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Amendment 1
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), in particular Articles 101, 102 and 107 thereof,

Or. en

Amendment 2
Jean-Pierre Audy

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas the equivalent of EUR 1.6 trillion was granted in State aid to banks in the EU in the period 2008 until the end of 2011;

A. whereas the equivalent of EUR 1.6 trillion was granted in State aid to banks in the EU in the period 2008 until the end of 2011, **and that State aid was generally provided by subscribing to debt or guarantee issues or, in exceptional cases, in the form of a grant;**

Or. fr

Amendment 3
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas in many Member States a severe credit crunch is affecting SMEs, which represent 98% of the EU firms;

Amendment 4
Jürgen Klute

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas the lack of liberalisation and openness in rail passenger and freight transport is partly due to the absence of truly independent supervisory bodies at national level in some Member States;

deleted

Amendment 5
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the Annual Report on Competition Policy should serve as an instrument for furthering the of the Union's overall competitiveness expanding competition and opening up for new actors, thereby widening and deepening the internal market, and not only relating to the practical implementation of competition policy by the Commission;

Amendment 6
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas youth unemployment is one of the deepest economic and social problems of the EU and youth bears the brunt of unemployment caused by underperforming markets;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the elimination of obstacles to the free movement of goods, services, people and capital is a precondition for growth;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cb. whereas sectors where the level of competition is inferior often are the very same as where economic output is underperforming;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Alfredo Pallone

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the Commission report and its focus on the contribution of competition policy to fight barriers and irregular State aid for the benefit of the single market;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission report and its focus on the contribution of competition policy to fight barriers and irregular State aid for the benefit of the single market;
takes the view that EU competition policy is in need of review, owing to developments in the global context;

Or. it

Amendment 10
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the Commission report and its focus on the contribution of competition policy to ***fight barriers*** and irregular State aid for the benefit of the single market;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission report and its focus on the contribution of competition policy to ***fighting collusive agreements and abuses of dominant positions as well as to controlling monopolies*** and irregular State aid for the benefit of the single market;

Or. es

Amendment 11
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the Commission report and its focus on the contribution of competition policy to **fight** barriers and **irregular** State aid for the benefit of the single market;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission report and its focus on the contribution of competition policy to **eliminating** barriers and **distortive** State aid **measures** for the benefit of the single market;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Bas Eickhout

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Stresses that competition policy must enable appropriate state support for the ecological transformation of the economy, in particular with regard to renewable and energy efficiency to minimize CO2 emissions, and that the new guidelines should be based on this premise, and calls on the Commission to come forward with sector specific initiatives where a specific need has been identified to enhance competition, consumer protection and the benefit of the environment, with a framework including minimum standards for an EU - consistent system;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Alfredo Pallone

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Takes the view that competition policy should be adjusted so as to better respond to the challenges posed by globalisation; the new EU competition policy must, in particular, be able to address the continual erosion of the market share of the European single market as compared to that of the emerging markets;

Or. it

Amendment 14
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Believes that competition policy is a driver of economic growth and job creation, especially in crisis times;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Bas Eickhout
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1b. Urges the Commission to provide reporting of fossil fuel reserves and potential CO2 emissions by listed companies and those applying for listing within the single market by aggregate and publish the levels of reserves and emissions using appropriate accounting

guidelines. To make genuine progress towards sustainable companies, correct and reliable environmental reporting is essential;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Bas Eickhout

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1c. Deems that competition policy should contribute at promoting and enforcing open standards and interoperability in order to prevent technological lock-in of consumers and clients by a minority of market players;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Agrees that too many sectors are still ***largely*** divided by national borders and that competition policy has a fundamental role to play ***against such*** fragmentation of the single market;

2. Agrees that too many sectors are still divided by national borders ***and public and private sector artificial barriers***, and that competition policy has a fundamental role to play ***in implementing fundamental freedoms and avoiding*** fragmentation of the single market, ***with a special focus on SMEs and creating value for end consumers sustainably***;

Or. es

Amendment 18
Alfredo Pallone

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Agrees that too many sectors are still largely divided by national borders and that competition policy has a fundamental role to play against **such** fragmentation of the single market;

Amendment

2. Agrees that too many sectors are still largely divided by national borders and that competition policy has a fundamental role to play against **the** fragmentation of the single market **and hence in the promotion of a strong European single market, takes the view that sectors which are vital to the European economy, such as the iron and steel industry, should be better shielded and safeguarded with a view to restoring economic growth in Europe;**

Or. it

Amendment 19
Peter Skinner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. **Agrees that too many sectors are still largely divided by national borders and that competition policy has a fundamental role to play against such** fragmentation of the single market;

Amendment

2. **Acknowledges that a degree of fragmentation still exists in many locations within the internal market; welcomes the role of competition policy in eliminating fragmentation in the markets;**

Or. en

Amendment 20
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Agrees that too many sectors are still largely divided by national borders and that competition policy has a fundamental role to play ***against*** such fragmentation of the single market;

Amendment

2. Agrees that too many sectors are still largely divided by national borders and that competition policy has a fundamental role to play ***in fighting*** such fragmentation ***and in creating a level playing field in all sectors*** of the single market;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Alfredo Pallone

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Takes the view that it should be possible for the new EU competition policy to include flexibility clauses, in the interests of shielding the European single market;

Or. it

Amendment 22
Alfredo Pallone

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2b. Calls on the Commission to consider the possibility of allowing adjustments to rules under the competition policy when these threaten to destabilise the economic and social situation of a Member State;

Amendment 23
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the EU unitary patent as a step forward to complete the single market and calls *on* the Member States *to* participate in it;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the EU unitary patent as a step forward to complete the single market and *to respond to the challenges of globalisation*, calls *for steps to be taken to ensure that all* the Member States *can* participate in it; *considers it necessary to reconcile intellectual property rights with the demands of competition, protecting the general interest and ensuring that patent holders do not abuse their rights to the detriment of the public; calls on the Commission to prosecute conduct aimed at unduly delaying the entry onto the market of generic medicines;*

Amendment 24
Hans-Peter Martin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the EU unitary patent as a step forward to complete the single market and calls on the Member States to participate in it;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the EU unitary patent as a step forward to complete the single market and calls on the Member States to participate in it; *stresses that some of the practices of the European Patent Office, such as the tendency to award patents in the digital environment that lead to more effective patenting of computer programs, may possibly be in breach of the*

European Patent Convention and that the practices of the European Patent Office must be reviewed;

Or. de

Amendment 25
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Agrees therefore with the Commission that the crisis should not be a pretext to relax the enforcement of competition rules

Or. en

Amendment 26
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Welcomes the actions of the Commission inspecting the supply of the white sugar market and looks forward to hearing the results of the investigation;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Points out that competition policy and the smooth functioning of the single market are essential to confronting the crisis, encouraging growth and sustainable employment under the Europe 2020 Strategy and helping to achieve the goals of the European Union;

Or. es

Amendment 28
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Highlights that implementation of competition policy in the broader sense must not strengthen already established companies and providers of goods and services, but rather have as its overarching objective to facilitate the entry of new actors and the emergence of new ideas and techniques, thereby maximising the benefit to Union citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Malcolm Harbouron behalf of the IMCO Committee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Regrets that in its 2012 report on competition policy the Commission focuses heavily on unfair competition

practices resulting from State practices, while it pays relatively little attention to unfair practices due to concentration of companies in the Single Market;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Krišjānis Kariņš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Observes that a single market for energy will not only result in lower prices for consumers but also increase the competitiveness of EU undertakings;

Or. lv

Amendment 31
Malcolm Harbouron behalf of the IMCO Committee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Expresses its concern with the current competition policies of the Commission, which require from companies to get permission for mergers that may distort the Single Market whereas companies who by themselves have developed an overly dominant market position are not normally affected by European competition policies, unless they abuse their market position;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Urges the Commission to treat competition issues in a complex environment such as multilateral payments with due care; believes that specific issues arising in this field should be addressed on a case by case basis;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Malcolm Harbourn behalf of the IMCO Committee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3c. Is of the opinion that not only financial institutions but also industrial companies can become too big to fail, as was the case with General Motors, which had to be saved by the US government. Calls on the Commission to examine when companies become too big to fail and to consider which measures can be taken at national or EU level to prevent companies becoming dependent on future government bailouts;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Malcolm Harbourn behalf of the IMCO Committee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3d. Considers that prices for products still vary in different Member States, for example prices for medicines due to different agreements between Member States and the pharmaceutical industry. Calls on the Commission to examine this phenomenon and to come up with proposals to create a more transparent internal market, avoiding any unnecessary price differences, in the interest of consumers;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Malcolm Harbouron behalf of the IMCO Committee

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3e. Stresses that despite the fact that the late payment Directive (2011/7/EU) had to be transposed into national by March 2013, not all member states have implemented it. This deteriorates competition in the Single Market, and affects especially SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Malcolm Harbouron behalf of the IMCO Committee

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3f. Stresses that the differences in

electronic payment methods between member states weakens the functioning of the internal market. Therefore it would be important to standardise the methods for internet- and mobile payments;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Malcolm Harbourn behalf of the IMCO Committee

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3g. Notes that the European market for electronic payments is still fragmented both across and within national borders; takes the view that standardization should include measures necessary to ensure a more open, transparent, innovative and competitive single market that brings advantages to all consumers with regard to mobile payments, interoperability, costs and portability; therefore asks the Commission to assess possible ways of bringing new entrants - banks or non-banks - into the European market for card, internet and mobile payments while taking account of future technological innovations in this sector;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Malcolm Harbourn behalf of the IMCO Committee

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3h. Considers that the retail sector plays

an important role as employer and contributes to the creation of a sustainable economy and more sustainable consumption. Therefore it is important to tackle restrictions which limit competition in this sector and to solve its' low competitiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Considers that it should have co-decision powers in competition policy; regrets that Articles 103 and 109 TFEU provide only for consultation of Parliament,

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 40
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Considers that *it* should have co-decision powers in competition policy; regrets that Articles 103 and 109 TFEU provide only for consultation of Parliament,

Amendment

4. Considers that *the European Parliament* should have co-decision powers in competition policy; regrets that Articles 103 and 109 TFEU provide only for consultation of Parliament, *points out that the competition policy is one of the fields in which the Commission is politically responsible towards the European Parliament, and that Parliament can exercise oversight over*

the framing of competition policy and democratic scrutiny over the use by the Commission of the powers conferred on it under primary law; takes a positive view, in particular, of the structured dialogue that the Commission pursues with the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs of the European Parliament;

Or. es

Amendment 41
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Considers that it should have co-decision powers in competition policy; regrets that Articles 103 and 109 TFEU provide only for consultation of Parliament,

Amendment

4. Considers that it should have co-decision powers in competition policy; regrets that Articles 103 and 109 TFEU provide only for consultation of Parliament; ***believes that this democratic deficit cannot be tolerated; proposes that this deficit be overcome as soon as possible through interinstitutional arrangements in the field of competition policy and corrected in the next Treaty change;***

Or. en

Amendment 42
Peter Skinner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Considers that it should have co-decision powers in competition policy; regrets that Articles 103 and 109 TFEU provide only for consultation of

Amendment

4. Welcomes the Commission's work in reaching out to the European Parliament and the frequent visits from the Competition Commissioner to brief the

Parliament,

***Economic and Monetary Affairs
Committee; however, would like to see
Articles in addition to 103 and 109 TFEU
to further solidify the Parliament's role in
Competition Policy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 43
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***4a. Stresses the importance of treating
Parliament and Council equally as
regards access to meetings and the
provision of information for the
preparation of legislation or soft law in
the field of competition policy, as provided
for in the Framework Agreement; regrets
that this has not been respected by the
Commission***

Or. en

**Amendment 44
Antolín Sánchez Presedo**

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***4a. Stresses the need to instil a
competition culture which promotes its
own values and helps nurture a positive
approach to compliance with a preventive
and beneficial effect for the development
of competition policy;***

Amendment 45
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Acknowledges the Commission's initiative in the field of actions for damages under national law for infringements of competition law provisions; reaffirms the need for effective measures of redress throughout the Union.

Or. en

Amendment 46
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Encourages the Commission to continue to issue soft law guidelines in the field of competition policy, duly taking into account the existing ECJ case law, in order to ensure some legal certainty for stakeholders; considers, however, that soft law cannot replace legislation in areas where legal certainty is crucial;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Calls on the Commission to show due regard to self-regulatory and voluntary as well as informal dispute-resolution mechanisms to provide redress, as a way of preventing abusive litigation; welcomes therefore the inclusion of consensual dispute resolution in the Commission's proposal;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Stresses that imposing fines is an important tool for competition policy and that quick action is needed for the success of investigations; believes that legal certainty is crucial, and ***calls*** on the Commission to incorporate the rules on fines into ***a legislative instrument***;

5. Stresses that imposing fines is an important tool for competition policy and that quick action is needed for the success of investigations; believes that legal certainty is crucial, and ***therefore reiterates its call*** on the Commission to incorporate the rules on fines into ***Regulation (EC) No 1/2003, especially considering the legal action filed in front of the German Constitutional Court in January 2013 claiming the violation of the basic legal principle "nulla poena sine lege" requiring that a company cannot be fined for a cartel infringement when these fines are not defined by law***;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses that imposing fines is an important **tool for** competition policy and that quick action is needed for the success of investigations; believes that legal certainty is crucial, and calls on the Commission to incorporate the rules on fines into a legislative instrument;

Amendment

5. Stresses that imposing fines is **a dissuasive, responsive and measured tool which plays** an important **role in** competition policy and that quick action is needed for the success of investigations; believes that legal certainty, **the simplification of procedures and the possibility of early termination by means of suitable agreements to be** crucial, and calls on the Commission to incorporate the rules on fines into a legislative instrument;

Or. es

Amendment 50
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses that imposing fines is an important tool for competition policy and that quick action is needed for the success of investigations; believes that legal certainty is crucial, and calls on the Commission to incorporate the rules on fines into a legislative instrument;

Amendment

5. Stresses that imposing fines is an important tool for competition policy and that quick action is needed for the success of investigations; **considers that the Commission should increase unannounced inspections and sanctions, pursuing the suspected infringements;** believes that legal certainty is crucial, and calls on the Commission to incorporate the rules on fines into a legislative instrument;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Reiterates the Parliament's call for a general review of the Commission's fining guidelines, taking into account six years of practical experience and suggests again that it evaluate principles such as:

- taking into account that the implementation of robust compliance programmes should not have negative implications for the infringer beyond what is a proportionate remedy to the infringement;

- taking into account the interaction between public and private liabilities under EU antitrust law; the Commission should make sure fines take into account any compensation already paid to third parties; this should be also applicable to undertakings benefiting from leniency; furthermore the infringer could be encouraged to pay damages on an out-of-court settlement basis before the final decision on the fine is taken;

- specifying conditions under which parent companies who exercise decisive influence over a subsidiary but are not directly involved in an infringement should be made jointly and severally liable for antitrust infringements on the part of their subsidiaries;

- requiring, as regards recidivism, a clear connection between, on one hand, the infringement under investigation and past infringements and, on the other, the undertaking concerned; a maximum time-limit should be taken into consideration;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Believes however that the use of ever higher fines as the sole antitrust instrument may be too blunt, not least considering potential job losses as a result of an inability to make payments; emphasises that a policy of high fines should not be used as an alternative budget financing mechanism; favours a 'carrot-and-stick' approach with penalties that serves as an effective deterrent, in particular for repeat offenders, while encouraging compliance;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Welcomes the presentation of the Commission's first legislative proposal on the filing of private actions for losses resulting from EU competition policy; considers this initiative to be a major step towards establishing a private-sector pillar under competition policy which is in keeping with the successful leniency programmes and preserves the key role of public prosecution in EU competition policy;

Or. es

Amendment 54

Bas Eickhout

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Urges the Commission to increase the effectiveness of the penalty system for price-fixers, by assessing the opportunity of introducing individual sanctions (such as individual fine or director disqualification) against companies and their executives, as well as providing less focus on the application of the turnover criteria in the calculation of fines and greater focus on the actual effect of the cartel on the market;

Or. en

Amendment 55

Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Believes that the Commission should put forward a proposal in order to regulate the competition issues related to minority shareholding.

Or. en

Amendment 56

Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Believes that in terms of regulating the interaction between public and private liabilities, the Commission, which after all is best placed to evaluate the overcharge imposed by a cartel that it has investigated, should take into account the level of illicit profit and loss incurred by those being affected when setting the fine; this would not only be an effects based approach but would also help in speedy resolution of follow-on private actions;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Points out that the cross-cutting facet of EU competition policy calls for complete consistency between that policy and Community policies in other fields, and that to ensure the smooth functioning of the internal market, sector-specific regulations need to comply with the principles of competition policy;

Or. es

Amendment 58
Bas Eickhout
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Encourages the Commission to consider greater incentives to encourage more applicants to come forward with evidence of cartel activity, including the protection of leniency applicants from civil claims, the adoption of an 'Amnesty Plus' procedure, and the abandon of prosecutorial discretion as a way to foster legal certainty;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5c. Takes a positive view of the role played by judicial bodies in competition policy, and urges them to use their powers to obtain information and opinion from the Commission and to participate in Community training activities; recommends that the Commission cooperate closely with the judicial authorities, actively exercise its remit to make contributions to judicial bodies as an 'amicus curiae', which should be published in a timely manner on the Commission's web site, and consider the possibility of taking legal action to avoid the EU being left without protection and to safeguard the interests it should protect;

Or. es

Amendment 60
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5c. Notes that the use of global turnover for the 10% ceiling can lead to cumulative sanctions being imposed for the same infringement given the increasing global number of Competition authorities; notes that therefore an EEA-based turnover would be more appropriate rather than the global turnover;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5d. Maintains that the EU should actively promote the substantive and procedural convergence of competition rules in the international sphere; considers international cooperation to be essential to ensuring consistency and interoperability in the implementation of competition policy by the various competent authorities, with this helping to increase the effectiveness of research and create a level playing field;

Or. es

Amendment 62
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5d. Reiterates that the number of requests for fine reduction on account of an inability to pay has increased, particularly from 'mono-product' undertakings and SMEs; deems again that a system of delayed and/or split payments could be considered as an alternative to fine reduction in order to avoid putting undertakings out of business;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5e. Still awaits an adaptation of the fining guidelines concerning 'mono-product' undertakings and SMEs; welcomes though that recently the Commission has taken into account the specific needs of "mono-product" undertakings in its decision on "Mountings for windows" (COMP/39452 of 28/03/2012);

Or. en

Amendment 64
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5f. Calls on the Commission to ensure that their fining and enforcement policy achieves restoration of a balanced market and incentivises companies to identify infringements internally and implement restorative action voluntarily; urges the Commission to take into account the level of illicit profit and loss incurred by those who were affected;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. ***Considers*** that resources for the Commission's Directorate General for Competition should be made adequate to its increased workload and range of tasks;

Amendment

6. ***Would like to see strong restraint exercised in the next Commission's overall budget. Recognises however*** that resources for the Commission's Directorate General for Competition should be made adequate to its increased workload and range of tasks ***by shifting away resources from other, less vital, Directorates.***

Or. en

Amendment 66
Hans-Peter Martin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Competition should be made adequate to its increased workload and range of tasks;

Competition should be made adequate to its increased workload and range of tasks ***and that to this end resources should be redeployed from other directorates-general which are less busy;***

Or. de

Amendment 67
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers that resources for the Commission's Directorate General for Competition should be made adequate to its increased workload and range of tasks;

Amendment

6. Considers that resources for the Commission's Directorate General for Competition should be ***increased to enable a more proactive to be taken and*** made adequate to its increased workload and range of tasks;

Or. es

Amendment 68
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Highlights the importance of fostering the global convergence of competition rules; encourages the Commission to conclude bilateral cooperation agreements on competition enforcement such as the recent agreement with Switzerland; welcomes the new rules on information exchange contained in this agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Jürgen Klute

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Reiterates that public services such as transport, health care, social housing, social services and SGIs and SGEIs in general should be exempted of competition provisions;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Jürgen Klute

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6b. Urges the Commission to consider a review of European competition policy beyond its current narrow focus on cost and price decreases; stresses that lowering prices for consumers shall not be achieved to the detriment of employment, environmental protection, quality and safety of goods and services;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Jürgen Klute

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6c. Calls on the Commission to balance the competitive approach with alternative social and economic rationales; invites the Commission in this regard to foster co-operation within the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 72

Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the Member States to ensure the independence of all national competition authorities (NCAs) and sector regulators from national governments, ***principally by providing for*** the nomination of non-political chairpersons and board members; calls on the Member States to ensure that the staff and resources of NCAs and sector regulators are sufficient and vary according to market needs;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Member States to ensure the independence of all national competition authorities (NCAs) and sector regulators from national governments, ***making*** the nomination of non-political chairpersons and board members ***with no conflicts of interest – such as links to lobby groups – essential***; calls on the Member States to ensure that the staff and resources of NCAs and sector regulators are sufficient and vary according to market-derived needs ***and those of the effective performance of their duties***;

Or. es

Amendment 73

Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Supports effective sharing of

responsibility within the European Competition Network (ECN), given that some markets tend to have more national dimensions than others, due to different legal, economic and cultural conditions;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Werner Langen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the importance of full transparency of NCAs and sector regulators; requests that all relevant information on cases and official decisions be made accessible online through an open database;

Amendment

8. Stresses the importance of full transparency of NCAs and sector regulators; requests that all relevant information on cases and official decisions be made accessible online through an open database, *taking account of confidential commercial information that may have a significant influence on competition;*

Or. de

Amendment 75
Bas Eickhout
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the importance of full transparency of NCAs and sector regulators; requests that all relevant information on cases and official decisions be made accessible online through an open database;

Amendment

8. Stresses the importance of full transparency of NCAs and sector regulators; requests that all relevant information on cases and official decisions be made *clearly visible and* accessible online through an open database;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Notes that the European Parliament has urged the Commission to revise the rules on State aid to banks introduced in 2008 as temporary measures on several occasions. Therefore, welcomes the recent actions taken by the Commission in this field.

Or. en

Amendment 77
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Emphasises the need for cooperation between authorities to be stepped up within the European Competition Network and for its on-going plans and programmes and the conclusions of its meetings to be published on the Commission website.

Or. es

Amendment 78
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Supports the ongoing cooperation within the European Competition Network (ECN) which allows EU-wide coherence of public enforcement of competition rules and encourages its further development;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. Believes that NCAs and other national sector regulators should continue to cooperate to ensure complementary action, particularly in sectors where liberalisation is not yet completed or fully operative; suggests the creation of a wider network for European regulators including NCAs and sector regulators for the exchange of best-practices;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8c. Invites the Commission to increase its cooperation with national courts to facilitate private enforcement and the correct resolution of State aid disputes;

welcomes the Commission training programmes for national judges;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Heading 4

Motion for a resolution

State aid *to banks and effect* on the real economy

Amendment

State aid *and effects* on the real economy

Or. en

Amendment 82
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. Calls on the Commission to regularly provide detailed country- and organisation-specific statistics on the State aid granted to the financial sector since the onset of the crisis, on consolidated losses and on developments in the repayments made, and to publish the results on the Commission website in order to ensure total transparency on the scale of public intervention since the beginning of the crisis and its impact on taxpayers;

Or. es

Amendment 83

Bas Eickhout

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph -9 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-9. State aid and funding

Urges the Commission to examine the extent to which a too generous allocation of free EUA (European Union Allowances) permits in certain sectors may distort competition, given that these permits whose efficiency has diminished since the slowdown of the activity have generated windfall profits for certain companies while reducing their incentive to play their part in the transition to a sustainable eco-efficient economy; assuring project eligible for state aid or funding must meet environmental goals and contribute to a wider economic prosperity in the single market;

Calls on the Commission to assess the effect of the restrictive scope for the exemptions to state aid rules in the field of social housing, limiting it to disadvantaged citizens or socially less advantaged groups; calls on the Commission to take a flexible and constructive stance towards Member States that experience difficulties with their social housing sector because of this definition;

Or. en

Amendment 84

Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Believes that State aid control during the crisis should focus both on stabilising the banking system and on ***tackling unfair segmentation of the credit conditions and discrimination of SMEs in the single market;***

Amendment

9. Believes that State aid control during the crisis should focus both on stabilising the banking system and on ***creating the conditions for a viable, transparent and competitive banking system that provides financing to the real economy and, hence, on ending credit discrimination against SMEs and households in the single market;***

Or. es

Amendment 85
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Believes that State aid control during the crisis should focus both on stabilising the banking system and on tackling unfair segmentation of the credit conditions and discrimination of SMEs in the single market;

Amendment

9. Believes that State aid control during the crisis should focus both on stabilising the banking system and on tackling unfair segmentation of the credit conditions and discrimination of SMEs in the single market; ***calls on the Commission however to ensure that the goal of stabilising the banking system will not lead again to an increase of public debt;***

Or. en

Amendment 86
Bas Eickhout
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Urge the Commission to link the extension of the temporary State aid to the banking sector with enhanced and more stringent conditions related to the reduction of the balance sheet composition, size and complexity including a proper focus on retail lending as well as stronger restrictions on bonuses, fee structures and distribution of dividends; deems that these conditions should be explicit, imperative as well as assessed and summarized on an ex post basis in the forthcoming annual Competition reports;

Or. en

Amendment 87

Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Acknowledges the important role played by State aid control since the beginning of the crisis as a restructuring and resolution mechanism for distressed banks;

Or. en

Amendment 88

Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9b. Believes that DG COMP experience in the field of bank crisis should be considered a best practice and be used in the future more to prevent than for ex-post interventions

Or. en

Amendment 89
Hans-Peter Martin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Urges the Commission to monitor closely those markets in the banking sector where concentration is high or growing, in particular as a result of restructuring in response to the crisis; recalls that oligopolistic markets are particularly prone to anticompetitive practices; fears that this concentration may ultimately harm consumers;

Amendment

10. Urges the Commission to monitor closely those markets in the banking sector where concentration is high or growing, in particular as a result of restructuring in response to the crisis; recalls that oligopolistic markets are particularly prone to anticompetitive practices; fears that this concentration may ultimately harm consumers; ***stresses that excessive concentration poses a risk for both the financial industry and the real economy;***

Or. de

Amendment 90
Bas Eickhout
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Stresses that the consolidation in the banking sector has increased the market

share of several major financial institutions; and urges the Commission to maintain a close watch on the sector in order to enhance competition and consumer protection in European banking markets; hereby within investment banking where retail deposits are cross-subsidise to riskier investment banking activities;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Believes that the Commission should take into account the possibility for state aid to banks to be sometimes be linked to conditionality on credit to SMEs; .

Or. en

Amendment 92
Peter Skinner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Deplores that SMEs undergoing adjustment programmes in the Member States have difficulties in accessing credit from banks and are obliged to pay higher interest rates just because of their location in the eurozone, creating distortions in the single market;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 93
Jürgen Klute

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls on the Commission to further require banks to move away from unsustainable business models based on excessive leverage and overreliance on short-term wholesale funding and encourage it to focus again on their core business as the Commission already stated in its Competition report for 2011; calls on the Commission, in this regard, to take due note of the opinion of the High-level Expert Group on reforming the structure of the EU banking sector as regards the proposed legal separation between trading activities and deposits;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Malcolm Harbouron behalf of the IMCO Committee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Emphasises that SME's has been disproportionately affected in their ability to access finance since the financial crises; points out that SME's constitute 98% of all euro area firms, employ around three-quarters of euro area employees, and generate around 60% of value added and that access to finance is preventing them from investing and growing; therefore calls on the Commission to prioritise measures

recalibrating financial regulation to promote growth and to ease the SMEs' funding crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 95

Bas Eickhout

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Stresses that banks receiving State aid should not increase their exposure to public debt, especially if they are reducing the credit flow to SMEs and households at the same time;

Amendment

12. Stresses that banks receiving State aid should not increase their *size and complexity; and urge the Commission to focus on their business model on the viable part of their activities, remuneration policy and fee structure; nor should they increase their* exposure to public debt, especially if they are reducing the credit flow to SMEs and households at the same time; *that a new, permanent regulatory system and new State aid rules are necessary in order to tackle the flaws found in the pre-crisis legal system, in particular as regards the financial sector as well as to remedy distortions' created over the financial and economic crisis; to ensure that the taxpayers, consumers and the single market as a whole are in focus of the consequences and benefits when banks are receiving State aid;*

Or. en

Amendment 96

Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Stresses that banks receiving State aid ***should not increase their exposure to public debt, especially if they are reducing the credit flow to SMEs and households at the same time;***

Amendment

12. Stresses that banks receiving State aid ***must ensure*** the credit flow to SMEs and households ***in a solvent state;***

Or. es

Amendment 97

Malcolm Harbouron behalf of the IMCO Committee

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Points to the lack of clarity in some Member States as to whether public funding to European Consumer Centres (ECCs) can be considered as an unjustified state aid within the meaning of Union competition law; is concerned that this puts Member States' support to ECCs at risk and has already resulted in the temporary suspension of funding for ECCs; urges, therefore, the Commission to ensure the proper functioning of ECCs by clarifying as soon as possible that this type of funding does not qualify as state aid in accordance with Union law given that ECCs do not engage in economic activities but ensure support services for consumers;

Or. en

Amendment 98

Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Points to the lack of clarity in some Member States as to whether public funding to European Consumer Centres (ECCs) can be considered as an unjustified state aid within the meaning of Union competition law; is concerned that this puts Member States' support to ECCs at risk and has already resulted in the temporary suspension of funding for ECCs; urges, therefore, the Commission to ensure the proper functioning of ECCs by clarifying as soon as possible that this type of funding does not qualify as state aid in accordance with Union law given that ECCs do not engage in economic activities but ensure support services for consumers;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Underlines that depositors with ***less than*** EUR 100 000 euro in their accounts should be excluded from any burden-sharing arrangement resulting from a bank restructuring or resolution;

Amendment

13. Underlines that depositors with ***up to*** EUR 100 000 euro in their ***bank*** accounts should be ***afforded the maximum protection and*** be excluded from any burden-sharing arrangement resulting from a bank restructuring or resolution;

Or. es

Amendment 100
Peter Skinner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Urges the Commission to ***make sure that banks, before they receive any State aid, sell their stakes in other companies, thereby reducing the burden for the taxpayer;***

Amendment

14. Urges the Commission to ***carefully consider the range of assets and holdings of financial institutions prior to the dispensation of state aid***

Or. en

Amendment 101
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Urges the Commission to make sure that banks, ***before they receive any*** State aid, ***sell their stakes*** in other companies, thereby reducing the burden for the taxpayer;

Amendment

14. Urges the Commission to make sure that banks ***receiving*** State aid ***disinvest*** in other companies ***in an orderly manner***, thereby reducing the burden for the taxpayer;

Or. es

Amendment 102
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Believes that ***accounting methods should be harmonised before any*** assessment ***is made*** of the amount of State aid ***to be given*** to banks, such that the accounting treatment of loans refinanced for the second time, for example, is the same regardless of the Member State

Amendment

15. Believes that ***reliable*** assessment of the amount of State aid ***given*** to banks ***calls for a harmonisation of accounting methods***, such that the accounting treatment of loans refinanced for the second time, for example, is the same regardless of the Member State concerned;

concerned;

Or. es

Amendment 103
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Stresses that, particularly in the case of banks receiving state aid, the refinancing of loans should take fully into account the viability of the receiver; in the case of multinational corporations, the selling of assets and shares on participated companies should be put as a condition for loan refinancing.

Or. en

Amendment 104
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Stresses that external investors should be encouraged to participate as much as possible in asset management companies (AMCs) created under State aid programmes as a means of separating impaired assets, to ensure that there is no conflict of interests between ***domestic*** investors and the objectives of any given AMC;

16. Stresses that external investors should be encouraged to participate as much as possible in asset management companies (AMCs) created under State aid programmes as a means of separating impaired assets, to ensure that there is no conflict of interests between investors ***holding or transferring assets*** and the objectives of any given AMC;

Or. es

Amendment 105
Werner Langen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses that external investors should be encouraged to participate as much as possible in asset management companies (AMCs) created under State aid programmes as a means of separating impaired assets, to ensure that there is no conflict of interests between domestic investors and the objectives of any given AMC;

Amendment

16. Stresses that external investors, **too**, should be encouraged to participate as much as possible in asset management companies (AMCs) created under State aid programmes as a means of separating impaired assets, to ensure that there is no conflict of interests between domestic investors and the objectives of any given AMC;

Or. de

Amendment 106
Jürgen Klute

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Asks again the Commission to come forward with a proposal for the creation of a public rating agency which shall be meant to be the only agency allowed to assess sovereign debt inside European Union. As a non-market player, this public rating agency is expected to have a more rational and long term perspective in the assessment of public debt and financial stability of the Union in general;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Welcomes again the Commission's communication on State Aid Modernisation (COM(2012)0209) and the recent Council adoption of revised state aid rules on block exemptions and procedures; calls on the Commission however to ensure that stimulating economic growth as one of the overall aims of this reform will not lead again to an increase of public debt;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Bas Eickhout
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls on the Commission to assess and report the systemic risk posed to capital markets and wider economic prosperity by the complex interconnections of securitised finance through the overhang of un-burnable carbon. This in consideration of potential systemic risks within the financial market of the increased exposure to climate change;

Or. en

Amendment 109
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Considers that companies have to restructure in accordance with clear limits, reducing to a minimum the damaging effects for competitors who have not received support from public funding;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Believes that AMCs should try to sell their assets as soon as possible in order to regain market normality and end public intervention in a specific sector.

Or. en

Amendment 111
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Shares the Commission's view that State aid procedures need to be accelerated to allow more concentration on complicated cases with serious effects for competition on the internal market; takes note of the Commission's proposal to raise its level of discretion to decide

how to deal with complaints; calls on the Commission to provide for detailed criteria how to distinguish important from less important cases in this context; points out that the adequate possibilities for this distinction are higher thresholds for the de minimis regulation as well as the extension of the horizontal categories in the enabling regulation and in the general block exemption regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16c. Takes note of the Commission's general intention to exempt more measures from the notification requirement; stresses however that Members States will have to ensure the ex ante compliance with State aid rules of de minimis measures and block-exempted schemes to preserve a sufficient level of control while the Commission will continue to exercise ex post control of such cases;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16d. Underlines that the Commission has

to ensure a better exchange with Members States in terms of quality and timeliness of submission of information and notifications' preparation; underlines that effective national systems have to ensure that State aid measures exempted from ex ante notification obligation comply with Union law; points out that the adequate possibilities for this distinction are higher thresholds for the de minimis regulation as well as the extension of the horizontal categories in the enabling regulation and in the general block exemption regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16e. Notes that so far relevant information for State aid control cases is delivered exclusively by the Member States; reiterates its demand towards the Commission to assess as to whether there will be a further need for additional human resources to extend its information gathering tools and to enable the Commission to receive direct information from market participants; notes however, that the Commission should not be able to include additional quality and efficiency considerations in the compatibility assessment; these decisions must be left to the granting authority;

Or. en

Amendment 115
Jürgen Klute

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Calls on the Commission to open up competition in those Member States that have port and airport public networks, particularly if their management is monopolised by the central government or if they persistently generate public deficits;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 116
Bas Eickhout
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Calls on the Commission to *open up competition in those Member States that have port and airport public networks, particularly if their management is monopolised by the central government or if they persistently generate public deficits;*

17. Calls on the Commission to *develop public transport* networks *with the aim of improving services for the customers, who already contribute financially through their taxes;*

Or. en

Amendment 117
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Calls on the Commission to ***open up*** competition in those Member States that have port and airport public networks, ***particularly if their management is monopolised by the central government or if they persistently generate public deficits;***

Amendment

17. Calls on the Commission to ***apply*** competition ***policy*** in those Member States that have port and airport public networks, ***and to check that their funding complies with the rules on State aid, particularly if they persistently generate public deficits;***

Or. es

Amendment 118

Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Calls on the Commission to ***open up*** competition ***in*** those Member States that have port and airport public networks, particularly if their management is monopolised by the central government or if they persistently generate public deficits;

Amendment

17. Calls on the Commission to ***recommend*** competition ***to*** those Member States that have port and airport public networks, particularly if their management is monopolised by the central government or if they persistently generate public deficits;

Or. fi

Amendment 119

Bas Eickhout

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Urge the Commission to monitor closely unfair competition such as taxation inequalities in kerosene taxes, unequal internalisation of external costs, State aid practises across Member States

as well as the support of unsustainable and large infrastructure projects, and act appropriately to counter said actions to meet the environmental goals for 2020.

Or. en

Amendment 120
Pablo Zalba Bidegain

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Stresses the need to guarantee legal certainty and equal treatment for European shipowners in all the Member States;

Or. es

Amendment 121
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure open and fair competition in all transport modes.

Or. en

Amendment 122
Bas Eickhout
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17b. Countering the continuing rise of CO2 emission; urges the commission to take in care and take stronger actions in the transport sector to address the international commitment to limit global warming to two degrees Celsius (°C) above pre-industrial levels as set as a goal for 2020:

Or. en

**Amendment 123
Pablo Zalba Bidegain**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17b. Calls for efforts to be made to ensure the competitiveness of the European shipbuilding sector by promoting shipbuilding in the EU in the face of an increasingly competitive international environment;

Or. es

**Amendment 124
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17b. Believes that the Commission should further strengthen the links between competition policy and transport policy to improve the competitiveness of the European transport sector;

Amendment 125
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17c. Calls on the Commission and the Members States to increase their efforts in order to guarantee the opening of the railway transport sector to fair competition, as well as a better quality of services.

Or. en

Amendment 126
Jürgen Klute

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to adopt a legislative proposal for a European Regulator ***that would act where national regulators do not exist or are inactive;***

19. Calls on the Commission to adopt a legislative proposal for a European Regulator ***whose task shall be to help achieving a single European railway area while promoting cooperation between national operators rather than competition only;***

Or. en

Amendment 127
Werner Langen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission to ***adopt a legislative proposal for*** a European Regulator that would act where national regulators do not exist or are inactive;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to ***examine whether*** a European Regulator ***should be established*** that would act where national regulators do not exist or are inactive;

Or. de

Amendment 128
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission to adopt a legislative proposal for a European Regulator ***that would act where*** national regulators ***do not exist or are inactive***;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to adopt a legislative proposal for a European Regulator ***to cooperate with*** national regulators ***and complement their work***;

Or. es

Amendment 129
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Stresses that the single market in the rail freight sector is affected by incorrect or incomplete transposition of EU law by Member States and by bottlenecks to cross-border mobility that harm competition and growth; calls on the Commission to verify whether technical or market barriers ***that differ from one Member States to another, such as track gauges, energy supply and signalling systems***, can be considered infringements of competition rules;

Amendment

20. Stresses that the single market in the rail freight sector is affected by incorrect or incomplete transposition of EU law by Member States and by bottlenecks to cross-border mobility that harm competition and growth; Calls on the Commission to verify whether technical or market barriers ***put in place by operators with special entitlements in the field of energy supply, signalling systems or any other specialist area concerning interoperability restrict***

access to infrastructure and can be considered infringements of competition rules;

Or. es

Amendment 130
Jürgen Klute

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Stresses that the *single market in the* rail freight sector is affected by *incorrect or incomplete transposition of* EU law by Member States and by bottlenecks to cross-border mobility that harm *competition and* growth; calls on the Commission to verify whether technical or market barriers that differ from one Member States to another, such as track gauges, energy supply and signalling systems, can be *considered infringements of competition rules*;

Amendment

20. Stresses that the rail freight sector is affected by *competition provisions of* EU law *leading to liberalisation* by Member States and by bottlenecks to cross-border mobility that harm growth; calls on the Commission to verify whether technical or market barriers that differ from one Member States to another, such as track gauges, energy supply and signalling systems, can be *further tackled*;

Or. en

Amendment 131
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Stresses that the single market in the rail freight sector is affected by incorrect or incomplete transposition of EU law by Member States and by bottlenecks to cross-border mobility that harm competition and growth; calls on the Commission to verify whether technical or market barriers that differ from one Member States to another,

Amendment

20. Stresses that the single market in the rail freight sector is affected by incorrect or incomplete transposition of EU law by Member States and by bottlenecks to cross-border mobility that harm competition and growth; calls on the Commission to verify whether technical or market barriers that differ from one Member States to another,

such as ***track gauges***, energy supply and signalling systems, can be considered infringements of competition rules;

such as energy supply and signalling systems, can be considered infringements of competition rules;

Or. fi

Amendment 132

Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph -21 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-21. Welcomes the intention of the Commission to revise the EU aviation and airport state aid guidelines by the end of 2013 which will have to eliminate any distortion of competition and establish a level playing field for all market participants

Or. en

Amendment 133

Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Invites the Commission to provide a justified overview to ascertain which air carriers ***benefit from advantages over other service providers through*** special conditions or ***alleged*** abuses of their dominant position in certain airports;

21. Invites the Commission to provide a justified overview to ascertain which air carriers ***behave in an anti-competitive manner through undue use of*** special conditions or abuses of their dominant position in certain airports;

Or. es

Amendment 134

Bas Eickhout

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Invites the Commission to provide a justified overview to ascertain which air carriers benefit from advantages over other service providers through special conditions or alleged abuses of their dominant position in certain airports;

Amendment

21. Invites the Commission to provide a justified overview to ascertain which air carriers benefit from advantages over other service providers through special conditions or alleged abuses of their dominant position in certain airports;
including advantages due to national subsidizing of regional airport;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Encourages the Commission to investigate whether certain practices ***with regard to the imposition*** of specific hub airports – based on the terms of the over 1000 bilateral air services agreements signed by Member States with non-EU countries – are ***detrimental to fair competition between carriers and airports, and are*** against European consumers' interests;

Amendment

22. Encourages the Commission to investigate whether certain practices ***regarding the designation*** of specific hub airports – based on the terms of the over 1000 bilateral air services agreements signed by Member States with non-EU countries – are ***objectively justified and do not prejudice competition*** against European consumers' interests;

Or. es

Amendment 136
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. Automotive sector

Calls on the Commission to ensure a fair balance of bargaining power between manufacturers and distributors, while emphasizing the following:

– the importance of combating discriminatory practices in the field of online distribution as governed by the Vertical Restraints Block Exemption Regulation (Commission Regulation 330/2010), so as to safeguard the ability of distributors to use innovative distribution methods and to reach a greater number and spectrum of customers;

– the importance of dealers on the markets for the sale of new motor vehicles following the expiry of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1400/2002 on 31 May 2013; asks the Commission to insist on the need to develop principles of good conduct between manufacturers and dealers with regard to vertical agreements in the motor vehicle sector, particularly with regard to the protection of investments after termination of a contract and the possibility of transferring a business to another member of the same brand network, in order to promote transparency in commercial and contractual relations between the parties;

Or. en

Amendment 137

Malcolm Harbouron behalf of the IMCO Committee

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Calls on the Commission to ensure a fair balance of bargaining power between manufacturers and distributors, while emphasizing the following:

– the importance of combating discriminatory practices in the field of online distribution as governed by the Vertical Restraints Block Exemption Regulation (Commission Regulation 330/2010), so as to safeguard the ability of distributors to use innovative distribution methods and to reach a greater number and spectrum of customers;

– the importance of dealers on the markets for the sale of new motor vehicles following the expiry of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1400/2002 on 31 May 2013; asks the Commission to insist on the need to develop principles of good conduct between manufacturers and dealers with regard to vertical agreements in the motor vehicle sector, particularly with regard to the protection of investments after termination of a contract and the possibility of transferring a business to another member of the same brand network, in order to promote transparency in commercial and contractual relations between the parties;

Or. en

Amendment 138
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Welcomes the Commission's initiative in the area of State aid to

airports; encourages a timely implementation of measures aimed at increased scrutiny of State aid in the sector.

Or. en

Amendment 139
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22b. Urges the Commission to also investigate State aid from all levels of government to regional airports and low cost carriers, to ensure that state support does not unfairly benefit some airports and airlines to the detriment of others; underlines that support from EU Structural Funds may also constitute unlawful State aid; highlights that such aid has created a potentially unsustainable number of regional airports operating outside a proper competition framework.

Or. en

Amendment 140
Claudio Morganti

Motion for a resolution
Heading 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Insurance sector

Or. it

Amendment 141
Claudio Morganti

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Calls on the Commission and the national regulatory authorities to investigate possible cases of possible collusion between companies and abuse of dominant positions on the motor vehicle insurance markets;

Or. it

Amendment 142
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -23 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-23. Believes that the Commission needs to be strict with the introduction of energy market reforms to reduce its prices, particularly in those Member States under the excessive deficit procedure.

Or. en

Amendment 143
Bas Eickhout
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Calls on the Commission and national regulators to investigate if the so-called

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‘Monday effect’ – an alleged manipulation of the petrol prices by companies depending on the specific day of the week – is real;

‘Monday effect’ – an alleged manipulation of the petrol prices by companies depending on the specific day of the week – is real; ***urge the Commission to closely monitor the level of competition since the three largest players still represent about 75 % (electricity) and above 60 % (gas) of the market despite the gradual opening of the markets in the mid-1990s; invites the Commission to issue guidelines in order to improve the access of renewable energy sources to the energy network;***

Or. en

Amendment 144

Bas Eickhout

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Calls the Commission to examine in its next annual report the extents to which the concentration of critical raw materials suppliers may be harmful to the activity of client sectors and a more eco-efficient economy since some of these are of paramount importance for the deployment of eco-efficient technologies needed to achieve environmental goals;

Or. en

Amendment 145

Claudio Morganti

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Calls on the Commission and the national regulatory authorities to investigate possible cases of possible collusion between companies and abuse of dominant positions on the fuel retailing markets;

Or. it

**Amendment 146
Derk Jan Eppink**

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Welcomes in that light the Commission's recent inquiries into the oil sector, acknowledging that a violation of competition rules in this area has massive implications for consumers.

Or. en

**Amendment 147
Hans-Peter Martin**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Asks the Commission to ensure that energy regulations and directives are transposed and applied correctly in all Member States; calls on the Commission to ***be particularly vigilant when prices reach above the EU-average, as high prices distort competition and harm consumers;***

24. Asks the Commission to ensure that energy regulations and directives are transposed and applied correctly in all Member States; calls on the Commission to ***take care to ensure that in all regulations and directives the option is left open to the Member States to exclude from their national market electricity produced from specific sources recognised to be harmful***

or dangerous, such as nuclear power stations;

Or. de

Amendment 148

Jürgen Klute

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Asks the Commission to ensure that energy regulations and directives are transposed and applied correctly in all Member States; calls on the Commission to be particularly vigilant when prices reach above the EU-average, as high prices ***distort competition and*** harm consumers;

Amendment

24. Calls on the Commission to be particularly vigilant when ***energy*** prices reach above the EU-average, as high prices harm consumers;

Or. en

Amendment 149

Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

24a. Points to the need for compensatory measures aimed at preventing any possible rise in energy prices due to the new emissions trading scheme impacting on viability and triggering the relocation to third countries of energy-intensive industries (aluminium, copper, fertilisers, steel, paper, cotton, chemicals, ceramics, etc.), and calls on the Commission to enforce the rules on State aid in electricity markets and facilitate the conclusion of reasonable and non-discriminatory long-term agreements;

Amendment

Amendment 150
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Urges the Commission to pursue the full implementation of the internal energy market package, given that an open and competitive single market in the energy sector has not yet been fully achieved; urges the Commission to be resolute in continuing the steps taken in light of the sector inquiry to bring competition rules effectively to bear on the energy sector; welcomes, to this effect, the ongoing competition law procedures in the energy sector, with the objective of completing the internal energy market in 2014 and eliminating obstacles re-established by energy suppliers;

Or. en

Amendment 151
Krišjānis Kariņš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Welcomes the implementation of the Commission's anti-monopoly measures in the energy sector;

Or. lv

Amendment 152

Malcolm Harbourn on behalf of the IMCO Committee

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Considers that a single European energy market would lower the price of energy paid by consumers and businesses alike, and would strengthen the competitiveness of European business operators on a global scale. For this reason the European Commission should be encouraged to develop a single European energy market by 2014;

Or. en

Amendment 153

Malcolm Harbourn on behalf of the IMCO Committee

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24b. Stresses the crucial importance of the Member States and the Commission to ensure timely and correct implementation of existing legislation for the energy market, including the regulatory work called for by the Third Internal Energy Market Package, in order to achieve an integrated and competitive European internal energy market by 2014; calls on the Commission and its bodies to firmly monitor the national implementation and to develop models for business operational without fossil fuel subsidies;

Or. en

Amendment 154

Malcolm Harbourn on behalf of the IMCO Committee

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24c. Urges the Commission to pursue the full implementation of the internal energy market package, given that an open and competitive single market in the energy sector has not yet been fully achieved; urges the Commission to be resolute in continuing the steps taken in light of the sector inquiry to bring competition rules effectively to bear on the energy sector; welcomes, to this effect, the on-going competition law procedures in the energy sector, with the objective of completing the internal energy market in 2014 and eliminating obstacles re-established by energy suppliers;

Or. en

Amendment 155

Malcolm Harbourn on behalf of the IMCO Committee

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24d. Emphasises the role of smart grids to allow two-way communication between electricity producers and customers, and points out that smart grids can allow consumers to observe and adapt their electricity use; stresses that Member States should make this information available on websites for consumers and for all relevant actors such as builders, architects and suppliers of heat, cooling and electricity equipment;

Amendment 156
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Electronic Payments

24b. Notes that the European market for electronic payments is still fragmented both across and within national borders; takes the view that standardization should include measures necessary to ensure a more open, transparent, innovative and competitive single market that brings advantages to all consumers with regard to mobile payments, interoperability, costs and portability; therefore asks the Commission to assess possible ways of bringing new entrants - banks or non-banks - into the European market for card, internet and mobile payments while taking account of future technological innovations in this sector;

Amendment 157
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Heading 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Internet

New technologies and Internet

Amendment 158
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Considers the contribution that competition policy has to make to the rolling-out of broadband services in the internal market to be of utmost importance in enabling a balance to be struck between public and private investment in order to meet the objectives of the Digital Agenda and ensure coverage in remote, rural and sparsely-populated areas of the EU;

Or. es

Amendment 159
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24c. Urges the Commission to redouble its efforts in the telecommunications markets to help end their fragmentation and prevent abuses of dominant positions by operators with power in those markets; calls on it to ensure that the services provided by operators, and in particular internet access, are transparent, comparable and free of any contractual obstacles to competition;

Or. es

Amendment 160
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24d. Stresses the overriding importance of ‘essential patents’ for innovation in the ICT sector and, in this respect, calls on the Commission to act swiftly to ensure that their holders grant fair, accessible and non-discriminatory licences to other operators to enable continued technical progress and the development of new products to the benefit of consumers; highlights the fact that competition policy should include tools to prevent the creation of artificial obstacles to interconnection, interoperability and the development of economies of scale in the markets;

Or. es

Amendment 161
Pablo Zalba Bidegain

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Welcomes the progress made in the Commission’s investigation of Google’s ***anticompetitive*** practices; urges the Commission to move decisively to address all concerns that have been identified, ***and to take, as a priority, all necessary measures to put an end to Google’s harmful practices and restore competition in the online search and search advertising markets;***

25. Welcomes the progress made in the Commission’s investigation of Google’s practices; urges the Commission to move decisively to address all concerns that have been identified;

Or. es

Amendment 162
Werner Langen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Welcomes the progress made in the Commission's investigation of Google's anticompetitive practices; urges the Commission to move decisively to address all concerns that have been identified, and to take, as a priority, all necessary measures to ***put an end to Google's harmful practices and restore*** competition in the online search and search advertising markets;

Amendment

25. Welcomes the progress made in the Commission's investigation of Google's anticompetitive practices; urges the Commission to move decisively to address all concerns that have been identified, and to take, as a priority, all necessary measures to ***guarantee fair*** competition in the online search and search advertising markets;

Or. de

Amendment 163
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Welcomes the progress made in the Commission's investigation of Google's anticompetitive practices; urges the Commission ***to move*** decisively ***to address*** all concerns that have been identified, and to take, as a priority, all necessary measures to put an end to Google's harmful practices and restore competition in the online search and search advertising markets;

Amendment

25. Welcomes the progress made in the Commission's investigation of Google's anticompetitive practices; urges the Commission ***to act*** decisively ***on*** all concerns that have been identified, and to take, as a priority, all necessary measures to put an end to Google's harmful practices and restore competition in the online search and search advertising markets;

Or. en

Amendment 164
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. ***Calls on the Commission to evaluate the commitment proposals offered by Google in order to open internet markets in the interests of growth, innovation and jobs, given Google's market share of over 90 % in most Member States and its abuse of its market dominance, in particular through the preferential treatment of its own products, as recognised in the Commission's preliminary findings of April 2013;***

Amendment

26. ***Welcomes the Commission's rejection of the insufficient commitment proposals offered earlier by Google; urges the Commission to impose binding commitments on Google which address all four areas of concern identified in its investigation, including search discrimination, in order to restore competition in the Internet search market given Google's market share of over 90% in many member states;***

Or. en

Amendment 165
Werner Langen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Calls on the Commission to ***evaluate*** the commitment proposals offered by Google ***in order to open internet markets*** in the interests of growth, innovation and jobs, ***given Google's market share of over 90 % in most Member States and its abuse of its market dominance, in particular through the preferential treatment of its own products, as recognised in the Commission's preliminary findings of April 2013;***

Amendment

26. Calls on the Commission to ***examine*** the commitment proposals offered by Google in the interests of growth, innovation and jobs;

Or. de

Amendment 166
Malcolm Harbouron behalf of the IMCO Committee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Welcomes the Commission's investigation of Google's anticompetitive practices and its rejection of the insufficient commitment proposals offered earlier by Google; urges the Commission to impose binding commitments on Google which address all four areas of concern identified in its investigation, including search discrimination, in order to restore competition in the Internet search market given Google's market share of over 90% in many member states;

Or. en

Amendment 167
Malcolm Harbourn behalf of the IMCO Committee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26b. Notes that the European market for cards, internet and mobile payments is fragmented both among and within national borders and that self-regulatory measures have not been effective, therefore welcomes the Commission's proposal for a Payments Accounts Directive paving the way for a more open, transparent and competitive single market for payments; in this regard, notes the General Court judgement in the MasterCard case from 24th of May 2012 confirming the anticompetitive nature of Multilateral Interchange Fees; urges Members States to adopt the proposed Directive to ensure a level playing field for cards payments;

Amendment 168
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Heading 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

State aid to football

Amendment 169
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Welcomes the Commission to open up investigations against the existence of state aid in football as it creates a distortion on the use of public resources.

Amendment 170
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26b. Recalls that net neutrality is of the uttermost importance to ensure that there is no discrimination between internet services and competition is fully guaranteed.

Amendment 171
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26c. Believes that the Commission should carefully study any loan or any refinancing of loans from banks that have received state aid directed to football clubs; particularly the loan rates compared to the average rate in lending and its size compared to the debt of the football club in question

Amendment 172
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Heading 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Agriculture

Amendment 173
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26b. Highlights that agriculture should in

fact be subjected in full to competition rules; regrets recent developments in the CAP to the contrary.

Or. en

Amendment 174
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26c. Highlights, in the current absence of that situation, the need to avoid agricultural policy measures such as production quota, which divide national markets and prevent effective functioning of the internal market; urges the Commission, in cooperation with national competition authorities, to thoroughly scrutinize competition in the agro-industrial sector in terms of support, transparency and consumer price evolution at all levels of the value chain;

Or. en

Amendment 175
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Heading 7 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

The food chain

Or. es

Amendment 176
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Welcomes the creation of the Food Task Force within DG COMP with the aim of monitoring developments in competition in the food chain and its impact on consumers, as well as the launch of a study into the retail sector; considers that the establishing of a balanced system of relationships in the food sector must not be done to the detriment of competition policy or by way of a purely commercial approach which fails to reflect that policy's basic principles;

Or. es

Amendment 177
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Sports

Or. es

Amendment 178
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26b. Urges the Commission to address in a structured manner the relationships between professional sports and competition policy; it should investigate – particularly in the case of football – whether or not the following are detrimental to competition in the world of sport and liable to threaten the sustainability of sport within the single market: termination clauses, wage differences, imbalances in the allocation of broadcasting rights for competitions, non-payment of social charges and the meeting of tax obligations, conflicts of interest and the failure of directors of sports bodies to establish clear rules to address these issues and preserve the identity of European sport;

Or. es

Amendment 179
Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the ***Commission***.

Amendment

27. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, ***the Commission*** and the ***national competition authorities (NCAs)***.

Or. en

Amendment 180
Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council ***and*** the Commission.

Amendment

27. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission ***and the competition authorities of the Member States.***

Or. es