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## **AMENDMENTS 1 - 50**

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**Amendment 1**  
**Donata Gottardi**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*– having regard to the conclusions of the Ecofin Council meeting of 4 November 2008 concerning the economic situation, implementation of responses to the financial crisis and preparations for the international summit on the crisis,*

Or. it

**Amendment 2**  
**Donata Gottardi**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*– having regard to the Commission communication of 29 October 2008 entitled ‘From financial crisis to recovery: A European framework for action’ (COM(2008)0706),*

Or. it

**Amendment 3**  
**Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 13 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*– having regard to the conclusions of the Brussels European Council of 15-16 October 2008 concerning strengthening*

*of the regulation and supervision of the  
financial markets,*

Or. it

**Amendment 4**  
**Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 13 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*– having regard to the meeting of the  
Heads of State and Government of the  
Eurogroup, held on 12 October 2008, with  
a view to adopting a coordinated rescue  
plan to combat the economic crisis,*

Or. it

**Amendment 5**  
**Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 13 e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*– having regard to the conclusions of the  
Ecofin Council meeting of 7 October 2008  
concerning immediate responses to the  
financial turmoil, and to the European  
Parliament resolution of 22 October 2008  
on the European Council meeting of  
15-16 October 2008,*

Or. it

**Amendment 6**  
**Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Aa. whereas quality public finances targeting sustainable development signal our commitment to future generations, which is all the more important in the current situation of major upheaval on the markets,*

Or. it

**Amendment 7**  
**Andrea Losco**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Aa. whereas there is a need to develop quality public finance (QPF) policies, coordinated at European level, and particularly in the euro area, which are framed and assessed on the basis of standardised common instruments and aimed at supporting growth throughout the period in order to meet the challenges of demographic change, globalisation and climate change,*

Or. it

**Amendment 8**  
**Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ab. whereas the aim of public finances should be to support the macro-economic framework, provide public services and goods and counterbalance market failures and external impacts,***

Or. it

**Amendment 9  
Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution  
Recital A c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ac. whereas a conceptual and operational framework for QPF targeting growth, and making growth the ultimate reference point for the assessment of QPF, are inextricably linked with the consideration that Member States' budgetary and public expenditure policies must be oriented towards the maintenance and innovation of the welfare state, social security protection and the redistribution of resources,***

Or. it

**Amendment 10  
Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution  
Recital A d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ad. whereas the low level of public investment in the European Union (under 3% of GDP) and its fragmentary nature***

*have adverse effects for the objective of sustainable long-term growth, which in fact requires targeted and prioritised public expenditure,*

Or. it

**Amendment 11**  
**Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ae. whereas it is necessary and appropriate to approach the analysis and assessment of public finances, and the prospects for their sustainability, from a gender perspective,*

Or. it

**Amendment 12**  
**Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading (new) - (after recitals)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Change in economic trend in 2007/2008, economic and financial crisis and outlook*

Or. it

**Amendment 13**  
**Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph -1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***-1. Notes that analysis of the public finance situation in 2007 and the first part of 2008 clearly shows a change in the economic trend and the looming prospect of a slowdown in the economy and in growth, coupled with a continued high rate of inflation and increasing income disparities;***

Or. it

**Amendment 14  
Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph -1 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***-1a. Expresses its concern at the difficult economic and financial situation currently affecting Europe and the world, which is creating an unprecedented level of instability, and notes the new dynamics that are developing in the state-market relationship and changes in monetary and economic policy where, in the face of market failures and a lack of rules and supervision, public sector intervention is reassuming a pivotal role, sometimes taking the form of outright nationalisations;***

Or. it

**Amendment 15  
Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph -1 b (new)**



*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***-1b. Points out that the crisis in strategic sectors, and especially in the fields of finance and transport, is spurring public investment in takeovers, without care being taken to limit those rescue operations to what is strictly necessary for sustaining and developing the European economy and to ensure they do not respond to purely national interests;***

Or. it

**Amendment 16**  
**Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph -1 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***-1c. Considers that the Commission and the Member States must provide for an appropriate assessment of the repercussions for public finances of public sector support and participation in major industries and the financial and credit sector; would also consider it useful for those repercussions to be assessed in relation to competition, the workings of the internal market and maintaining a level playing field;***

Or. it

**Amendment 17**  
**Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph -1 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***-1d. Emphasises that the revised Stability Pact already allows for action to be taken in response to particularly serious situations and that financial consolidation and the objectives set in the stability and convergence plans remain fundamental to the prospects for recovery and growth;***

Or. it

**Amendment 18  
Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph -1 e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***-1e. Points to the importance of a coordinated approach at European level to combat tax evasion and tax havens – in the interests of the public, the taxpayer and public accounts – especially at a time when financial consolidation and levels of public debt are liable to be adversely affected by the considerable public investments being made in support of major financial and industrial players;***

Or. it

**Amendment 19  
Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph -1 f (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***-1f. Stresses that it is also in the interests of the public, the taxpayer and public***

*budgets to ensure that every intervention and use of public funds for rescuing financial organisations is accompanied by appropriate supervision, concrete improvements in the governance and business conduct of the enterprise or institution, precise limits on the amounts paid to executives and clear accountability vis-à-vis the public authorities; feels it would be helpful, in that context, for the Commission to promote the introduction of pointers/guidelines to ensure a consistent and coordinated implementation of the various national action plans;*

Or. it

**Amendment 20**  
**Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph -1 g (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*-1g. Takes the view that the wholesale public sector intervention implemented by the various Member States to rescue and support the banking and finance industry will have clear repercussions for public finances and personal incomes; considers it necessary, therefore, for the tax burden to be suitably and equitably spread among all taxpayers, thus entailing, on the one hand, imposing an appropriate level of taxation on all financial players and, on the other hand, providing for a gradual and sharp reduction in the tax burden on mid- to low-level salaries and pensions – with tax deductions, revisions of tax rates and compensation for fiscal drag - in such a way as to reduce poverty, and not just extreme poverty, and to promote consumption and a growth in demand, thereby responding counter-cyclically to*

*the current economic crisis which  
presages a recession;*

Or. it

**Amendment 21**  
**Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph -1 h (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*-1h. Stresses that European macro-economic policies must provide a swift and coordinated response to the risks of recession and financial instability, and urges the Commission and the Member States – and particularly those of the euro area – to make intelligent and unidirectional use of the flexibility in the Stability Pact and suitable counter-cyclical mechanisms aimed at structural change, efficient allocation of public funds, restructuring of public expenditure and investments for growth in line with the Lisbon objectives, devoting special attention to the role of SMEs;*

Or. it

**Amendment 22**  
**Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph -1 i (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*-1i. Emphasises, in that context, the need for a common approach – particularly in the euro area – on wage policies, that provides for wage increases in line with actual inflation and productivity, since*

*fiscal and wage policies are powerful and effective levers on demand and for economic stability and growth;*

Or. it

**Amendment 23**  
**Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph -1 j (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*-1j. Welcomes the fact that decision-making areas are beginning to emerge in which the Euro Group – in the form not simply of the Ministers for Finance, but also of the Heads of State and Government of the euro area – acts as the (prime) political and economic coordination body to pinpoint swift responses and jointly-agreed strategies not just in response to the economic and financial crisis, but also to revitalise macroeconomic and joint investment strategies aimed at enhancing prospects for growth, averting serious repercussions on public finances and financial stability in the European Union and helping to achieve a better balance between economic and monetary policies within the European Union;*

Or. it

**Amendment 24**  
**Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph -1 k (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***-1k. Considers that it would be useful to establish a compulsory mechanism for consultation and coordination between the Commission and the Member States – and particularly those of the Euro Group – prior to the adoption of major economic measures, especially in the case of measures addressing the volatility of prices for energy, raw materials and foodstuffs;***

Or. it

**Amendment 25**

**Andrea Losco**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***1a. Expresses its deep concern over the direct consequences of the current international financial crisis on the sustainability and quality of public finances in the Member States; expresses particular concern over the impact of that crisis on the real economy and balance of payments in the new Member States, which do not belong to the euro area, and which are witnessing a drastic reduction in direct foreign investment;***

Or. it

**Amendment 26**

**Pervenche Berès**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Points out that, ***in the European Union, the deficit and*** public debt are having ***an increasingly*** negative impact on growth; calls on the Member States to make greater efforts to consolidate their budgets and reduce the public debt as a pre-condition for achieving a healthy, competitive and sustainable European economy; points out also that ill-designed measures to reduce the deficit and public debt – such as indiscriminate cuts in public investment – have an adverse effect on long-term growth prospects;

*Amendment*

2. Points out that ***the deficits and*** public debt are having ***a*** negative impact on growth ***in so far as they limit the room for manoeuvre of Member States in periods of crisis***; calls on the Member States to make greater efforts to consolidate their budgets and reduce the public debt ***during periods of growth*** as a pre-condition for achieving a healthy, competitive and sustainable European economy; points out also that ill-designed measures to reduce the deficit and public debt – such as indiscriminate cuts in public investment – have an adverse effect on long-term growth prospects;

Or. fr

**Amendment 27**  
**Katerina Batzeli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

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*Amendment*

2. Points out that, in the European Union, the deficit and public debt are having an increasingly negative impact on growth; calls on the Member States to make greater efforts to consolidate their budgets and reduce the public debt as a pre-condition for achieving a healthy, competitive and sustainable European economy; points out also that ill-designed measures to reduce the deficit and public debt – such as indiscriminate cuts in public investment ***or indiscriminate increases in indirect taxation on consumer goods leading to strong inflationary pressure and to side-effects for the economic cycle*** – have an adverse effect on long-term growth prospects;

**Amendment 28**  
**Daniel Dăianu**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*2a. Points out that rising deficits are difficult to avoid in times of economic downturn and suggests that Member States have more flexibility during such times as regards the Stability and Growth Pact (SGP) criteria in order to encourage economic recovery and growth; draws attention to the budgetary implications of the current financial crisis, and calls on the Commission to evaluate the effects on Member States' public finances of the public funds used in the rescue plans for national financial institutions; calls on the Commission to examine the effects of the SGP criteria in the current context, when economic growth is slow and several Member States face the prospect of recession, and calls for an evaluation of the effects of the rising cost of credit on the public debt of Member States;*

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Pervenche Berès**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

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Or. fr

**Amendment 30**  
**Daniel Dăianu**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

***3. Notes that the revised Stability and Growth Pact is functioning properly; considers that the corrective arm has been applied in a satisfactory manner in previous years and*** stresses the importance of the preventive arm as a vital instrument in respect of the sustainability and convergence of the financial policies of Member States, in particular those in the euro area;

*Amendment*

3. Stresses the importance of the preventive arm as a vital instrument in respect of the sustainability and convergence of the financial policies of Member States, in particular those in the euro area; ***acknowledges, however, that the enforcement mechanism remains the fatal weakness of the SGP;***

Or. en

**Amendment 31**  
**Donata Gottardi**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***3a. Shares the Commission's views on the importance of the preventive arm of the SGP, on support and reminders for the Member States and on the exchange of best practices; agrees, in particular, that this arm should be based on a medium-term approach to budgetary policies and on coordination at a European level, given that effective action requires joint understanding of the economic and budgetary policy challenges in the European Union and a strong political commitment to addressing these through counter-cyclical interventions that pull in the same direction;***

Or. it

**Amendment 32**  
**Katerina Batzeli**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***3a. Notes, however, that a substantive adjustment is required both of the Stability and Growth Pact and of the decisions and policies of the European Central Bank in the light of new international circumstances due to the present financial crisis and the economic slump which has already begun to affect employment and growth in the eurozone;***

Or. el

**Amendment 33**  
**Katerina Batzeli**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***3b. Stresses that within this framework, the mechanisms and terms of the Stability and Growth Pact must be interpreted so as to safeguard investments for basic structural reforms, especially in the sectors of the labour market, education, social convergence and environmental protection, but also to allow measures to be taken to support the real economy and investors.***

Or. el

**Amendment 34**  
**Katerina Batzeli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

4. Stresses the importance of the medium-term objective (MTO) as a specific target of economic, fiscal, budgetary and incomes policies, which should be achieved through macro-economic dialogue, geared to the specific situation in each Member State and determined on a multiannual basis; urges the Member States to strengthen the credibility and legitimacy of the medium-term objective at both national level, through closer involvement of government departments, national parliaments and the social partners (national ownership) and at local level (sub-national public finance) by establishing regional SGPs and MTOs, taking account of the impact which local public expenditure and investment have on

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national public finances and on the growth prospects of the various countries;

(sub-national public finance) by establishing regional SGPs and MTOs, taking account of the impact which local public expenditure and investment have on national public finances and on the growth prospects of the various countries;

Or. el

**Amendment 35**  
**Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Stresses the importance of the medium-term objective (MTO) as a specific target *of* economic, fiscal, ***budgetary*** and incomes policies, which should be achieved through macro-economic dialogue, geared to the specific situation in each Member State and determined on a multiannual basis; urges the Member States to strengthen the credibility and legitimacy of the medium-term objective at both national level, through closer involvement of government departments, national parliaments and the social partners (national ownership) and at local level (sub-national public finance) by establishing regional SGPs and MTOs, taking account of the impact which local public expenditure and investment have on national public finances and on the growth prospects of the various countries;

*Amendment*

4. Stresses the importance of the medium-term objective (MTO) as a specific ***budgetary*** target ***hitched to*** economic, fiscal and incomes policies, which should be achieved through macro-economic dialogue, geared to the specific situation in each Member State and determined on a multiannual basis; urges the Member States to strengthen the credibility and legitimacy of the medium-term objective at both national level, through closer involvement of government departments, national parliaments and the social partners (national ownership) and at local level (sub-national public finance) by establishing regional SGPs and MTOs, taking account of the impact which local public expenditure and investment have on national public finances and on the growth prospects of the various countries;

Or. it

**Amendment 36**  
**Katerina Batzeli**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4a. Stresses the close relationship between financial security and stability and the maintenance and safeguarding of healthy and stable public finances, as clearly evidenced by the pressing danger that the present world financial crisis will shift to the real economy; maintains, therefore, that it is not sufficient for the measures taken to shore up the financial system at national and European level merely to address the problem of the liquidity of the banking system, rather they should be accompanied by measures to support small- and medium-sized businesses, by the management of liquidity measures so as to allow redistribution and to provide better support for low-income social groups and, finally, by clear and transparent terms and commitments for the financial sector so as to prevent the credit risks from finally spilling over to the public finances of Member States;***

Or. el

**Amendment 37**  
**Donata Gottardi**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4a. Considers consistency between multiannual budgetary programmes and the establishing and implementation of annual budgets to be of fundamental importance; calls on the Member States***

*for greater rigour when establishing macro-economic forecasts and closer coordination when establishing the criteria, timescales and objectives for multiannual expenditure frameworks, in order to ensure the increased efficiency and better performance of budgetary and macro-economic policies at European level;*

Or. it

**Amendment 38**  
**Daniel Dăianu**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*4a. Points out that Member States need additional structural reforms and more budgetary discipline, as well as anti-cyclical fiscal policies, reducing budgetary deficits in times of economic growth, in order to be better prepared for dealing with negative external shocks;*

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Daniel Dăianu**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*4b. Acknowledges the additional difficulties presented by the SGP criteria concerning fiscal deficit as regards those Member States with greater needs for financing public works projects in order to speed up real convergence;*

**Amendment 40**  
**Daniel Dăianu**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*4c. Stresses the importance of designing macroeconomic plans for tackling external shocks (such as the subprime financial crisis) that take into account not only the situation in the euro area, but also that in the catching-up economies of the European Union; highlights the risks of focusing on the euro area alone;*

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Daniel Dăianu**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*4d. Calls for close examination of the proposal to set up a pan-European Union fund for financial crisis situations, possibly starting with the next multi-annual financial framework;*

Or. en

**Amendment 42**  
**Pervenche Berès**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Points out that the key objective of having sound and consolidated public finances should be defined on the basis of the obligations under the new Stability Pact and, at the same time, the Lisbon Strategy's development, growth and competitiveness perspective, which requires structural reforms, as well as public spending and taxation structures that will support investments (in human capital, research and innovation, education and training, including higher education, health, infrastructure, the environment, security and justice) for growth and employment;

*Amendment*

5. Points out that the key objective of having sound and consolidated public finances should be defined on the basis of ***the economic situation***, the obligations under the new Stability Pact and, at the same time, the Lisbon Strategy's development, growth and competitiveness perspective, which requires structural reforms, as well as public spending and taxation structures that will support investments (in human capital, research and innovation, education and training, including higher education, health, infrastructure, the environment, security and justice) for growth and employment;

Or. fr

**Amendment 43**  
**Katerina Batzeli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

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**Amendment 44**  
**Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6a. Considers that it would be useful to establish a compulsory mechanism for consultation of the national parliaments, alongside the European Parliament, with an eye to the coordinated development of stability and convergence programmes under the Stability Pact, and of national reform programmes under the integrated Lisbon guidelines, in such a way that these are linked and presented together, possibly in the autumn of each year;***

Or. it

**Amendment 45**  
**Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***8a. Considers that the financial markets and services covered by Lisbon Strategy policies should be anchored to financial stability and to supervision mechanisms providing a guarantee of protection against negative repercussions for growth and public finances; expresses its concern at indications that derivatives and new financial instruments are being used, especially by local administrations, that could bring local areas to their knees;***

**Amendment 46**  
**Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***8b. Considers it necessary to adopt a new approach to public finances which is systematic and coordinated among the Member States, and in particular those of the euro area, and which aims to support long-term economic growth (and potential for growth) and is centred on a multi-dimensional framework for defining and measuring the quality of public finances that makes the European economy resilient to external shocks and enables it to respond to demographic challenges and international competition and to ensure social equity and cohesion;***

**Amendment 47**  
**Pervenche Berès**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

9. Considers it essential that the Member States seek to implement quality public finance (QPF) policies that are convergent and based on a method of assessment that includes indicators and objectives, the formulation and definition of which should involve the European Parliament and the national parliaments; considers the Commission proposal to be useful and advocates a system for assessing budgetary

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policies that focuses on specific aspects such as composition, efficiency and effectiveness of public expenditure, the structure and effectiveness of revenue systems, the efficiency and quality of public administration, sound budgetary management and a method for coordinating quality public finance policies among Member States;

policies that focuses on specific aspects such as composition, efficiency and effectiveness of public expenditure, the structure and effectiveness of revenue systems, the efficiency and quality of public administration, sound budgetary management and a method for coordinating quality public finance policies among Member States; ***calls for a greater comparability of national budgets in order to meet the above objectives;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 48**  
**Donata Gottardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Urges the Member States to adopt QPF policies together with a system for assessing budgetary policies – performance-based budgeting (PBB) (based on the OECD model) – aimed at improving the quality of public spending by strengthening the link between the allocation of resources and results; notes that gender budgeting is a good example of PBB, a method proposed and promoted by the European Parliament itself and applied to varying degrees at local and central level in the various Member States and which should be implemented more consistently, including at European level; calls on the Commission to establish PBB methods, guidelines and indicators making it possible to compare and harmonise the financial and macro-economic policies of the Member States, and acknowledges that this calls for greater involvement and therefore a greater sense of responsibility on the part of informed citizens;

*Amendment*

10. Urges the Member States to adopt QPF policies together with a system for assessing budgetary policies – ***such as*** performance-based budgeting (PBB) (based on the OECD model) – aimed at improving the quality of public spending by strengthening the link between the allocation of resources and results; notes that gender budgeting is a good example of PBB, a method proposed and promoted by the European Parliament itself and applied to varying degrees at local and central level in the various Member States and which should be implemented more consistently, including at European level; calls on the Commission to establish PBB methods, guidelines and indicators making it possible to compare and harmonise the financial and macro-economic policies of the Member States, and acknowledges that this calls for greater involvement and therefore a greater sense of responsibility on the part of informed citizens;

**Amendment 49**  
**Pervenche Berès**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Draws attention to the fact that tax reforms aimed at sound public finances, growth, efficiency, simplification, the elimination of distortion and combating tax evasion and avoidance will be more effective if coordinated and consolidated among the Member States, in particular those of the euro area, taking account of the internal market's potential for development and competitiveness;

*Amendment*

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