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(2010/2277(INI))

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Amendment 1
Patrizia Toia, Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution
Citation 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**- having regard to its resolution of 19
February 2009 on Social Economy[1]
[1] Texts adopted, P6_TA(2009)0062.**

Or. en

Amendment 2
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Citation 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**- having regard to the Communication of
the Commission on a Green Paper on
Public Procurement [COM(2011)0015]**

Or. en

Amendment 3
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Citation 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**- having regard to its resolution of 18 May
2010 on New Developments in Public
Procurement[1]**

Or. en

Amendment 4

Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas it is important to restore confidence in the Single Market at all levels and to eliminate existing barriers to enterprises entering business; whereas high administrative burdens discourage new entrepreneurs,

Amendment

A. whereas it is important to restore confidence in the Single Market at all levels, ***to reconcile the EU economy with the concerns expressed by citizens and not only to eliminate, where appropriate,*** existing barriers to enterprises entering business; whereas ***unjustified*** high administrative burdens discourage new entrepreneurs, ***whereas adhesion of citizens to a well-functioning and integrated internal market is only possible in so far as it contributes to secure access to basic services for all***

Or. en

Amendment 5

Eva-Britt Svensson, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas it is important to restore confidence in the Single Market at all levels and to eliminate ***existing*** barriers to enterprises entering business; whereas high administrative burdens discourage new entrepreneurs,

Amendment

A. whereas it is important to restore confidence in the Single Market at all levels and to eliminate ***unjustified*** barriers to enterprises ***and especially SMEs*** entering business; whereas ***unjustified*** high administrative burdens discourage new entrepreneurs,

Amendment 6

Othmar Karas, Malgorzata Handzlik, Rafał Trzaskowski, Anja Weisgerber, Andreas Schwab, Constance Le Grip, Eija-Riitta Korhola, Hans-Peter Mayer, Konstantinos Poupakis, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas it is important to **restore** confidence in the Single Market at all levels and to eliminate existing barriers to enterprises entering business; whereas high administrative burdens discourage new entrepreneurs,

Amendment

A. whereas it is important to **increase** confidence in the Single Market at all levels and to eliminate existing barriers to enterprises entering business; whereas high administrative burdens discourage new entrepreneurs

Amendment 7

Louis Grech

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas it is important to restore confidence in the Single Market at all levels and to eliminate existing barriers to enterprises entering business; whereas high administrative burdens discourage new entrepreneurs,

Amendment

A. whereas it is important to restore confidence in the Single Market at all levels and to eliminate existing barriers to enterprises entering business; whereas high administrative burdens, **language barriers, insecurity in the system, inadequate and insufficient information, lack of administrative coordination and cooperation of rules** discourage **SMEs and in particular** new entrepreneurs **from cross-border activities**;

Amendment 8
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas a Single Market Act can have a sense only if its connected with the purpose of shifting the EU economy towards more sustainable and solidarity-based patterns

Or. en

Amendment 9
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. whereas it is important that the Single Market Act does not consist of a series of measures isolated from each other, and that all proposals must participate together in the achievement of a coherent objective

Or. en

Amendment 10
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Recital A c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ac. whereas public authorities must be re-established in their democratic, legitimate role of regulation and re-orientation of

our economy

Or. en

Amendment 11

Philippe Juvin, Andreas Schwab, Constance Le Grip, Catherine Soullie

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas all enterprises are affected by market fragmentation, but SMEs are particularly vulnerable to the problems stemming from it,

Amendment

B. whereas all enterprises are affected by market fragmentation, but SMEs ***and craft manufacturing businesses*** are particularly vulnerable to the problems stemming from it,

Or. en

Amendment 12

Patrizia Toia, Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution

Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. Whereas the Single Market should allow for the promotion of the diversity and plurality of forms of enterprise - including social economy enterprises (cooperatives, associations, mutual societies and foundations) that have proven their capacity of resilience in time of crisis - in order to make the most of their economic and social potential;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas lack of innovation in the EU is a key factor for the low growth rates in recent years; whereas green technology innovation provides an opportunity to reconcile long-term growth and environmental protection,

Amendment

D. whereas lack of innovation in the EU is a key factor for the low growth rates in recent years; whereas ***enterprises should be actively encouraged in the direction of green technology innovation, which provides an opportunity to speed up the shift towards a more sustainable economy and to*** reconcile long-term growth and environmental protection ; ***whereas, for this purpose, social, environmental and consumer protection standards must be fully respected,***

Or. en

Amendment 14

Patrizia Toia, Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas lack of innovation in the EU is a key factor for the low growth rates in recent years; whereas green technology innovation provides an opportunity to reconcile long-term growth and environmental protection,

Amendment

D. whereas lack of innovation - ***be it technical, social or managerial*** - in the EU is a key factor for the low growth rates in recent years; whereas green technology innovation provides an opportunity to reconcile long-term growth and environmental protection,

Or. en

Amendment 15
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas venture capital is an important source of finance for new innovative businesses; *whereas there are barriers for venture capital funds wanting to invest in different EU Member States,*

Amendment

F. whereas venture capital is an important source of finance for new innovative businesses, ***but requires a strong regulation in order to protect investors and orientate the funds towards sustainable projects,***

Or. en

Amendment 16
Liem Hoang Ngoc

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas venture capital is an important source of finance for new innovative businesses; whereas there are barriers for venture capital funds wanting to invest in different EU Member States,

Amendment

(Does not affect English version)

Or. fr

Amendment 17
Antonyia Parvanova

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas e-commerce and e-services, including e-Government services, are still underdeveloped at EU level,

Amendment

H. whereas e-commerce and e-services, including e-Government ***and e-Health*** services, are still underdeveloped at EU

level,

Or. en

Amendment 18

Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas ***the*** postal ***sector and*** the promotion of interoperability and cooperation among postal systems and services can have a significant impact on the development of cross-border e-commerce,

Amendment

I. whereas ***it is essential to guarantee universal access to high-quality postal services ; whereas*** the promotion of interoperability and cooperation among postal systems and services can have a significant impact on the development of cross-border e-commerce,

Or. en

Amendment 19

Pascal Canfin, Christian Engström, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution

Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas sub-optimal electronic management of copyrights leads to a high level of fragmentation in the market for audiovisual products which is detrimental to EU businesses; whereas both businesses and consumers would benefit from the creation of a genuine Single Market for audiovisual products,

Amendment

J. whereas sub-optimal electronic management of copyrights leads to a high level of fragmentation in the market for audiovisual products which is detrimental to EU businesses; whereas both businesses and consumers would benefit from the creation of a genuine Single Market for audiovisual products ***as long as the fundamental rights of internet users are fully respected,***

Or. en

Amendment 20
Cristian Silviu Buşoi

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas ***sub-optimal electronic management*** of copyrights ***leads*** to a high level of fragmentation ***in*** the market for audiovisual products which is detrimental to EU businesses; whereas both businesses and consumers would benefit from the creation of a genuine Single Market for audiovisual products,

Amendment

J. whereas ***there are regulatory barriers to the efficient licensing*** of copyrights ***that lead*** to a high level of fragmentation ***of*** the market for audiovisual products, which is detrimental to EU businesses; whereas both businesses and consumers would benefit from the creation of a genuine Single Market for audiovisual products ***and services***,

Or. en

Amendment 21
Pascal Canfin, Christian Engström, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas counterfeiting ***and piracy reduce*** business confidence in e-commerce ***and fuel the fragmentation of intellectual property protection rules*** which stifles innovation in the Single Market,

Amendment

K. whereas counterfeiting ***reduces*** business confidence in e-commerce, which stifles innovation in the Single Market,

Or. en

Amendment 22
Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas counterfeiting ***and piracy***

Amendment

K. whereas counterfeiting ***reduces*** business

reduce business confidence in e-commerce and **fuel** the fragmentation of intellectual property protection rules which stifles innovation in the Single Market,

confidence in e-commerce and **fuels** the fragmentation of intellectual property protection rules which stifles innovation in the Single Market,

Or. fr

Amendment 23
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas differences in fiscal provisions, such as corporate taxation and reporting obligations for VAT, result in significant obstacles to cross-border transactions; whereas ***these barriers can be removed without harmonizing tax rates,***

Amendment

L. whereas differences in fiscal provisions, such as corporate taxation and reporting obligations for VAT, result in significant obstacles to cross-border transactions; whereas ***the coordination of national tax policies as proposed by Mario Monti in his report would bring a valuable added-value to enterprises and citizens,***

Or. en

Amendment 24
Simon Busuttil

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas differences in fiscal provisions, ***such as corporate taxation and reporting obligations for VAT,*** result in significant obstacles to cross-border transactions; whereas these barriers can be removed without harmonizing tax rates,

Amendment

L. whereas differences in fiscal provisions ***may*** result in significant obstacles to cross-border transactions; whereas these barriers can be removed without harmonizing tax rates,

Or. en

Amendment 25
Liem Hoang Ngoc

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas differences in fiscal provisions, ***such as*** corporate taxation and ***reporting obligations for*** VAT, result in significant obstacles to cross-border transactions; ***whereas these barriers can be removed without harmonizing tax rates,***

Amendment

L. whereas differences in fiscal provisions, ***particularly with regard to*** corporate taxation and VAT, result in significant obstacles to cross-border transactions,

Or. fr

Amendment 26
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

Motion for a resolution

M. whereas cross-border procurement accounts for a low share of the whole public procurement market, despite being an opportunity for EU firms; whereas SMEs still have limited access to public procurement markets,

Amendment

M. whereas cross-border procurement accounts for a low share of the whole public procurement market, despite being an opportunity for EU firms; whereas SMEs still have limited access to public procurement markets ; ***whereas the inclusion of environmental, social and innovative criteria in public authorities' calls for tender should be encouraged,***

Or. en

Amendment 27
Philippe Juvin, Andreas Schwab, Catherine Soullie

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

Motion for a resolution

M. whereas cross-border procurement accounts for a low share of the whole public procurement market, despite being an opportunity for EU firms; whereas SMEs still have limited access to public procurement markets,

Amendment

M. whereas ***public procurement plays an important role to boost economic growth, accounting for around 17% of the EU's GDP***; whereas cross-border procurement accounts for a low share of the whole public procurement market, despite being an opportunity for EU firms; whereas SMEs still have limited access to public procurement markets,

Or. en

Amendment 28

Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution

Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. whereas services are accountable for a significant part of our economic growth; whereas the ***Single Market for services is still underdeveloped due to gaps and late implementation*** of the Services Directive,

Amendment

N. whereas services are accountable for a significant part of our economic growth; whereas ***there should be a thorough assessment of the impact of the Services Directive on the quality of services and on the possibility for public authorities to impose public interest requirements to services providers***,

Or. en

Amendment 29

Małgorzata Handzlik, Rafał Trzaskowski

Motion for a resolution

Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. whereas services are accountable for a significant part of our economic growth;

Amendment

N. whereas services are accountable for a significant part of our economic growth;

whereas the Single Market for services is still *underdeveloped due to gaps and late implementation of* the Services Directive,

whereas the Single Market for services is still *not delivering its full potential ; whereas the Services Directive has been an important step forward in improving the functioning of the Single Market but whereas more needs to be done to deepen the Single Market for services;*

Or. en

Amendment 30
Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution
Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. whereas services are accountable for a significant part of our economic growth; whereas the Single Market for services is still underdeveloped due to gaps and late implementation of the Services Directive,

Amendment

N. whereas services are accountable for a significant part of our economic growth; whereas the Single Market for services is still underdeveloped due to gaps and late implementation of the Services Directive; *whereas the sectors excluded from this directive should be the subject of specific protective legislation that complies with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality,*

Or. fr

Amendment 31
Liem Hoang Ngoc

Motion for a resolution
Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. whereas services are *accountable for a significant part of our* economic growth; *whereas* the Single Market for services is still underdeveloped due to gaps and *late* implementation of the Services Directive,

Amendment

N. whereas services are *a crucial sector* for economic growth *and employment but* the Single Market for services is still underdeveloped *particularly* due to gaps and *difficulties encountered by the*

*Member States with respect to the
implementation of the Services Directive,*

Or. fr

Amendment 32
Hans-Peter Mayer

Motion for a resolution
Recital N a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*Na. whereas, with a view to creating a
common internal market for businesses,
harmonisation and codification of
European legislation within a single
European legal framework, e.g. European
contract law, ensures greater legal
certainty for firms and consumers and is
thus a vital element in enhancing the
operation of the internal market,*

Or. de

Amendment 33
Cristian Silviu Buşoi

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Introduction

I. Introduction

Or. en

Amendment 34
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the Commission Communication ‘Towards a Single Market Act’ and *especially its first chapter on ‘Strong, sustainable and equitable growth for business’*;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission Communication ‘Towards a Single Market Act’; *considers that the three chapters of the Communication are equally important and interconnected, and should be dealt with in a consistent approach without isolating the different issues at stake from each other* ;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Eva-Britt Svensson, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. **Welcomes** the Commission Communication ‘Towards a Single Market Act’ and especially its first chapter on ‘Strong, sustainable and equitable growth for business’;

Amendment

1. **Notes** the Commission Communication ‘Towards a Single Market Act’ and especially its first chapter on ‘Strong, sustainable and equitable growth for business’;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Bernadette Vergnaud, Evelyne Gebhardt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

1a. believes that - for the development of a European competitive Social Market Economy - Single Market legislations, policies and measures should encompass and foster an appropriate social dimension; considers that a horizontal

Amendment

social progress clause in the form of an overarching Regulation - which explicitly makes economic freedoms respect the fundamental social rights, gives priority to fundamental social rights in case of conflict and protects and upholds the right to collective action and the right to strike as proposed in the social progress protocol is needed; stresses that this would be in line with Article 9 TFEU and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and that is the most appropriate way to uphold citizens and social rights;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Emphasises in particular the Commission's commitment, in this Communication, to promote new approaches towards sustainable development,

Or. en

Amendment 38

Bernadette Vergnaud, Evelyne Gebhardt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1b. considers it essential that the Single Market Act include an ambitious agenda for social and consumer protection in the

form of the insertion of a social clause in all legislation related to the internal market, legislation on services of general economic interest, a legislative agenda to strengthen workers' rights, an ambitious legislative package for consumer protection that makes a difference to the daily lives of citizens and better tax coordination by means of harmonisation of the corporate tax base and VAT rates;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Eva-Britt Svensson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Stresses the importance of the Single Market for the competitiveness of EU enterprises and for the growth of European economies, and welcomes the holistic approach used in the Communication;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 40
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Stresses the importance of the Single Market *for the competitiveness of EU enterprises and for the growth of European economies*, and welcomes the holistic approach used in the Communication;

2. Stresses the importance of the Single Market and *emphasises that it should be reconciled with citizens concerns* ; welcomes the holistic approach used in the Communication;

Amendment 41
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses the importance of the Single Market for the competitiveness of EU enterprises and for the growth of European economies, and welcomes the holistic approach used in the Communication;

Amendment

2. Stresses the importance of the Single Market for the competitiveness of EU enterprises and for the growth of European economies, ***calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure sufficient resources to improve the implementation of the single market rules,*** and welcomes the holistic approach used in the Communication;

Amendment 42
Jürgen Creutzmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses the importance of the Single Market for the competitiveness of EU enterprises and for the growth of European economies, and welcomes the holistic approach used in the Communication;

Amendment

2. Stresses, ***particularly in view of the economic and financial crisis,*** the importance of the Single Market for the competitiveness of EU enterprises and for the growth ***and stability*** of European economies, and welcomes the holistic approach used in the Communication;

Amendment 43
Hans-Peter Mayer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission, with a view to further boosting growth, to simplify existing European rules by means of harmonisation and codification, and to that end to draw up an analysis of the current legal basis for businesses and consumers so as to create, in the long term, a single body of law, e.g. European contract law;

Or. de

Amendment 44
Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Pablo Arias Echeverria

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Recalls the cost of fragmentation and the benefits of harmonisation for the well-functioning of the Single Market; calls for more transparency and a reduction of administrative burdens, especially for SMEs, by ensuring that the Small Business Act is fully and correctly implemented in all Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Jürgen Creutzmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Calls therefore on the Commission to submit an ambitious package of measures supported by a clear and coherent strategy to promote the competitiveness of the internal market;

Or. de

Amendment 46
Louis Grech

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Suggests that the Commission and Member States step up their efforts to strictly implement and apply the Think Small First principle as outlined in the Small Business Act and the SME Test when proposing new legislative internal market measures;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Cristian Silviu Buşoi

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I. Priority Area 1: An innovative Single Market

II. General Assessment

A. An innovative Single Market

Or. en

Amendment 48
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

I. Priority Area 1: *An innovative Single Market*

Amendment

I. Priority Area 1: *boosting innovation in the EU market to speed up the shift towards a more sustainable economy and thus creating new jobs in green technology areas*

Or. en

Amendment 49
Philippe Juvin

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

I. Priority Area 1: An innovative Single Market

Amendment

I. Priority Area 1: An innovative **and greener** Single Market

Or. en

Amendment 50
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. *Strongly supports the creation of an EU patent and of a unified patent litigation system in order to make the Single Market an innovation-friendly environment; stresses that the cost burden of multilingual patents would hinder innovation in the Single Market;*

Amendment

3. *Welcomes the political will to create an SME friendly EU-wide patent system and recommends seizing this opportunity to tailor patents for innovation; recalls the issue of patent accessibility and scope which should be clearly defined in order to avoid expensive litigation; requests an economic impact study of the current*

patent system and the Unitary Patent system project on SMEs; recalls the social contract underlying the patent system which was established for the benefit of society, and that it should foster dissemination of innovation and not be misused to deter competition; deplores the behaviour of patent trolls which acquire patent portfolios with the sole aim of generating profit through enforcement and not as an incentive to promote innovation; recommends maximising the advantages of the IPR system by encouraging the establishment of innovation clusters and patent pools or common patent platforms,

Or. en

Amendment 51
Wim van de Camp

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Strongly supports the creation of an EU patent and of a unified patent litigation system in order to make the Single Market an innovation-friendly environment; stresses that the cost burden of multilingual patents would hinder innovation in the Single Market;

Amendment

3. Strongly supports the creation of an EU patent and of a unified patent litigation system in order to make the Single Market an innovation-friendly environment; stresses that the cost burden of multilingual patents would hinder innovation in the Single Market; ***stresses that the language problems with Spain and Italy need to be solved as quickly as possible;***

Or. nl

Amendment 52
Philippe Juvin, Constance Le Grip, Catherine Soullie

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Strongly supports the creation of an EU patent and of a unified patent litigation system in order to make the Single Market an innovation-friendly environment; stresses that the cost burden of multilingual patents would hinder innovation in the Single Market;

Amendment

3. Strongly supports the creation of an EU patent and of a unified patent litigation system in order to make the Single Market an innovation-friendly environment; stresses that the cost burden of multilingual patents would hinder innovation in the Single Market; ***strongly encourages interested Member States to take part in the reinforced cooperation procedure;***

Or. en

Amendment 53
Liem Hoang Ngoc

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Strongly supports the creation of an EU patent and of a unified patent litigation system in order to make the Single Market an innovation-friendly environment; stresses that the cost burden ***of multilingual patents would hinder*** innovation in the Single Market;

Amendment

3. Strongly supports the creation of an EU patent and of a unified patent litigation system in order to make the Single Market an innovation-friendly environment; stresses that the ***translation of patents into many languages is an additional*** cost burden ***and impedes*** innovation in the Single Market;

Or. fr

Amendment 54
Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Strongly supports the creation of an EU patent and of a unified patent litigation

Amendment

3. Strongly supports the creation of an EU patent and of a unified patent litigation

system in order to make the Single Market an innovation-friendly environment; ***stresses that the cost burden of multilingual patents would hinder innovation in the Single Market;***

system in order to make the Single Market an innovation-friendly environment, ***and wants the language problem solved quickly;***

Or. fr

Amendment 55

Pablo Arias Echeverría

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Strongly supports the creation of an EU patent and of a unified patent litigation system in order to make the Single Market an innovation-friendly environment; stresses that the cost burden of multilingual patents would hinder innovation in the Single Market;

Amendment

3. Strongly supports the creation of an EU patent ***on a balanced and non-discriminatory basis*** and of a unified patent litigation system in order to make the Single Market an innovation-friendly environment; stresses that the cost burden of multilingual patents would hinder innovation in the Single Market; ***stresses that a unified EU patent system of this nature must in no case constitute an obstacle or form of discrimination as regards exchanges between Member States;***

Or. es

Amendment 56

Toine Manders

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Strongly supports the creation of an EU patent and of a unified patent litigation system in order to make the Single Market an innovation-friendly environment;

Amendment

3. Strongly supports the creation of an EU patent and of a unified patent litigation system in order to make the Single Market an innovation-friendly ***and leading***

stresses that the cost burden of multilingual patents would hinder innovation in the Single Market;

environment; stresses that the cost burden of multilingual patents would hinder innovation in the Single Market;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Emphasizes that the introduction of both an EU patent and a unified patent litigation system will give a major boost to European competitiveness, since they will promote technology, provide an incentive for investment in research and development, help create new businesses and jobs, attract foreign investment capital and assist in technology transfer;

Or. el

Amendment 58
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Supports an initiative on an ecologic footprint of products and calls on the Commission to propose the establishment of a real common assessment and labelling system;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Urges the Commission to come up as soon as possible with an energy efficiency plan to improve energy savings;

Or. en

Amendment 60

Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3c. Considers that the White Paper on transport policy should focus on proposals to enhance sustainable transport modes, including intermodality;

Or. en

Amendment 61

Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3d. Encourages the Commission to propose a new legal framework for standardisation

Or. en

Amendment 62
Cornelis de Jong, Eva-Britt Svensson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Supports the creation of EU project bonds in order to support long-term innovation in the Single Market;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 63
Anja Weisgerber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Supports the creation of EU project bonds in order to support long-term innovation in the Single Market;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 64
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Supports the creation of EU project bonds in order to support long-term innovation in the Single Market;

4. Supports the creation of EU project bonds in order to support long-term innovation in the Single Market, *including services infrastructures projects in transports, energy and telecommunications, stresses that project bonds would also necessarily need to serve the purpose of the ecological transformation of our economies. and*

calls on the Commission to come up as soon as possible with concrete proposals in this regard

Or. en

Amendment 65
Patrizia Toia, Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Supports the creation of EU project bonds in order to support long-term innovation in the Single Market;

Amendment

4. Supports the creation of EU project bonds in order to support long-term innovation in the Single Market; *welcomes the proposals supporting the innovative potential of the social economy enterprises;*

Or. en

Amendment 66
Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Supports the creation of **EU** project bonds in order to support long-term innovation in the Single Market;

Amendment

4. Supports the creation of **European** project bonds in order to support long-term innovation in the Single Market *and to finance the implementation of major cross-border infrastructure projects, particularly in the areas of energy and transport;*

Or. fr

Amendment 67
Edvard Kožušník

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Supports the creation of EU project bonds in order to support long-term innovation in the Single Market;

Amendment

4. Supports the creation of EU project bonds in order to support long-term innovation in the Single Market ***as long as appropriate risk management structures are in place and their use is accompanied by full disclosure of all potential liabilities;***

Or. en

Amendment 68
Louis Grech

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Urges the Commission to conduct a financial audit of the EU's Budget priorities for the next financial framework and to prioritise European Added Value Projects able to enhance EU competitiveness and integration in the areas of research, knowledge and innovation;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to promote cross-border investment and to set up a legislative framework to **allow** venture capital funds to ***be invested freely within the Single Market, irrespective of the Member State of origin;***

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to promote cross-border investment and to set up a legislative framework to **regulate** venture capital funds ***in order to protect investors and orientate these funds towards sustainable projects;***

Or. en

Amendment 70

Cornelis de Jong, Eva-Britt Svensson

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to promote cross-border investment and to set up a legislative framework to **allow** venture capital funds ***to be invested freely*** within the Single Market, irrespective of the Member State of origin;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to promote cross-border investment and to set up a legislative framework to **regulate investment by** venture capital funds within the Single Market, irrespective of the Member State of origin;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to promote cross-border investment and to set up a legislative framework to allow venture capital funds to be invested freely within the Single Market, irrespective of the Member State of origin;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to promote cross-border investment and to set up a legislative framework to allow venture capital funds to be invested freely within the Single Market, irrespective of the Member State of origin, ***cf. the AIFM Directive,***

Or. da

Amendment 72
Cristian Silviu Buşoi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to promote cross-border investment and to set up a **legislative** framework to allow venture capital funds to be invested freely within the Single Market, irrespective of the Member State of origin;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to promote cross-border investment and to set up a framework to allow venture capital funds to be invested freely within the Single Market, irrespective of the Member State of origin;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Liem Hoang Ngoc

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to promote cross-border investment and to set up a legislative framework to **allow** venture capital funds **to be invested freely** within the Single Market, **irrespective of the Member State of origin**;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to promote cross-border investment and, ***in particular***, to set up a legislative framework to ***make it easier to invest*** venture capital funds within the Single Market, ***whilst protecting the employees of companies acquired using these venture capital funds against practices such as asset-stripping and fully incorporating the information requirements contained in the Directive on Alternative Investment Fund Managers***;

Or. fr

Amendment 74
Morten Løkkegaard

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Invites the Commission to look into the possibilities of creating a European venture capital fund capable of investing in early-stage 'proof of concept' and business development prior to commercial investment;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Considers that the pooling of European Investment Fund resources with those of national public and private investors would help meet the specific needs of the market and allow more capital to be injected into the venture capital sector, within the context of the need for long-term investment in innovation in order to achieve the ambitious objectives laid down in this field by the EU 2020 Strategy;

Or. fr

Amendment 76
Louis Grech

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Is of the view that the Commission's proposal to ensure that venture capital funds would operate and invest freely across the European Union, may not be comprehensive enough to ease the raising of venture and seed capital for SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Eva-Britt Svensson, Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Acknowledges the importance of public procurement, especially pre-commercial procurement, and the role it plays in stimulating innovation in the Single Market; encourages Member States to make use of pre-commercial procurement to give a decisive initial push to new markets for innovative and green technologies while improving the quality **and** effectiveness of public services; calls on the Commission and Member States to better communicate the existing possibilities for pre-commercial procurement to public authorities; calls on the Commission to explore how cross-border joint procurement can be facilitated;

Amendment

6. Acknowledges the importance of public procurement, especially pre-commercial procurement, and the role it plays in stimulating innovation in the Single Market; encourages Member States to make use of pre-commercial procurement to give a decisive initial push to new markets for innovative and green technologies while improving the quality, effectiveness, **universality, affordability, accessibility and sustainability** of public services; calls on the Commission and Member States to better communicate the existing possibilities for pre-commercial procurement to public authorities; calls on the Commission to explore how cross-border joint procurement can be facilitated;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 79

Kyriacos Triantaphyllides, Eva-Britt Svensson, Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Urges the Commission to support the efforts of the public sector to adopt innovative approaches, exploiting new technologies and procedures and disseminating best practices in the public administration which will lower bureaucracy and embrace citizen-centred policies;

Amendment 80
Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Calls on the Commission to take initiatives to significantly increase the participation of SMEs in public procurement by removing bureaucratic obstacles and barriers, thereby facilitating their access to it;

Or. el

Amendment 81
Patrizia Toia, Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Urges Member States to increase efforts to pool innovation resources through the creation of innovation clusters and facilitating the participation of SMEs in EU research programmes;

7. Urges Member States to increase efforts to pool innovation resources through the creation of innovation clusters and facilitating the participation of SMEs, ***including social economy enterprises,*** in EU research programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Eva-Britt Svensson, Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Urges Member States to increase efforts to pool innovation resources through the creation of innovation clusters and **facilitating** the participation of SMEs in EU research programmes;

Amendment

7. Urges Member States to increase efforts to pool innovation resources through the creation of innovation clusters and **give emphasis on** the participation of SMEs in EU research programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Urges Member States to increase efforts to pool innovation resources through the creation of innovation clusters **and** facilitating the participation of SMEs in EU research programmes;

Amendment

7. Urges Member States to increase efforts to pool innovation resources through the creation of innovation clusters **through the establishment of separate, easy accessible, non-bureaucratic funding means,** facilitating the participation of SMEs in EU research programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Urges Member States to increase efforts to pool innovation resources through the creation of innovation clusters and facilitating the participation of SMEs in EU research programmes;

Amendment

7. Urges Member States to increase efforts to pool innovation resources through the creation of innovation clusters and facilitating the participation of SMEs in EU research programmes, **in the interest of promoting and exploiting the results of scientific research and innovation, and of**

supporting the dissemination and cross-border exploitation of the results of research;

Or. hu

Amendment 85
Philippe Juvin, Constance Le Grip

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Welcomes the Commission 's proposal to revise the Energy tax Directive (2003/96/EC) to include a carbon-related component in the taxation of energy products and electricity in order to initiate a move from budget-driven taxation to environment-driven taxation while keeping the same overall level of taxation;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Catherine Soullie, Philippe Juvin, Constance Le Grip

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Insists on the importance of putting inventions to good use; supports the idea of creating a European Funds for Patents, which would create patents pools through a system of licences to the benefice of European enterprises, especially innovative SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Jürgen Creutzmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Welcomes the initiative announced by the Commission aimed at combating trade mark and product piracy, and in particular the legislative proposals due for submission in 2011 seeking to adjust the legal framework to the new challenges of the internet and to strengthen measures by the customs authorities in this area; notes that in this connection synergies could also be achieved with the forthcoming action plan to enhance European market surveillance;

Or. de

Amendment 88
Cristian Silviu Buşoi

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

II. Priority Area 2: A digital Single Market

B. A digital Single Market

Or. en

Amendment 89
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Welcomes the Commission's proposed

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revision of the e-Signatures Directive;
emphasizes the need for mutual recognition
of e-identification and e-authentication
across the EU;

revision of the e-Signatures Directive;
emphasizes the need for mutual recognition
of e-identification and e-authentication
across the EU ***and asks the Commission to
tackle in this regard in particular the
discrimination problems against
recipients of services because their
nationality or place of residence;***

Or. en

Amendment 90
Eva-Britt Svensson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. ***Welcomes*** the Commission's proposed
revision of the e-Signatures Directive;
emphasizes the need for mutual recognition
of e-identification and e-authentication
across the EU;

Amendment

8. ***Notes*** the Commission's proposed
revision of the e-Signatures Directive;
emphasizes the need for mutual recognition
of e-identification and e-authentication
across the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the Commission's proposed
revision of the e-Signatures Directive;
emphasizes the need for mutual recognition
of e-identification and e-authentication
across the EU;

Amendment

8. Welcomes the Commission's proposed
revision of the e-Signatures Directive ***with
a view to providing a legal framework for
cross-border recognition and
interoperability of secure e-authentication
systems;*** emphasizes the need for mutual
recognition of e-identification and e-
authentication across the EU;

Amendment 92
Cristian Silviu Buşoi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Stresses the importance of the proposed e-mobility package aimed at using new technologies to support an efficient and sustainable transport system, especially through the use of integrated ticketing; calls on Member States to swiftly implement of the directive on intelligent transport systems;

Amendment 93
Pablo Arias Echeverría

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Stresses the need to go beyond the existing barriers to cross-border e-commerce in the EU; emphasises the need for an active policy enabling the public and companies to benefit fully from this tool available to them which can offer them quality products and services at competitive prices; believes that this is essential in the present climate of economic crisis, and that it would aid enormously in the completion of the single market, as a means of fighting rising inequality and protecting consumers who are vulnerable, live in remote locations or suffer from reduced mobility, as well as low-income groups

and SMEs, to whom integration into the world of e-commerce is particularly important;

Or. es

Amendment 94

Eva-Britt Svensson, Christel Schaldemose, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides, Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission to take the appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses in e-commerce, namely by harmonizing contract law where possible and by facilitating cross-border debt recovery;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 95

Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission to take the appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses in e-commerce, namely by harmonizing contract law where possible *and by facilitating cross-border debt recovery*;

9. Calls on the Commission to take the appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses *and citizens* in e-commerce, namely by *guaranteeing high-level consumer protection in this field and* harmonizing contract law where possible;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Hans-Peter Mayer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission to take the appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses in e-commerce, ***namely*** by harmonizing contract law ***where possible and by facilitating*** cross-border debt recovery;

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission to take the appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses in e-commerce. ***believes that this should take the form of harmonizing and codifying individual European rules to create a single European legal framework, e.g. European contract law, which would facilitate*** cross-border debt recovery;

Or. de

Amendment 97
Philippe Juvin, Constance Le Grip

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission to take the appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses in e-commerce, ***namely by harmonizing contract law where possible and*** by facilitating cross-border debt recovery;

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission to take the appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses in e-commerce, ***especially*** by facilitating cross-border debt recovery;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission to take the appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses in e-commerce, namely by harmonizing contract law where possible and by facilitating cross-border debt recovery;

Amendment

9. ***Underlines the importance of removing barriers to e-commerce;*** Calls on the Commission to take the appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses in e-commerce, namely by harmonizing ***consumer*** contract law where possible and by facilitating cross-border debt recovery;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Othmar Karas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission to take ***the*** appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses in e-commerce, namely ***by harmonizing contract law where possible and*** by facilitating cross-border debt recovery;

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission to take appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses in e-commerce, namely by facilitating cross-border debt recovery;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Pablo Arias Echeverria

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission to take the appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses in e-commerce, ***namely by harmonizing contract law where possible and*** by facilitating cross-

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission ***and Member States*** to take the appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses in e-commerce, ***in particular by simplifying registration of domains across borders for***

border debt recovery;

online businesses, by *improving online payment systems and* facilitating cross-border debt recovery;

Or. en

Amendment 101

Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission to take the appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses in e-commerce, namely by harmonizing contract law where possible and by facilitating cross-border debt recovery;

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission to take the appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses in e-commerce, namely by harmonizing contract law where possible *without jeopardising the consumer acquis* and by facilitating cross-border debt recovery;

Or. fr

Amendment 102

Edvard Kožušník

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission to take the appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses in e-commerce, *namely by harmonizing contract law where possible and* by facilitating cross-border debt recovery;

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission to take the appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses in e-commerce by facilitating cross-border debt recovery;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Jürgen Creutzmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission to take the appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses in e-commerce, namely by harmonizing contract law where possible and by facilitating cross-border debt recovery;

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission to take the appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses in e-commerce, namely by harmonizing contract law where possible ***and useful*** and by facilitating cross-border debt recovery;

Or. de

Amendment 104
Louis Grech

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission to take the appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses in e-commerce, namely by ***harmonizing contract law*** where possible and by facilitating cross-border debt recovery;

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission to take the appropriate measures to enhance the confidence of businesses in e-commerce, namely by ***facilitating access to quality services, providing reliable and objective information and greater legal security and clarity in contractual relations and payment security*** where possible and by facilitating cross-border debt recovery;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Othmar Karas, Constance Le Grip

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Commission to evaluate the implementation of the Consumer Rights Directive and to take into account all relevant and existing EU legislation as well as the special needs of SMEs before coming up with a proposal for a European Contract Law;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Pablo Arias Echeverría

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Believes that consumer confidence can be reinforced via trusted EU authorities or trusted marks which can ensure reliability and quality for products on the cross-border electronic market; considers that the Commission should establish a European quality seal for e-commerce, as proposed in the Digital Agenda for Europe, on a basis of clear and transparent rules that are subject to monitoring; believes that any such European system of trusted marks should be backed up by a mechanism for control or application of the rules; considers that the European quality system would help consumers identify reliable on-line vendors, provide compensation for best practice and stimulate innovation, thus aiding EU firms in their efforts to transcend their national markets;

Or. es

Amendment 107
Toine Manders

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Considers that SMEs should be empowered to make extensive use of e-commerce in Europe; deplores the fact that the Commission will not be coming out with a proposal for a European system for the settlement of online disputes for digital transactions until 2012, twelve years after Parliament called for such an initiative in September 2000[1];

[1] European parliament's position on the proposal for a Council regulation on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (OJ C 146, 17.5.2001, p.101).

Or. en

Amendment 108
Liem Hoang Ngoc

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Urges the Member States to fully implement the Third Postal Services Directive (2008/6/EC) to facilitate efficient distribution and tracking of online purchases;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 109
Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Urges the Member States to fully implement the Third Postal Services Directive (2008/6/EC) to facilitate efficient distribution and tracking of online purchases;

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 110
Cornelis de Jong, Eva-Britt Svensson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Urges the Member States to fully implement the Third Postal Services Directive (2008/6/EC) to facilitate efficient distribution and tracking of online purchases;

Amendment

10. Urges the Member States to take all necessary measures to protect labour conditions, avoid social dumping and provide for a reliable universal service, whilst implementing the Third Postal Services Directive 2008/6/EC, and to ensure that decent employment and labour conditions are applied by all operators;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Urges the Member States to guarantee universal access to high-quality

postal services and to promote interoperability and cooperation among postal systems and services

Or. en

Amendment 112
Pablo Arias Echeverría

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Stresses the need to improve and simplify postal services at European level, in order to boost consumer confidence as regards cross-border purchases made in other Member States;

Or. es

Amendment 113
Pascal Canfin, Christian Engström, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Stresses the need to create a Single Market for online audiovisual goods by improving the electronic management of copyrights while ensuring that rightholders receive adequate remuneration for their creative works;

11. Stresses the need to create a Single Market for online audiovisual goods by improving the electronic management of copyrights *by guaranteeing the fundamental rights of internet users* while ensuring that rightholders receive adequate remuneration for their creative works;

Or. en

Amendment 114

Philippe Juvin, Andreas Schwab, Constance Le Grip, Catherine Soullie

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses the need to create a Single Market for online audiovisual goods by improving the electronic management of copyrights while ensuring that rightholders receive adequate remuneration for their creative works;

Amendment

11. Stresses the need to create a Single Market for online audiovisual goods by improving the electronic management of copyrights while **supporting innovation and creativity by** ensuring that rightholders receive adequate remuneration for their creative works;

Or. en

Amendment 115

Cristian Silviu Buşoi, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses the need to create a Single Market for online audiovisual goods **by improving the electronic** management of **copyrights while ensuring that rightholders receive adequate remuneration for their creative works;**

Amendment

11. Stresses the need to create a Single Market for online audiovisual goods **through an efficient** management of **copyright, including the creation of a pan-European licensing system;**

Or. en

Amendment 116

Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

11. Stresses the need to create a Single Market for online audiovisual goods by

improving the electronic management of copyrights while ensuring that rightholders receive adequate remuneration for their creative works;

improving the electronic management of copyrights while ensuring that rightholders receive adequate remuneration for their creative works, *and with the aim of ensuring that citizens have fair access at a reasonable cost to cultural goods and services*;

Or. fr

Amendment 117
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses the need to create a Single Market for online audiovisual goods by improving the electronic management of copyrights *while ensuring that rightholders receive adequate remuneration for their creative works*;

Amendment

11. Stresses the need to create a Single Market for online audiovisual goods by improving the electronic management of copyrights;

Or. da

Amendment 118
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses the need to create a Single Market for online audiovisual goods by improving the electronic management of copyrights while ensuring that rightholders receive adequate remuneration for their creative works;

Amendment

11. Stresses the need to create a Single Market for online audiovisual goods by improving the electronic management of copyrights while ensuring that rightholders receive adequate remuneration for their creative works; *recommends the creation of mandatory registration in the framework of a European copyright, in the context of the coordinated registration*

of copyright and related rights;

Or. hu

Amendment 119

Toine Manders

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses the need to create a Single Market for online audiovisual goods by improving the electronic management of copyrights while ensuring that rightholders receive adequate remuneration for their creative works;

Amendment

11. Stresses the need to create a Single Market for online audiovisual goods by ***promoting open ICT standards and*** improving the electronic management of copyrights while ensuring that rightholders receive adequate remuneration for their creative works;

Or. en

Amendment 120

Philippe Juvin, Constance Le Grip, Damien Abad

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Regrets that the revision of the Community Trademark Regulation is not mentioned in the Single Market Act; underlines that it should be among the Commission's priorities to ensure that trademarks are well protected in off-line as well as in online environments;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Stresses the need to enhance the availability of content online services; welcomes the intention of the European Commission to submit a proposal on the management of copyrights with the aim of opening up access to online content by improving the governance; points out the need to make cross boarder licensing easier and develop the system of private copying levies with the aim of reaching a competitive European solution.

Or. en

Amendment 122
Cristian Silviu Buşoi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Considers that the revision by the Commission of the EU trademark legislation should be included among the priorities of the Single Market Act and that, in this context, adequate measures are taken to ensure that trademarks can benefit from the same level of protection in both the online and offline environments.

Or. en

Amendment 123
Liem Hoang Ngoc

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Points out the need to strengthen the fight against online piracy in a proportionate manner and with public support by making full use of the available technology while respecting fundamental rights;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 124
Philippe Juvin, Andreas Schwab, Constance Le Grip, Catherine Soullie, Damien Abad

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Points out the need to strengthen the fight against online piracy in a proportionate manner and with public support by making full use of the available technology while respecting fundamental rights;

12. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to strengthen the fight against online piracy and ensure the protection of intellectual property rights by making full use of the available technology while respecting fundamental rights;

Or. en

Amendment 125
Eva-Britt Svensson, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Points out the need to strengthen the fight against online piracy in a

12. Points out the need to strengthen the fight against online piracy without limiting

proportionate manner and with public support by making full use of the available technology while respecting fundamental rights;

the free use of internet with public support by making full use of the available technology while respecting fundamental rights;

Or. en

Amendment 126

Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen, Christian Engström

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Points out the need to *strengthen* the fight against online piracy in a proportionate manner and with public support *by making full use of the available technology* while respecting fundamental rights;

Amendment

12. Points out the need to *conduct* the fight against online piracy in a proportionate manner and with public support while respecting fundamental rights;

Or. en

Amendment 127

Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. *Points out the need to strengthen the* fight against online *piracy in a proportionate manner and with public support by making full use of the available technology while respecting fundamental rights*;

Amendment

12. *Stresses, with regard to the* fight against *counterfeiting, that there is a need to align* online *legislation with existing off-line legislation so that consumers and businesses place more trust in e-commerce*;

Or. fr

Amendment 128
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Points out the need to strengthen the fight against online piracy in a proportionate manner and with public support by making **full** use of the available technology while respecting fundamental rights;

Amendment

12. Points out the need to strengthen the fight against online piracy in a proportionate manner and with public support by making use of the available technology while respecting fundamental rights **and the citizen's right to privacy**;

Or. da

Amendment 129
Cristian Silviu Buşoi, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Points out the need to strengthen the fight against online piracy **in a proportionate manner and with public support by making full use of the available technology** while respecting fundamental rights;

Amendment

12. Points out the need to strengthen the fight against online piracy **to protect the rights of creators, using proportionate measures to provide incentives for consumers to move towards legitimate services**, while respecting **their** fundamental rights;

Or. en

Amendment 130
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Points out the need to strengthen the fight against online piracy in a

Amendment

12. Points out the need to strengthen the fight against online piracy in a

proportionate manner and with public support by making full use of the available technology while respecting fundamental rights;

proportionate manner and with public support by making full use of the available technology while respecting fundamental rights; ***recommends that the Commission should help combat all forms of IPR infringement, irrespective of the size of the business involved, whilst placing particular emphasis on the specific needs of SMEs;***

Or. hu

Amendment 131
Anja Weisgerber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Notes that the digital internal market can only be completed when the gap between rural areas and urban centres in terms of broadband connections has been reduced;

Or. de

Amendment 132
Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to provide more comprehensive protection of intellectual property rights in the internal market by also addressing the new challenges posed by Internet piracy; stresses, as a basic prerequisite, that bodies and citizens must be alerted to the consequences of

*counterfeiting and piracy through
education and information campaigns
emphasizing the importance of
intellectual property rights;*

Or. el

Amendment 133
Cristian Silviu Buşoi

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 4

Motion for a resolution

III. Priority Area 3: A business-friendly
Single Market

Amendment

C. A business-friendly Single Market

Or. en

Amendment 134
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 4

Motion for a resolution

III. Priority Area 3: *A business-friendly
Single Market*

Amendment

III. Priority Area 3: *Mobilising financial
means and fiscal tools to support the
transition towards a more sustainable
economy*

Or. en

Amendment 135
Cornelis de Jong, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Commission to improve SMEs' access to capital markets by increasing information available on different EU financing opportunities such as those provided by the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme, the European Investment Bank or the European Investment Fund and by making funding procedures easier, quicker and less bureaucratic;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to improve SMEs' access to capital markets by increasing information available on different EU financing opportunities such as those provided by the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme, the European Investment Bank or the European Investment Fund and by making funding procedures easier, quicker and less bureaucratic; ***calls on commercial banks to refrain from allocating such funds solely to well-established medium sized or big enterprises, thus excluding small, innovative companies;***

Or. en

Amendment 136

Othmar Karas, Anja Weisgerber, Constance Le Grip, Hans-Peter Mayer, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Commission to improve SMEs' access to capital markets ***by increasing information available on different EU financing opportunities such as those provided by the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme, the European Investment Bank or the European Investment Fund and*** by making funding procedures easier, quicker and less bureaucratic;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to improve SMEs' access to capital markets by making funding procedures easier, quicker and less bureaucratic;

Or. en

Amendment 137
Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Commission to improve SMEs' access to capital markets by increasing information available on different EU financing opportunities such as those provided by the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme, the European Investment Bank or the European Investment Fund and by making funding procedures easier, quicker and less bureaucratic;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to improve SMEs' access to ***specific and regulated*** capital markets by ***supporting a European network of dedicated stock markets, and also by*** increasing information available on different EU financing opportunities such as those provided by the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme, the European Investment Bank or the European Investment Fund and by making funding procedures easier, quicker and less bureaucratic;

Or. fr

Amendment 138
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Commission to improve SMEs' access to capital markets by increasing information available on different EU financing opportunities such as those provided by the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme, the European Investment Bank or the European Investment Fund and by making funding procedures easier, quicker and less bureaucratic;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to improve SMEs' access to capital markets by increasing information available on different EU financing opportunities such as those provided by the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme, the European Investment Bank or the European Investment Fund and by making funding procedures easier, quicker and less bureaucratic; ***to that end recommends a much more holistic approach to the award of funding;***

Or. hu

Amendment 139
Edvard Kožušník

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Commission to improve SMEs' access to capital markets by **increasing** information available on different EU financing opportunities such as those provided by the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme, the European Investment Bank or the European Investment Fund and by making funding procedures easier, quicker and less bureaucratic;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to improve SMEs' access to capital markets by **streamlining** information available on different EU financing opportunities such as those provided by the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme, the European Investment Bank or the European Investment Fund and by making funding procedures easier, quicker and less bureaucratic;

Or. en

Amendment 140
Hans-Peter Mayer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

13a. Calls on the Commission to promote the harmonisation and codification of the individual European rules to create a single European legal framework, e.g. European contract law, which could also contribute to greater legal certainty for SMEs and consumers within the internal market;

Amendment

Or. de

Amendment 141

Philippe Juvin, Andreas Schwab, Constance Le Grip, Damien Abad

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Highlights the economic importance of SMEs and craft manufacturing businesses in the European economy; insists, therefore, on the need to ensure that the 'think small first' principle promoted by the 'Small Business Act' is well implemented and considered as a priority in the framework of the Single Market Act;

Or. en

Amendment 142

Othmar Karas, Anja Weisgerber, Andreas Schwab, Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Believes that the pluralistic structure of the European banking market meets best the variety of financing needs of SMEs and that the diversity of legal models and business objectives improves access to finance;

Or. en

Amendment 143

Cristian Silviu Buşoi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Calls for the simplification of accounting reporting obligations and for the elimination of unnecessary administrative burdens for SMEs, including the simplification of the heavy regular controls of overcompensation and specific accounting reports for SMEs entrusted with operations of local and social services of general economic interest;

Or. en

Amendment 144

Catherine Soullie, Constance Le Grip

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Underlines the necessity of strengthening SMEs capabilities when it comes to project designing and proposal writing, including technical assistance and suitable education programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 145

Małgorzata Handzlik, Róża Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Calls for adoption of European Private Company Statute in order to deliver to SMEs multiple benefits that this proposal encompass especially for

companies wishing to do cross-border business;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Simon Busuttil

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Supports the Commission's measures aimed at reducing the administrative burden on SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 147
Louis Grech

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Believes that the equity investors will be more encouraged to finance small and micro businesses in their start-up phase if more efficient exit routes are provided through national or pan-European growth stock markets that at present do not function adequately;

Or. en

Amendment 148
Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Pablo Arias Echeverria

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Urges all Member States to fully implement the Goods Package;

Or. en

Amendment 149

Othmar Karas, Cristian Silviu Buşoi, Malgorzata Handzlik, Rafał Trzaskowski, Anja Weisgerber, Andreas Schwab, Catherine Soullie, Hans-Peter Mayer, Philip Juvin, Konstantinos Poupakis, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. points out the importance of interconnected business registers and calls on the Commission to develop a clear legal framework ensuring that information in such business registers is complete and correct;

Or. en

Amendment 150

Cristian Silviu Buşoi, Robert Rochefort

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. Stresses the need to adopt a Statute for a European Private Company to facilitate the establishment and operation of small and medium-sized enterprises in the Single Market;

Or. en

Amendment 151

Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Pablo Arias Echeverria

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. Recognizes the important contribution to growth and job generation of the retail sector; calls on the European Commission to include within the Single Market Act a proposal for a European retail Action Plan that identifies and addresses the numerous challenges faced by retailers and suppliers within the Single Market; the Action Plan should be based on the conclusions of the work underway in the European Parliament on "a more efficient and fairer retail market";

Or. en

Amendment 152

Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Underlines the importance of removing fiscal barriers to cross-border activities; considers that a clearer VAT framework and reporting obligations for businesses are needed to limit adaptation costs and enhance the competitiveness of EU firms;

14. Underlines the importance of removing fiscal barriers to cross-border activities; considers that a clearer VAT framework and reporting obligations for businesses are needed to ***encourage sustainable production and consumption patterns***, limit adaptation costs, ***combat VAT fraud*** and enhance the competitiveness of EU firms;

Or. en

Amendment 153
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Underlines the importance of removing fiscal barriers to cross-border activities; considers that *a* clearer ***VAT framework*** ***and*** reporting obligations for businesses are needed to limit adaptation costs and enhance the competitiveness of EU firms;

Amendment

14. Underlines the importance of removing fiscal barriers to cross-border activities; considers that clearer reporting obligations for businesses are needed to limit adaptation costs and enhance the competitiveness of EU firms;

Or. da

Amendment 154
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Underlines the importance of removing fiscal barriers to cross-border activities; considers that a clearer VAT framework and reporting obligations for businesses are needed to limit adaptation costs and enhance the competitiveness of EU firms;

Amendment

14. Underlines the importance of removing fiscal barriers to cross-border activities; considers that a clearer VAT framework and reporting obligations for businesses are needed to limit adaptation costs and enhance the competitiveness of EU firms; ***calls on the Commission to support the reinvestment of profits by creating fiscal incentives;***

Or. hu

Amendment 155
Pablo Arias Echeverría

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Underlines the importance of removing fiscal barriers to cross-border activities; considers that a clearer VAT framework and reporting obligations for businesses are needed to limit adaptation costs and enhance the competitiveness of EU firms;

Amendment

14. Underlines the importance of removing fiscal barriers to cross-border activities; considers that a clearer VAT framework and reporting obligations for businesses are needed to limit adaptation costs and enhance the competitiveness of EU firms; ***stresses that the current uneven state of implementation is creating a major barrier for firms wishing to trade across borders by means of e-commerce;***

Or. es

Amendment 156

Louis Grech

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Underlines the importance of removing fiscal barriers to cross-border activities; considers that a clearer VAT framework and reporting obligations for businesses are needed to limit adaptation costs and enhance the competitiveness of EU firms;

Amendment

14. Underlines the importance of removing fiscal, ***administrative and legal*** barriers to cross-border activities; considers that a clearer VAT framework and reporting obligations for businesses are needed to limit adaptation costs and enhance the competitiveness of EU firms;

Or. en

Amendment 157

Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Welcomes the Commission's intention to publish a Green Paper on

corporate governance and to launch a public consultation on the information on social, environmental and human rights aspects of investment by businesses ; urges the Commission to come up with concrete proposals on private investments in order to create efficient incentives for long-term, sustainable and ethic investments, to better coordinate corporate fiscal policies and to encourage corporate responsibility;

Or. en

Amendment 158
Patrizia Toia, Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Underlines the importance of removing legislative barriers to cross-border activities; Calls on the Commission to create a 'level playing field' to all forms of enterprises within the Single Market by taking the necessary steps to introduce proposals for European statutes for associations, mutual societies and foundations, to propose a feasibility study and an impact assessment for the statutes for associations and mutual societies, and to complete the impact assessment for the statute for foundations in due course;

Or. en

Amendment 159
Toine Manders

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Points out that citizens feel aggrieved at the low rates of interest available from savings accounts at banks and that small businesses find it difficult to raise money at economic rates of interest, if at all; considers therefore that peer-to-peer lending should be fostered, if necessary through legislation, at European level; likewise considers that the Commission should be considering how to encourage and promote business-angel and mentoring systems at European level, takes the view that all this could be combined with a citizens' portal for small business;

Or. en

Amendment 160

Othmar Karas, Malgorzata Handzlik, Rafał Trzaskowski, Cristian Silviu Bușoi, Catherine Soullie, Anja Weisgerber, Andreas Schwab, Constance Le Grip, Hans-Peter Mayer, Philippe Juvin, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. points out the importance of interconnected business registers and calls on the Commission to develop a clear legal framework ensuring that information in such business registers is complete and correct;

Or. en

Amendment 161

Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Welcomes the intention to revise the energy tax directive ; considers that the revision should be aimed at introducing a minimum EU level of CO2 taxation consistent with the EU ambitions regarding the fight against climate change and the need to encourage more efficient energy use;

Or. en

Amendment 162

Othmar Karas, Malgorzata Handzlik, Rafal Trzaskowski, Anja Weisgerber, Andreas Schwab, Eija-Riitta Korhola, Hans-Peter Mayer, Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Calls on the European Commission to include within the Single Market Act a proposal for a European retail strategy that identifies and addresses the numerous challenges faced by European businesses looking to retail their products both within the Single Market and to an international customer base. This strategy should consider the specific requirements of individual retail sectors including digital, high-street and travel retail.

Or. en

Amendment 163

Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. **Stresses** that a common consolidated corporate tax base would increase the transparency and comparability of corporate tax rates, thus reducing the obstacles to cross-border activities;

Amendment

15. **Welcomes the proposals aimed at introducing a common consolidated tax base to make economic activity and taxation match; stresses** that a common consolidated corporate tax base **founded on the minimum harmonisation principle** would increase the transparency and comparability of corporate tax rates, thus reducing the obstacles to cross-border activities; **stresses the need for a better coordination of national tax policies in order to put an end to unhealthy tax competition between Member States having damaging impact on employment and public finances;**

Or. en

Amendment 164

Philippe Juvin, Constance Le Grip, Catherine Soullie, Damien Abad

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. **Stresses** that a common consolidated corporate tax base would increase the transparency and comparability of corporate tax rates, thus reducing the obstacles to cross-border activities;

Amendment

15. **warmly welcomes the Commission's initiative for a Directive introducing a common consolidated corporate tax base and stresses** that a common consolidated corporate tax base would increase the transparency and comparability of corporate tax rates, thus reducing the obstacles to cross-border activities;

Or. en

Amendment 165
Liem Hoang Ngoc

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses *that a common consolidated corporate tax base would increase the transparency and comparability of corporate tax rates, thus reducing the obstacles to cross-border activities;*

Amendment

15. Stresses *the need for better fiscal coordination through harmonisation of the corporate tax base and VAT rates, in order to avoid any unfair tax competition and to guarantee a fairer environment for all companies in the European Union;*

Or. fr

Amendment 166
Simon Busuttill

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses that a common consolidated corporate tax base would increase the transparency and comparability of corporate tax rates, *thus reducing the obstacles to cross-border activities;*

Amendment

15. Stresses that a common consolidated corporate tax base would increase the transparency and comparability of corporate tax rates *and may reduce obstacles to cross-border activities;*

Or. en

Amendment 167
Edvard Kožušník

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses that a common consolidated corporate tax base *would* increase the transparency and comparability of corporate tax rates, thus reducing the

Amendment

15. Stresses that a common consolidated corporate tax base *could* increase the transparency and comparability of corporate tax rates, thus reducing the

obstacles to cross-border activities;

obstacles to cross-border activities;

Or. en

Amendment 168

Cristian Silviu Buşoi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses that a common consolidated **corporate** tax base would increase the transparency and comparability of **corporate** tax rates, thus reducing the obstacles to cross-border activities;

Amendment

15. Stresses that a common consolidated **company** tax base would increase the transparency and comparability of **company** tax rates, thus reducing the obstacles to cross-border activities;

Or. ro

Amendment 169

Liem Hoang Ngoc

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Calls for a tax structure that can reduce taxes on labour and stimulate employment, innovation and long-term investment;

Or. fr

Amendment 170

Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Commission to make public procurement procedures more effective to encourage EU firms to participate in cross-border public procurement; stresses that the participation of SMEs in contract award procedures should be further facilitated;

Amendment

16. Calls on the Commission to make public procurement procedures more effective to encourage EU firms to participate in cross-border public procurement; stresses that the participation of SMEs in contract award procedures should be further facilitated; ***considers that reciprocity is needed in this field between the EU and the industrialised countries and major emerging partners, without hindering the capability of the public authorities, especially in the developing countries, to use public procurement for purposes of general interest ; expects therefore the Commission to provide figures and facts regarding the level of openness of public procurement both in the EU and in other industrialised countries, and to come up with a balanced legislative proposal to enhance symmetry in access to public procurement;***

Or. en

Amendment 171

Patrizia Toia, Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Commission to make public procurement procedures more effective to encourage EU firms to participate in cross-border public procurement; stresses that the participation of SMEs in contract award procedures should be further facilitated;

Amendment

16. Calls on the Commission to make public procurement procedures more effective to encourage EU firms to participate in cross-border public procurement; stresses that the participation of SMEs ***and social economy enterprises*** in contract award procedures should be further facilitated;

Or. en

Amendment 172
Cornelis de Jong, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Commission to ***make*** public procurement procedures ***more effective to encourage EU firms to participate in cross-border public procurement***; stresses that the ***participation of SMEs in contract award procedures should be further facilitated***;

Amendment

16. Calls on the Commission to ***simplify*** public procurement procedures in ***order to relieve both local governments and companies from spending a large amount of time and money on purely bureaucratic matters***; emphasises that ***simplifying the procedures will facilitate SMEs' access to such contracts and enable them to participate on a more equal and fairer footing***;

Or. en

Amendment 173
Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Commission to make public procurement procedures more effective to encourage EU firms to participate in cross-border public procurement; stresses that the participation of SMEs in contract award procedures should be further facilitated;

Amendment

16. Calls on the Commission to make public procurement procedures more effective to encourage EU firms to participate in cross-border public procurement; stresses that the participation of SMEs in contract award procedures should be further facilitated, ***whilst endeavouring to uphold their rights and those of their employees when they work as subcontractors***;

Or. fr

Amendment 174

Cornelis de Jong, Eva-Britt Svensson, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls on the Commission to make it clear that public authorities may base public procurement on social criteria such as the payment of relevant standard wages and other requirements;

Or. en

Amendment 175

Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Welcomes the Commission's intention to review the public procurement rules in order to bring them into agreement with goals and policies of the EU to simplify the procedure, especially for small local and regional authorities and to allow SMEs greater access to public procurement

Or. en

Amendment 176

Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Emphasises the importance of ensuring reciprocal access to public

contracts with trading partners in the industrialised and major emerging countries;

Or. fr

Amendment 177
Olga Sehnalová

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls on the Commission to push forward the key Smart Regulation elements (such as cutting administrative burdens by 25% in 2012 and planning a post 2012 strategy) and implement systematic application of independent assessment and SME test both at EU and national level;

Or. en

Amendment 178
Simon Busuttil

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Supports the Commission's proposal to develop effective dispute resolution mechanisms but calls on the Commission to focus also on the prevention of disputes such as through stronger measures that prevent unfair commercial practices;

Or. en

Amendment 179
Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Notes that the Single Market is primarily a solid basis for the activity of European companies, while also supporting their global commercial activities; stresses that, in international procurement, the Commission should make further efforts to establish a level playing field as regards competition for European companies and companies from third countries participating in public procurement;

Or. el

Amendment 180
Louis Grech

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Is of the opinion that the Commission should improve its efforts to facilitate cross-border banking, by removing all existing obstacles to the usage of competing clearing and settlement systems and by applying common rules to trading;

Or. en

Amendment 181
Toine Manders

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Considers that the Commission should sponsor a European skills exchange whereby small and medium-sized enterprises can benefit from the skills available in larger enterprises, thereby promoting synergies and mentoring;

Or. en

Amendment 182
Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Calls on the Commission to simplify public procurement procedures in order to reduce the administrative cost and legal uncertainty for contracting authorities; also calls on the Commission to find a clear and appropriate solution for ‘in-house’ contracts in public procurement legislation;

Or. fr

Amendment 183
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Criticises the proposal, made prior to this consultation, that new legal rules should be adopted for service concessions ; considers this proposal to be counterproductive in view of the "better regulation" initiative, as this can lead to a further fragmentation of the rules regarding public contracts, and increase the legal uncertainty

Or. en

**Amendment 184
Simon Busuttil**

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Supports the Commission in its intension to review the Misleading and Comparative Advertising Directive and calls on the Commission to insert specific provisions relating to widespread fraudulent practices, such as in the case of Misleading Business Directories;

Or. en

**Amendment 185
Louis Grech**

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Proposes that the Commission promotes further exchange programmes for apprenticeship, so as to enable the

persons following these programmes to gain work experience in another European country; Invites the Commission to enhance the schemes whereby unemployed persons are encouraged through the availability of soft loans to set up their own business and to provide them with the technical support to do so;

Or. en

Amendment 186
Toine Manders

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Further points out in this connection that, in the present economic climate, businesses and the public sector are increasingly having recourse to unpaid internships or stages in order to avoid taking young persons on under a contract of employment; considers, without detracting in any way from the utility of such measures in affording young persons work experience, that a model for a European scheme for a cross-border short-term employment contract should be created in order to enable young persons to gain experience in their chosen field in a country other than their own without any risk to the employer; considers that the European skills exchange proposed in the previous paragraph could be used to administer this scheme by matching job-seekers and employers, assisting with the administrative formalities and providing grants for participating SMEs; strongly believes that the benefits for the young people concerned (job experience and the possibility of a permanent job, language learning, skills acquisition, etc), for

business (development of cross-border trade, increase in the pool of potential employees, etc) and for the EU as a whole (benefits in terms of social cohesion, positive effect on intra-Union trade and on employment, increased geographical mobility) would be substantial;

Or. en

Amendment 187
Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16c. Calls on the Commission to adopt a cautious approach to public-private partnerships, by also taking bad experiences into account, and to propose a clear legislative framework which provides legal certainty and puts bidders and contracting authorities on an equal footing in sharing both the benefits and the risks;

Or. fr

Amendment 188
Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16d. Calls on the Commission to bring legal clarification to public procurement legislation with respect to the inclusion of social and environmental criteria in invitations to tender;

Amendment 189
Cristian Silviu Buşoi

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

IV. Priority Area 4: A Single Market for services

D. A Single Market for services

Or. en

Amendment 190
Bernadette Vergnaud, Evelyne Gebhardt

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Priorities

Or. en

Amendment 191
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Stresses the need for ***proper implementation*** of the Services Directive and for the possibility to complete procedures online which could considerably reduce operational costs for enterprises; urges the Commission to put a special emphasis on the development of the

17. Stresses the need for ***an in-depth evaluation*** of the ***impact of the*** Services Directive ***on the quality of services*** and ***on the possibility*** for ***public authorities to impose public interest requirements to services providers ; emphasises the need to improve the*** possibility to complete procedures online which could

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considerably reduce operational costs for enterprises; urges the Commission to put a special emphasis on the development of the Single Market for online services;

Or. en

Amendment 192

Małgorzata Handzlik, Rafał Trzaskowski, Róża Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Stresses the need for proper implementation of the Services Directive **and for the possibility to complete** procedures **online which could** considerably reduce operational costs for enterprises; urges the Commission to put a special emphasis on the development of the Single Market for online services;

Amendment

17. Stresses the need for proper implementation of the Services Directive, **including the setting up of fully operational Points of Single Contact allowing for online completion of** procedures **and formalities what can** considerably reduce operational costs for enterprises **and boost the Single Market for services; Calls on the Commission and Member States to work together and take further steps in the development of the Single Market for services on the basis of the mutual evaluation process;** urges the Commission to put a special emphasis on the development of the Single Market for online services;

Or. en

Amendment 193

Liem Hoang Ngoc

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Stresses the need for proper implementation of the Services Directive

Amendment

17. Stresses the need for **full and** proper implementation of the Services Directive

and for the possibility to complete procedures online which could considerably reduce operational costs for enterprises; urges the Commission to put a special emphasis on the development of the Single Market for online services;

and for the possibility to complete procedures online which could considerably reduce operational costs for enterprises; urges the Commission to put a special emphasis on the development of the Single Market for online services;

Or. fr

Amendment 194

Kyriacos Triantaphyllides, Eva-Britt Svensson, Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Believes that service sector is a key element of the single market; Doubts that the Services Directive will provide high quality services in Europe; Urges the Commission to reevaluate the impact of the Directive in the upcoming assessment on the principles of universality, affordability, continuity, quality and availability; Encourages Member States to support the public sector and deliver to citizens high quality public services

Or. en

Amendment 195

Bernadette Vergnaud, Liem Hoang Ngoc

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Calls on the Commission to present a legislative framework to protect social services of general interest and services of general economic interest, which are at the heart of the European social model, to

enable them to fulfil all their tasks, as provided for in the Lisbon Treaty and in accordance with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;

Or. fr

Amendment 196

Eva-Britt Svensson, Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Commission to encourage the development of the business services sector and to take the necessary regulatory measures in order to protect SMEs from unfair ***commercial practices*** by larger enterprises in the retail sector;

Amendment

18. Calls on the Commission to encourage the development of the business services sector and to take the necessary regulatory measures in order to protect SMEs from unfair ***competition*** by larger enterprises in the retail sector;

Or. en

Amendment 197

Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Commission to encourage the development of the business services sector and to ***take the necessary regulatory measures in order to protect SMEs from unfair commercial practices by larger enterprises*** in the retail sector;

Amendment

18. Calls on the Commission to encourage the development of the business services sector and to ***promote the role of SMEs and their competitiveness*** in the retail sector;

Or. en

Amendment 198

Othmar Karas, Malgorzata Handzlik, Rafal Trzaskowski, Cristian Silviu Buşoi, Anja Weisgerber, Andreas Schwab, Hans-Peter Mayer, Philippe Juvin, Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Commission to encourage the development of the business services sector and to take the necessary regulatory measures in order to protect SMEs from unfair commercial practices by larger enterprises in the retail sector;

Amendment

18. Calls on the Commission to encourage the development of the business services sector and to take the necessary regulatory measures in order to protect ***especially*** SMEs from unfair commercial practices by larger enterprises in the retail sector; ***recalls its Resolution 2008/2126 (INI) and urges the Commission again to come up with a proposal to prevent the fraudulent practices of Misleading Business Directories;***

Or. en

Amendment 199

Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Commission to encourage the development of the business services sector and to take the necessary regulatory measures in order to protect SMEs from unfair commercial practices by larger enterprises ***in the retail sector;***

Amendment

18. Calls on the Commission to encourage the development of the business services sector and to take the necessary regulatory measures in order to protect SMEs from unfair commercial practices by larger enterprises;

Or. da

Amendment 200
Patrizia Toia, Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Calls on the Commission to encourage and support the production and supply of numerous social services of general interest by the social economy enterprises;

Or. en

Amendment 201
Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Recommends the creation of intermediary agencies in order to assemble the financial needs of innovative and sustainable projects (in particular for SGEI) and hence to facilitate their access to financial markets in better conditions

Or. en

Amendment 202
Othmar Karas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. welcomes that the Commission is very active in examining recently adopted national laws which hinder European companies, e.g. in the retail sector to

profit from their internal market rights in other Member States; calls on the Commission to further investigate in depth provisions in trade and tax law which discriminate against foreign European companies;

Or. en

Amendment 203

Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Pablo Arias Echeverria

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Calls on the Commission, in consultation with the stakeholders, to define "manifestly unfair commercial practices" in the retail sector; asks the Commission, on that basis, to collect evidence-based cases of unfair commercial practices; calls on the Commission to make a thorough assessment of existing national measures to prevent unfair commercial practices in the retail sector and, on that basis, to propose further action in respect of competition and freedom of contract;

Or. en

Amendment 204

Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Pablo Arias Echeverria

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. Stresses that a fragmented payment system is an obstacle to cross-border trade; calls on the Commission to

continue to improve the SEPA system in order to define a basic payment services available for all cards increasing transparency in transactions costs and reducing interchange fees within the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 205
Hans-Peter Mayer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Invites the Commission to propose a legal framework for services concessions that would ensure transparency, effective judicial protection for bidders and legal certainty;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 206
Edvard Kožušník

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Invites the Commission to propose a legal framework for services concessions that would ensure transparency, effective judicial protection for bidders and legal certainty;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 207

Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. *Invites* the *Commission to propose* a legal *framework for services* concessions *that would ensure transparency, effective judicial protection for bidders and legal certainty*;

Amendment

19. *Recalls* the *Report of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (A7-0151/2010) on New Developments on Public Procurement* ; *accordingly, insists that any proposal for a legal act dealing with service concessions would be justified only with a view to remedying distortions in the functioning of the internal market, and points out that such distortions have not hitherto been identified, and that a legal act on service concessions is therefore unnecessary as long as it is not geared to an identifiable improvement in the functioning of the internal market*;

Or. en

Amendment 208

Philippe Juvin, Damien Abad

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. *Invites* the Commission to *propose* a legal framework *for* services concessions that would *ensure transparency, effective judicial protection for bidders and legal certainty*;

Amendment

19. *Notes* the Commission's *intention to adopt* a legal framework *on* services concessions; *recalls* that *the principles deriving from the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, such as transparency, equal treatment, proportionality, non-discrimination and mutual recognition, already apply to service concessions*; *recalls the European Parliament's position on an initiative on service concessions as stated in the Resolution on New developments in*

public procurement of 18th May 2010, according to which a legislative initiative would be justified only on the grounds of distortions in the functioning of the internal market, and that such a legislative initiative appears to be unnecessary given the fact that such distortions have not so far been identified;

Or. en

Amendment 209

Cornelis de Jong, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. *Invites the Commission to propose a legal framework for services concessions that would ensure transparency, effective judicial protection for bidders and legal certainty;*

Amendment

19. *Stresses that a legal act on service concessions is unnecessary, considering the clarity offered by relevant ECJ jurisprudence;*

Or. en

Amendment 210

Othmar Karas, Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. *Invites the Commission to propose a legal framework for services concessions that would ensure transparency, effective judicial protection for bidders and legal certainty;*

Amendment

19. *Recalls its Resolution 2009/2175 (INI) and asks the Commission to propose a legal framework for services concessions only if the general principles laid down in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (ban on discrimination, principle of equal treatment and transparency) do not satisfactorily ensure transparency, effective judicial protection*

for bidders and legal certainty *and if major competitive distortions made such a legal framework necessary*

Or. en

Amendment 211
Cristian Silviu Buşoi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Invites the Commission to propose *a* legal framework for services concessions *that would* ensure transparency, effective judicial protection for *bidders* and legal certainty;

Amendment

19. Invites the Commission to propose *an appropriate* legal framework for services concessions *aimed at addressing the existing distortions to the freedom to provide services and to* ensure transparency, *equal treatment*, effective judicial protection for *economic operators across the EU* and legal certainty

Or. en

Amendment 212
Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. *Invites the Commission to propose* a legal framework *for services concessions* that would ensure transparency, effective judicial protection for bidders and legal certainty;

Amendment

19. *Considers that any legislative proposal on services concessions should provide* a legal framework that would ensure transparency, effective judicial protection for bidders *and contracting authorities* and legal certainty, *taking due account of current Court of Justice case law*;

Or. fr

Amendment 213
Jürgen Creutzmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. *Invites the Commission to propose a legal framework for services concessions that would ensure transparency, effective judicial protection for bidders and legal certainty;*

Amendment

19. *Welcomes in principle any initiatives for concessions which would contribute to the opening of markets and the strengthening of competition; points out that a European legal framework for services concessions can only lead to more transparency, legal certainty, savings for local authorities and enhanced quality if certain conditions are met; fears, however, that an overarching European set of rules would lead to the preferential award of concessions to public establishments and mixed-economy undertakings and would not take sufficient account of the differing market structures and needs of economic operators in the various sectors and Member States; calls, therefore, on the Commission to observe the subsidiarity principle and refrain from submitting a legislative proposal on services concessions;*

Or. de

Amendment 214
Othmar Karas, Cristian Silviu Buşoi, Anja Weisgerber, Andreas Schwab, Hans-Peter Mayer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. *Emphasises the importance of proper implementation of the Professional Qualifications Directive; urges the Commission to propose measures for the*

Amendment

deleted

*creation of EU-wide professional cards
where appropriate;*

Or. en

Amendment 215
Cristian Silviu Buşoi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**20. Emphasises the importance of proper
implementation of the Professional
Qualifications Directive; urges the
Commission to propose measures for the
creation of EU-wide professional cards
where appropriate;** *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 216
Edvard Kožušník

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**20. Emphasises the importance of proper
implementation of the Professional
Qualifications Directive; urges the
Commission to propose measures for the
creation of EU-wide professional cards
where appropriate;** *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 217

Philippe Juvin, Catherine Soullie, Damien Abad

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Emphasises the importance of proper implementation of the Professional Qualifications Directive; urges the Commission to propose measures for the creation of EU-wide professional cards where appropriate;

Amendment

20. Emphasises the importance of proper implementation of the Professional Qualifications Directive; urges the Commission to propose measures for the creation of EU-wide professional cards where appropriate ***while ensuring the protection of personal data;***

Or. en

Amendment 218

Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Emphasises the importance of proper implementation of the Professional Qualifications Directive; urges the Commission to propose measures for the creation of EU-wide professional cards where appropriate;

Amendment

20. Emphasises the importance of proper implementation of the Professional Qualifications Directive ***and welcomes the work carried out on its recast;*** urges the Commission to propose measures for the creation of EU-wide professional cards where appropriate, ***particularly for the regulated professions or those where the risk of fraud is greatest and most dangerous;***

Or. fr

Amendment 219

Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, János Áder

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Calls on the Commission to review and update at regular intervals, in close cooperation with the national coordination bodies appointed by the Member States and the organisations of workers and employers at Community level, the mutually agreed Community job descriptions and the comparative tables relating to vocational training qualifications; considers that, where necessary, proposals should be formulated for a more efficient operation of the system including other measures likely to improve the situation as regards the comparability of vocational qualifications;

Or. hu

Amendment 220

Pascal Canfin, Heide Rühle, Emilie Turunen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Welcomes the intention by the European Commission to propose a legislative reform of the standardization framework, also covering services;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 221

Jürgen Creutzmann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Welcomes the intention by the European Commission to propose a legislative reform of the standardization framework, also covering services;

Amendment

21. Welcomes the intention by the European Commission to propose a legislative reform of the standardization framework, also covering services; ***stresses that the standardisation of services should lead to the completion of the single market where this has been shown to be worthwhile, and in particular must take full account of the needs of SMEs;***

Or. de

Amendment 222

Philippe Juvin, Constance Le Grip, Catherine Soullie, Damien Abad

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Highlights the importance of the external dimension of the internal market and in particular of regulatory cooperation with main trading partners with the objective of promoting regulatory convergence, equivalence of third-country regimes and the wider adoption of international standards;

Amendment

22. Highlights the importance of the external dimension of the internal market and in particular of regulatory cooperation with main trading partners ***whether at bilateral or multilateral levels*** with the objective of promoting regulatory convergence, equivalence of third-country regimes and the wider adoption of international standards; ***insists on the necessity to ensure increased loyalty in international trade exchanges by guaranteeing the principle of reciprocity, especially in the field of public procurement, competition policy, and intellectual property rights;***

Or. en

Amendment 223
Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Highlights the importance of the external dimension of the internal market and in particular of regulatory cooperation with main trading partners with the objective of promoting regulatory convergence, equivalence of third-country regimes and the wider adoption of international standards;

Amendment

22. Highlights the importance of the external dimension of the internal market and in particular of regulatory cooperation with main trading partners with the objective of promoting regulatory convergence, equivalence of third-country regimes and the wider adoption of international standards, ***particularly on social and environmental matters***;

Or. fr

Amendment 224
Rafał Trzaskowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Highlights the importance of the external dimension of the internal market and in particular of regulatory cooperation with main trading partners with the objective of promoting regulatory convergence, equivalence of third-country regimes and the wider adoption of international standards;

Amendment

22. Highlights the importance of the external dimension of the internal market and in particular of regulatory cooperation with main trading partners with the objective of promoting regulatory convergence, equivalence of third-country regimes and the wider adoption of international standards; ***encourages the Commission to examine the existing agreements with third parties that extend elements of internal market beyond its borders as to their effectiveness in providing a legal certainty for its potential beneficiaries***;

Or. en

Amendment 225

Bernadette Vergnaud, Evelyne Gebhardt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Stresses the role of the Services of General Economic Interest and Social Services of General Interest as basic rights for the European citizens, as fundamental pillar of the European social market economy (and as shock absorber for citizens and enterprises during the crisis) and calls for a legislative framework on SGEI - on the basis of art.14 and protocol 26 of TFEU - in order to avoid law uncertainty, to guarantee possibility of public authorities providing, executing and organising these services in a way that meets users needs, to ensure quality and affordable universal services access to public transports, energy, water, housing, banking services; (proposal 25)

Or. en

Amendment 226

Cristian Silviu Buşoi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Invites the Commission to look into new ways of improving the access for European enterprises to public procurement markets outside the EU, in order to ensure a level playing field for both European and foreign enterprises competing for the award of public contracts;

Or. en

Amendment 227
Cristian Silviu Buşoi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

II. Key Priorities

22b. Calls on the Commission and the Member States take due account of the importance of innovation for strong and sustainable growth by ensuring that innovation is properly financed, namely through the creation of EU project bonds and through a legislative framework to allow venture capital funds to invest freely throughout the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 228
Bernadette Vergnaud, Evelyne Gebhardt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22b. highlights the importance to review legislation relating to Public procurements and Public and Private partnership with a to foster smart, sustainable and inclusive growth within the Single Market and for local realities; stresses the need for a clear legislation, taking into account the right to impose social and environmental clauses, facilitating access of SMEs to these markets, ensuring legal certainty for contracting authorities, thus respecting the current case law on services concessions; underlines the necessity of a legislative instrument on the

implementation of the European Union's commitments relating to international public procurements in order to ensure substantial reciprocity and transparency; stresses that increased competitive pressure among corporations has led to serious abuse of human rights, labour rights and damages to the environment; calls therefore for a Corporate Social Responsibility binding clause to be included in trade agreements; (proposals 17, 24)

Or. en

Amendment 229
Bernadette Vergnaud, Evelyne Gebhardt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22c. points out the need to progress towards some tax harmonisation at EU level - thus hindering distorting and unfair tax competition putting at stake social protection and reducing revenues for Member States - with the objective of easing the burden on labour and creating incentives for employment, innovation and long-term investment, notably by harmonising the common consolidated corporate tax base and coordinating VAT rates; (proposal 19)

Or. en

Amendment 230
Cristian Silviu Buşoi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22c. Stresses that the creation of the EU Patent and of a unified litigation system, as well as an improved system for the management of copyright is indispensable to support innovation and creativity within the Single Market;

Or. en

Amendment 231

Bernadette Vergnaud, Evelyne Gebhardt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22d. reminds that financial services are not subjected to VAT; considers that financial services and activities should be subject to an adequate system and level of taxation, therefore asks for the introduction of a Financial Transactions Tax the revenue from which would improve the functioning of the market by reducing speculation and help to finance public goods, long term investment in growth, employment and social inclusion and reduce public deficits in a balanced manner; considers that such a tax ought to be as broadly based as possible or, failing that, that the FTT should be introduced as a first step at EU level by the Commission through a concrete legislative proposal;

Or. en

Amendment 232
Cristian Silviu Buşoi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22d. Stresses the need to improve access for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises to capital markets and to remove existing fiscal obstacles to their cross-border activities by adopting a clearer VAT framework, as well as a common consolidated corporate tax base, to make the Single Market a better business environment;

Or. en

Amendment 233
Bernadette Vergnaud, Evelyne Gebhardt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22e. highlights the importance of fostering real economy and long term investments conducive to growth and jobs through innovative financing tools, therefore calls for the creation of Euro project bonds to stimulate EU-wide strategic projects, notably on energy, transport, digital and R&D infrastructures, for a European legislation on venture capital funds and long term savings providing capital for innovative and job creating sectors, for facilitating access of SMEs to financing, both by exhorting banks to lend and by putting in place a European network of specific and regulated stock exchange; (proposals 15, 16)

Amendment 234
Bernadette Vergnaud, Evelyne Gebhardt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22f. asks for strengthening the fight against counterfeiting, as a major issue for both jobs and growth, and for consumers' safety, by improving the cooperation between customs services, giving appropriate information to consumers, notably on counterfeited goods sold on internet, strengthening the dialogue on these issues with commercial partners, notably China, and "made in" issue; (proposal 3)

Or. en

Amendment 235
Bernadette Vergnaud, Evelyne Gebhardt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22g. calls for the creation of a Single market for online audiovisual goods ensuring an adequate remuneration for right holders thus aiming the broadest access of people to cultural goods; urges specific measures to enhance confidence of businesses and consumers in e-commerce (such as the e-signatures directive...), so to boost the potential of the e-commerce market and to strengthen data and privacy protection on the internet; (proposals 2, 5)

Amendment 236
Cristian Silviu Buşoi, Robert Rochefort

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Urges the Commission to take all the necessary steps to stimulate the development of electronic commerce in the Single Market;

Amendment 237
Cristian Silviu Buşoi, Robert Rochefort

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23b. Invites the Commission to propose legislative instruments to make public procurement procedures more flexible and less bureaucratic so that the participation of SMEs in award procedures is facilitated; encourages Member States to use public procurement in order to stimulate the market for innovative and green technologies;