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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report
Michela Giuffrida
Lagging regions in the EU
(2017/2208(INI))

Amendment 1

Marc Joulaud, Maurice Ponga

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to Articles 174, 175 **and 176** of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),

Amendment

– having regard to Articles 174, 175, **176 and 349** of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),

Or. fr

Amendment 2

Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution

Citation 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ***having regard to its Resolution of 16 February 2017 on investing in jobs and growth – maximising the contribution of European Structural and Investment Funds: an evaluation of the report under Article 16(3) of the CPR,***

Or. en

Amendment 3

Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution

Citation 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ***having regard to its Resolution of 13 June 2017 on building blocks for a post-2020 EU cohesion policy,***

Or. en

Amendment 4
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Citation 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to its Resolution of 24 October 2017 on the reflection paper on the Future of EU Finances,*

Or. en

Amendment 5
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the report of 17 February 2014 on optimising the potential of outermost regions by creating synergies between the Structural Funds and other European Union programmes (2013/2178(INI)),*

Or. fr

Amendment 6
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to ex-ante conditionalities for smart specialisation*

strategies,

Or. en

Amendment 7
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the Seventh Report on Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion,*

Or. it

Amendment 8
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the implementation report on promoting cohesion and development in the outermost regions of the EU: implementation of Article 349 TFEU (2016/2250(INI)),*

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the economic crisis in the EU has adversely affected economic growth at regional level, despite the fact that cohesion policy has contributed significantly to boosting growth and employment and reducing disparities between EU regions;

Amendment

A. whereas the economic crisis in the EU has adversely affected economic growth at regional level, ***which is currently being compounded by a crisis of confidence in the EU***, despite the fact that cohesion policy has contributed significantly to boosting growth and employment and reducing disparities between EU regions;

Or. ro

Amendment 10
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the economic crisis in the EU has adversely affected economic growth at regional level, despite the fact that cohesion policy has contributed ***significantly to*** boosting growth and employment and reducing disparities between EU regions;

Amendment

A. whereas the economic crisis in the EU has adversely affected economic growth at regional level, despite the fact that cohesion policy has contributed ***with around one third of the EU budget aiming at*** boosting growth and employment and reducing disparities between EU regions;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the economic crisis in the EU has adversely affected economic growth at regional level, despite the fact that cohesion policy has contributed

Amendment

A. whereas the ***protracted*** economic crisis in the EU has adversely affected economic growth at regional level, despite the fact that cohesion policy has

significantly to boosting growth and employment and reducing disparities between EU regions;

contributed significantly to boosting growth and employment and reducing disparities between EU regions;

Or. hr

Amendment 12

Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas cohesion policy (European Regional Development Fund- ERDF, European Social Fund- ESF and Cohesion Fund- CF) is the EU's main investment, growth and development policy aligned with the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and aimed at reducing economic, social and territorial disparities between regions and promoting convergence and, thus, improving the quality of life of European citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Iratxe García Pérez

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the 2016 report by the Joint Research Centre on the regionalisation of demographic and economic projections states that if the current economic and demographic trends continue, a growing number of

regions will be classified as 'less developed' and will therefore need more aid under cohesion policies;

Or. es

Amendment 14
Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the principal objective of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Cohesion Fund for the period 2014-2020 is investment in growth and employment with a view to strengthening the labour market, regional economies and European regional cooperation *and* improving cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation within the Union;

Amendment

B. whereas the principal objective of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Cohesion Fund for the period 2014-2020 is investment in growth and employment with a view to strengthening the labour market, regional economies and European regional cooperation, improving cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation within the Union, *and ultimately reducing development disparities between individual regions of Europe;*

Or. hr

Amendment 15
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the principal objective of the *European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Cohesion Fund* for the period 2014-2020 is *investment* in growth and employment *with a view to*

Amendment

B. whereas the principal objective of the *ESI Funds* for the period 2014-2020 is *investing* in growth and employment *taking into account EU strategies, ESI Funds specific objectives and Treaty's objectives of economic, social and*

strengthening the labour market, regional economies and European regional cooperation and improving cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation within the Union;

territorial cohesion, linking it with relevant Country Specific Recommendations and performing necessary Structural Reforms;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas according to the European Commission's report, 47 regions are lagging behind in eight Member States; whereas, however, this difference is not reflected in the regulations;

Amendment

C. whereas according to the European Commission's report, 47 regions are lagging behind in eight Member States; whereas, however, this difference is not reflected in the regulations; ***deplores the fact that, in its report, the Commission did not include the Mayotte region or any French outermost regions among those deemed to be lagging, and points out that Mayotte is one the EU regions lagging furthest behind in terms of per capita GDP;***

Or. fr

Amendment 17
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas according to the European Commission's report, 47 regions are lagging behind in eight Member States; whereas, however, this difference is not reflected in the ***regulations***;

Amendment

C. whereas according to the European Commission's ***'Lagging Regions Report'***, 47 regions are lagging behind in eight Member States; whereas, however, this difference is not reflected in the

legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Monika Smolková

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas according to the European Commission's report, 47 regions are lagging behind in eight Member States; whereas, ***however***, this difference is not reflected in the regulations;

Amendment

C. whereas according to the European Commission's report, 47 regions are lagging behind in eight Member States; whereas ***although*** this difference is not reflected in the regulations, ***it may lead to a better understanding of the complexity of the challenges faced by lagging regions;***

Or. sk

Amendment 19
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas according to the European Commission's report, 47 regions are lagging behind in eight Member States; ***whereas, however, this difference is not reflected in the regulations;***

Amendment

C. whereas according to the European Commission's report, 47 regions are lagging behind in eight Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution

Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas cohesion policy plays an important role in all lagging regions and accounts for a very high share of their public investment in most of them;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the European Commission Report distinguishes two types of lagging regions: 'Low-growth regions', which cover less developed and transition regions that did not converge to the EU average between the years 2000 and 2013 in Member States with a GDP per head in PPS below the EU average in 2013- meaning almost all the less developed and transition regions in Greece, Spain, Italy and Portugal and 'Low-income regions' covering all regions with a GDP per head in PPS below 50% of the EU average in 2013, which means several less developed regions in Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland and Romania;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Iratxe García Pérez

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. taking into account the persistently high unemployment rates, the rise in poverty and social exclusion and growing inequality levels in the EU;

Or. es

Amendment 23

Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas low growth regions suffer from economic stagnation in public and private investment, unlike low-income regions which maintain their development potential ***intact***;

Amendment

E. whereas low growth regions suffer from economic stagnation ***particularly due to a drop*** in public and private investment, unlike low-income regions which maintain ***in general*** their development potential;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Marc Joulaud, Maurice Ponga

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas lagging regions suffer more than others from the shortage of public and private investment, ***which is also due to public debt reduction requirements imposed by the Stability Pact***;

Amendment

F. whereas lagging regions suffer more than others from the shortage of public and private investment;

Or. fr

Amendment 25
Monika Smolková

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas *lagging regions suffer more than others from the shortage of public and private investment, which is also due to public debt reduction requirements imposed by the Stability Pact;*

Amendment

F. whereas *there are greater shortfalls in* public and private investment *in lagging regions compared with other regions;*

Or. sk

Amendment 26
Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas lagging regions suffer more than others from the shortage of public and private investment, *which is also due to public debt reduction requirements imposed by the Stability Pact;*

Amendment

F. whereas lagging regions suffer more than others from the shortage of public and private investment;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Fa. whereas lagging regions are affected by the lack of Structural reforms which makes the limited public

Amendment

investments ineffective and which makes lagging regions less attractive to private investments;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas lagging regions have serious *infrastructural shortcomings* and are in need of targeted investments to ensure that they are used more effectively and are more accessible;

Amendment

G. whereas lagging regions have serious *shortcomings in terms of public transport, economic and energy infrastructure*, and are in need of targeted investments to ensure that they are used more effectively and are more accessible;

Or. hr

Amendment 29
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas lagging regions have serious infrastructural shortcomings and are in need of *targeted* investments *to ensure that they are used more effectively and are more accessible*;

Amendment

G. whereas lagging regions have serious infrastructural shortcomings and are in need of *more efficient and effective* investments *in order to increase the impact of public investments*;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ruža Tomašić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas the Commission *hopes for* a closer relationship between cohesion policy and country-specific recommendations in the framework of the European Semester;

Amendment

H. whereas the Commission *is of the opinion that* a closer relationship between cohesion policy and country-specific recommendations in the framework of the European Semester *is needed*;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution
Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas mass departures from lagging regions, especially on the part of young people and skilled labour, are making them less attractive in terms of employment;

Amendment

I. whereas mass departures from lagging regions, especially on the part of young people and skilled labour, are making them less attractive in terms of employment *and threatening them with permanent depopulation and long-term developmental lags*;

Or. hr

Amendment 32
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas *mass departures from* lagging regions, *especially on the part of* young people and skilled labour, *are* making them less attractive in terms of *employment*;

Amendment

I. whereas lagging regions *and in particular low-income regions are confronted with mass departures of* young people and skilled labour, making them less attractive in terms of *economic growth*

prospects;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas mass departures from lagging regions, especially on the part of young people and skilled labour, are making them less attractive in terms of employment;

Amendment

I. whereas mass departures from lagging regions, especially on the part of young people and skilled labour, are making them less attractive in terms of employment *and investments*;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas mass departures from lagging regions, especially on the part of young people and skilled labour, are making them less attractive in terms of *employment*;

Amendment

I. whereas mass departures from lagging regions, especially on the part of young people and skilled labour, are making them less attractive in terms of *investments*;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Monika Smolková

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas mass departures from lagging regions, especially on the part of young people and skilled labour, are ***making them less attractive in terms of employment;***

Amendment

I. whereas mass departures from lagging regions, especially on the part of young people and skilled labour, are ***amplifying the demographic imbalances in such regions;***

Or. sk

Amendment 36
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas the definition of low-income and low-growth regions should take into account national programmes and general economic conditions;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 37
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas the definition of low-income and low-growth regions should take into account national programmes and general economic conditions;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 38
Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution
Recital J a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ja. whereas some lagging regions, particularly in Italy and Greece, are under considerable migratory pressure and are also forced to use the Structural and Investment Funds to cope with the current emergency; whereas, furthermore, the contribution of the ESI Funds in tackling this challenge can only be effective if accompanied by the effective application of the principles of solidarity and the equitable redistribution of migrants;

Or. it

Amendment 39
Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

K. whereas it is important to raise awareness among end-users of EU-funded local programmes and the results achieved, regardless of funding levels in any specific region;

K. whereas it is important to raise awareness among end-users of EU-funded ***regional and*** local programmes and the results achieved, regardless of funding levels in any specific region;

Or. hr

Amendment 40
Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

L. whereas ***the*** efficient public ***services*** contribute significantly to ensuring economic growth in lagging regions;

L. whereas ***good governance and an*** efficient public ***administration*** contribute significantly to ***ensuring*** economic growth in lagging regions;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas the efficient public services contribute significantly to ***ensuring*** economic growth in lagging regions;

Amendment

L. whereas the efficient public services contribute significantly to ***creating the conditions for*** economic growth in lagging regions;

Or. hr

Amendment 42
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas ***the*** efficient public services ***contribute significantly to ensuring economic growth*** in lagging regions;

Amendment

L. whereas efficient public services ***are also needed*** in lagging regions;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Recital L a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

La. whereas according to the Seventh Report on Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion, lagging regions are ranked lowest in the Quality of Government Index, which means a reduced impact of public investment;

Or. it

Amendment 44
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Recital L a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

La. whereas reliable, up-to-date and disaggregated figures and statistics are important for a well-informed, more transparent and impartial, fairer political decisions;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Recital L a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

La. whereas obstacles limiting growth and gaps in infrastructures should be reduced in lagging regions;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Recital L b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Lb. whereas four out of five lagging regions have at least 25% of their population in a City and its Commuting Zone (FUA- functional urban area) and one out of five lagging regions has more than 50% of their population in a FUA;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Recital L b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Lb. whereas lagging regions' SMEs are financed with much higher interest rates and have more difficulties in receiving loans from the banking sector in order to co-finance ESI Funds projects;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Recital L c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Lc. whereas strengthening administrative capacity should be seen as improving efficiency and better using ICT tools, and not as continuing to increase

the number of public administration staff only;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Andrea Cozzolino, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes the Commission's report on competitiveness in low-income and low-growth regions: the lagging regions (SWD (2017) 0132) *and the solutions proposed* to support growth and the economy in these regions;

Amendment

1. Notes the Commission's report on competitiveness in low-income and low-growth regions: the lagging regions (SWD (2017) 0132), *which analyses competitiveness by dividing the regions into 'low-income' and 'low-growth' regions; notes that the report proposes a number of solutions* to support growth and the economy in these regions; *stresses that the analysis makes an important contribution to the future debate, although this division is not yet reflected in the regulations implementing cohesion policy;*

Or. it

Amendment 50

Marc Joulaud, Maurice Ponga

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes the Commission's report on competitiveness in low-income and low-growth regions: the lagging regions (SWD (2017) 0132) and the solutions proposed to support growth and the economy in these regions;

Amendment

1. Notes the Commission's report on competitiveness in low-income and low-growth regions: the lagging regions (SWD (2017) 0132) and the solutions proposed to support growth and the economy in these regions; *deplores, however, the fact that*

the report ignores the situation in the Union's outermost regions;

Or. fr

Amendment 51

Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. *Notes* the Commission's report on competitiveness in low-income and low-growth regions: the lagging regions (SWD (2017) 0132) and the solutions proposed to support growth *and the economy* in these regions;

Amendment

1. *Welcomes* the Commission's report on competitiveness in low-income and low-growth regions: the lagging regions (SWD (2017) 0132) and the solutions proposed to support *economic* growth, *sustainable development and jobs creation* in these regions;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. *Notes* the Commission's report on competitiveness in low-income and low-growth regions: the lagging regions (SWD (2017) 0132) and the solutions proposed to support growth and the economy in these regions;

Amendment

1. *Welcomes* the Commission's report on competitiveness in low-income and low-growth regions: the lagging regions (SWD (2017) 0132) and *welcomes* the solutions proposed to support growth and the economy in these regions;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Fernando Ruas, Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Welcomes the implementation of the pilot initiatives for lagging regions in two regions in Romania and two regions in Poland (the latter carried out with the support of the World Bank), particularly through the definition of strategic priorities and concrete, quickly implementable actions, and looks forward to the publication of its results;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Stresses that cohesion policy ***plays a key role in*** ensuring investment in all EU regions, ***especially in lagging*** regions;

2. Stresses that cohesion policy ***is the EU's main investment growth and development policy*** ensuring investment in all EU regions ***and that the European Union as a whole, in order to promote its overall harmonious development, should develop and pursue actions leading to the strengthening of its economic, social and territorial cohesion and aiming at reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured*** regions;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Dimitrios Papadimoulis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses that cohesion policy plays a key role in ensuring investment in all EU regions, especially in lagging regions;

Amendment

2. Stresses that cohesion policy plays a key role in ensuring investment in all EU regions, especially in lagging regions; ***in order to perform this role, it must maintain its resources, while providing for the allocation of a necessary proportion of these resources to lagging regions through simplified and direct procedures;***

Or. el

Amendment 56
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses that cohesion policy plays a key role in ensuring investment in all EU regions, especially in lagging regions;

Amendment

2. Stresses that cohesion policy plays a key role in ensuring investment in all EU regions, especially in lagging regions; ***stresses, in that regard, the overriding importance of applying Article 349 TFEU in order to protect the outermost regions;***

Or. fr

Amendment 57
Andrea Cozzolino, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses that cohesion policy plays a key role in ensuring investment in all EU

Amendment

2. Stresses that cohesion policy plays a key role in ensuring ***and promoting***

regions, especially in lagging regions;

public and private investment in all EU regions, especially in lagging regions, ***both directly, and by contributing to the creation of a favourable environment for investment;***

Or. it

Amendment 58

Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses that cohesion policy plays a key role in ensuring investment in all EU regions, especially in lagging regions;

Amendment

2. Stresses that cohesion policy plays a key role in ensuring investment in all EU regions, especially in lagging regions, ***and in reducing development disparities;***

Or. hr

Amendment 59

Marc Joulaud, Maurice Ponga

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses that cohesion policy plays a key role in ensuring investment in all EU regions, ***especially in lagging regions;***

Amendment

2. Stresses that cohesion policy plays a key role in ensuring investment in all EU regions;

Or. fr

Amendment 60

Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses that cohesion policy plays a key role in ensuring investment in all EU regions, *especially in lagging regions*;

Amendment

2. Stresses that cohesion policy plays a key role in ensuring investment in all EU regions;

Or. en

Amendment 61

Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. ***Calls on the Commission to better define regional categories (e.g. low-income, low-growth, transitional regions) based on general economic conditions and on reference periods in line with ESI fund programming cycles;***

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 62

Dimitrios Papadimoulis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to better define regional categories (e.g. low-income, low-growth, transitional regions) based on general economic conditions and on reference periods in line with ESI fund programming cycles;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to better define regional categories (e.g. low-income, low-growth, transitional regions) based ***not only*** on general economic conditions ***but also on the results of the social indicators especially of those regions with high rates of chronic unemployment*** and on reference periods in line with ESI fund programming cycles;

Amendment 63
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to better define regional categories (e.g. low-income, low-growth, transitional regions) based on general economic conditions and on reference periods in line with ESI fund programming cycles;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to better define regional categories (e.g. low-income, low-growth, transitional regions) based on general economic, ***employment and social*** conditions and on reference periods in line with ESI fund programming cycles;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to ***better*** define ***regional categories (e.g. low-income, low-growth, transitional regions) based on general economic conditions and on reference periods in line with ESI fund programming cycles;***

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to define ***lagging areas at NUTS III level within NUTS II regions, and to better target the financing of those areas;***

Or. en

Amendment 65
Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to create tailor-made strategies, programmes and actions for the different lagging regions, focused on their particularities and idiosyncrasies, using smart specialisation strategies, consequently accelerating their convergence and assuring the best solutions for job creation, economic growth and sustainable development of their territories; in this regard and given the fact that lagging regions are not purely rural, believes that these strategies, programmes or actions should be coordinated with the Urban Agenda;*

Or. en

Amendment 66
Marc Joulaud, Maurice Ponga

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. *Stresses that the paths taken by and challenges facing low-income regions and low-growth regions differ greatly and therefore call for separate development strategies; stresses that future cohesion policy will be effective only if it is tailored to each region's specific characteristics;*

Or. fr

Amendment 67
Iratxe García Pérez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission, in an environment of low investment, to reconsider how it allocates aid between more and less developed regions so that lagging regions receive more aid in the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework;

Or. es

Amendment 68

Marc Joulaud, Maurice Ponga

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Stresses that the Commission's report spells out that if cohesion policy is to provide responses tailored to territories' needs, it must not rely solely on static data but must also take account of trends and sub-regional disparities; calls for cohesion policy reform to be based on the insights gained in this way;

Or. fr

Amendment 69

Marc Joulaud, Maurice Ponga

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3c. Stresses that the Commission's report highlights, as the Seventh Cohesion Report did, the situation for territories made vulnerable by globalisation and which are at risk of

falling behind; stresses that future cohesion policy must not only continue to reduce disparities but also stop territories from falling behind by providing them with tailored support;

Or. fr

Amendment 70
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses that unemployment, particularly among young people, remains dramatically high and represents one of the most serious and pressing problems in lagging regions; stresses the fundamental role of education and training in combating the particularly alarming unemployment and departure levels among young people in these regions;

Amendment

4. Stresses that *in addition to SMEs' low development and investments*, unemployment, particularly among young people, remains dramatically high and represents one of the most serious and pressing problems in *a large majority of* lagging regions; stresses the fundamental role of education and *on-the-job* training in combating the particularly alarming unemployment and departure levels among young people in these regions; *stresses the importance of education and training in relation to the needs and the development of SMEs*;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Andor Deli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses that unemployment, particularly among young people, remains dramatically high and *represents one of*

Amendment

4. Stresses that unemployment, particularly among young people, *which* remains dramatically high and *negative*

the most serious and pressing problems in lagging regions; stresses the fundamental role of education and training in combating the particularly alarming unemployment and departure levels among young people in these regions;

demographic trends represent the most serious and pressing problems in lagging regions; stresses the fundamental role of education and training in combating the particularly alarming unemployment and departure levels among young people in these regions ***and the role of family-creating and family-supporting policies in order to tackle the depopulation in these regions***;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Marc Joulaud, Maurice Ponga

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses that unemployment, particularly among young people, remains dramatically high and represents one of the most serious and pressing problems in lagging regions; stresses the fundamental role of education and training in combating the particularly alarming unemployment and departure levels among young people in these regions;

Amendment

4. Stresses that unemployment, particularly among young people, remains dramatically high and represents one of the most serious and pressing problems in lagging regions; stresses ***that it is important for future cohesion policy to take account of such indicators along with per capita GDP***; stresses the fundamental role of education and training in combating the particularly alarming unemployment and departure levels among young people in these regions;

Or. fr

Amendment 73
Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Stresses that unemployment, particularly among young people, remains dramatically high and represents one of the most serious and pressing problems in lagging regions; stresses the fundamental role of **education and** training in combating the particularly alarming unemployment and departure levels among young people in these regions;

4. Stresses that unemployment, particularly among ***the most vulnerable groups, such as women and*** young people, remains dramatically high and represents one of the most serious and pressing problems in lagging regions; stresses the fundamental role of ***secondary and higher education, professional training and lifelong learning*** in combating the particularly alarming unemployment and departure levels among young people in these regions;

Or. hr

Amendment 74
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses that unemployment, particularly among young people, remains dramatically high and represents one of the most serious and pressing problems in lagging regions; stresses the fundamental role of education and training in combating the particularly alarming unemployment and departure levels among young people in these regions;

Amendment

4. Stresses that unemployment, particularly among young people, remains dramatically high and represents one of the most serious and pressing problems in lagging regions; stresses the fundamental role of education and training, ***as well as of increased investments creating more job opportunities***, in combating the particularly alarming unemployment and departure levels among young people in these regions;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Dimitrios Papadimoulis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Notes that the presence of a properly educated and trained workforce has a powerful impact on competitiveness, productivity and the attractiveness of the labour market;

Amendment

5. Notes that the presence of a properly educated and trained workforce has a powerful impact on competitiveness, productivity and the attractiveness of the labour market, ***which flourish in growth and investment-friendly environments; strategies to reinforce European, national and private investments that focus on small and medium-sized enterprises and exploit local advantages in an innovative way should therefore be sought, providing employment incentives especially for young, highly skilled workers;***

Or. el

Amendment 76

Daniel Buda, Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Notes that the presence of a properly educated and trained workforce has a powerful impact on competitiveness, productivity and the attractiveness of the labour market;

Amendment

5. Notes that the presence of a properly educated and trained workforce has a powerful impact on competitiveness, productivity and the attractiveness of the labour market; ***draws attention to the depopulation of low-income regions owing to the exodus of young people towards more developed areas; regrets that these regions find it so hard to attract highly skilled workers;***

Or. ro

Amendment 77

Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Notes that the presence of *a properly* educated and trained workforce has a powerful impact on competitiveness, productivity and the attractiveness of the labour market;

Amendment

5. Notes that the presence of *an* educated and trained workforce has a powerful impact on competitiveness, productivity and the attractiveness of the labour market; *is of the opinion that, in this context, account should be taken of the existing situation of lagging regions, in particular the negative migration rate and their adverse impact on employment;*

Or. en

Amendment 78

Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Notes that the presence of a properly educated and trained workforce has a powerful impact on competitiveness, productivity and the attractiveness of the labour market;

Amendment

5. Notes that the presence of a properly educated and trained workforce *that matches the needs of the economy* has a powerful impact on competitiveness, productivity and the attractiveness of the labour market;

Or. hr

Amendment 79

Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Notes that the presence of a properly educated and trained workforce has a powerful impact *on* competitiveness, productivity *and the* attractiveness *of the*

Amendment

5. Notes that the presence of a properly educated and trained workforce has a powerful impact *when it comes to boosting* competitiveness, productivity,

labour market;

attractiveness *and* labour market *entry*;

Or. ro

Amendment 80

Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Notes that the presence of a properly educated and trained workforce has a powerful impact on competitiveness, productivity and the attractiveness *of the labour market*;

Amendment

5. Notes that the presence of a properly educated and trained workforce has a powerful impact on competitiveness, productivity and the attractiveness *for investments*;

Or. en

Amendment 81

Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Believes that, particularly for lagging regions, the share earmarked for technical assistance and aimed at strengthening the administrative capacity of the Member States in the use of Community funds should also be maintained in the new programming period and contain new performance indicators;

Or. it

Amendment 82

Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. *stresses that the proper training of national, regional and local administrations in the analysis and application of the complex rules relating to the Structural and Investment Funds is crucial for improving the quality of projects and increasing the take-up rate of the Funds;*

Or. it

Amendment 83
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. *Hopes that, in implementing the 2020 education and training strategy and its objectives, account will be taken of existing situations in lagging regions, in particular the departure rates and their adverse impact on employment;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 84
Dimitrios Papadimoulis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Hopes that, in implementing the 2020 education and training strategy and its objectives, account will be taken of

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existing situations in lagging regions, in particular the departure rates and their adverse impact on employment;

existing situations in lagging regions, in particular the departure rates and their adverse impact on employment; ***a special basis should be given to regions bearing the brunt of refugee and migratory flows so that refugees and migrants who remain in these areas can receive appropriate training and education with a view to integrating them into the labour market;***

Or. el

Amendment 85
Daniel Buda, Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Hopes that, in implementing the 2020 education and training strategy and its objectives, account will be taken of existing situations in lagging regions, in particular the departure rates and their adverse impact on employment;

Amendment

6. Hopes that, in implementing the 2020 education and training strategy and its objectives, account will be taken of existing situations in lagging regions, in particular the departure rates and their adverse impact on employment; ***stresses the need for training to enhance workers' professional skills, which should ideally be tailored to employment market requirements;***

Or. ro

Amendment 86
Andrea Cozzolino, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Hopes that, ***in implementing the 2020 education and training strategy*** and its objectives, ***account will be taken of***

Amendment

6. Hopes that ***the implementation of the European Union's 2030 Global Strategy*** and its objectives ***will continue to***

existing situations in lagging regions, in particular the departure rates and their adverse impact on employment;

take due account of the specific needs of lagging regions, in particular *the persistent infrastructure gaps and the development of human capital, focusing particularly on* the departure rates and their adverse impact on employment;

Or. it

Amendment 87
Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Hopes that, in implementing the 2020 education and training strategy and its objectives, account will be taken of existing situations in lagging regions, in particular the departure rates and their adverse impact on employment;

Amendment

6. Hopes that, in implementing the 2020 education and training strategy and its objectives, account will be taken of existing situations in lagging regions, in particular the *early* departure rates and their adverse impact on employment;

Or. hr

Amendment 88
Andrea Cozzolino, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that, in lagging regions especially, it is necessary to strike the correct balance between structural interventions, social policies and industrial policies in the programming of ESI funds to stimulate growth;

Amendment

7. Notes that, in lagging regions especially, it is necessary to strike the correct balance between structural interventions, social policies and industrial policies in the programming of ESI funds to stimulate growth; *hopes that, in indicating the lines of development of the future cohesion policy, the Commission reaffirms the importance of continuing to invest in infrastructure interventions in*

all the lagging regions, thereby helping to address the remaining shortcomings;

Or. it

Amendment 89

Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that, *in lagging regions especially*, it is necessary to strike *the* correct balance between structural interventions, social policies and industrial policies in the programming of ESI funds to stimulate growth;

Amendment

7. Notes that it is necessary to strike *a* correct balance between structural interventions, social policies and industrial policies in the programming *and implementation* of ESI funds to stimulate *economic* growth, *sustainable development and jobs creation*;

Or. en

Amendment 90

Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that, in lagging regions especially, it is necessary to *strike the correct balance between structural interventions, social policies and industrial policies* in the *programming of ESI funds* to stimulate growth;

Amendment

7. Notes that, in lagging regions especially, it is necessary to *invest* in the *real needs of those regions by better combining grants with financial instruments in order* to stimulate growth *and employment*;

Or. en

Amendment 91

Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Considers it necessary to distinguish and clarify the concept and scope of application of structural reforms in the context of cohesion policy; underlines, in this regard, that measures relating to the improvement of administrative capacity, the fight against corruption, the implementation of more effective strategies against tax evasion and the transparency of public procurement have a functional role to play both with regard to increasing the take-up of Community resources and to improving the quality of the projects;

Or. it

Amendment 92
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Highlights that lagging regions are also areas seriously affected by industrial transition and industrial decline; considers that cohesion policy should return to its aim, stipulated in Article 174 TFEU, to pay particular attention to such areas, and that more adequate measures with corresponding resources should be encouraged and implemented for reindustrialisation and boosting economic growth and employment in lagging regions;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Underlines the importance of tackling the main issues affecting the promotion of entrepreneurship and businesses in low-growth countries, which are getting credit, enforcing contracts and protecting minority investors, while in low-income countries, the biggest issues are resolving insolvency, electricity supply and contract enforcement;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Andrea Cozzolino, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Notes that cohesion policy can serve as a tool for correcting competitiveness gaps and imbalances and macroeconomic asymmetries between regions, encouraging the construction of an attractive and sustainable environment for businesses and citizens;

Or. it

Amendment 95
Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. *Stresses the need for structural reforms in countries and regions with development problems as a prerequisite for better outcomes for investments made under cohesion policy programmes;*

Or. hr

Amendment 96

Andrea Cozzolino, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. *Notes that the fact that cohesion policy is not as effective as it should be, especially in lagging regions with more extensive operational programmes, is directly due to the lack of any real simplification of that policy; advocates decisive action to reduce the excess of rules, controls and the length and complexity of procedures, starting from the current programming cycle;*

Or. it

Amendment 97

Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. *Considers that structural reforms intended as privatisation processes, interventions in the labour market and any measures aimed at undermining the*

welfare state of Member States should in no way be set as a conditionality - or as punitive measures in the event of failure to implement the above-mentioned actions - in the current or new post-2020 cohesion policy framework;

Or. it

Amendment 98
Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. *Points out that decentralisation and the application of the principle of subsidiarity in underdeveloped Member States can be a significant factor in stimulating economic development in underdeveloped regions, and particularly in lagging regions;*

Or. hr

Amendment 99
Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ruža Tomašić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Public Debt and Economic Growth

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 100
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. *Considers that social development criteria, as set out in the Regional Social Progress Index, should be included alongside economic progress criteria in future Commission reports on lagging regions;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 101
Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Considers that social development criteria, *as set out in* the Regional Social Progress Index, *should be* included alongside economic progress criteria in future Commission reports on lagging regions;

Amendment

8. Considers that *demographic and* social development criteria, *such as, for example,* the Regional Social Progress Index, *could be considered in the context of cohesion policy and* included alongside economic progress criteria in future Commission reports on lagging regions;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Andrea Cozzolino, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Considers that social development criteria, as set out in the Regional Social Progress Index, should be included alongside economic progress criteria in *future Commission reports on* lagging

Amendment

8. Considers that social development criteria, as set out in the Regional Social Progress Index, should be included *in future* alongside economic progress criteria in *order to ensure better fulfilment*

regions;

*of needs and exploitation of the potential
of lagging regions;*

Or. it

Amendment 103
Iratxe García Pérez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**8a. *Calls on the Commission to
incorporate into cohesion policy new
indicators, including the EU regional
Social Progress Index, that give a fuller
picture of the specific challenges facing
less developed regions;***

Or. es

Amendment 104
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Highlights the adverse effects of
austerity policies, especially in low-growth
regions, encouraging public investment
cuts and giving priority to debt repayment
over any other national budget items;

9. Highlights the adverse effects of
austerity policies, especially in low-growth
regions, encouraging public investment
cuts and giving priority to debt repayment
over any other national budget items;
***draws attention, however, to the need to
tailor public investment to growth
requirements and expresses concern at
the impact of increased public investment
on deficit targets;***

Or. ro

Amendment 105

Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ruža Tomašić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Highlights the adverse effects of *austerity policies*, especially *in* low-growth regions, *encouraging* public investment cuts *and giving priority to debt repayment over any other national budget items*;

Amendment

9. Highlights the adverse effects of *public and private high debt rates and the past economic crisis*, especially *for* low-growth regions, *which have reduced the margins of budgetary policies, producing* public investment cuts;

Or. en

Amendment 106

Marc Joulaud, Maurice Ponga

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Highlights the adverse effects of *austerity policies, especially in low-growth regions, encouraging public investment cuts and giving priority to debt repayment over any other national budget items*;

Amendment

9. Highlights the adverse effects of *public investment cuts, but stresses the importance of making savings with a view to eliminating the deficit and of making sure that our children do not end up shouldering the debt burden*;

Or. fr

Amendment 107

Iratxe García Pérez

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that cohesion policy continues to apply to the Union as a whole and to safeguard

access to resources, expertise and assistance for every region, regardless of Member States' GDP;

Or. es

Amendment 108
Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. *Stresses the detrimental effects of recentralisation on regions in countries affected by austerity policies, as it exacerbates the development conditions in lagging regions;*

Or. hr

Amendment 109
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Considers that growth and employment, especially in the most disadvantaged regions, can only be properly stimulated through cohesion policies if the necessary co-funding is unaffected by budgetary constraints under the Stability Pact; reiterates in this regard the call for exemption of total national contributions to European structural and investment funding from Stability and Growth Pact constraints, given their objective of achieving Europe 2020 objectives and supporting competitiveness, *growth and* job creation, with particular

10. Considers that growth and employment, especially in the most disadvantaged regions, can only be properly stimulated through cohesion policies if the necessary co-funding is unaffected by budgetary constraints under the Stability Pact; reiterates in this regard the call for exemption of total national contributions to European structural and investment funding from Stability and Growth Pact constraints, given their objective of achieving Europe 2020 objectives and supporting competitiveness *and growth, for example by means of*

regard to youth employment;

innovation strategies for smart specialization, accompanied by job creation, with particular regard to youth employment; calls on the national authorities to give priority to structural fund support for investment, particularly in the most disadvantaged regions;

Or. ro

Amendment 110

Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Considers that *growth and employment, especially in the most disadvantaged regions, can only be properly stimulated through cohesion policies if the necessary co-funding is unaffected by budgetary constraints under the Stability Pact; reiterates in this regard the call for exemption of total national contributions to European structural and investment funding from Stability and Growth Pact constraints, given their objective of achieving Europe 2020 objectives and supporting competitiveness, growth and job creation, with particular regard to youth employment;*

Amendment

10. Considers that *the commonly agreed position on the Stability and Growth Pact regarding flexibility for cyclical conditions, structural reforms and for government investments aiming at the implementation of major structural reforms, should be applied to the biggest extent possible, with a view to achieving Europe 2020 goals;*

Or. en

Amendment 111

Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Considers that growth and employment, especially in the most disadvantaged regions, can ***only be properly stimulated through cohesion policies*** if the necessary co-funding is unaffected by budgetary constraints under the Stability Pact; reiterates in this regard the call for exemption of total national contributions to European structural and investment funding from Stability and Growth Pact constraints, given their objective of achieving Europe 2020 objectives and supporting competitiveness, growth and job creation, with particular regard to youth employment;

10. Considers that ***the impact of cohesion policy in creating*** growth and employment, especially in the most disadvantaged regions, can ***be improved*** if the necessary co-funding is unaffected by budgetary constraints under the Stability Pact; reiterates in this regard the call for exemption of total national contributions to European structural and investment funding from Stability and Growth Pact constraints, given their objective of achieving Europe 2020 objectives and supporting competitiveness, growth and job creation, with particular regard to youth employment;

Or. it

Amendment 112

Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Calls on the Commission to consider reviewing the investment clause to enable regional and national investments co-financed through ESI Funds to be excluded from the calculation of national deficits in the framework of the European Semester;

Or. it

Amendment 113

Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ruža Tomašić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Stresses that applying the principle of ‘resilience’ to economic problems facing such regions would allow broader scope and greater flexibility in finding ad hoc solutions to specific crises such as those affecting lagging regions;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 114
Dimitrios Papadimoulis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses that applying the principle of ‘resilience’ to economic problems facing such regions would allow broader scope and greater flexibility in finding ad hoc solutions to specific crises such as those affecting lagging regions;

Amendment

11. Stresses that applying the principle of ‘resilience’ to economic problems facing such regions would allow broader scope and greater flexibility in finding ad hoc solutions **with EU support** to specific crises such as those affecting lagging regions;

Or. el

Amendment 115
Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ruža Tomašić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls for strengthened action to increase convergence between all regions also with a view to ensure their resiliency to sudden shocks;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes that access to credit is harder in lagging regions, especially those that are also low-income regions because of the high interest rates charged by banks; stresses the importance of ensuring easier access to credit to assist businesses in difficulty and to promote new business models;

Amendment

12. Notes that access to credit is harder in lagging regions, especially those that are also low-income regions because of the high interest rates charged by banks; stresses the importance of ensuring easier access to credit to assist businesses in difficulty and to promote new business models; ***points out that full implementation of the general balanced regional development priority objective involves: reducing growth disparities between and within regions that are lagging behind, while fostering the targeted development of growth poles in these regions;***

Or. ro

Amendment 117
Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes that access to credit is harder in lagging regions, especially those that are also low-income regions because of the high interest rates charged by banks; stresses the importance of ensuring easier access to credit to assist businesses in difficulty and to promote new business models;

Amendment

12. Notes that access to credit is harder in lagging regions, especially those that are also low-income regions because of the high interest rates charged by banks; stresses the importance of ensuring easier access to credit to assist ***small and medium-sized*** businesses in difficulty and to promote new business models;

Or. it

Amendment 118

Andrea Cozzolino, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes that access to credit is harder in lagging regions, especially those that are also low-income regions because of the **high interest rates charged by banks**; stresses the importance of ensuring easier access to credit to assist businesses in difficulty and to promote new business models;

Amendment

12. Notes that access to credit is harder in lagging regions, especially those that are also low-income regions because of the **risk aversion of the credit system**; stresses the importance of ensuring easier access to credit to assist businesses in difficulty and to promote new business models, **in particular SMEs**;

Or. it

Amendment 119

Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes that access to credit is harder in lagging regions, especially those that are **also** low-income regions because of **the high** interest rates **charged by banks**; stresses the importance of ensuring easier access to credit to assist businesses in difficulty and to promote new business models;

Amendment

12. Notes that access to credit is harder in lagging regions, especially **in** those that are low-income regions because of **higher** interest rates; stresses the importance of ensuring easier access to credit to assist businesses in difficulty and to promote new business models;

Or. en

Amendment 120

Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. *Believes that, particularly for lagging regions, there should be no binding target for the use of financial instruments in the new programming period; stresses, in this regard, that low-risk financial instruments are preferable to equity, trust funds and some types of bond and proposes promoting loans at a subsidised rate - preferably with sufficiently long payback times - and regulating and facilitating forms of crowd funding and peer-to-peer and social lending;*

Or. it

Amendment 121

Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. *Points out that tax policy needs to create more favourable conditions for investment and the running of businesses in lagging regions;*

Or. hr

Amendment 122

Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ruža Tomašić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Relationship between cohesion policy and economic policy

deleted

Amendment 123

Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ruža Tomašić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. *Considers it necessary to show greater flexibility than allowed under the macroeconomic conditions imposed by the European Semester **when it comes to funding lagging regions;***

Amendment

13. *Thinks that more positive incentives within the existing framework of macroeconomic conditions imposed by the European Semester **could be more effective;***

Amendment 124

Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ruža Tomašić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. *Strongly reaffirms opposition to macroeconomic conditionality, given that it penalises regions and social groups already weakened by the crisis, involving suspension of payments with possibly serious repercussions, especially in lagging regions;*

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 125

Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Strongly reaffirms opposition to macroeconomic conditionality, given that it penalises regions and social groups already weakened by the crisis, involving suspension of payments with possibly serious repercussions, especially in lagging regions;

Amendment

14. Strongly reaffirms opposition to macroeconomic conditionality, given that it penalises regions and social groups already weakened by the crisis, involving suspension of payments with possibly serious repercussions, especially in lagging regions; ***supports, in this regard, the need to thoroughly review the very rationale of the link between the European Semester and the cohesion policy, thus eliminating any provision for penalties which are unjust, unnecessary and penalise in particular regional and local authorities and project beneficiaries;***

Or. it

Amendment 126
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Strongly reaffirms opposition to macroeconomic conditionality, given that it penalises regions and social groups already weakened by the crisis, involving suspension of payments with possibly serious repercussions, especially in lagging regions;

Amendment

14. Strongly reaffirms opposition to macroeconomic conditionality, given that it penalises regions and social groups already weakened by the crisis, involving suspension of payments with possibly serious repercussions, especially in lagging regions; ***considers, in this connection, that the principal aim of macroeconomic conditionalities must be to correct shortcomings and that this must not result in delays that contribute to increasing disparities;***

Or. ro

Amendment 127
Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. *Takes into consideration the importance of sound economic governance for an effective increase of the overall performance of ESI Funds;*

Or. en

Amendment 128

Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ruža Tomašić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. *Notes that, with regard to cohesion policies and other Union policies, any conditionality should be centred on fundamental values, coexistence and solidarity rather than on macroeconomic parameters;* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 129

Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Notes that, with regard to cohesion policies and other Union policies, any conditionality should be centred on fundamental values, coexistence **and solidarity rather than on** macroeconomic parameters;

15. Notes that, with regard to cohesion policies and other Union policies, any conditionality should be centred on fundamental values, coexistence, **solidarity and achieving social and economic cohesion goals, in addition to**

macroeconomic parameters;

Or. hr

Amendment 130
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes that, with regard to cohesion policies and other Union policies, any conditionality should be ***centred on fundamental values, coexistence and solidarity rather than on macroeconomic parameters***;

Amendment

15. Notes that, with regard to cohesion policies and other Union policies, any conditionality should be ***turned into positive incentives, eliminating the nature of a sanction and introducing an additional support principle for the pursuit of common objectives***;

Or. it

Amendment 131
Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Believes that respect for the principle of good governance in these regions has a significant impact on their economic growth and on the more efficient and effective use of existing resources;

Amendment

16. Believes that respect for the principle of good governance in these regions has a significant impact on their economic growth and on the more efficient and effective use of existing resources; ***calls on the Commission to take action to disseminate in lagging regions best practices regarding the use of Cohesion Policy funds both in the programming and in the implementation and spending phases***;

Or. it

Amendment 132
Monika Smolková

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Believes that respect for the principle of good governance in these regions has a significant impact on their economic growth and on the more efficient and effective use of existing resources;

Amendment

16. Believes that respect for the principle of good governance in these regions has a significant impact on their economic growth and on the more efficient and effective use of existing resources; ***stresses that examples of effective governance, for example in the areas of streamlining enterprises and accelerated business creation, should be among the basic recommendations for lagging regions;***

Or. sk

Amendment 133
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Believes that respect for the principle of good governance in these regions has a significant impact on their economic growth and on the more efficient and effective use of existing resources;

Amendment

16. Believes that respect for the principle of good governance in these regions has a significant impact on their economic growth and on the more efficient and effective use of existing resources; ***for this reason draws attention to the issue of supporting administrative capacity for the regions that need it;***

Or. it

Amendment 134

Andor Deli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Believes that respect for the principle of good governance in these regions has a significant impact on their economic growth and on the more efficient and effective use of existing resources;

Amendment

16. Believes that respect for the principle of good governance, ***infrastructural projects, better connectivity and digitalisation*** in these regions has a significant impact on their economic growth and on the more efficient and effective use of existing resources;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Believes that respect for the principle of good governance in these regions has a significant impact on their economic growth and on the more efficient and effective use of existing resources;

Amendment

16. Believes that ***solidarity, stronger institutional capacity, and*** respect for the principle of good governance in these regions has a significant impact on their economic growth and on the more efficient and effective use of existing resources;

Or. en

Amendment 136
Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Considers that in the new programming period there must be a necessary balance between simplification

requirements, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises, and controls; considers furthermore that the reduction of gold plating must be accompanied by an adequate consultation of public administrations and other economic and social players in the regions, since, especially in certain contexts, more stringent rules (for example on anti-corruption issues) may be necessary precisely in order to increase the transparency and the correct execution of calls for tender;

Or. it

Amendment 137
Andrea Cozzolino, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. *Believes that multi-level governance needs to be strengthened in setting funding objectives and priorities while respecting the principle of subsidiarity; stresses that in order to achieve the next stage of economic development, investments and differentiated political responses at regional level are needed;*

Or. it

Amendment 138
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Underlines in this context the importance of the Partnership Principle and Multi Level Governance; believes that the involvement of all levels of government and interested stakeholders in designing and implementing strategies and specific programmes and actions aimed at these regions are fundamental to create effective European added value for citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Andrea Cozzolino, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Notes that some of the determinants of competitiveness, especially in the less developed regions, concern actions to strengthen administrative capacity and improve the quality of institutions;

Or. it

Amendment 140
Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ruža Tomašić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Notes that country-specific recommendations in the framework of the European Semester should be made on an multiannual basis and seen as positive incentives for the launch of structural reforms and in no case as instruments

deleted

that could exclude access to the benefits of cohesion policy;

Or. en

Amendment 141

Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Notes that country-specific recommendations in the framework of the European Semester should be made on an multiannual basis and seen as positive incentives for the launch of structural reforms and in no case as instruments that could exclude access to the benefits of cohesion policy;

Amendment

17. Notes that country-specific recommendations in the framework of the European Semester should be made on an multiannual basis and seen as positive incentives for the launch of structural reforms and in no case as instruments that could exclude access to the benefits of cohesion policy; ***stresses at the same time that the introduction of region-specific recommendations could be useful for achieving the common objectives of the European Union;***

Or. it

Amendment 142

Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Notes that country-specific recommendations in the framework of the European Semester should be made on an multiannual basis and seen as positive incentives for the launch of structural reforms and in no case as instruments that could exclude access to the benefits of cohesion policy;

Amendment

17. Notes that country-specific recommendations in the framework of the European Semester should be made on an multiannual basis, ***with medium-term monitoring and reviews***, and seen as positive incentives for the launch of structural reforms and in no case as instruments that could exclude access to

the benefits of cohesion policy;

Or. it

Amendment 143

Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ruža Tomašić, Constanze Krehl, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Believes that the measures linking the effectiveness of ESI Funds to sound economic governance as outlined in Regulation 1303/2013 should be carefully analysed, including through the involvement of all the stakeholders; furthermore, believes its rationale should be rethought, with a view to the next programming period and taking into account its 2014-2020 implementation; is of the opinion that the Commission should consider adjustments regarding the link of the European Semester to cohesion policy; in this regard, suggests a system of positive incentives, with margins to be created in the new MFF, that could serve as an envelope which can be used when member states comply with the Country Specific Recommendations (CSR) and other requirements under the European Semester;

Or. en

Amendment 144

Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Considers it necessary to support productive business activities specific to lagging regions, including sustainable tourism and agriculture, through the increasingly effective combination of funding from regional and national bodies and from EU instruments.

Amendment

18. Considers it necessary to support productive business activities specific to lagging regions, including sustainable tourism and agriculture, through the increasingly effective combination of funding from regional and national bodies and from EU instruments; ***reiterates the need to improve the overall attractiveness of these regions through the creation of balanced economic opportunities and appropriate investment in transport, social and business infrastructures, as well as measures to realise tourism and cultural potential;***

Or. ro

Amendment 145

Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Considers it necessary to support productive business activities ***specific*** to lagging regions, including sustainable tourism ***and*** agriculture, through the increasingly effective combination of funding from regional and national bodies and from EU instruments.

Amendment

18. Considers it ***particularly*** necessary to support productive ***and endogenous, specific*** business activities to lagging regions, including sustainable tourism, agriculture, ***and manufactured products***, through ***synergies arising from*** the increasingly effective combination of funding ***and support*** from regional and national bodies and from EU instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 146

Daniel Buda, Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Considers it necessary to support productive business activities specific to lagging regions, including sustainable tourism and agriculture, through the increasingly effective combination of funding from regional and national bodies and from EU instruments.

Amendment

18. Considers it necessary to support productive business activities specific to lagging regions, including sustainable tourism and agriculture ***and innovation focused on SMEs***, through the increasingly effective combination of funding from regional and national bodies and from EU instruments; ***calls on the Member States to identify policies tailored to specific local requirements in terms of growth, thereby encouraging SMEs to invest in these regions;***

Or. ro

Amendment 147

Dimitrios Papadimoulis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Considers it necessary to support productive business activities specific to lagging regions, including sustainable tourism and agriculture, through the increasingly effective combination of funding from regional and national bodies and from EU instruments.

Amendment

18. Considers it necessary to support productive business activities specific to lagging regions, including sustainable tourism and agriculture, through the increasingly effective combination of funding from regional and national bodies and from EU instruments. ***It is important to simplify legislative and bureaucratic procedures in order to stimulate the creation of small and medium-sized enterprises with an outward-looking approach, especially for young people living in lagging regions;***

Or. el

Amendment 148

Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Considers it necessary to support productive business activities specific to lagging regions, including sustainable tourism and agriculture, through the increasingly effective combination of funding *from regional and national bodies and from EU instruments*.

Amendment

18. Considers it necessary to support productive business activities specific to lagging regions, including sustainable tourism and agriculture, through the increasingly effective combination of funding *via integrated territorial investments*;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Stresses the importance of having reliable, up-to-date, disaggregated statistics for the purposes of well informed, more efficient and impartial political decisions; requests, therefore, for the Commission and Eurostat to provide the greatest detail and geographical disaggregation possible in statistics of relevance for devising suitable European Cohesion policies, including policies aimed at lagging regions; in this context welcomes the information provided in this Commission Report;

Or. en

Amendment 150
Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. *Considers that streamlining the rules and introducing greater flexibility in the use of cohesion policy instruments would help improve the absorption of funds, especially in lagging regions;*

Or. hr

Amendment 151

Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. *Points out that, when preparing operational programmes, the national authorities of the Member States should pay particular attention to lagging regions;*

Or. hr

Amendment 152

Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18c. *Cross-Border Cooperation programmes should be tailored, inter alia, to meet the needs of lagging regions, which are often located in border zones where there are insufficient infrastructure connections;*

Or. hr

Amendment 153
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Underlines the importance of exploiting all the opportunities offered by the EU for sustainable development and growth in these regions; recalls, therefore, the importance of also encouraging the use of direct funds and the ESIF, alongside and in coordination with the opportunities offered by cohesion policy;

Or. it

Amendment 154
Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ruža Tomašić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to **review** the existing relationship between cohesion policy and macroeconomic governance, **stressing** that the link between cohesion policy and economic governance processes in the framework of the European Semester must be balanced, reciprocal and **non-punitive towards all stakeholders**; supports **a** further recognition of the territorial dimension, which could be beneficial for the European Semester; notes that it is accordingly necessary to take a balanced approach to economic governance and economic, social and territorial cohesion objectives as laid down by the Treaties and to sustainable growth, employment and environmental protection;

19. Calls on the Commission to **consider reviewing** the existing relationship between cohesion policy and macroeconomic governance, **recalling that cohesion policy's legitimacy is based directly on the Treaties and is one of the most visible European policies and the most important expression of European solidarity and added value across all European regions**; believes that the link between cohesion policy and economic governance processes in the framework of the European Semester must be balanced, reciprocal and **focused on a system of positive incentives**; supports further recognition of the territorial dimension, which could be beneficial for the European

Semester; notes that it is accordingly necessary to take a balanced approach to economic governance and economic, social and territorial cohesion objectives as laid down by the Treaties and to sustainable growth, employment and environmental protection;

Or. en

Amendment 155
Iratxe García Pérez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Calls on the Commission to consider increasing the European Social Fund's co-financing rate to 85% for less developed regions, 80% for transition regions and 75% for developed regions;

Or. es

Amendment 156
Daniel Buda, Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Calls on the Commission to recognise the role played by cohesion policy as an essential European economic policy instrument to promote investments that take into account the specific economic, social and territorial characteristics of the regions; stresses that such investment should therefore be exempt from the budgetary constraints of the Stability Pact, especially in lagging

20. Calls on the Commission to recognise the role played by cohesion policy as an essential European economic policy instrument to promote **public** investments that take into account the specific economic, social and territorial characteristics of the regions; stresses that such investment should therefore be exempt from the budgetary constraints of the Stability Pact, especially in lagging

regions, where they promote growth, employment and improvement of the macro-economic framework throughout the EU;

regions, where they promote growth, employment and improvement of the macro-economic framework throughout the EU; *is concerned that possible cuts in the wake of Brexit will seriously affect growth in regions that are lagging behind;*

Or. ro

Amendment 157

Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Ruža Tomašić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. ***Calls on the Commission*** to recognise the role played by cohesion policy as ***an essential*** European economic policy instrument to promote investments that take into account the specific economic, social and territorial characteristics of the regions; ***stresses that such investment should therefore be exempt from the budgetary constraints of the Stability Pact, especially in lagging regions, where they promote growth, employment and improvement of the macro-economic framework throughout the EU;***

Amendment

20. ***Recalls the need for all political actors*** to recognise the role played by cohesion policy as ***the main*** European economic policy instrument to promote investments that take into account the specific economic, social and territorial characteristics of the regions;

Or. en

Amendment 158

Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. ***Calls on the Commission*** to recognise the role played by cohesion

Amendment

20. ***Calls on the Commission*** to recognise the role played by cohesion

policy as an *essential* European economic policy instrument to promote investments that take into account the specific economic, social and territorial characteristics of the regions; stresses that such investment should therefore be exempt from the budgetary constraints of the Stability Pact, especially in lagging regions, where they promote growth, employment and improvement of the macro-economic framework throughout the EU;

policy as an *important* European economic policy instrument to promote investments that take into account the specific economic, social and territorial characteristics of the regions; stresses that such investment should therefore be exempt from the budgetary constraints of the Stability Pact, especially in lagging regions, where they promote growth, employment and improvement of the macro-economic framework throughout the EU;

Or. hr

Amendment 159

Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the Member States to adopt national regional development strategies *to improve* administrative governance and other key growth factors *in* lagging regions;

Amendment

21. Calls on the Member States to adopt national *and* regional development strategies *and programmes aimed at improving* administrative *capacities and* governance and other key growth factors *for* lagging regions, *as proposed by the Commission report; in this regard, notes that it may be necessary to provide technical, professional and practical assistance to Member States, regions and municipalities in order to use the best practices;*

Or. en

Amendment 160

Dimitrios Papadimoulis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the *Member States to adopt national regional development strategies to improve administrative governance and other key growth factors in lagging regions*;

Amendment

21. Calls on the *Commission to treat peripheral regions and regions with geographical handicaps, with the exceptionally poor accessibility being the most important of such handicaps, as lagging regions by definition and to decide on measures and incentives to demonstrate 'inclusive' growth in practice; to this end, it should provide for the appropriate legislative framework to govern the implementation of the future Cohesion Policy*;

Or. el

Amendment 161

Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. ***Calls on*** the Member States *to* adopt national regional development strategies to improve administrative governance and other key growth factors in lagging regions;

Amendment

21. ***Hopes that*** the Member States adopt national regional development strategies to improve administrative governance and other key growth factors in lagging regions; ***to this end, calls on the Commission to provide for a series of measures to encourage Member States to implement actions complementary to cohesion policy, reinforcing its effectiveness***;

Or. it

Amendment 162

Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the Member States to adopt national regional development strategies to improve administrative governance and other key growth factors in lagging regions;

Amendment

21. Calls on the Member States to adopt national regional development strategies to improve administrative governance and other key growth factors in lagging regions; ***stresses the need to boost investment in administrative consolidation and the digitisation of public services;***

Or. ro

Amendment 163
Monika Smolková

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the Member States to adopt national regional development strategies ***to improve administrative governance and other key growth factors in lagging*** regions;

Amendment

21. Calls on the Member States to adopt national regional development strategies ***that support lagging regions and to set priorities for such*** regions;

Or. sk

Amendment 164
Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Calls for cohesion policy to continue to be a priority for the Union and accordingly provided with adequate funding, keeping in mind the review of the post-2020 multiannual programming framework.

Amendment

22. Calls for cohesion policy to continue to be a priority for the Union and accordingly provided with adequate funding, keeping in mind the review of the post-2020 multiannual programming framework. ***considers that the total allocation for the only truly redistributive EU policy should not be cut and that the***

percentage share should at least remain the same even in a new framework possibly endowed with fewer resources;

Or. it

Amendment 165
Andor Deli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Calls for cohesion policy to continue to be a priority for the Union and accordingly provided with adequate funding, keeping in mind the review of the post-2020 multiannual programming framework.

Amendment

22. Calls for cohesion policy to continue to be a priority for the Union and accordingly provided with adequate funding, keeping in mind the review of the post-2020 multiannual programming framework; *highlights the need to preserve the basic role and goals of cohesion policy in line with Article 174 of TFEU in the post-2020 period;*

Or. en

Amendment 166
Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. *Calls* for cohesion policy to continue to be a priority for the Union *and accordingly provided with adequate funding, keeping in mind the review of the post-2020 multiannual programming framework.*

Amendment

22. *In view of the post-2020 revision of the MFF, and in light of the possible scenarios arising from Brexit, calls* for cohesion policy to continue to be a priority for the Union, *without undermining the values of European solidarity it incorporates, and accordingly provided with adequate funding for its objectives;*

Or. it

Amendment 167
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Calls *for* cohesion policy *to continue to be a priority for the Union and accordingly provided with adequate funding, keeping in mind* the review of the post-2020 multiannual programming framework.

Amendment

22. Calls *on the Commission and Member States to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the funding within cohesion policy, and to increase the synergies with other EU Funds and financial instruments in* the review of the post-2020 multiannual programming framework;

Or. en

Amendment 168
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Calls for cohesion policy to continue to be a priority for the Union and accordingly provided with *adequate* funding, keeping in mind the review of the post-2020 multiannual programming framework.

Amendment

22. Calls for cohesion policy to continue to be a priority for the Union and accordingly provided with *ambitious* funding, keeping in mind the review of the post-2020 multiannual programming framework.

Or. en

Amendment 169
Fernando Ruas, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Recalls the importance of the involvement of the European Parliament in all discussions related to the design of innovative or new policy strategies related to cohesion policy and its future;

Or. en

Amendment 170
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Calls on the Commission to better support the development of innovation systems and to strengthen the interaction between businesses, universities and research centres in lagging region;

Or. en

Amendment 171
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22b. Calls on the Commission and Member States to explore the extension of the application of Article 7 of ERDF by financing the links of cities with their surrounding areas in the lagging regions;

Or. en

Amendment 172
Fernando Ruas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22b. Reiterates the importance of the information contained in this report and strongly recommends making it publicly available in all European Union official languages;

Or. en

Amendment 173
Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22c. Calls on the Commission and Member States to increase the efficiency of the public sector administration involved in the management of ESI Funds, not necessarily by increasing its staff;

Or. en