instruments to be extended to more areas eligible for funding (including research and infrastructure); calls for procedures to be simplified to that end and for a greater

###### *Amendment*

43. Recognises the leverage effect of new financial instruments and their potential to mobilise investment, supports increased financing from credit in principle, and calls for the use of revolving financial instruments to be extended to more areas eligible for funding (including research and infrastructure); calls for procedures to be simplified to that end and for a greater

degree of legal certainty throughout the entire funding period; takes the view that at the end of a funding period, at the latest, responsibility for how the funds are spent should transfer to national level or project level;

degree of legal certainty throughout the entire funding period; ***stresses that the introduction of innovative financial instruments must under no circumstances be seen as an alternative to cohesion policy spending under the EU budget;*** takes the view that at the end of a funding period, at the latest, responsibility for how the funds are spent should transfer to national level or project level;

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 458**

**Maria Irigoyen Pérez, Iratxe García Pérez**

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

##### **Paragraph 43**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

43. Recognises the leverage effect of new financial instruments and their potential to mobilise investment, supports increased financing from credit in principle, and calls for the use of revolving financial instruments to be extended to more areas eligible for funding (including research and infrastructure); calls for procedures to be simplified to that end and for a greater degree of legal certainty throughout the entire funding period; takes the view that at the end of a funding period, at the latest, responsibility for how the funds are spent should transfer to national level or project level;

##### *Amendment*

43. Recognises the leverage effect of new financial instruments and their potential to mobilise investment, ***subject to administrative simplification and the provision of legal certainty regarding their creation and termination,*** supports increased financing from credit in principle, and calls for the use of revolving financial instruments to be extended to more areas eligible for funding (including research and infrastructure); calls for procedures to be simplified to that end and for a greater degree of legal certainty throughout the entire funding period; takes the view that at the end of a funding period, at the latest, responsibility for how the funds are spent should transfer to national level or project level;

Or. es

#### **Amendment 459**

**Seán Kelly**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 43**

*Motion for a resolution*

43. Recognises the leverage effect of new financial instruments and their potential to mobilise investment, supports increased financing from credit in principle, and calls for the use of revolving financial instruments to be extended to more areas eligible for funding (including research and infrastructure); calls for procedures to be simplified to that end and for a greater degree of legal certainty throughout the entire funding period; takes the view that at the end of a funding period, at the latest, responsibility for how the funds are spent should transfer to national level or project level;

*Amendment*

43. Recognises the leverage effect of new financial instruments and their potential to mobilise investment, supports increased financing from credit in principle, and calls for the use of revolving financial instruments to be extended to more areas eligible for funding (including research and infrastructure); calls for procedures to be simplified to that end and for a greater degree of legal certainty throughout the entire funding period; ***calls for the instruments to be adaptable to ensure they are viable and feasible for all regions and cities***; takes the view that at the end of a funding period, at the latest, responsibility for how the funds are spent should transfer to national level or project level;

Or. en

**Amendment 460**  
**Jan Olbrycht, Joachim Zeller**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 43**

*Motion for a resolution*

43. Recognises the leverage effect of new financial instruments and their potential to mobilise investment, supports increased financing from credit in principle, and calls for the use of revolving financial instruments to be extended to more areas eligible for funding (including research and infrastructure); calls for procedures to be simplified to that end and for a greater degree of legal certainty throughout the entire funding period; takes the view that at the end of a funding period, at the latest, responsibility for how the funds are spent

*Amendment*

43. Recognises the leverage effect of new financial instruments and their potential to mobilise investment, supports increased financing from credit in principle, and calls for the use of revolving financial instruments to be extended to more areas eligible for funding (including research and infrastructure); calls for procedures to be simplified to that end and for a greater degree of legal certainty throughout the entire funding period; takes the view that at the end of a funding period, at the latest, responsibility for how the funds are spent

should transfer to national level or project level;

should transfer to national level or project level; ***under the current period, not all member states adopted a decentralised approach to dealing with financial instruments such as JESSICA; emphasises the need for direct access for cities.***

Or. en

**Amendment 461**  
**Erminia Mazzoni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 44**

*Motion for a resolution*

44. Emphasises that the provision of subsidies must always be retained as an option and that ***it must be the responsibility of*** those involved on the ground ***to*** use the funding mix best suited to regional needs;

*Amendment*

44. Emphasises that the provision of subsidies must always be retained as an option and that those involved on the ground ***must*** use the funding mix best suited to regional needs ***and also promote the use of tax incentives;***

Or. it

**Amendment 462**  
**Patrice Tirolien**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 44**

*Motion for a resolution*

44. Emphasises that the provision of subsidies must always be retained as an option and that it must be the responsibility of those involved on the ground to use the funding mix best suited to regional needs;

*Amendment*

44. Emphasises that the provision of subsidies must always be retained as an option and that it must be the responsibility of those involved on the ground to use the funding mix best suited to regional needs; ***calls for it to be clearly established what will be covered by subsidies and what by loans or cross-financing arrangements;***

**Amendment 463**

**Iosif Matula, Petru Constantin Luhan, Iuliu Winkler, Andrey Kovatchev**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 44**

*Motion for a resolution*

44. Emphasises that the provision of subsidies must always be retained as an option and that it must be the responsibility of those involved on the ground to use the funding mix best suited to regional needs;

*Amendment*

44. Emphasises that the provision of subsidies must always be retained as an option and that it must be the responsibility of those involved on the ground to use the funding mix best suited to regional needs; ***considers that subsidies should continue to dominate in regions lagging behind;***

Or. en

**Amendment 464**

**Patrice Tirolien**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 45**

*Motion for a resolution*

45. ***Considers*** that the EIB must assume a stronger role in the financing of TEN infrastructure; calls for more emphasis to be placed on self-supporting public-private partnerships; considers, ***as a matter of principle***, that the European ***Parliament has a major responsibility in this regard for ensuring transparency, and in relation to decision-making and supervision;***

*Amendment*

45. ***Notes*** that the EIB must assume a stronger role in the financing of TEN infrastructure; calls for more emphasis to be placed on self-supporting public-private partnerships; considers that the European ***Parliament's oversight of the EIB should be enhanced with a view to ensuring greater transparency in the process of making decisions on and supervising the policies the bank helps to finance;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 465**

**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 45**

*Motion for a resolution*

45. Considers that the EIB must assume a stronger role in the financing of **TEN** infrastructure; calls for more **emphasis to be placed on self-supporting** public-private partnerships; considers, as a matter of principle, that the European Parliament has a major responsibility in this regard for ensuring transparency, and in relation to decision-making and supervision;

*Amendment*

45. Considers that the EIB must assume a stronger role in the financing of **climate friendly sustainable European transport systems** infrastructure; calls for more **caution when calculating the value-for-money for the public sector in** public-private partnerships **and to ensure democratic scrutiny**; considers, as a matter of principle, that the European Parliament has a major responsibility in this regard for ensuring transparency **including transparency on public budgetary burdens**, and in relation to decision-making and supervision;

Or. en

**Amendment 466**  
**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 45**

*Motion for a resolution*

45. Considers that the EIB must assume a stronger role in the financing of **TEN** infrastructure; calls for more emphasis to be placed on self-supporting public-private partnerships; considers, as a matter of principle, that the European Parliament has a major responsibility in this regard for ensuring transparency, and in relation to decision-making and supervision;

*Amendment*

45. Considers that the EIB must assume a stronger role in the financing of infrastructure; calls for more emphasis to be placed on self-supporting public-private partnerships; considers, as a matter of principle, that the European Parliament has a major responsibility in this regard for ensuring transparency, and in relation to decision-making and supervision;

Or. es

**Amendment 467**  
**Luís Paulo Alves**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 45 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***45a. Believes that account should be taken, in the context of cohesion policy, of the need for flexibility in relation to the outermost regions, and the use of cohesion policy instruments should be adapted to their fragile economies, with due regard for the importance of their small and medium-sized undertakings and the need for competitiveness and equal opportunities so that their economies can be a part of the EU internal market;***

Or. pt

**Amendment 468**  
**Jan Olbrycht, Joachim Zeller**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 46**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

46. Sees global grants at subregional level as an appropriate tool for developing independent innovation strategies in line with European structural-policy objectives; ***proposes that the tried and tested approach of competitive procedures should also be applied in respect of global grants;***

46. Sees global grants at subregional level as an appropriate tool for developing independent innovation strategies in line with European structural-policy objectives;

Or. en

**Amendment 469**  
**Derek Vaughan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 46**

*Motion for a resolution*

46. Sees global grants at subregional level as an appropriate tool for developing independent innovation strategies in line with European structural-policy objectives; ***proposes that the tried and tested approach of competitive procedures should also be applied in respect of global grants;***

*Amendment*

46. Sees global grants at subregional level as an appropriate tool for developing independent innovation strategies in line with European structural-policy objectives;

Or. en

**Amendment 470**

**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 46**

*Motion for a resolution*

46. Sees global grants at subregional level as an appropriate tool for developing independent innovation strategies in line with European ***structural***-policy objectives; proposes that the tried and tested approach of competitive procedures should also be applied in respect of global grants;

*Amendment*

46. Sees global grants at subregional level as an appropriate tool for developing independent innovation strategies in line with European ***regional***-policy objectives; proposes that the tried and tested approach of competitive procedures should also be applied in respect of global grants;

Or. es

**Amendment 471**

**Evgeni Kirilov**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 46**

*Motion for a resolution*

46. Sees global grants at subregional level as an appropriate tool for developing independent innovation strategies in line

*Amendment*

46. Sees global grants at subregional level as an appropriate tool for developing independent innovation strategies in line



with European **structural-policy** objectives; proposes that the tried and tested approach of competitive procedures should also be applied in respect of global grants;

with European **cohesion policy** objectives; proposes that the tried and tested approach of competitive procedures should also be applied in respect of global grants;

Or. en

**Amendment 472**  
**Sabine Verheyen**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 46 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***46a. Rejects quotas or obligations for global grants, however, as they could run counter to the setting of overriding priorities tailored to the regions' needs;***

Or. de

**Amendment 473**  
**Georgios Stavrakakis, Constanze Angela Krehl, Derek Vaughan, Victor Boştinaru, Patrice Tirolien**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 46 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***46a. Supports the creation of a flexibility reserve established on the basis of appropriations automatically de-committed during the programming period, and aimed at triggering the Structural Funds in an economic, social or environmental crisis in conjunction with the Globalisation Adjustment Fund and the European Union Solidarity Fund;***

Or. en

**Amendment 474**  
**Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 46 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***46a. Takes the view that cohesion policy must focus on support for small and medium-sized enterprises, giving them greater access to funding, in view of the obvious advantages of job creation in terms of growth; calls on the Commission to take full advantage of the ‘Small Business Act’ initiative;***

Or. el

**Amendment 475**  
**Juozas Imbrasas**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 46 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***46a. Welcomes the effective cooperation between the EIB and the Commission in implementing three joint initiatives – JESSICA, JEREMIE and JASMINE – which should increase the efficiency and effectiveness of cohesion policy and improve the functioning of the Structural Funds; calls on the Commission to continue to actively adopt joint initiatives with the EIB, particularly in the field of cohesion policy and to ensure financial support for SMEs;***

Or. It

## **Amendment 476**

**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 47**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

47. Takes the view that the system of seven-year programming periods has proved its worth and should be retained at least until the end of the next planning period (2020); calls, however, for swifter strategic reassessment of the basic conditions for funding so that the EU can respond even more quickly and more flexibly to exceptional events (such as the financial crisis, the energy crisis or natural disasters);

##### *Amendment*

47. Takes the view that the system of seven-year programming periods has proved its worth ***regarding cohesion policy*** and should be retained at least until the end of the next planning period (2020); calls, however, for swifter strategic reassessment of the basic conditions for funding so that the EU can respond even more quickly and more flexibly to exceptional events (such as the financial crisis, the energy crisis or natural disasters);

Or. es

## **Amendment 477**

**Lambert van Nistelrooij**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 47**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

47. Takes the view that the system of seven-year programming periods has proved its worth and should be retained at least until the end of the next planning period (2020); calls, however, for swifter strategic reassessment of the basic conditions for funding so that the EU can respond even more quickly and more flexibly to exceptional events (such as the financial crisis, the energy crisis or natural disasters);

##### *Amendment*

47. Takes the view that the system of seven-year programming periods has proved its worth and should be retained at least until the end of the next planning period (2020); calls, however, for swifter strategic reassessment of the basic conditions for funding so that the EU, ***through a mainstreamed Globalisation Adjustment Fund and Solidarity Fund*** can respond even more quickly and more flexibly to exceptional events (such as the financial crisis, the energy crisis or natural disasters);

Or. en

**Amendment 478**  
**Seán Kelly**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 47**

*Motion for a resolution*

47. Takes the view that the system of seven-year programming periods has proved its worth and should be retained at least until the end of the next planning period (2020); calls, however, for swifter strategic reassessment of the basic conditions for funding so that the EU can respond even more quickly and more flexibly to exceptional events (such as the financial crisis, the energy crisis or natural disasters);

*Amendment*

47. Takes the view that the system of seven-year programming periods has proved its worth and should be retained at least until the end of the next planning period (2020); calls, however, for swifter strategic reassessment of the basic conditions for funding so that the EU, ***through a mainstreamed Globalisation Adjustment Fund and Solidarity Fund,*** can respond even more quickly and more flexibly to exceptional events (such as the financial crisis, the energy crisis or natural disasters);

Or. en

**Amendment 479**  
**Elie Hoarau, Cornelia Ernst, Patrick Le Hyaric, Marie-Christine Vergiat**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 47**

*Motion for a resolution*

47. Takes the view that the system of seven-year programming periods has proved its worth and should be retained at least until the end of the next planning period (2020); calls, however, for swifter strategic reassessment of the basic conditions for funding so that the EU can respond even more quickly and more flexibly to exceptional events (such as ***the*** financial ***crisis***, ***the*** energy ***crisis*** or natural disasters);

*Amendment*

47. Takes the view that the system of seven-year programming periods has proved its worth and should be retained at least until the end of the next planning period (2020); calls, however, for swifter strategic reassessment of the basic conditions for funding so that the EU can respond even more quickly and more flexibly to exceptional events (such as ***social crises, environmental crises, economic or*** financial ***crises***, energy ***crises*** or natural disasters);

# Amendment 480

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli

## Motion for a resolution

### Paragraph 48

#### *Motion for a resolution*

48. Emphasises, nonetheless, that the EU budget as currently structured, underpinned by the regulations governing the various funds, ***has proved effective in the implementation of cohesion*** and structural ***policy in particular***, and changes should therefore be made only where procedures have not worked or where the arrangements are at odds with the Financial Regulation; calls for the utmost caution to be exercised when making even the most minor adjustment to established, tried and tested structures;

#### *Amendment*

48. Emphasises, nonetheless, that the EU budget as currently structured, underpinned by the regulations governing the various funds, ***taking into account the proposals of the Commission for harmonisation of rules for all funds available for regional development; underlines that this should not increase the burden for beneficiaries, particularly not for those, who have a small structure and limited capacity; calls on the Commission to keep the specific character of the different structural funds*** and changes should therefore be made only where procedures have not worked or where the arrangements are at odds with the Financial Regulation; calls for the utmost caution to be exercised when making even the most minor adjustment to established, tried and tested structures;

Or. en

# Amendment 481

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

## Motion for a resolution

### Paragraph 48

#### *Motion for a resolution*

48. Emphasises, nonetheless, that the EU budget ***as currently structured***, underpinned by the regulations governing the various funds, has proved effective in the implementation of cohesion and

#### *Amendment*

48. Emphasises, nonetheless, that the EU budget ***and allocation mechanisms***, underpinned by the regulations governing the various funds, has proved effective in the implementation of cohesion and

structural policy in particular, and changes should therefore be made only where procedures have not worked or where the arrangements are at odds with the Financial Regulation; calls for the utmost caution to be exercised when making even the most minor adjustment to established, tried and tested structures;

structural policy in particular, and changes should therefore be made only where procedures have not worked or where the arrangements are at odds with the Financial Regulation; calls for the utmost caution to be exercised when making even the most minor adjustment to established, tried and tested structures, ***so as to avoid increased bureaucracy, malfunctions and uncertainty for national and regional administrative bodies***;

Or. es

**Amendment 482**  
**Evgeni Kirilov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 48**

*Motion for a resolution*

48. Emphasises, nonetheless, that the EU budget as currently structured, underpinned by the regulations governing the various funds, has proved effective in the implementation of cohesion ***and structural*** policy in particular, and changes should therefore be made only where procedures have not worked or where the arrangements are at odds with the Financial Regulation; calls for the utmost caution to be exercised when making even the most minor adjustment to established, tried and tested structures;

*Amendment*

48. Emphasises, nonetheless, that the EU budget as currently structured, underpinned by the regulations governing the various funds, has proved effective in the implementation of cohesion policy in particular, and changes should therefore be made only where procedures have not worked or where the arrangements are at odds with the Financial Regulation; calls for the utmost caution to be exercised when making even the most minor adjustment to established, tried and tested structures;

Or. en

**Amendment 483**  
**Elie Hoarau, Cornelia Ernst, Patrick Le Hyaric, Jacky Hénin, Marie-Christine Vergiat**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 49**

*Motion for a resolution*

49. Regards the integration of the EU 2020 objectives into the existing system of objectives and funds as ***entirely feasible***; rejects any ***division of the EU budget under the notional headings of ‘smart’, ‘inclusive’ or ‘sustainable’ growth***;

*Amendment*

49. Regards the integration of the EU 2020 objectives into the existing system of objectives and funds as ***clearly not possible***; rejects any ***attempt to subordinate cohesion policy to the EU 2020 strategy, which is a macro-economic strategy coming first and foremost under the responsibility of the Member States and the Commission and dependent on their will***; ***considers it inappropriate to expect the regions and cohesion policy to bear the consequences of the Commission’s and the Member States’ organisational and coordinating failings as regards implementation of the EU 2020 strategy***; ***points out that the structural and cohesion policies were introduced with a view to ensuring the harmonious development of Europe’s regions, not as policies intended to help implement the Lisbon strategy or the EU 2020 strategy***;

Or. fr

**Amendment 484**

**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 49**

*Motion for a resolution*

49. Regards the integration of the EU 2020 objectives into the ***existing*** system of objectives and ***funds*** as entirely feasible; ***rejects any division of the EU budget under the notional headings of ‘smart’, ‘inclusive’ or ‘sustainable’ growth***;

*Amendment*

49. Regards the integration of the EU 2020 objectives into the system of objectives and ***cohesion policy structures*** as entirely feasible; ***stresses, however, that under the Lisbon Treaty cohesion policy has been given tasks exceeding the mere application of the new European growth and employment strategy***;

Or. es

**Amendment 485**  
**Jan Olbrycht**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 49**

*Motion for a resolution*

49. Regards the integration of the EU 2020 objectives into the existing system of objectives and funds as entirely feasible; ***rejects any division of the EU budget under the notional headings of ‘smart’, ‘inclusive’ or ‘sustainable’ growth;***

*Amendment*

49. Regards the integration of the EU 2020 objectives into the existing system of objectives and funds as entirely feasible;

Or. en

**Amendment 486**  
**Constanze Angela Krehl, Georgios Stavrakakis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 49**

*Motion for a resolution*

49. ***Regards the integration of the EU 2020 objectives into the existing system of objectives and funds as entirely feasible; rejects any division of the EU budget under the notional headings of ‘smart’, ‘inclusive’ or ‘sustainable’ growth;***

*Amendment*

49. ***Particularly stresses the fact that cohesion policy, which is at the same time ‘smart’, ‘sustainable’ and ‘inclusive’ plays a crucial role within the EU 2020 strategy and can give, as all policy fields, a contribution to these goals; points out that this provides further clear evidence of the importance of cohesion policy as a whole, and rejects any fragmentation of this policy across various budget headings as cohesion policy should have its own heading within the EU budget;***

Or. en

**Amendment 487**  
**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli**



**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 50**

*Motion for a resolution*

50. Regards post-2013 cohesion and structural policy as ***the decisive*** policy arena for cross-sectoral implementation of the EU 2020 strategy and therefore calls ***for it to be treated at least as generously in budgetary terms it has been as*** in the current planning period;

*Amendment*

50. Regards post-2013 cohesion and structural policy as ***one*** policy arena for cross-sectoral implementation of the EU 2020 strategy ; ***strategy*** and therefore calls ***that a successful and strengthened cohesion policy needs that the amounts allocated to it in the budget year 2013 should be at least maintained during the next financial programming period; reiterates, in this context, its strong request to ensure that, in the next MFF, the unspent or decommitted resources of cohesion funds remain in the cohesion budget and not be returned to the Member States;***

Or. en

**Amendment 488**

**Elie Hoarau, Cornelia Ernst, Patrick Le Hyaric, Jacky Hénin, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Gabriele Zimmer, Jürgen Klute, Helmut Scholz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 50**

*Motion for a resolution*

50. Regards post-2013 cohesion and structural policy as the decisive policy ***arena for cross-sectoral implementation of the EU 2020 strategy*** and therefore calls for it to ***be treated at least as generously in budgetary terms it has been as*** in the current planning period;

*Amendment*

50. Regards post-2013 cohesion and structural policy as the decisive policy for ***achieving economic, social and territorial cohesion;*** therefore calls for it to ***receive higher budget appropriations*** as in the current planning period;

Or. en

**Amendment 489**

**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 50**

*Motion for a resolution*

50. ***Regards post-2013 cohesion and structural policy as the decisive policy arena for cross-sectoral implementation of the EU 2020 strategy and therefore calls for it to be treated at least as generously in budgetary terms it has been as in the current planning period;***

*Amendment*

50. ***Notes that the cohesion policy to be followed from 2014 is intended to be focused on cross-sectoral achievement of the EU 2020 strategy as well as fulfilment of its new tasks under the treaty; urges therefore that at least the same percentage of the European budget as in the current planning period continue to be earmarked for this purpose in order to guarantee the success of an enhanced cohesion policy;***

Or. es

**Amendment 490**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 50**

*Motion for a resolution*

50. Regards post-2013 cohesion and structural policy as the decisive policy arena for cross-sectoral implementation of the EU 2020 strategy and therefore calls for ***it*** to be ***treated*** at least ***as generously*** in budgetary terms ***it has been as in the current planning period;***

*Amendment*

50. Regards post-2013 cohesion and structural policy as the decisive policy arena for cross-sectoral implementation of the EU 2020 strategy and therefore calls for ***its financing*** to be at least ***maintained*** in budgetary terms;

Or. en

**Amendment 491**  
**Derek Vaughan, Georgios Stavrakakis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 50**

*Motion for a resolution*

50. Regards post-2013 cohesion and structural policy as the decisive policy arena for cross-sectoral implementation of the EU 2020 strategy and therefore calls for ***it to be treated at least as generously in budgetary terms it has been as*** in the current planning period;

*Amendment*

50. Regards post-2013 cohesion and structural policy as the decisive policy arena for cross-sectoral implementation of the EU 2020 strategy and therefore calls for ***a real terms rise in the Cohesion Policy Budget for the next period compared to the*** current planning period;

Or. en

**Amendment 492**

**Evgeni Kirilov**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 50**

*Motion for a resolution*

50. Regards post-2013 cohesion ***and structural*** policy as the decisive policy arena for cross-sectoral implementation of the EU 2020 strategy and therefore calls for it to be treated at least as generously in budgetary terms it has been as in the current planning period;

*Amendment*

50. Regards post-2013 cohesion policy as ***even more important contributor for further and sustainable development of the EU regions and as the*** decisive policy arena for cross-sectoral implementation of the EU 2020 strategy and therefore calls for it to be treated at least as generously in budgetary terms it has been as in the current planning period;

Or. en

**Amendment 493**

**Erminia Mazzoni**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 50 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***50a. Calls for the adoption of stricter rules on the monitoring of infringements of the EU stability pact and of***

*irregularities in the use of the Structural Funds, and for provision to be made for the application of penalties in the most serious cases;*

Or. it

**Amendment 494**

**Salvatore Caronna, Francesco De Angelis, Andrea Cozzolino, Leonardo Domenici, Patrizia Toia**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 51**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*51. Calls, in respect of Member States that are falling significantly short of the EU stability criteria requirements and also have a poor record on the use of monies from the structural funds, for a proposal for the automatic application of more stringent rules in order to monitor the use of such monies in accordance with the law and the relevant objectives;* *deleted*

Or. it

**Amendment 495**

**Erminia Mazzoni**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 51**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*51. Calls, in respect of Member States that are falling significantly short of the EU stability criteria requirements and also have a poor record on the use of monies from the structural funds, for a proposal for the automatic application of more stringent rules in order to monitor the use of such monies in accordance with the* *deleted*

*law and the relevant objectives;*

Or. it

**Amendment 496**

**Iosif Matula, Iuliu Winkler, Andrey Kovatchev, Petru Constantin Luhan**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 51**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**51. Calls, in respect of Member States that are falling significantly short of the EU stability criteria requirements and also have a poor record on the use of monies from the Structural Funds, for a proposal for the automatic application of more stringent rules in order to monitor the use of such monies in accordance with the law and the relevant objectives;** **deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 497**

**Cornelia Ernst, Elie Hoarau, Jürgen Klute, Gabriele Zimmer, Helmut Scholz, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Patrick Le Hyaric**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 51**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**51. Calls, in respect of Member States that are falling significantly short of the EU stability criteria requirements and also have a poor record on the use of monies from the Structural Funds, for a proposal for the automatic application of more stringent rules in order to monitor the use of such monies in accordance with the law and the relevant objectives;**

**51. Rejects the provisions on macroeconomic conditionality i.e. withholding Structural Funds available to regions and cities for errors and shortcomings of their national governments or if their national governments do not respect the stability and growth pact; underlines that there is a danger that financial sanctions and incentives linked to the Stability and Growth Pact, aimed at ensuring**

*compliance with macroeconomic conditions, will primarily penalise local and regional authorities that are not responsible for the failure of Member States to fulfil their obligations in this area;*

Or. en

**Amendment 498**  
**Derek Vaughan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 51**

*Motion for a resolution*

51. Calls, in respect of Member States that are falling significantly short of the EU stability criteria requirements and also have a poor record on the use of monies from the Structural Funds, for a proposal *for the automatic application of more stringent rules in order to monitor the use of such monies in accordance with the law and the relevant objectives;*

*Amendment*

51. Calls, in respect of Member States that are falling significantly short of the EU stability criteria requirements and also have a poor record on the use of monies from the Structural Funds, for a proposal *on a procedure of systematic interruption and suspension of payments as soon as evidence suggests significant deficiency in the functioning of the accredited authorities;*

Or. en

**Amendment 499**  
**Sophie Auconie, Maurice Ponga, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Alain Cadec, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 51**

*Motion for a resolution*

51. Calls, in respect of Member States that *are falling significantly short of the EU stability criteria requirements and also* have a poor record on the use of monies from the structural funds, for a proposal for

*Amendment*

51. Calls, in respect of Member States that have a poor record on the use of monies from the structural funds, for a proposal for more stringent rules in order to monitor the use of such monies in accordance with the

*the automatic application of* more stringent rules in order to monitor the use of such monies in accordance with the law and the relevant objectives;

law and the relevant objectives; *calls, at the same time, for unnecessary controls to be done away with in those Member States that have a satisfactory fund management system; considers that the ‘contract of confidence’ and ‘single audit’ principles should be implemented wherever possible;*

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 500**

**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli**

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

##### **Paragraph 51**

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

51. Calls, in respect of Member States that *are falling significantly short of the EU stability criteria requirements and also* have a poor record on the use of monies from the Structural Funds, for a proposal for the automatic application of more stringent rules in order to monitor the use of such monies in accordance with the law and the relevant objectives;

###### *Amendment*

51. Calls, in respect of Member States that have a poor record on the use of monies from the Structural Funds *or that violated EU law in implementation of Structural Funds*, for a proposal for the automatic application of more stringent rules in order to monitor the use of such monies in accordance with the law and the relevant objectives;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 501**

**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné**

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

##### **Paragraph 51**

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

51. Calls, in respect of Member States that *are falling significantly short of the EU stability criteria requirements and also* have a poor record on the use of monies from the structural funds, for a proposal for *the automatic application of* more

###### *Amendment*

51. Calls, in respect of Member States that have a poor record on the use of monies from the structural funds, for a proposal for more stringent rules in order to monitor the use of such monies in accordance with the law and the relevant objectives;

stringent rules in order to monitor the use of such monies in accordance with the law and the relevant objectives;

Or. es

**Amendment 502**  
**Patrice Tirolien**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 51**

*Motion for a resolution*

51. Calls, in respect of Member States that ***are falling significantly short of the EU stability criteria requirements and also*** have a poor record on the use of monies from the structural funds, for a proposal for the automatic application of more stringent rules in order to monitor the use of such monies in accordance with the law and the relevant objectives;

*Amendment*

51. Calls, in respect of Member States that have a poor record on the use of monies from the structural funds, for a proposal for the automatic application of more stringent rules in order to monitor the use of such monies in accordance with the law and the relevant objectives;

Or. fr

**Amendment 503**  
**Franz Obermayr**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 51**

*Motion for a resolution*

51. Calls, in respect of Member States that are falling significantly short of the EU stability criteria requirements and also have a poor record on the use of monies from the structural funds, for a proposal for the automatic application of more stringent rules in order to monitor the use of such monies in accordance with the law and the relevant objectives;

*Amendment*

51. Calls, in respect of Member States that are falling significantly short of the EU stability criteria requirements and also have a poor record on the use of monies from the structural funds, for a proposal for the automatic application of more stringent rules in order to monitor the use of such monies in accordance with the law and the relevant objectives; ***calls also for specific penalty mechanisms in the case of***



*persistent irregularities and for consistent recovery of any undue payments of structural fund support;*

Or. de

**Amendment 504**

**Salvatore Caronna, Andrea Cozzolino, Francesco De Angelis, Leonardo Domenici, Patrizia Toia**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 51 – subparagraph 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*is opposed to structural funding being made subject to any kind of macroeconomic conditions connected with the Stability and Growth Pact since this would conflict with the very aims of cohesion policy; in the interests of enhancing programming credibility and achieving tangible results, insists on the introduction of appropriate sets of conditions, verified ex-ante and based on a place-based approach to policies, that cover all the institutional, administrative, regulatory, planning and project-related requirements needed to ensure an effective implementation of the programmes;*

Or. it

**Amendment 505**

**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 52**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***52. Calls on the Member States/regions to designate authorities that will assume***

***deleted***

*exclusive responsibility for the proper administration of monies from the Structural Funds;*

Or. en

**Amendment 506**

**Alain Cadec, Maurice Ponga, Philippe Boulland, Sophie Auconie**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 52**

*Motion for a resolution*

52. Calls on the Member States/regions to designate authorities ***that will assume exclusive responsibility*** for the proper administration of monies from the structural funds;

*Amendment*

52. Calls on the Member States/regions to designate authorities ***responsible*** for the proper administration of monies from the structural funds;

Or. fr

**Amendment 507**

**Elie Hoarau, Cornelia Ernst, Patrick Le Hyaric, Marie-Christine Vergiat**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 52**

*Motion for a resolution*

52. Calls on the Member States/regions to designate authorities that will assume exclusive responsibility for the proper administration of monies from the structural funds;

*Amendment*

52. Calls on the Member States/regions to designate authorities ***or entities*** that will assume exclusive responsibility for the proper administration of monies from the structural funds;

Or. fr

**Amendment 508**

**Oldřich Vlasák**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 52**

*Motion for a resolution*

52. Calls on the Member States/**regions** to designate authorities that will assume exclusive responsibility for the proper administration of monies from the structural funds;

*Amendment*

52. Calls on the Member States/**public authorities** to designate authorities that will assume exclusive responsibility for the proper administration of monies from the structural funds;

Or. cs

**Amendment 509**  
**Petru Constantin Luhan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 52**

*Motion for a resolution*

52. Calls on the Member States/regions to designate authorities that will assume exclusive responsibility for the proper administration of monies from the structural funds;

*Amendment*

52. Calls on the Member States/regions to designate authorities that will assume exclusive responsibility for the proper administration of monies from the Structural Funds, ***without this hampering the process of administering those funds;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 510**  
**Anneli Jäätteenmäki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 52 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***52a. Calls for the inspection system to be simplified and the number of inspection levels to be reduced and for the respective responsibilities of the Commission and Member States to be clarified; calls for the use of a single-level inspection***

*procedure, under which Member States would inspect projects and the Commission would inspect the Member States' inspection systems;*

Or. fi

**Amendment 511**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 53**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*53. Envisages that the Commission will, in future, have a greater responsibility for the improvement of national administrative procedures; takes the view, therefore, that it will be incumbent on the Commission to implement accreditation procedures for national or federal-state administrative and auditing bodies; envisages linkage between, on the one hand, successful accreditation and a reduction in the error rate and, on the other, entitlement to simplified and less frequent reporting;*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 512**  
**Philippe Boulland, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Maurice Ponga**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 53**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*53. Envisages that the Commission will, in future, have a greater responsibility for the improvement of national administrative procedures; takes the view, therefore, that it will be incumbent on the*

*deleted*

*Commission to implement accreditation procedures for national or federal-state administrative and auditing bodies; envisages linkage between, on the one hand, successful accreditation and a reduction in the error rate and, on the other, entitlement to simplified and less frequent reporting;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 513**

**Salvatore Caronna, Andrea Cozzolino, Leonardo Domenici, Francesco De Angelis, Patrizia Toia**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 53**

*Motion for a resolution*

53. Envisages that the Commission will, in future, have a greater responsibility for the improvement of national administrative procedures; takes the view, therefore, that it will be incumbent on the Commission to implement accreditation procedures for national or federal-state administrative and auditing bodies; *envisages linkage between, on the one hand, successful accreditation and a reduction in the error rate and, on the other, entitlement to simplified and less frequent reporting;*

*Amendment*

53. Envisages that the Commission will, in future, have a greater responsibility for the improvement of national administrative procedures; takes the view, therefore, that it will be incumbent on the Commission to implement accreditation procedures for national or federal-state administrative and auditing bodies;

Or. it

**Amendment 514**

**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 53**

*Motion for a resolution*

53. Envisages that the Commission will, in

*Amendment*

53. Envisages that the Commission will, in

future, have a greater responsibility for the improvement of national administrative procedures; takes the view, therefore, that it will be incumbent on the Commission to implement accreditation procedures for national or federal-state administrative and auditing bodies; envisages linkage between, on the one hand, successful accreditation and a reduction in the error rate and, on the other, entitlement to simplified and less frequent reporting;

future, have a greater responsibility for the improvement of national administrative procedures; takes the view, therefore, that it will be incumbent on the Commission to implement accreditation procedures for national or federal-state administrative and auditing bodies; envisages linkage between, on the one hand, successful accreditation and a reduction in the error rate and, on the other, entitlement to simplified and less frequent reporting;

***proposes in order to prevent mismanagement of structural funds that the effective functioning of the management and control systems should be verified and in return the number of on-the-spot audits by the Commission be increased; recommends to introduce a "Cohesion Ombuds Centre" by the Commission for an additional source of information on both best practice and possible misuse of funds;***

Or. en

**Amendment 515**  
**Wojciech Michał Olejniczak**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 53**

*Motion for a resolution*

53. Envisages that the Commission will, in future, have a greater responsibility for the improvement of national administrative procedures; takes the view, therefore, that it will be incumbent on the Commission to implement accreditation procedures for national or federal-state administrative and auditing bodies; envisages linkage between, on the one hand, successful accreditation and a reduction in the error rate and, on the other, entitlement to simplified and less frequent reporting;

*Amendment*

53. Envisages that the Commission will, in future, have a greater responsibility for the improvement of national administrative procedures; takes the view, therefore, that it will be incumbent on the Commission to implement accreditation procedures for national or federal-state administrative and auditing bodies; envisages linkage between, on the one hand, successful accreditation and a reduction in the error rate and, on the other, entitlement to simplified and less frequent reporting; ***calls on the Commission to show a greater***

*commitment to strategic planning,  
assessment and implementation of  
cohesion policy;*

Or. pl

#### **Amendment 516**

**Sabine Verheyen, Joachim Zeller**

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

##### **Paragraph 53**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

53. Envisages that the Commission will, in future, have a greater responsibility for the improvement of national administrative procedures; takes the view, therefore, that it will be incumbent on the Commission to implement accreditation procedures for national or federal-state administrative and auditing bodies; envisages linkage between, on the one hand, successful accreditation and a reduction in the error rate and, on the other, entitlement to simplified and less frequent reporting;

##### *Amendment*

53. Envisages that the Commission will, in future, have a greater responsibility for the improvement of national administrative procedures; *considers in this connection that simplification and clarification in the administration of support programmes, in particular in the area of financial implementation and financial control, are urgently necessary*; takes the view, therefore, that it will be incumbent on the Commission to implement accreditation procedures for national or federal-state administrative and auditing bodies; envisages linkage between, on the one hand, successful accreditation and a reduction in the error rate and, on the other, entitlement to simplified and less frequent reporting;

Or. de

#### **Amendment 517**

**Victor Boştinaru**

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

##### **Paragraph 53**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

53. *Envisages that* the Commission *will*, in

##### *Amendment*

53. *Calls for* the Commission *to have*,

*future, have* a greater responsibility for the improvement of national administrative procedures; takes the view, therefore, that it will be incumbent on the Commission to implement accreditation procedures for national or federal-state administrative and auditing bodies; *envisages linkage between, on the one hand*, successful accreditation and a reduction in the error rate *and, on the other*, entitlement to simplified *and less frequent* reporting;

*already in the next programming period*, a greater responsibility for the improvement of national administrative procedures; takes the view, therefore, that it will be incumbent on the Commission to implement accreditation procedures for national or federal-state administrative and auditing bodies; *considers, that a* successful accreditation and a reduction in the error rate *should lead to* the entitlement to simplified reporting;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 518**

**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné**

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

#### **Paragraph 53**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

53. Envisages that the Commission will, in future, have a greater responsibility for the improvement of national administrative procedures; takes the view, therefore, that it will be incumbent on the Commission to implement accreditation procedures for national or *federal-state* administrative and auditing bodies; envisages linkage between, on the one hand, successful accreditation and a reduction in the error rate and, on the other, entitlement to simplified and less frequent reporting;

##### *Amendment*

53. Envisages that the Commission will, in future, have a greater responsibility for the improvement of national administrative procedures; takes the view, therefore, that it will be incumbent on the Commission to implement accreditation procedures for national or *regional* administrative and auditing bodies; envisages linkage between, on the one hand, successful accreditation and a reduction in the error rate and, on the other, entitlement to simplified and less frequent reporting;

Or. es

#### **Amendment 519**

**Sabine Verheyen**

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

#### **Paragraph 53 a (new)**



*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***53a. Takes the view that in order to improve the effectiveness of the operational programmes, greater use should be made of competitive procedures for project selection within the regions;***

Or. de

**Amendment 520**

**Sabine Verheyen, Joachim Zeller**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 53 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***53b. Calls for significantly stricter standards for budgetary control and proof of compliance with funding rules to be applied to Member States whose auditing bodies do not pass the accreditation procedures;***

Or. de

**Amendment 521**

**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 54**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

54. Calls, in the interests of reducing red tape, for the more general application of standardised procedures, with higher standardised units of cost and declaration of overheads on a flat-rate basis; calls for greater account to be taken of the principle of proportionality, i.e. for the implementation of smaller programmes to

54. Calls, in the interests of reducing red tape, for the more general application of standardised procedures, with higher standardised units of cost and declaration of overheads on a flat-rate basis; calls for greater account to be taken of the principle of proportionality, i.e. for the implementation of smaller programmes to

be subject to significantly reduced reporting and auditing requirements;

be subject to significantly reduced reporting and auditing requirements;  
*believes that there is a need to simplify the currently very complex regulatory framework and that a common interpretation of rules and obligations should be established along with a clear separation of tasks and responsibilities of different bodies at different levels;*

Or. en

**Amendment 522**  
**Hermann Winkler**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 54**

*Motion for a resolution*

54. Calls, in the interests of reducing red tape, for the more general application of standardised procedures, with higher standardised units of cost and declaration of overheads on a flat-rate basis; calls for greater account to be taken of the principle of proportionality, i.e. for the implementation of smaller programmes to be subject to significantly reduced reporting and auditing requirements;

*Amendment*

54. Calls, in the interests of reducing red tape, for the more general application of standardised procedures, with higher standardised units of cost and declaration of overheads on a flat-rate basis; calls for greater account to be taken of the principle of proportionality, i.e. for the implementation of smaller programmes to be subject to significantly reduced reporting and auditing requirements; *calls for account to be taken of the major significance for regional development of small and medium-sized undertakings, and of their needs particularly in connection with the implementation and control procedures;*

Or. de

**Amendment 523**  
**Derek Vaughan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 54**

*Motion for a resolution*

54. Calls, in the interests of reducing red tape, for the more general application of standardised procedures, with higher standardised units of cost and declaration of overheads on a flat-rate basis; calls for greater account to be taken of the principle of proportionality, i.e. for the implementation of smaller programmes to be subject to significantly reduced reporting and auditing requirements;

*Amendment*

54. Calls, in the interests of reducing red tape, for the more general application of standardised procedures, with higher standardised units of cost and declaration of overheads on a flat-rate basis ***where this system is appropriate***; calls for greater account to be taken of the principle of proportionality, i.e. for the implementation of smaller programmes to be subject to significantly reduced reporting and auditing requirements;

Or. en

**Amendment 524**

**Sabine Verheyen, Joachim Zeller, Ingeborg Gräßle, Jan Olbrycht, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Markus Pieper**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 54 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***54a. Calls on the Commission to maintain an annual public 'failure scoreboard' of inadequate and/or late execution of reporting and disclosure requirements and of irregularities, abuse and fraud in the use of monies from the cohesion fund; calls for this information to be broken down by Member State and Fund;***

Or. de

**Amendment 525**

**Sophie Auconie, Maurice Ponga, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 54 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***54a. Is concerned at the fact that red tape is preventing small companies and organisations from gaining access to structural funding; calls for the relevant rules and technical documentation to be made as clear as possible, and asks the Commission and the Member States to set up technical working parties with a view to identifying appropriate simplification measures;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 526**

**Anneli Jäätteenmäki**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 54 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***54a. Calls for a substantial reduction in the administration and bureaucracy involved in cohesion policy and structural policy at all levels of activity, inter alia by switching to electronic procedures;***

Or. fi

**Amendment 527**

**Sabine Verheyen, Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 54 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***54b. Considers the annual, tested management declarations at the level of the head of the office administering the funds (payment office / administrative***

*authority) to be an appropriate means of strengthening the reporting and control chain and highlights the absolute necessity for these declarations to be accurate in terms of content; calls therefore for a penalty system to apply to false declarations; in addition, maintains the objective of national statements of assurance;*

Or. de

**Amendment 528**

**Sabine Verheyen, Joachim Zeller, Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 54 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*54c. Calls for annual clearance of accounts procedures to be established for the new programming period that also cover multiannual programmes;*

Or. de

**Amendment 529**

**Sabine Verheyen, Joachim Zeller, Ingeborg Gräßle, Petru Constantin Luhan**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 54 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*54d. Considers more efficient e-government solutions (harmonised forms) to be necessary for the entire implementation and monitoring system; calls for exchange of experience between the Member States coordinated by the Commission and for coordinated implementation through groupings of administrative authorities and auditing*

*bodies;*

Or. de

**Amendment 530**

**Sabine Verheyen, Joachim Zeller**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 54 e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***54e. Considers that the transparency provisions (obligation to disclose the final beneficiary) are a necessary instrument for experts, the public and policy-makers to evaluate the conformity with objectives and the legality with which the structural funds have been used; Calls for the description to be supplied not only in the relevant national language but also in one of the three working languages (English, French or German) and recommends further harmonisation of the information required;***

Or. de

**Amendment 531**

**Oldřich Vlasák**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 55**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***55. Supports the Commission's proposal that national authorities should not receive reimbursement until the EU funding has been paid out to the beneficiaries; envisages that this will speed up payment procedures and will be a crucial incentive to carry out stringent national auditing; notes, however, that***

***deleted***

*cashflow problems could potentially arise at Member State or federal-state level and that appropriate hedging arrangements will have to be made;*

Or. cs

#### **Amendment 532**

**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné**

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

##### **Paragraph 55**

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

**55. Supports the Commission's proposal that national authorities should not receive reimbursement until the EU funding has been paid out to the beneficiaries; envisages that this will speed up payment procedures and will be a crucial incentive to carry out stringent national auditing; notes, however, that cashflow problems could potentially arise at Member State *or federal-state* level and that appropriate hedging arrangements will have to be made;**

###### *Amendment*

**55. Notes** that cashflow problems could potentially arise at Member State *and regional* level *in the current crisis* and that, *regarding the advanced reimbursement of expenditure incurred for this purpose*, appropriate hedging arrangements will have to be made;

Or. es

#### **Amendment 533**

**Wojciech Michał Olejniczak**

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

##### **Paragraph 55**

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

**55. Supports** the Commission's proposal that national authorities should not receive reimbursement until the EU funding has been paid out to the beneficiaries; envisages that this will speed up payment procedures and will be a crucial incentive

###### *Amendment*

**55. Rejects** the Commission's proposal that national authorities should not receive reimbursement until the EU funding has been paid out to the beneficiaries; envisages that this will speed up payment procedures and will be a crucial incentive

to carry out stringent national auditing; notes, however, that cash-flow problems could potentially arise at Member State or federal-state level and that appropriate hedging arrangements will have to be made;

to carry out stringent national auditing; notes, however, that cash-flow problems could potentially arise at Member State or federal-state level and that appropriate hedging arrangements will have to be made;

Or. pl

#### **Amendment 534**

**Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Sophie Auconie, Markus Pieper, Jan Olbrycht, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Philippe Boulland**

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

##### **Paragraph 55**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

55. Supports the Commission's proposal that national authorities should not receive reimbursement until the EU funding has been paid out to the beneficiaries; envisages that this will speed up payment procedures and will be a crucial incentive to carry out stringent national auditing; notes, however, that cashflow problems could potentially arise at Member State or ***federal-state*** level and that appropriate hedging arrangements will have to be made;

##### *Amendment*

55. Supports the Commission's proposal that national authorities should not receive reimbursement until the EU funding has been paid out to the beneficiaries; envisages that this will speed up payment procedures and will be a crucial incentive to carry out stringent national auditing; notes, however, that cashflow problems could potentially arise at Member State or ***regional*** level and that appropriate hedging arrangements will have to be made;

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 535**

**Sabine Verheyen, Joachim Zeller**

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

##### **Paragraph 55 a (new)**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

##### *Amendment*

***55a. Regards the Commission's call for payments to be more closely geared to results as illogical in that results will only***



*be achieved by financing the projects in the first place, is concerned that the monitoring is likely to be highly bureaucratic, but regards as conceivable requirements which make payments contingent on proven consistency between the projects and, say, EU 2020 strategies;*

Or. de

**Amendment 536**

**László Surján**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 55 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*55a. Considers that while reimbursement should arrive after EU funding has paid out in the projects, no extra burdens should be put on the beneficiaries in terms of interest rates that do not reflect the low risk factor of such loans by any banks or other financial institutions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 537**

**Sabine Verheyen, Joachim Zeller, Hermann Winkler**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 55 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*55b. Considers the offsetting of improperly received monies that have not been paid back against current funding pledges to be an effective instrument for disciplining Member States with a poor record;*

Or. de

**Amendment 538**

**Sabine Verheyen, Joachim Zeller, Hermann Winkler, Jan Olbrycht, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Markus Pieper**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 55 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***55c. Calls for diversification of the penalty mechanisms, including among other aspects a bonus system for those Member States which comply with the implementation requirements, in particular through administrative concessions;***

Or. de

**Amendment 539**

**Oldřich Vlasák**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 56**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***56. Supports the Commission's proposal that the N+2 rule should be applied systematically except in the first year of funding and that derogations from it should be abolished; considers this will guarantee that a balance is struck between high-quality investment and smooth and speedy programme implementation;***

***deleted***

Or. cs

**Amendment 540**

**Ramona Nicole Mănescu**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 56**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**56. Supports the Commission's proposal that the N+2 rule should be applied systematically except in the first year of funding and that derogations from it should be abolished; considers this will guarantee that a balance is struck between high-quality investment and smooth and speedy programme implementation;**

**deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 541**  
**Constanze Angela Krehl, Georgios Stavrakakis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 56**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**56. Supports the Commission's proposal that the N+2 rule should be applied systematically except in the first year of funding and that derogations from it should be abolished; considers this will guarantee that a balance is struck between high-quality investment and smooth and speedy programme implementation;**

**56. Stresses that the *n+2 and n+3* rules should be *maintained, possibly combined with greater flexibility to cover exceptional situations which might be expected to arise within the next programming period*;**

Or. en

**Amendment 542**  
**Czesław Adam Siekierski**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 56**

*Motion for a resolution*

56. Supports the Commission's proposal that the N+2 rule should be applied ***systematically except in the first year of funding and that derogations from it should be abolished***; considers this will guarantee that a balance is struck between high-quality investment and smooth and speedy programme implementation;

*Amendment*

56. Supports the Commission's proposal that the N+2 rule should be applied, ***but takes the view that it should be possible to apply the N+3 rule in certain situations***; considers this will guarantee that a balance is struck between high-quality investment and smooth and speedy programme implementation;

Or. pl

**Amendment 543**

**Elie Hoarau, Cornelia Ernst, Patrick Le Hyaric, Marie-Christine Vergiat**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 56**

*Motion for a resolution*

56. Supports the Commission's proposal that the N+2 rule should be applied systematically except in the first year of funding ***and that derogations from it should be abolished***; considers this will guarantee that a balance is struck between high-quality investment and smooth and speedy programme implementation;

*Amendment*

56. Supports the Commission's proposal that the N+2 rule should be applied systematically except in the first year of funding; considers this will guarantee that a balance is struck between high-quality investment and smooth and speedy programme implementation;

Or. fr

**Amendment 544**

**Patrice Tirolien**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 56**

*Motion for a resolution*

56. Supports the Commission's proposal that the N+2 rule should be applied systematically except in the first year of

*Amendment*

56. Supports the Commission's proposal that the N+2 rule should be applied systematically except in the first year of

funding and that derogations from it should be abolished; considers this will guarantee that a balance is struck between high-quality investment and smooth and speedy programme implementation;

funding and, ***in line with the objectives of the European recovery plan, where a region is in recession, and that the other*** derogations from it should be abolished; considers this will guarantee that a balance is struck between high-quality investment and smooth and speedy programme implementation;

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 545**

**Hermann Winkler, Sabine Verheyen, Joachim Zeller**

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

#### **Paragraph 56**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

56. Supports the Commission's proposal that the N+2 rule should be applied systematically except in the first year of funding and that derogations from it should be abolished; considers this will guarantee that a balance is struck between high-quality investment and smooth and speedy programme implementation;

##### *Amendment*

56. Supports the Commission's proposal that the N+2 rule should be applied systematically except in the first year of funding ***and except for cross-border programmes*** and that derogations from it should be abolished; ***supports, indeed, the application of an N+3 rule in the case of cross-border programmes, in order to take account of the slower administrative processes resulting from the linguistic and cultural challenges they face;*** considers this will guarantee that a balance is struck between high-quality investment and smooth and speedy programme implementation;

Or. de

#### **Amendment 546**

**Iosif Matula, Andrey Kovatchev, Petru Constantin Luhan, Iuliu Winkler**

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

#### **Paragraph 56**

*Motion for a resolution*

56. Supports the Commission's proposal that the N+2 rule should be applied systematically except in the first year of funding and that derogations ***from it*** should ***be abolished***; considers this will guarantee that a balance is struck between high-quality investment and smooth and speedy programme implementation;

*Amendment*

56. Supports the Commission's proposal that the N+2 rule should be applied systematically except in the first year of funding and that ***any other*** derogations should ***only reflect the administrative burdens required by the programming process***; considers this will guarantee that a balance is struck between high-quality investment and smooth and speedy programme implementation;

Or. en

**Amendment 547**

**Tamás Deutsch, Markus Pieper, Jan Olbrycht, Lambert van Nistelrooij**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 56**

*Motion for a resolution*

56. Supports the Commission's proposal that the N+2 rule should be applied systematically except in the first year of funding and that derogations from it should be abolished; considers this will guarantee that a balance is struck between high-quality investment and smooth and speedy programme implementation;

*Amendment*

56. Supports the Commission's proposal that the N+2 rule should be applied systematically ***possibly at the level of Member States allocations to provide for more flexibility***, except in the first year of funding and that derogations from it should be abolished; considers this will guarantee that a balance is struck between high-quality investment and smooth and speedy programme implementation;

Or. en

**Amendment 548**

**Ramona Nicole Mănescu**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 56 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**56a. Considers that the automatic decommitment rule should be adapted to the additional administrative burden required by the new provisions related to strategic programming, results based orientation and ex ante conditionality;**

Or. en

**Amendment 549**

**Anneli Jäätteenmäki**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 57**

*Motion for a resolution*

57. Emphasises the importance in terms of cohesion policy of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) promoting cross-border cooperation with states outside the EU; ***sees infrastructure (transport and energy) links with neighbouring countries as having particularly positive effects on the European border regions; calls for ENPI funding to focus more closely on strategic needs in relation to energy and to transport infrastructure;***

*Amendment*

57. Emphasises the importance in terms of cohesion policy of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) promoting cross-border cooperation with states outside the EU, ***inter alia in the fields of the environment, health, education, transport, energy and civil society; urges that the administration of regional cooperation across the EU-Russian border be simplified and bureaucracy relating to it reduced;***

Or. fi

**Amendment 550**

**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 57**

*Motion for a resolution*

57. Emphasises the importance in terms of

*Amendment*

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cohesion policy of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) promoting cross-border cooperation with states outside the EU; sees ***infrastructure (transport and energy) links*** with neighbouring countries ***as having particularly positive effects on the European border regions***; calls for ENPI funding to focus more closely on strategic needs ***in relation to energy and to transport infrastructure***;

cohesion policy of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) promoting cross-border cooperation with states outside the EU; ***recalls in this context that cooperation*** with neighbouring countries ***has*** positive effects ***throughout Europe***; calls for ENPI funding to focus more closely on strategic needs ***and calls for the elimination of the current 150 km criterion, which limits the possibility of cooperation between territories situated on either side of EU external borders***;

Or. es

#### Amendment 551

Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Markus Pieper, Jan Olbrycht, Lambert van Nistelrooij

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 57

##### *Motion for a resolution*

57. Emphasises the importance in terms of cohesion policy of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) promoting cross-border cooperation with states outside the EU; sees infrastructure (transport and energy) links with neighbouring countries as having particularly positive effects on the European border regions; calls for ENPI funding to focus more closely on strategic needs in relation to energy and to transport infrastructure;

##### *Amendment*

57. Emphasises the importance in terms of cohesion policy of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) promoting cross-border cooperation with states outside the EU; ***is convinced of the ultimate necessity to reincorporate the ENPI cross-border cooperation programmes into the cohesion policy's Territorial Cooperation Objective***; sees infrastructure (transport and energy) links with neighbouring countries as having particularly positive effects on the European border regions; calls for ENPI funding to focus more closely on strategic needs in relation to energy and to transport infrastructure; ***calls on the Commission to look into the feasibility of establishing better synergies between ERDF initiatives, the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance, the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) and the***



**Amendment 552**

**Elie Hoarau, Cornelia Ernst, Patrice Tirolien, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Luís Paulo Alves, Patrick Le Hyaric, Jacky Hénin, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Gabriel Mato Adrover**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 57**

*Motion for a resolution*

57. Emphasises the importance in terms of cohesion policy of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) promoting cross-border cooperation with states outside the EU; sees infrastructure (transport and energy) links with neighbouring countries as having particularly positive effects on the European border regions; calls for ENPI funding to focus more closely on strategic needs in relation to energy and to transport infrastructure;

*Amendment*

57. Emphasises the importance in terms of cohesion policy of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) promoting cross-border cooperation with states outside the EU; sees infrastructure (transport and energy) links with neighbouring countries as having particularly positive effects on the European border regions; calls for ENPI funding to focus more closely on strategic needs in relation to energy and to transport infrastructure; ***urges the Commission to open the European wider neighbourhood policy up to the outermost regions, as was intended prior to the policy's introduction, so that those regions are not denied the opportunity to take advantage of the ENPI that is afforded to other European regions;***

**Amendment 553  
Riikka Manner**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 57**

*Motion for a resolution*

57. Emphasises the importance in terms of cohesion policy of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) promoting cross-border cooperation with states outside the EU; sees infrastructure (transport and energy) links with neighbouring countries as having particularly positive effects on the European border regions; calls for ENPI funding to focus more closely on strategic needs in relation to energy and to transport infrastructure;

*Amendment*

57. Emphasises the importance in terms of cohesion policy of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) promoting cross-border cooperation with states outside the EU; ***takes note of the current problems in the implementation of the programme and asks the Commission to evaluate whether the already functioning structures found within the regional policies could be applied also to the administration of ENPI***; sees infrastructure (***especially*** transport and energy) links with neighbouring countries as having particularly positive effects on the European border regions; calls for ENPI funding to focus more closely on strategic needs in relation to energy and to transport infrastructure;

Or. en

**Amendment 554**

**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 57**

*Motion for a resolution*

57. Emphasises the importance in terms of cohesion policy of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) promoting cross-border cooperation with states outside the EU; sees infrastructure (transport and energy) links with neighbouring countries as having particularly positive effects on the European border regions; calls for ENPI funding to focus more closely on strategic needs in relation to energy and to transport infrastructure;

*Amendment*

57. Emphasises the importance in terms of cohesion policy of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) promoting cross-border cooperation with states outside the EU; sees infrastructure (transport and energy) links with neighbouring countries as having particularly positive effects on the European border regions; calls for ENPI funding to focus more closely on strategic needs in relation to energy and to transport infrastructure; ***underlines the role that macroregions can play in this context***;

**Amendment 555**  
**Petru Constantin Luhan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 57**

*Motion for a resolution*

57. Emphasises the importance in terms of cohesion policy of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) promoting cross-border cooperation with states outside the EU; sees infrastructure (transport *and* energy) links with neighbouring countries as having particularly positive effects on the European border regions; calls for ENPI funding to focus more closely on strategic needs in relation to energy and to transport infrastructure;

*Amendment*

57. Emphasises the importance in terms of cohesion policy of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) promoting cross-border cooperation with states outside the EU; sees (transport, energy *and environmental*) infrastructure links with neighbouring countries as having particularly positive effects on the European border regions; calls for ENPI funding to focus more closely on strategic needs in relation to energy and to transport infrastructure;

**Amendment 556**  
**Patrice Tirolien, Elie Hoarau, Jean-Luc Bennahmias, Luís Paulo Alves, María Irigoyen Pérez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 57 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***57a. Deplores the failure to make use of synergies between cohesion policy and cooperation funds such as the DCI and the EDF; calls for the opportunities for cross-financing with such funds to be increased;***

#### **Amendment 557**

**Elie Hoarau, Cornelia Ernst, Patrice Tirolien, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Patrick Le Hyaric, Marie-Christine Vergiat**

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

#### **Paragraph 58**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

58. Stresses, too, the relevance in terms of cohesion policy of the EU enlargement process, as part of which the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) helps the candidate countries to make substantive and organisational preparation for implementing cohesion policy;

##### *Amendment*

58. Stresses, too, the relevance in terms of cohesion policy of the EU enlargement process, as part of which the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) helps the candidate countries to make substantive and organisational preparation for implementing cohesion policy; ***considers, furthermore, that the IPA – with particular reference to the sending of Commission experts – should apply to OCTs making the transition to outermost region status;***

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 558**

**Riikka Manner**

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

#### **Paragraph 58**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

58. Stresses, too, the relevance in terms of cohesion policy of the EU enlargement process, as part of which the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) helps the candidate countries to make substantive and organisational preparation for implementing cohesion policy;

##### *Amendment*

58. Stresses, too, the relevance in terms of cohesion policy of the EU enlargement process, as part of which the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) helps the candidate countries to make substantive and organisational preparation for implementing cohesion policy; ***draws the attention to the implementation problems in the Member States; reminds of the original purpose of the IPA instrument, especially those aimed at financing capacity building and institution-building and supporting the countries' preparations for the implementation of***

*the Community's cohesion policy in order to prepare the candidate countries for full implementation of the Community acquis at the time of accession; calls the Commission to identify the problems in the current functioning of the IPA instrument;*

Or. en

**Amendment 559**  
**Petru Constantin Luhan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 58 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*58a. Considers it extremely important to provide support for regions bordering regions in non-EU states both under the cohesion policy and under the European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument, especially in the fields of the management of emergency situations, environmental protection and economic development;*

Or. ro

**Amendment 560**  
**Patrice Tirolien**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 59**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

59. Reiterates its call for the Committee on Regional Development to be involved in and share responsibility for determining the form that **both** these instruments will take in future;

59. Reiterates its call for the Committee on Regional Development to be involved in and share responsibility for determining the form that these instruments will take in future;

Or. fr

## **Amendment 561**

**Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Karima Delli**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 60**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**60. Draws attention – with up-to-date figures in support of its contention – to the extremely severe financial consequences for cohesion policy of the accession of new Member States<sup>11</sup> ; emphasises that, from a cohesion policy point of view, the Union's capacity to absorb new members would, on the basis of these figures, be severely overstretched; calls for use of the IPA to be extended to special preliminary forms of EU neighbourhood status or membership and reiterates its call for graduated cohesion policy arrangements for large candidate countries such as Turkey;** **deleted**

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<sup>11.</sup> *On the assumption that Turkey and Croatia, which are currently in accession negotiations, receive support during the 2007-2013 programming period at the same average per capita level as the new Member States (the EU 12), the total financial requirement would be EUR 132.5 billion, of which Turkey's share would be EUR 124.9 billion (94.3%) and Croatia's 7.6 billion (5.7%). If support were given at a rate equivalent to the average (2006) level of EU transfers to the new Member States as a proportion of GDP, the additional financial requirement would total EUR 109.1 billion, of which Turkey's share would be EUR 99.8 billion and Croatia's EUR 9.3 billion. (Untiedt, G. (2011) Das Volumen und die Verteilung der EU-Strukturfondsmittel für die Förderperiode von 2007 bis 2013 unter*

*Berücksichtigung der Türkei und Kroatiens, opinion of Professor G. Untiedt, GEFRA GbR, commissioned by Dr Markus Pieper, MEP).*

Or. en

**Amendment 562**

**Cornelia Ernst, Elie Hoarau, Jürgen Klute, Gabriele Zimmer, Helmut Scholz, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Patrick Le Hyaric**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 60**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**60. Draws attention – with up-to-date figures in support of its contention – to the extremely severe financial consequences for cohesion policy of the accession of new Member States<sup>11</sup> ; emphasises that, from a cohesion policy point of view, the Union's capacity to absorb new members would, on the basis of these figures, be severely overstretched; calls for use of the IPA to be extended to special preliminary forms of EU neighbourhood status or membership and reiterates its call for graduated cohesion policy arrangements for large candidate countries such as Turkey;**

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<sup>11</sup>. *On the assumption that Turkey and Croatia, which are currently in accession negotiations, receive support during the 2007-2013 programming period at the same average per capita level as the new Member States (the EU 12), the total financial requirement would be EUR 132.5 billion, of which Turkey's share would be EUR 124.9 billion (94.3%) and Croatia's 7.6 billion (5.7%). If support were given at a rate equivalent to the average (2006) level of EU transfers to the new Member States as a proportion of*

***GDP, the additional financial requirement would total EUR 109.1 billion, of which Turkey's share would be EUR 99.8 billion and Croatia's EUR 9.3 billion. (Untiedt, G. (2011) Das Volumen und die Verteilung der EU-Strukturfondsmittel für die Förderperiode von 2007 bis 2013 unter Berücksichtigung der Türkei und Kroatiens, opinion of Professor G. Untiedt, GEFRA GbR, commissioned by Dr Markus Pieper, MEP).***

Or. en

**Amendment 563**  
**Göran Färm**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 60**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***60. Draws attention – with up-to-date figures in support of its contention – to the extremely severe financial consequences for cohesion policy<sup>11</sup> of the accession of new Member States; emphasises that, from a cohesion policy point of view, the Union's capacity to absorb new members would, on the basis of these figures, be severely overstretched; calls for use of the IPA to be extended to special preliminary forms of EU neighbourhood status or membership and reiterates its call for graduated cohesion policy arrangements for large candidate countries such as Turkey;*** ***deleted***

Or. sv

**Amendment 564**  
**László Surján**



**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 60**

*Motion for a resolution*

60. Draws attention – with up-to-date figures in support of its contention – to the ***extremely severe*** financial consequences for cohesion policy of the accession of new Member States<sup>11</sup>; emphasises that, ***from a cohesion policy point of view***, the ***Union's capacity to absorb new members would, on the basis of these figures, be severely overstretched***; calls for use of the IPA to be extended to special preliminary forms of ***EU neighbourhood status or membership*** and reiterates its call for ***graduated cohesion policy arrangements for large candidate countries such as Turkey***;

*Amendment*

60. Draws attention – with up-to-date figures in support of its contention – to the financial consequences for cohesion policy of the accession of new Member States<sup>11</sup>; emphasises that ***not only the financial consequences of the accession should be seen but also the advantages of the enlarged markets for the whole EU***; considers that ***European integration should proceed according to the natural geographical ties of Europe and the founding values of the Union***;

Or. en

**Amendment 565**

Elie Hoarau, Cornelia Ernst, Patrick Le Hyaric, Jacky Hénin, Marie-Christine Vergiat

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 60 – footnote**

*Motion for a resolution*

***On the assumption that Turkey and Croatia, which are currently in accession negotiations, receive support during the 2007-2013 programming period at the same average per capita level as the new Member States (the EU 12), the total financial requirement would be EUR 132.5 billion, of which Turkey's share would be EUR 124.9 billion (94.3%) and Croatia's 7.6 billion (5.7%). If support were given at a rate equivalent to the average (2006) level of EU transfers to the new Member States as a proportion of GDP, the additional financial requirement would total EUR 109.1***

*Amendment*

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*billion, of which Turkey's share would be EUR 99.8 billion and Croatia's EUR 9.3 billion. (Untiedt, G. (2011) Das Volumen und die Verteilung der EU-Strukturfondsmittel für die Förderperiode von 2007 bis 2013 unter Berücksichtigung der Türkei und Kroatiens, opinion of Professor G. Untiedt, GEFRA GbR, commissioned by Dr Markus Pieper, MEP)..*

Or. fr

**Amendment 566**  
**Franz Obermayr**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 60**

*Motion for a resolution*

60. Draws attention – with up-to-date figures in support of its contention – to the extremely severe financial consequences for cohesion policy of the accession of new Member States;<sup>11</sup> emphasises that, from a cohesion policy point of view, the Union's capacity to absorb new members would, on the basis of these figures, be severely overstretched; calls for use of the IPA to be *extended to special preliminary forms* of EU neighbourhood status *or membership and reiterates its call for graduated cohesion policy arrangements for large candidate countries such as* Turkey;

*Amendment*

60. Draws attention – with up-to-date figures in support of its contention – to the extremely severe financial consequences for cohesion policy of the accession of new Member States;<sup>11</sup> emphasises that, from a cohesion policy point of view, the Union's capacity to absorb new members would, on the basis of these figures, be severely overstretched; calls for use of the IPA to be *substantially restricted and redirected away from preparation for accession and towards preparation of a special form* of EU neighbourhood status *for* Turkey;

Or. de

**Amendment 567**  
**Riikka Manner**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 60**

*Motion for a resolution*

60. Draws attention – with up-to-date figures in support of its contention – to the extremely severe financial consequences for cohesion policy of the accession of new Member States<sup>11</sup> ; emphasises that, from a cohesion policy point of view, the Union's capacity to absorb new members would, on the basis of these figures, be severely overstretched; ***calls for use of the IPA to be extended to special preliminary forms of EU neighbourhood status or membership and reiterates its call for graduated cohesion policy arrangements for large candidate countries such as Turkey;***

*Amendment*

60. Draws attention – with up-to-date figures in support of its contention – to the extremely severe financial consequences for cohesion policy of the accession of new Member States<sup>11</sup> ; emphasises that, from a cohesion policy point of view, the Union's capacity to absorb new members would, on the basis of these figures, be severely overstretched;

Or. en

**Amendment 568**  
**Sophie Auconie**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 60**

*Motion for a resolution*

60. Draws attention – with up-to-date figures in support of its contention – to the extremely severe financial consequences for cohesion policy of the accession of new Member States; emphasises that, from a cohesion policy point of view, the Union's capacity to absorb new members would, on the basis of these figures, be severely overstretched; calls for use of the IPA to be extended to special preliminary forms of EU neighbourhood status or membership and reiterates its call for graduated cohesion policy arrangements for large candidate countries such as Turkey;

*Amendment*

*(Does not affect English version.)*

Or. fr

**Amendment 569**

**Elie Hoarau, Cornelia Ernst, Patrick Le Hyaric, Jacky Hénin, Marie-Christine Vergiat**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 61**

*Motion for a resolution*

61. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council *and* the Commission.

*Amendment*

61. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission *and the Presidents of EU Regions and Landers.*

Or. en