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AMENDMENTS

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Investing in jobs and growth - Maximising the contribution of European Structural and Investment Funds: an evaluation of the report under Article 16(3) of the CPR
(2016/2148(INI))

Amendment 1
Marc Joulaud

Motion for a resolution
Citation 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to its resolution of 26 November 2015 entitled ‘Towards simplification and performance orientation in cohesion policy 2014-2020’,*

Or. fr

Amendment 2
Bronis Ropė

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Council conclusions of 12 November 2015 on the shift towards a low-carbon economy: the contribution of Cohesion Policy and more generally of the European Structural and Investment Funds,*

Or. en

Amendment 3
Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Citation 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the study by its Directorate-General for Internal Policies (Department B: Structural and Cohesion Policies) of September 2016 entitled*

Amendment 4
Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas cohesion policy represents a significant part of the European Union (EU) budget, amounting to approximately one third of its entire expenditure;

Amendment

A. whereas cohesion policy *is the most visible expression of solidarity between Member States and regions in the EU and* represents a significant part of the European Union (EU) budget, amounting to approximately one third of its entire expenditure;

Amendment 5
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas, with a budget of EUR 454 billion for the period 2014-2020, the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) *are* the EU's main investment policy tool;

Amendment

B. whereas, with a budget of EUR 454 billion for the period 2014-2020, the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) *should be* the EU's main investment policy tool, *focusing on aid for southern European Member States such as Greece that have particularly high unemployment;*

Amendment 6
Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas, with a budget of EUR 454 billion for the period 2014-2020, the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) are the EU's main investment policy tool;

Amendment

B. whereas, with a budget of EUR 454 billion for the period 2014-2020, the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) are the EU's main investment policy tool ***and a vital source of public investment in many Member States;***

Or. de

Amendment 7
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas, with a budget of EUR 454 billion for the period 2014-2020, the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) are the EU's main investment policy tool;

Amendment

B. whereas, with a budget of EUR 454 billion for the period 2014-2020, the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) are the EU's main investment policy tool, ***targeting more jobs, growth and investment across the EU;***

Or. en

Amendment 8
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the negotiations for PAs and Operational Programmes (OPs) for the period 2014-2020 ***have been a***

Amendment

D. whereas the negotiations for PAs and Operational Programmes (OPs) for the period 2014-2020 ***have established*** a new

modernised, strongly adjusted and intensive exercise with a new framework for performance-based budgeting, ex-ante conditionalities and thematic concentration, resulting *inadvertently* in serious delays in the actual commencement of cohesion policy implementation;

framework for performance-based budgeting, ex-ante conditionalities and thematic concentration, resulting in serious delays in the actual commencement of cohesion policy implementation;

Or. fr

Amendment 9 **Notis Marias**

Motion for a resolution **Recital D**

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the negotiations for PAs and Operational Programmes (OPs) for the period 2014-2020 *have been a modernised, strongly adjusted and intensive exercise with a* new framework for performance-based budgeting, ex-ante conditionalities and thematic concentration, resulting inadvertently in serious delays in the actual commencement of cohesion policy implementation;

Amendment

D. whereas the negotiations for PAs and Operational Programmes (OPs) for the period 2014-2020 *had* a new framework for performance-based budgeting, ex-ante conditionalities and thematic concentration, resulting inadvertently in serious delays in the actual commencement of cohesion policy implementation;

Or. el

Amendment 10 **Martina Michels**

Motion for a resolution **Recital D**

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the negotiations for PAs and Operational Programmes (OPs) for the period 2014-2020 have been a modernised, strongly adjusted and intensive exercise with a new framework for performance-based budgeting, ex-ante conditionalities

Amendment

D. whereas the negotiations for PAs and Operational Programmes (OPs) for the period 2014-2020 have been a modernised, strongly adjusted and intensive exercise with a new framework for performance-based budgeting, ex-ante conditionalities

and thematic concentration, resulting *inadvertently* in serious delays in the actual commencement of cohesion policy implementation;

and thematic concentration, resulting in serious delays in the actual commencement of cohesion policy implementation;

Or. de

Amendment 11

Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the negotiations for PAs and Operational Programmes (OPs) for the period 2014-2020 have been a modernised, strongly adjusted and intensive exercise with a new framework for performance-based budgeting, ex-ante conditionalities and thematic concentration, resulting inadvertently in serious delays in the actual commencement of cohesion policy implementation;

Amendment

D. whereas the negotiations for PAs and Operational Programmes (OPs) for the period 2014-2020 have been a modernised, strongly adjusted and intensive exercise with a new framework for performance-based budgeting, ex-ante conditionalities and thematic concentration, resulting inadvertently, *also because of clear shortcomings in the administrative capacity of several regions and Member States*, in serious delays in the actual commencement of cohesion policy implementation;

Or. it

Amendment 12

Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the negotiations for PAs and Operational Programmes (OPs) for the period 2014-2020 have been a modernised, strongly adjusted and intensive exercise with a new framework for performance-based budgeting, ex-ante conditionalities

Amendment

D. whereas the negotiations for PAs and Operational Programmes (OPs) for the period 2014-2020 have been a modernised, strongly adjusted and intensive exercise with a new framework for performance-based budgeting, ex-ante conditionalities

and thematic concentration, resulting inadvertently in serious delays in the actual commencement of cohesion policy implementation;

and thematic concentration, resulting inadvertently in serious delays in the actual commencement of cohesion policy implementation, *which was further slowed down by the designation procedure*;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas it is undisputed that due to the late adoption of the regulatory framework at the end of 2013 as a consequence of the long negotiations and late agreement on the MFF, operational programmes could not be adopted on time; whereas consequently the implementation of operational programmes had a slow start, thereby impacting the take up of the policy on the ground;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas setting ex-ante criteria is a means of making the allocation of EU structural fund resources in Member States contingent on their implementing the structural reforms recommended by the European Commission;

Amendment 15
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Db. *whereas in moving away from local projects towards large-scale projects located in major cities, the thematic concentration fails to reduce regional disparities within the EU;*

Or. fr

Amendment 16
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. *whereas common provisions were established for all five ESI Funds, **thereby strengthening the relation between them;***

E. *whereas common provisions were established for all five ESI Funds;*

Or. fr

Amendment 17
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. *whereas **cohesion policy is confronted in the current period with many challenges, deriving from the***

F. *whereas **in Member States that have implemented the budgetary austerity policies imposed by the Commission,***

financial crisis, leading to a decrease in public investment in many Member States, leaving the ESI funds and co-financing by the Member States as the main tool for public investment in many Member States, and from the migration crisis;

cohesion policy aims to create an artificial dependence on EU funds;

Or. fr

Amendment 18
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas cohesion policy is confronted in the current period with many challenges, deriving from the financial crisis, leading to a decrease in public investment in many Member States, leaving the ESI funds and co-financing by the Member States as the main tool for public investment in many Member States, and from the migration crisis;

F. whereas cohesion policy is confronted in the current period with many challenges, deriving from the financial crisis, leading to *very high unemployment, social inequality and* a decrease in public investment in many Member States, *including Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain*, leaving the ESI funds and co-financing by the Member States as *what must be* the main tool for public investment in many Member States, and from the migration crisis;

Or. el

Amendment 19
Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas cohesion policy is confronted in the current period with many challenges, deriving from the financial crisis, leading to a decrease in public

Amendment

F. whereas cohesion policy is confronted in the current period with many challenges, deriving from the financial crisis, *austerity policies and the*

investment in many Member States, leaving the ESI funds and co-financing by the Member States as the main tool for public investment in many Member States, **and from the migration crisis**;

management of the migration issue, leading to a decrease in public investment in many Member States, leaving the ESI funds and co-financing by the Member States as the main tool for public investment in many Member States;

Or. it

Amendment 20

Andrew Lewer, Ruža Tomašić, Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas cohesion policy is confronted in the current period with many challenges, deriving from the financial crisis, leading to a decrease in public investment in many Member States, leaving the ESI funds and co-financing by the Member States as the main tool for public investment in many Member States, **and from the migration crisis**;

Amendment

F. whereas cohesion policy is confronted in the current period with many challenges, deriving from the financial crisis, leading to a decrease in public investment in many Member States, leaving the ESI funds and co-financing by the Member States as the main tool for public investment in many Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas cohesion policy is confronted in the current period with many challenges, deriving from the financial crisis, leading to a decrease in public investment in many Member States, leaving the ESI funds and co-financing by the Member States as the main tool for public investment in many Member States,

Amendment

F. whereas cohesion policy is confronted in the current period with many **political and economic** challenges, deriving **both** from the financial crisis, leading to a decrease in public investment in many Member States, leaving the ESI funds and co-financing by the Member States as the main tool for public

and from the migration crisis;

investment in many Member States, and
from the migration crisis;

Or. hr

Amendment 22
Kerstin Westphal

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas unemployment - in particular youth unemployment - remains very high in many Member States, despite all efforts, and cohesion policy must provide answers to this too;

Or. de

Amendment 23
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Recital Z

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas cohesion policy in the programming period 2014-2020 has gained a more focused policy approach through thematic concentration, supporting the priorities of the Juncker Commission;

deleted

Or. el

Amendment 24
Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. *whereas cohesion policy in the programming period 2014-2020 has gained a more focused policy approach through thematic concentration, supporting the priorities of the Juncker Commission;*

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 25
Bronis Ropé

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas cohesion policy in the programming period 2014-2020 has gained a more focused policy approach through thematic concentration, supporting the priorities of the *Juncker Commission*;

G. whereas cohesion policy in the programming period 2014-2020 has gained a more focused policy approach through thematic concentration, supporting the priorities *and objectives* of the *Union through reaching a critical mass*;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Kerstin Westphal

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas cohesion policy in the programming period 2014-2020 has gained a more focused policy approach through thematic concentration, *supporting the priorities of the Juncker Commission*;

G. whereas cohesion policy in the programming period 2014-2020 has gained a more focused policy approach through thematic concentration;

Or. de

Amendment 27

Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas cohesion policy in the programming period 2014-2020 has gained a more focused policy approach through thematic concentration, ***supporting the priorities of the Juncker Commission***;

Amendment

G. whereas cohesion policy in the programming period 2014-2020 has gained a more focused policy approach through thematic concentration;

Or. en

Amendment 28

Kerstin Westphal

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas the ESI Funds in ***this*** period are more strongly results-oriented;

Amendment

H. whereas the ESI Funds in ***the current funding*** period are more strongly results-oriented;

Or. de

Amendment 29

Bronis Ropé

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas the ESI Funds in this period are more strongly results-oriented;

Amendment

H. whereas the ESI Funds in this period are more strongly results-oriented ***and built on an investment environment allowing for more effectiveness and better prevention of misuse or misallocation***;

Amendment 30

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas the ESI Funds in this period **are** more strongly results-oriented;

Amendment

H. whereas the ESI Funds in this period **must be** more strongly results-oriented;

Or. el

Amendment 31

Bronis Ropè

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas there is a stronger alignment of investment under cohesion policy with the priorities of the EU 2020 strategy **and the European Semester**;

Amendment

I. whereas there is a stronger alignment of investment under cohesion policy with the priorities of the EU 2020 strategy **for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and increased synergies and complementarities with other EU policies and instruments**;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas there **is** a stronger

Amendment

I. whereas there **must be** a stronger

alignment of investment under cohesion policy with the priorities of the EU 2020 strategy and the European Semester;

alignment of investment under cohesion policy with the priorities of the EU 2020 strategy and the European Semester;

Or. el

Amendment 33
Hugues Bayet

Motion for a resolution
Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ia. whereas the purpose of assistance must be to improve social well-being by helping to increase employment rates, combating exclusion and poverty and promoting high levels of social protection and high-quality health and education services.

Or. fr

Amendment 34
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ia. whereas the Task Force for Better Implementation has helped to ease bottlenecks and backlogs in the allocation of funds;

Or. ro

Amendment 35
Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that Europe has been going through a difficult phase in **both** economic **and political** terms, so that **a decent** investment policy that is close to citizens is needed more than ever;

Amendment

1. Notes that Europe has been going through a difficult phase in economic terms, so that **an effective** investment policy that is close to citizens is needed more than ever;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that Europe **has been** going through a difficult phase in both economic and political terms, so that a decent investment policy that is close to citizens is needed more than ever;

Amendment

1. Notes that Europe **is** going through a difficult phase in both economic **and social** and political terms, so that a decent investment policy that is close to citizens is needed more than ever;

Or. de

Amendment 37

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that Europe has been going through a difficult phase in both economic and political terms, so that a **decent** investment policy that is close to citizens is needed more than ever;

Amendment

1. Notes that Europe has been going through a difficult phase in both economic and political terms, so that a **fully fledged** investment policy that is **oriented towards economic growth and employment, and** close to citizens, is needed more than ever;

Or. hr

Amendment 38

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that Europe has been going through a difficult phase in both economic and political terms, so that a decent investment policy that is close to citizens is needed more than ever;

Amendment

1. Notes that Europe has been going through a difficult phase in both economic and political terms, so that a decent investment policy that is close to citizens is needed more than ever, ***seeking to tackle unemployment and social inequalities within the Union***;

Or. el

Amendment 39

Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that Europe has been going through a difficult phase in both economic and political terms, so that a decent investment policy that is close to citizens is needed more than ever;

Amendment

1. Notes that Europe has been going through a difficult phase in both economic and political terms, so that a decent investment policy that is close to citizens ***and more commensurate with the real needs and vocations of local areas*** is needed ***now*** more than ever;

Or. it

Amendment 40

Hugues Bayet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that Europe has been going through a difficult phase in both economic and political terms, so that a decent investment policy that is close to citizens is needed more than ever;

Amendment

1. Notes that Europe has been going through a difficult phase in both economic and political terms, so that a decent investment policy that is close to citizens is needed more than ever; ***to regain the trust of its citizens, the EU must initiate adjustment processes whilst meeting the requirements laid down in Article 9 TFEU. In particular, that should involve a proactive public investment policy.***

Or. fr

Amendment 41
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that cohesion policy 2014-2020 has ***been thoroughly reworked, requiring a change in mentality and working methods at all levels of governance, but that it is often perceived as a traditional expenditure policy rather than an investment policy;***

Amendment

2. Notes that cohesion policy 2014-2020 has ***so far failed to achieve the desired results, leaving countries such as Greece still in the grip of massive unemployment, poverty and social deprivation;***

Or. el

Amendment 42
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that cohesion policy 2014-2020 has been thoroughly reworked, requiring a change in mentality and

Amendment

2. Notes that cohesion policy 2014-2020 has been thoroughly reworked, requiring a change in mentality and

working methods at all levels of governance, but *that it is* often perceived as a traditional expenditure policy rather than an investment policy;

working methods at all levels of governance, but *the recent forward-looking and exemplary reforms are often ignored and cohesion policy is still* often perceived as a traditional expenditure policy rather than an investment policy *with tangible results*;

Or. en

Amendment 43 **Bronis Ropè**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 2**

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that cohesion policy 2014-2020 has been thoroughly reworked, requiring a change in mentality and working methods at all levels of governance, but that it is often perceived as a traditional expenditure policy rather than an investment policy;

Amendment

2. Notes that cohesion policy 2014-2020 has been thoroughly reworked, requiring a change in mentality and working methods at all levels of governance *including horizontal coordination and involvement of stakeholders*, but that it is often perceived as a traditional expenditure policy rather than an investment policy;

Or. en

Amendment 44 **Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 2**

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that cohesion policy 2014-2020 has been thoroughly reworked, requiring a change in mentality and working methods at all levels of governance, but that it is often perceived as a traditional expenditure policy rather than *an* investment policy;

Amendment

2. Notes that cohesion policy 2014-2020 has been thoroughly reworked, requiring a change in mentality and working methods at all levels of governance, but that it is often perceived as a traditional expenditure policy rather than *a development and* investment policy;

Amendment 45
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Observes that the *key* communication *on cohesion policy projects should focus* on European added value *and the visibility of success stories; insists that communication on the subject of the ESI Funds should be modernised and intensified;*

Amendment

3. Observes that *updating* the communication on *supposed* European added value *will do nothing to remedy the distrust of Europe's peoples in this supranational institution;*

Or. fr

Amendment 46
Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Observes that the key communication on cohesion policy projects should focus on European added value and the visibility of success stories; insists that communication on the subject of the ESI Funds should be modernised and intensified;

Amendment

3. Observes that the key communication on cohesion policy projects should focus on *solidarity*, European added value and the visibility of success stories; insists that communication on the subject of the ESI Funds should be modernised and intensified;

Or. de

Amendment 47
Andrew Lewer, Ruža Tomašić, Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Observes that the key communication on cohesion policy projects should focus on European added value and the visibility of success stories; insists that communication on the subject of the ESI Funds should be modernised and intensified;

Amendment

3. Observes that the key communication on cohesion policy projects should focus on European added value and the visibility of success stories, ***whilst underlining the importance of learning from projects that fail to achieve their objectives***; insists that communication on the subject of the ESI Funds should be modernised and intensified;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Observes that the key communication on cohesion policy projects should focus on European added value and the visibility of success stories; insists that communication on the subject of the ESI Funds should be modernised and intensified;

Amendment

3. Observes that the key communication on cohesion policy projects should focus on European added value and the visibility of success stories; insists that communication on the subject of the ESI Funds should be modernised and intensified; ***considers it necessary, in order to make cohesion policy genuinely more credible again, to highlight sufficiently both 'good' and 'bad' practices, through databases that go beyond providing a scant description of the project and the expenditure incurred, thus enabling citizens to check effectively both the added value and value of most of the projects implemented and, in certain cases, their lack of usefulness in relation to a given local area;***

Or. it

Amendment 49
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Observes that the key communication on cohesion policy projects should focus on European added value and the visibility of success stories; insists that communication on the subject of the ESI Funds should be modernised and intensified;

Amendment

3. Observes that the key communication on cohesion policy projects should focus on European added value and the visibility of success stories; insists that communication on the subject of the ESI Funds should be modernised and intensified; ***stresses the need to identify and implement new tools for communicating the results of cohesion policy;***

Or. ro

Amendment 50
Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Highlights the fact that in order to improve communication on, and the visibility of ESI Funds, greater focus ***could*** be placed on participation by stakeholders and recipients, and on involving citizens in cohesion policy; additionally, urges the ***Commission*** to communicate more about the achievements of cohesion policy;

Amendment

4. Highlights the fact that in order to improve communication on, and the visibility of ESI Funds, greater focus ***must*** be placed on participation by stakeholders and recipients, and on involving citizens in cohesion policy; additionally, urges the ***Member States and regions*** to communicate more about the achievements of cohesion policy;

Or. de

Amendment 51
Bronis Ropé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Highlights the fact that in order to improve communication on, and the visibility of ESI Funds, greater focus could be placed on participation by stakeholders and recipients, and on involving citizens in cohesion policy; additionally, urges the Commission to communicate more about the achievements of cohesion policy;

Amendment

4. Highlights the fact that in order to improve communication on, and the visibility of ESI Funds, greater focus could be placed on participation by stakeholders and recipients, and on involving citizens in ***the design and implementation of cohesion policy in a meaningful way, which should be reflected in the composition of the monitoring committees***; additionally, urges the Commission to communicate more about the achievements of cohesion policy;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Highlights the fact that in order to improve communication on, and the visibility of ESI Funds, greater focus could be placed on participation by stakeholders and recipients, and on involving citizens in cohesion policy; additionally, urges the Commission to communicate more about the achievements of cohesion policy;

Amendment

4. Highlights the fact that in order to improve communication on, and the visibility of ESI Funds, greater focus could be placed on participation by stakeholders and recipients, and on involving citizens in cohesion policy; additionally, urges the Commission, ***Member States, regions and cities*** to communicate more about the achievements of cohesion policy ***and to come forward with a targeted action plan***;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Andrew Lewer, Ruža Tomašić, Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Highlights the fact that in order to improve communication on, and the visibility of ESI Funds, greater focus could be placed on participation by stakeholders and recipients, and on involving citizens in cohesion policy; additionally, urges the Commission to communicate more about the achievements of cohesion policy;

Amendment

4. Highlights the fact that in order to improve communication on, and the visibility of ESI Funds, greater focus could be placed on participation by stakeholders and recipients, and on involving citizens in cohesion policy; additionally, urges the Commission to communicate more about **both** the achievements of cohesion policy **and where lessons can be learned**;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. ***Welcomes*** thematic concentration, ***as it has turned out to be a good tool for creating a focused policy and resulting effectiveness for the EU priorities and the EU 2020 strategy***;

Amendment

5. ***Remains sceptical as to the effectiveness of this*** thematic concentration, ***which overlooks many local projects in favour of large metropolitan areas, thus aggravating regional disparities***;

Or. fr

Amendment 55
Andrew Lewer, Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes thematic concentration, as it has ***turned out to be a good*** tool for ***creating a focused policy and resulting***

Amendment

5. Welcomes thematic concentration, as it has ***proved a helpful*** tool for ***promoting*** focused ***and effective policy***

effectiveness for the EU priorities and the EU 2020 strategy;

results in line with EU priorities and the EU 2020 strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. *Welcomes* thematic concentration, *as it has turned out to* be a good tool for creating a focused policy and resulting effectiveness for the EU priorities and the EU 2020 strategy;

Amendment

5. *Points out that* thematic concentration, *should* be a good tool for creating a focused policy and resulting effectiveness for the EU priorities and the EU 2020 strategy;

Or. el

Amendment 57
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes thematic concentration, as it has turned out to be a good tool for creating a focused policy and resulting effectiveness for the EU priorities and the EU 2020 strategy;

Amendment

5. Welcomes thematic concentration, as it has turned out to be a good tool for creating a focused policy and resulting effectiveness for the EU priorities and the EU 2020 strategy, *enhancing the process of converting knowledge into innovation, jobs and growth*;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes thematic concentration, as it has turned out to be a good tool for creating a focused policy and resulting effectiveness for the EU priorities and the EU 2020 strategy;

Amendment

5. Welcomes thematic concentration, as it has turned out to be a good tool for creating a focused policy and *the* resulting *greater* effectiveness for the EU priorities and the EU 2020 strategy;

Or. hr

Amendment 59
Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Notes that an analysis of thematic concentration should point out how the strategic choices of Member States and allocation of resources across TOs meet the specific needs of the territories; regrets that this aspect is less apparent in the Commission's Article 16 report;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Considers that the results and benefits of cohesion policy need to be put across more effectively, not least in order to restore confidence in the European project;

Amendment 61
Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Insists that cohesion policy should *continue to have thematic focus, while allowing for some degree of flexibility* in order to take on board the specific needs of each region;

Amendment

6. Insists that cohesion policy should *allow for adequate flexibility* in order to take on board the specific needs of each region;

Or. de

Amendment 62
Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Insists that cohesion policy should continue to have thematic focus, *while allowing for some degree of flexibility in order* to take on board the specific needs of each region;

Amendment

6. Insists that cohesion policy should continue to have thematic focus; *notes that the thematic objectives cover a very large scope which provides* some degree of flexibility to take on board the specific needs of each region;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Insists that cohesion policy ***should continue to have*** thematic focus, while allowing for some degree of flexibility in order to take on board the specific needs of each region;

Amendment

6. Insists that cohesion policy ***needs improved*** thematic focus, while allowing for some degree of flexibility in order to take on board the specific needs of each region;

Or. el

Amendment 64

Mercedes Bresso, Andrea Cozzolino, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Insists that cohesion policy should continue to have thematic focus, while allowing for ***some*** degree of flexibility in order to take on board the specific needs of each region;

Amendment

6. Insists that cohesion policy should continue to have thematic focus, while allowing for ***the*** degree of flexibility ***that is sufficient*** in order to take on board the specific needs of each region;

Or. it

Amendment 65

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Insists that cohesion policy should continue to have thematic focus, while allowing for some degree of flexibility in order to take on board the specific needs of each region;

Amendment

6. Insists that cohesion policy should continue to have thematic focus, while allowing for some degree of flexibility in order to take on board the specific needs of each region, ***as well as the specific needs of the least developed regions in less developed Member States;***

Or. hr

Amendment 66
Hugues Bayet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Insists that cohesion policy should continue to have thematic focus, while allowing for some degree of flexibility in order to take on board the specific needs of each region;

Amendment

6. Insists that cohesion policy should continue to have thematic focus, while allowing for some degree of flexibility in order to take on board the specific needs of each region; ***calls for continued structural fund investment in transition regions so as not to undermine what has been achieved by the resources and efforts already deployed;***

Or. fr

Amendment 67
Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the circumstances of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (***northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions***); recalls ***in this context*** that it is important to support new policy challenges, ***such as immigration, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market)***; ***points to the Energy***

Amendment

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the circumstances of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps; recalls that it is important to support new policy challenges;

Union Strategy, as the ESI Funds have an important role to play in its delivery;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Matthijs van Miltenburg, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines, *in particular, that consideration should be given to the circumstances of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions); recalls in this context* that it is important to support new policy challenges, such as immigration, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the Energy Union Strategy, as the ESI Funds have an important role to play in its delivery;

Amendment

7. Underlines that it is important to support new policy challenges, such as immigration, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the Energy Union Strategy, as the ESI Funds have an important role to play in its delivery;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the

Amendment

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the

circumstances of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions); recalls in this context that it is important *to support new policy challenges, such as immigration, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the Energy Union Strategy, as the ESI Funds have an important role to play in its delivery;*

circumstances of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions); recalls in this context that it is important *to support* the digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT);

Or. fr

Amendment 70

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the *circumstances* of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions); recalls in this context that it is important to support new policy challenges, such as immigration, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the Energy Union Strategy, as the ESI Funds have an

Amendment

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the *needs* of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’, *rural regions suffering from the austerity policies imposed by the Troika on EU Member States such as Greece* and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions); recalls in this context that it is important to support new policy challenges, such as immigration, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the Energy Union

important role to play in its delivery;

Strategy, as the ESI Funds have an important role to play in its delivery;

Or. el

Amendment 71
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the circumstances of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions); recalls in this context that it is important to support new policy challenges, *such as immigration*, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the Energy Union Strategy, as the ESI Funds have an important role to play in its delivery;

Amendment

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the circumstances of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions); recalls in this context that it is important to support new policy challenges *(while keeping in mind the original and still relevant goals of cohesion policy and the specific needs of regions)* as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the Energy Union Strategy, as the ESI Funds have an important role to play in its delivery;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the circumstances of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions); recalls in this context that it is important to support new policy challenges, such as immigration, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the **Energy Union Strategy**, as the ESI Funds have an important role to play in its delivery;

Amendment

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the circumstances of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’, **transition regions** and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions); recalls in this context that it is important to support new policy challenges, such as immigration, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the **EU’s commitments under the Paris climate change agreement**, as the ESI Funds have an important role to play in **their** delivery;

Or. de

Amendment 73
Kerstin Westphal

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the circumstances of **the distinctively** urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions); recalls in this context that it is important to support new policy challenges, such as immigration, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension

Amendment

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the circumstances of urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions); recalls in this context that it is important to support new policy challenges, such as immigration, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and

of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the Energy Union Strategy, as the ESI Funds have an important role to play in its delivery;

broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the Energy Union Strategy, as the ESI Funds have an important role to play in its delivery;

Or. de

Amendment 74
Mercedes Bresso, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the circumstances of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions); recalls in this context that it is important to support new policy challenges, such as immigration, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the Energy Union Strategy, as the ESI Funds have an important role to play in its delivery;

Amendment

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the circumstances of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions) ***and appropriate specific support policies should be drawn up for the development of these areas***; recalls in this context that it is important to support new policy challenges, such as immigration, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the Energy Union Strategy, as the ESI Funds have an important role to play in its delivery;

Or. it

Amendment 75
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the circumstances of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions); recalls in this context that it is important to support new policy challenges, such as immigration, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the Energy Union Strategy, as the ESI Funds have an important role to play in its delivery;

Amendment

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the circumstances of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions), ***which without cohesion policy would hardly be able to catch up with developed countries***; recalls in this context that it is important to support new policy challenges, such as immigration, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the Energy Union Strategy, as the ESI Funds have an important role to play in its delivery;

Or. hr

Amendment 76

Andrew Lewer, Ruža Tomašić, Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the circumstances of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions); recalls in this context that it is

Amendment

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the circumstances of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions); recalls in this context that it is important to ***allow sufficient***

important to support new policy challenges, such as immigration, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the Energy Union Strategy, as the ESI Funds have an important role to play in its delivery;

flexibility for Member States and regions to support new policy challenges, such as immigration, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the Energy Union Strategy, as the ESI Funds have an important role to play in its delivery;

Or. en

Amendment 77 **Bronis Ropé**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 7**

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the circumstances of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions); recalls in this context that it is important to support new policy challenges, such as immigration, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the Energy Union Strategy, as the ESI Funds have an important role to play in its delivery;

Amendment

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the circumstances of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions); ***considers that more attention should be given to sub-regional areas with considerable accumulation of challenges often found in pockets of poverty, segregated communities and deprived neighbourhoods with an overrepresentation of marginalised groups such as Roma***; recalls in this context that it is important to support new policy challenges, such as immigration, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the Energy Union Strategy, as the ESI Funds have an

important role to play in its delivery;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Joachim Zeller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the circumstances of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions); recalls in this context that it is important to support new policy challenges, such as immigration, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the Energy Union Strategy, as the ESI Funds have an important role to play in its delivery;

Amendment

7. Underlines, in particular, that consideration should be given to the circumstances of the distinctively urban or rural regions, the so-called ‘lagging regions’ and regions with permanent natural or geographical handicaps (northernmost regions with very low population density, and cross-border, insular, mountainous or outermost regions); ***calls on the Commission to pursue and expand strategies to implement an urban agenda together with local authorities and metropolitan regions as EU growth centres***; recalls in this context that it is important to support new policy challenges, such as immigration, as well as the broadly understood digital dimension of cohesion policy (including ICT and broadband access issues, which are linked to the completion of the Digital Single Market); points to the Energy Union Strategy, as the ESI Funds have an important role to play in its delivery;

Or. de

Amendment 79
Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. ***Supports the shift from a focus on infrastructure-related projects towards a focus on stimulating the knowledge economy, innovation and social inclusion;***

Amendment

8. ***Welcomes an increased focus on stimulating the knowledge economy, innovation and social inclusion in cohesion policy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 80
Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8**

Motion for a resolution

8. Supports the shift from a focus on infrastructure-related projects towards a focus on stimulating the knowledge economy, innovation and social inclusion;

Amendment

8. Supports the ***gradual*** shift from a focus on infrastructure-related projects towards a focus on stimulating the knowledge economy, innovation and social inclusion ***while respecting the specific needs of regions as the development of infrastructure is still necessary in many regions (sometimes even in the most developed ones) and market-based solutions are not always feasible;***

Or. en

**Amendment 81
Bronis Ropé**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8**

Motion for a resolution

8. Supports the shift from a focus on infrastructure-related projects towards a focus on stimulating the knowledge economy, innovation and social inclusion;

Amendment

8. Supports the shift from a focus on infrastructure-related projects towards a focus on stimulating the knowledge economy, innovation and social inclusion ***and on capacity building and empowering of actors including from civil society;***

Amendment 82

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Supports the shift from a focus on infrastructure-related projects towards a focus on stimulating the knowledge economy, innovation and social inclusion;

Amendment

8. Supports the shift from a focus on infrastructure-related projects towards a focus on stimulating the knowledge economy, innovation and social inclusion, ***taking into account the specific features of less developed regions***;

Or. hr

Amendment 83

Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Supports the shift from a focus on infrastructure-related projects towards a focus on stimulating the knowledge economy, innovation and social inclusion;

Amendment

8. Supports the shift from a focus on ***major*** infrastructure-related projects towards a focus on stimulating the knowledge economy, innovation and social inclusion;

Or. it

Amendment 84

Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Supports the shift from a focus on infrastructure-related projects towards a focus on stimulating the knowledge economy, innovation and social inclusion;

Amendment

8. Supports the shift from a focus on infrastructure-related projects towards a focus on stimulating the knowledge economy, innovation and social inclusion; ***although considers that there should be flexibility in order that each Member state will make the investments according to their priorities to promote its economic, social and territorial development;***

Or. en

Amendment 85
Andor Deli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Supports the shift from a focus on infrastructure-related projects towards a focus on stimulating the knowledge economy, innovation and social inclusion;

Amendment

8. Supports the shift from a focus on infrastructure-related projects towards a focus on stimulating the knowledge economy, innovation and social inclusion; ***taking into consideration the regions that still need support in the field of infrastructural development;***

Or. en

Amendment 86
Bronis Ropé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Underlines that the overall climate change rate for the ESI Funds hides considerable differences between the funds and between the Member States

with some of them below the 20% spending target and the potential of ESF for green jobs particularly untapped; calls on the Commission to improve monitoring and evaluation on the integration and mainstreaming of horizontal principles during implementation, in particular the methodology for tracking of climate-related expenditure;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. *Considers that ex-ante conditionalities, in particular the one on Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3), have proved their usefulness, and suggests that they be further improved;*

Amendment

9. *Calls for ex-ante macroeconomic conditionality criteria to be done away with in the context of the allocation of resources from the Structural Funds;*

Or. fr

Amendment 88
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. *Considers that ex-ante conditionalities, in particular the one on Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3), have proved their usefulness, and suggests that they be further improved;*

Amendment

9. *Considers that ex-ante conditionalities, in particular the one on Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3), should aim to strengthen small and medium-sized undertakings in the EU Member States;*

Or. el

Amendment 89
Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Considers *that* ex-ante conditionalities, *in particular* the one on Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3), have proved their usefulness, and suggests that they be further improved;

Amendment

9. Considers *some of the* ex-ante conditionalities, *such as* the one on Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3), have proved their usefulness, and suggests that they be further improved;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Bronis Ropé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Considers that ex-ante conditionalities, in particular the one on Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3), have proved their usefulness, and suggests that they be further improved;

Amendment

9. Considers that ex-ante conditionalities, in particular the one on Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3), have proved their usefulness, and suggests that they be further improved; *underlines that effective monitoring of ex-ante conditionalities is necessary to record efforts and achievements, particularly in case ex-ante conditionalities have not been met at the moment of adoption of programmes and therefore required actions to be taken by Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 91
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. *Draws attention to the fact that 25 per cent of ex-ante conditionalities have not yet been fulfilled; calls, therefore, for urgent action to counteract this;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 92
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. *Draws attention to the fact that 25 per cent of ex-ante conditionalities have not yet been fulfilled; calls, therefore, for urgent action to counteract this;*

Amendment

10. *Deplores the fact that 25 per cent of ex-ante conditionalities have not yet been fulfilled; calls, therefore, for urgent action to counteract this;;*

Or. el

Amendment 93
Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Draws attention to the fact that 25 per cent of ex-ante conditionalities have not yet been fulfilled; calls, therefore, *for* urgent action to counteract this;

Amendment

10. Draws attention to the fact that 25 per cent of ex-ante conditionalities have not yet been fulfilled; calls, therefore *to analyse the current situation and adopt* urgent action to counteract this *or to eliminate those conditions in those cases that they can be an obstacle or make the cohesion policy less efficient;*

Amendment 94

Mercedes Bresso, Andrea Cozzolino, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Draws attention to the fact that 25 per cent of ex-ante conditionalities have not yet been fulfilled; calls, therefore, for **urgent** action to counteract this;

Amendment

10. Draws attention to the fact that 25 per cent of ex-ante conditionalities have not yet been fulfilled; calls, therefore, for **targeted** action to counteract this, **which should not, however, compromise the optimal take-up of the funds**;

Or. it

Amendment 95

Andrew Lewer, Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Emphasises that the regulatory framework for the period 2014-2020 and the PAs have led to a **strongly** results-oriented focus in cohesion programmes;

Amendment

11. Emphasises that the regulatory framework for the period 2014-2020 and the PAs have led to a **more** results-oriented focus in cohesion programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 96

Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Emphasises that the regulatory

Amendment

11. Emphasises that the regulatory

framework for the period 2014-2020 and the PAs have led to a strongly results-oriented focus in cohesion programmes;

framework for the period 2014-2020 and the PAs have led to a strongly results-oriented focus in cohesion programmes ***and this result-oriented approach can be exemplary for the other parts of EU budget expenditure as well;***

Or. en

Amendment 97
Bronis Ropé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Emphasises that the regulatory framework for the period 2014-2020 and the PAs have led to a strongly results-oriented focus in cohesion programmes;

Amendment

11. Emphasises that the regulatory framework for the period 2014-2020 and the PAs have led to a strongly results-oriented focus in cohesion programmes; ***welcomes the introduction of common indicators which should allow measuring and benchmarking results; considers that work on indicators has to continue in order to improve evidence on ESIF spending and also to contribute to optimize project selection;***

Or. en

Amendment 98
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Points out that an important improvement has been the introduction of thematic concentration, whereby investments are focused on specific objectives and priorities corresponding to indicators and targets specifically agreed

Amendment

deleted

for all the themes;

Or. fr

Amendment 99

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Points *out that an important improvement has been* the introduction of thematic concentration, whereby investments are focused on specific objectives and priorities corresponding to indicators and targets specifically agreed for all the themes;

Amendment

12. Points *to* the introduction of thematic concentration, whereby investments are focused on specific objectives and priorities corresponding to indicators and targets specifically agreed for all the themes;*

Or. el

Amendment 100

Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Points out that *an important improvement* has been the introduction of thematic concentration, whereby investments are focused on specific objectives and priorities corresponding to indicators and targets specifically agreed for all the themes;

Amendment

12. Points out that *one innovation* has been the introduction of thematic concentration, whereby investments are focused on specific objectives and priorities corresponding to indicators and targets specifically agreed for all the themes;

Or. de

Amendment 101

Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Points out that an important improvement has been the introduction of thematic concentration, whereby investments are focused on specific objectives and priorities corresponding to indicators and targets specifically agreed for all the themes;

Amendment

12. Points out that an important improvement has been the introduction of thematic concentration, whereby investments are focused on specific objectives and priorities corresponding to ***performance*** indicators and targets specifically agreed for all the themes;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Recommends to the Commission that it pay more attention to the impact of cohesion policy on promoting employment and reducing unemployment, with the aim of assessing whether and to what extent the funds invested have had a real impact on the labour market;

Or. ro

Amendment 103
Kerstin Westphal

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Recalls that a performance reserve was introduced for each Member State consisting of 6 per cent of the resources allocated to the ESI Funds; recalls that, on

Amendment

13. Recalls that - ***contrary to what Parliament initially wanted*** - a performance reserve was introduced for each Member State consisting of 6 per cent

the basis of the national reports from 2017 and the performance review in 2019, the reserve is to be allocated only to the programmes and priorities which have achieved their milestones;

of the resources allocated to the ESI Funds; recalls that, on the basis of the national reports from 2017 and the performance review in 2019, the reserve is to be allocated only to the programmes and priorities which have achieved their milestones; *asks the Commission to assess, in due course, whether the performance reserve actually creates added value or whether it has led to more red tape;*

Or. de

Amendment 104
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Recalls that a performance reserve was introduced for each Member State consisting of 6 per cent of the resources allocated to the ESI Funds; recalls that, on the basis of the national reports from 2017 and the performance review in 2019, the reserve is to be allocated only to the programmes and priorities which have achieved their milestones;

Amendment

13. Recalls that a performance reserve was introduced for each Member State consisting of 6 per cent of the resources allocated to the ESI Funds; recalls that, on the basis of the national reports from 2017 and the performance review in 2019, the reserve is to be allocated only to the programmes and priorities which have achieved their milestones; *calls for more flexibility in the launch of new commitments from the performance reserve when the programmes have attained their targets and milestones in the coming years;*

Or. en

Amendment 105
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Welcomes the fact that more than two thirds of the Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) that were adopted in 2014 **are** relevant to cohesion policy investments and have **been** taken into account in **Member States'** programming priorities;

Amendment

14. Welcomes the fact that **Member States in the course of the programming process have found** more than two thirds of the Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) that were adopted in 2014 relevant to cohesion policy investments and have taken **this** into account in **their** programming priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 106

Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. **Welcomes the fact** that more than two thirds of the Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) that were adopted in 2014 are relevant to cohesion policy investments and have been taken into account in Member States' programming priorities;

Amendment

14. **Notes** that more than two thirds of the Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) that were adopted in 2014 are relevant to cohesion policy investments and **welcomes the fact that they** have been taken into account in Member States' programming priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 107

Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. **Welcomes** the fact that more than two thirds of the Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) that were adopted in 2014 are relevant to cohesion policy investments and have been taken

Amendment

14. **Notes** the fact that more than two thirds of the Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) that were adopted in 2014 are relevant to cohesion policy investments and have been taken

into account in Member States’
programming priorities;

into account in Member States’
programming priorities;

Or. fr

Amendment 108
Hugues Bayet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. **Welcomes** the fact that more than two thirds of the Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) that were adopted in 2014 are relevant to cohesion policy investments and have been taken into account in Member States’ programming priorities;

Amendment

14. **Takes note of** the fact that more than two thirds of the Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) that were adopted in 2014 are relevant to cohesion policy investments and have been taken into account in Member States’ programming priorities;

Or. fr

Amendment 109
Bronis Ropé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. **Welcomes the fact** that more than two thirds of the Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) that were adopted in 2014 are relevant to cohesion policy investments and have been taken into account in Member States’ programming priorities;

Amendment

14. **Takes note** that more than two thirds of the Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) that were adopted in 2014 are relevant to cohesion policy investments and have been taken into account in Member States’ programming priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Andrea Cozzolino, Mercedes Bresso, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. *Points out that automatic and rigid use of macroeconomic conditionality can compromise the optimal take-up of resources, undermining local government programming; stresses the importance of allowing for the highest degree of flexibility, in particular to facilitate strategic investment and structural reform, also in line with the provisions set out in the CSRs;*

Or. it

Amendment 111
Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. *Underlines the advisability within the European Semester to explore tools and mechanisms to ensure that the flexibility margins permitted by the Stability and Growth Pact can be used in strategic areas of investment designed to ensure growth and sustainable employment;*

Or. it

Amendment 112
Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Acknowledges that in the near future CSRs might trigger amendments to ESIF programmes, ensuring support to structural reforms in Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 113

Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Points out that Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) and National Reform Programmes (NRPs) represent a clear linkage between the ESI Funds and the processes of the European semester;

Or. en

Amendment 114

Kerstin Westphal

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Favours the establishment of a balanced link between cohesion policy and the European Semester, as both work towards achieving the same aims under the Europe 2020 Strategy;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 115
Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. *Favours the establishment of a **balanced link between cohesion policy and the European Semester, as both work towards achieving the same aims under the Europe 2020 Strategy;***

Amendment

15. *Notes with concern the increasing links that have been established between cohesion policy and the wider economic governance framework, including in connection with European Semester rules, since sub-national-level actors are being punished for policy decisions taken at national level, but penalties are adversely affecting development at regional level; underlines the fact that cohesion policy derives its legitimacy from the Treaties;*

Or. de

Amendment 116
Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. *Favours the establishment of a **balanced link between cohesion policy and the European Semester, as both work towards achieving the same aims under the Europe 2020 Strategy;***

Amendment

15. *Considers that the establishment of a link between cohesion policy and the European Semester, especially where it consists of the option for the Commission – provided for in Article 23 of the Common Provisions Regulation (CPR) – to propose amendments to the Partnership Agreement of a Member State to support the implementation of relevant Council Recommendations, runs totally counter to the economic, social and territorial cohesion aims laid down in the treaties;*

Or. it

Amendment 117

Mercedes Bresso, Andrea Cozzolino, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Favours the *establishment of a balanced link* between cohesion policy and the European Semester, as both work towards achieving the same aims under the Europe 2020 Strategy;

Amendment

15. Stresses the *importance of consistency* between cohesion policy and the European Semester, as both work towards achieving the same aims under the Europe 2020 Strategy, *without prejudice to achieving the social, economic and territorial cohesion objectives established by the treaties*;

Or. it

Amendment 118

Bronis Ropè

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Favours the establishment of a balanced link between cohesion policy and the European Semester, *as both work towards achieving the same aims under the Europe 2020 Strategy*;

Amendment

15. Favours the establishment of a balanced link between cohesion policy and the European Semester, *while acknowledging the Treaty based objective of cohesion policy to reduce disparities*;

Or. en

Amendment 119

Hugues Bayet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Favours the establishment of a balanced link between cohesion policy and

Amendment

15. Favours the establishment of a balanced link between cohesion policy and

the European Semester, as both work towards achieving the same aims under the Europe 2020 Strategy;

the European Semester, as both work towards achieving the same aims under the Europe 2020 Strategy, *particularly in order to prioritise investment, growth, employment and socially progressive policies*;

Or. fr

Amendment 120
Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Favours the establishment of a balanced link between cohesion policy and the European Semester, as both work towards achieving the same aims under the Europe 2020 Strategy;

Amendment

15. Favours the establishment of a balanced link between cohesion policy and the European Semester, as both work towards achieving the same aims under the Europe 2020 Strategy; *is of the opinion that we should think over the convenience of freezing the EFSI funds in case of the deviation of the objectives aimed by the European Semester, as this could be counterproductive for boosting growth and jobs*;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Andrea Cozzolino, Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

cohesion goals;

Or. it

Amendment 122
Andrea Cozzolino, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15b. Points out, given that structural reforms can have a negative impact on national budgets, that the discrepancy between the budget-balancing time frame laid down by the Stability and Growth Pact rules and the time needed for those reforms to reach maturity is counterproductive;

Or. it

Amendment 123
Andrea Cozzolino, Mercedes Bresso, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15c. Calls on the Commission, given that the output gap is the basic measure by which to assess whether a government is complying with EU budget rules and whether it will incur the measures laid down under Article 23 of the general ESI Funds regulation, to speed up its work on the possible revision of its calculation methodology, by involving Parliament in an appropriate manner, also through the structured dialogue instrument;

Or. it

Amendment 124
Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes that the regulatory framework for ESI Funds for the period 2014-2020 supports financial instruments; ***observes that there is a focus on a gradual*** shift from grants to loans and guarantees; notes also that the use of the multi-fund approach still appears to be difficult;

Amendment

16. Notes that the regulatory framework for ESI Funds for the period 2014-2020 supports financial instruments; ***is seriously concerned at the increasing tendency to*** shift from grants to loans and guarantees, ***bringing with it the danger of a paradigm shift in the original nature of EU cohesion policy***; notes also that the use of the multi-fund approach still appears to be difficult;

Or. de

Amendment 125
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes that the regulatory framework for ESI Funds for the period 2014-2020 supports financial instruments; observes that there is a focus on ***a gradual shift from grants to*** loans and guarantees; notes also that the use of the multi-fund approach still appears to be difficult;

Amendment

16. Notes that the regulatory framework for ESI Funds for the period 2014-2020 supports financial instruments; observes that there is a focus on ***the widespread use of*** loans and guarantees; notes also that the use of the multi-fund approach still appears to be difficult;

Or. ro

Amendment 126
Kerstin Westphal

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes that the regulatory framework for ESI Funds for the period 2014-2020 supports financial instruments; observes that there *is* a focus on a gradual shift from grants to loans and guarantees; notes also that the use of the multi-fund approach still appears to be difficult;

Amendment

16. Notes that the regulatory framework for ESI Funds for the period 2014-2020 supports financial instruments; observes that there *seems to be* a focus on a gradual shift from grants to loans and guarantees; *continues to regard grants as the core feature of structural policy*; notes also that the use of the multi-fund approach still appears to be difficult;

Or. de

Amendment 127
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes that the regulatory framework for ESI Funds for the period 2014-2020 supports financial instruments; observes that there is a focus on a gradual shift from grants to loans and guarantees; notes also that the use of the multi-fund approach still appears to be difficult;

Amendment

16. Notes that the regulatory framework for ESI Funds for the period 2014-2020 supports financial instruments; observes that there is a focus on a gradual shift from grants to loans and guarantees, *underlines, however, that the use of grants is still indispensable*; notes also that the use of the multi-fund approach still appears to be difficult;

Or. en

Amendment 128
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes that the regulatory framework for ESI Funds for the period 2014-2020 supports financial instruments; observes that there is a focus on a gradual shift from grants to loans and guarantees; notes also that the use of the multi-fund approach still appears to be difficult;

Amendment

16. Notes that the regulatory framework for ESI Funds for the period 2014-2020 supports financial instruments; observes that there is a focus on a gradual shift from grants to loans and guarantees; ***emphasizes that this trend has been strengthened by the Investment Plan for Europe and the newly established European Fund for Strategic Investments***; notes also that the use of the multi-fund approach still appears to be difficult;

Or. en

Amendment 129
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes that the regulatory framework for ESI Funds for the period 2014-2020 supports financial instruments; observes that there is a focus on a gradual shift from grants to loans and guarantees; notes also that the use of the multi-fund approach still appears to be difficult;

Amendment

16. Notes that the regulatory framework for ESI Funds for the period 2014-2020 supports financial instruments; observes that there is a focus on a gradual shift from grants to loans and guarantees; notes also that the use of the multi-fund approach still appears to be difficult; ***stresses, given the complexity of these instruments, the vital importance of providing appropriate support to local and regional institutions in the training of the officials responsible for managing them***;

Or. it

Amendment 130
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. *Points out that financial instruments offer solutions for the more efficient use of the EU budget, contributing alongside grants to bringing about investment to stimulate economic growth and create sustainable jobs;*

Or. ro

Amendment 131

Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. *Notes that the European Commission's Article 16 Report does not include a lot of information about coordination and synergies among different programmes and with instruments of other policy areas;*

Or. en

Amendment 132

Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. *Points out that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is presented as a success story when it comes to fast implementation, and against this background asks the Commission to come forward with learning points for the ESI*

17. *Requests the Commission to come forward with learning points on the implementation of the EFSI which can be used for further reflection for the ESI Funds for the new programming period;*

Funds for the new programming period;

Or. en

Amendment 133

Joachim Zeller

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Points out that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is ***presented as a success story when it comes to fast implementation, and against this background*** asks the Commission to ***come forward with learning points for the ESI Funds for the new programming period;***

Amendment

17. Points out that ***a separate agenda is being pursued with*** the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), and asks the Commission to ***present the EFSI and the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) as two parallel paths for creating growth, competitiveness and employment;***

Or. de

Amendment 134

Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Points out that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is presented as a success story when it comes to fast implementation, and against this background asks the Commission to come forward with learning points for the ESI Funds for the new programming period;

Amendment

17. Points out that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is presented as a success story when it comes to fast implementation; ***notes, however, that the available data do not currently make it possible to agree with the Commission's entirely positive interim assessment of the EFSI and the proposals for extending its duration and scope;*** asks the Commission to ***submit a comprehensive analysis of the projects supported so far, including the SME pillar, in order to assess the usefulness of EFSI support already granted and of***

potential future EFSI support; calls for any extension of the duration or scope of the EFSI not to be discussed until after such an analysis is available;

Or. de

Amendment 135
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Points out that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is presented as a success story when it comes to fast implementation, *and against this background asks the Commission to come forward with learning points for the ESI Funds for the new programming period;*

Amendment

17. Points out that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is presented as a success story when it comes to fast implementation *despite the fact that it has not yet implemented the 2014-2020 investment programmes it pledged to support;*

Or. el

Amendment 136
Mercedes Bresso, Andrea Cozzolino, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Points out that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is presented as a success story when it comes to fast implementation, and against this background asks the Commission to *come forward with learning points for the ESI Funds for the new programming period;*

Amendment

17. Points out that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is presented as a success story when it comes to fast implementation, and against this background asks the Commission to *corroborate this argument by providing data on its impact in terms of growth and employment;*

Or. it

Amendment 137
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Points out that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is presented as a success story when it comes to fast implementation, and against this background asks the Commission to come forward with learning points **for** the ESI Funds **for** the new programming period;

Amendment

17. Points out that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is presented as a success story when it comes to fast implementation, and against this background asks the Commission to come forward with learning points **to enable** the ESI Funds **to be put to use more successfully in** the new programming period;

Or. hr

Amendment 138
Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Points out that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) **is presented as** a success story when it comes to fast implementation, and against this background asks the Commission to come forward with learning points for the ESI Funds for the new programming period;

Amendment

17. Points out that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) **represents** a success story when it comes to fast implementation **and results in the form of existing operations**, and against this background asks the Commission to come forward with learning points for the ESI Funds for the new programming period;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Bronis Ropé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Points out that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is presented as a success story when it comes to fast implementation, and against this background asks the Commission to come forward with learning points for the ESI Funds for the new programming period;

Amendment

17. Points out that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is presented as a success story when it comes to fast implementation ***despite a considerable shortcomings such as lack of additionality and loose link to overarching Union priorities;*** and against this background asks the Commission to come forward with learning points for the ESI Funds for the new programming period;

Or. en

Amendment 140

Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Points out that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is presented as a success story when it comes to fast implementation, and against this background asks the Commission to come forward with learning points for the ESI Funds for the new programming period;

Amendment

17. Points out that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is presented as a success story when it comes to fast implementation, and against this background asks the Commission to come forward with learning points for the ESI Funds for the new programming period, ***as well as an analysis to its contributions to the objectives aimed by the ESIF funds;***

Or. en

Amendment 141

Kerstin Westphal

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Points out that the European Fund

Amendment

17. Points out that the European Fund

for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is presented as a success story when it comes to fast implementation, and against this background asks the Commission to come forward with learning points for the ESI Funds for the new programming period;

for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is presented as a success story when it comes to fast implementation, and against this background asks the Commission to come forward with learning points for the ESI Funds for the new programming period *from 2021 onwards*;

Or. de

Amendment 142
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Points out that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is presented as a success story when it comes to fast implementation, and against this background asks the Commission to come forward with learning points for the ESI Funds for the new programming period;

Amendment

17. Points out that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is presented as a success story when it comes to fast implementation, and against this background asks the Commission to come forward with learning points for the ESI Funds for the new programming period; ***underlines, however, that a detailed analysis of the results of EFSI is essential in order to take stock of what has been achieved on the ground***;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

17a. ***Believes that the Commission and the EIB can deliver even better EFSI performance through on-the-ground technical assistance to induce regionally balanced demand and project operations,***

Amendment

Believes that the Commission and the EIB can deliver even better EFSI performance through on-the-ground technical assistance to induce regionally balanced demand and project operations,

creation of investment platforms in the Member States - a meeting point for EU funds and private financing, rebalancing sector investment especially in view of the largest investment shortfalls - innovation and digital infrastructure, higher risk profile of approved investment projects, full-scale data and information on the progress of the SME window including utilisation of financial products by SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. *Stresses that state aid rules apply to ESI Funds, but not to EFSI and Horizon 2020, causing problems in increasing the level of synergy among the instruments; underlines the fact that if there is an ambition to extend EFSI or any similar types of financial instrument, the question of state aid rules needs to be adapted accordingly;*

Amendment

18. *Calls for EFSI to be exempted from state aid rules;*

Or. fr

Amendment 145
Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Stresses that state aid rules apply to ESI Funds, but not to EFSI and Horizon 2020, causing problems in increasing the level of synergy among the instruments;

Amendment

18. Stresses that state aid rules apply to ESI Funds, but not to EFSI and Horizon 2020, causing problems in increasing the level of synergy among the *funds*,

underlines the fact that if there is an ambition to extend EFSI or any similar types of financial instrument, the question of state aid rules needs to be adapted accordingly;

programmes and instruments; asks the European Commission to examine possible adjustments of the state aid rules to enhance synergies:

Or. en

Amendment 146

Mercedes Bresso, Andrea Cozzolino, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Stresses that state aid rules apply to ESI Funds, but not to EFSI and Horizon 2020, causing problems in increasing the level of synergy among the instruments; underlines the fact that *if there is an ambition to extend EFSI or any similar types of financial instrument*, the question of state aid rules needs to be adapted accordingly;

Amendment

18. Stresses that state aid rules apply to ESI Funds, but not to EFSI and Horizon 2020, causing problems in increasing the level of synergy among the instruments; underlines the fact that *in order to ensure the necessary complementarity and synergy between the EFSI and ESI*, the question of state aid rules needs to be adapted accordingly;

Or. it

Amendment 147

Andrew Lewer, Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Stresses that state aid rules apply to ESI Funds, but not to EFSI and Horizon 2020, causing problems in increasing the level of synergy among the instruments; underlines the fact that if there is an ambition to extend EFSI or any similar types of financial instrument, the question of state aid rules needs to be *adapted accordingly*;

Amendment

18. Stresses that state aid rules apply to ESI Funds, but not to EFSI and Horizon 2020, causing problems in increasing the level of synergy among the instruments; underlines the fact that if there is an ambition to extend EFSI or any similar types of financial instrument, the question of state aid rules needs to be *further considered*;

Amendment 148
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Stresses that state aid rules apply to ESI Funds, but not to EFSI and Horizon 2020, causing problems in increasing the level of synergy among the instruments; underlines the fact that if there is an ambition to extend EFSI or any similar types of financial instrument, the question of state aid rules needs to be adapted accordingly;

Amendment

18. ***Emphasizes that having a common regulation for the five ESI Funds has increased the synergy among the Funds; is convinced that synergies with other policies and instruments, including EFSI and other Financial Instruments should be enhanced in order to maximise the impact of investment;*** stresses that state aid rules apply to ESI Funds, but not to EFSI and Horizon 2020, causing problems in increasing the level of synergy among the instruments; underlines the fact that if there is an ambition to extend EFSI or any similar types of financial instrument, the question of state aid rules needs to be adapted accordingly;

Amendment 149
Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Stresses that state aid rules apply to ESI Funds, but not to EFSI and Horizon 2020, causing problems in increasing the level of synergy among the instruments; underlines the fact that if there is an ambition to extend EFSI or any similar types of financial instrument, the question of state aid rules needs to be adapted

Amendment

18. Stresses that state aid rules apply to ESI Funds, but not to EFSI and Horizon 2020, causing problems in increasing the level of synergy among the instruments; underlines the fact that if there is an ambition to extend EFSI or any similar types of financial instrument, the question of state aid rules needs to be adapted

accordingly;

accordingly; *calls on the Commission to deliver comprehensive guidance to managing authorities on combining EFSI with shared and direct management instruments, including ESI Funds and Horizon 2020;*

Or. en

Amendment 150

Marc Joulaud

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Stresses that state aid rules apply to ESI Funds, but not to EFSI and Horizon 2020, causing problems in increasing the level of synergy among the instruments; underlines the fact that if there is an ambition to extend EFSI or any similar types of financial instrument, the question of state aid rules needs to be adapted accordingly;

Amendment

18. Stresses that state aid rules apply to ESI Funds, but not to EFSI and Horizon 2020, causing problems in increasing the level of synergy among the instruments; underlines the fact that if there is an ambition to extend EFSI or any similar types of financial instrument, the question of state aid rules needs to be adapted accordingly; *calls for a thoroughgoing simplification of state aid rules and clarification of the relationship between these rules and the rules governing ESI Funds;*

Or. fr

Amendment 151

Andrea Cozzolino

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Supports a further balanced increase in financial instruments; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing

deleted

Amendment

authorities to achieve this;

Or. it

Amendment 152

Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Supports a further balanced increase in financial instruments; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 153

Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Supports a further balanced increase in financial instruments; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this;

19. Rejects a further increase in financial instruments *at the expense of grants;*

Or. de

Amendment 154

Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. *Supports a further balanced increase in financial instruments; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this;*

Amendment

19. *Asks the Commission to come forward with incentives to ensure that managing authorities are better informed on the opportunities for using financial instruments and their scope;*

Or. it

Amendment 155
Kerstin Westphal

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. *Supports a further balanced increase in financial instruments; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this;*

Amendment

19. *Argues for continuing balanced use of financial instruments; asks the Commission to support managing authorities in that connection;*

Or. de

Amendment 156
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. *Supports a further balanced increase in financial instruments; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this;*

Amendment

19. *Maintains that a balanced increase in financial instruments should not harm sectors in which the use of subsidies remains vital in order to achieve growth and employment targets; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this;*

Or. it

Amendment 157
Bronis Ropé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Supports a further balanced **increase in** financial instruments; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this;

Amendment

19. Supports a further balanced **use of** financial instruments **based on ex-ante assessments**; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this;

Or. en

Amendment 158
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Supports a further **balanced** increase in financial instruments; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this;

Amendment

19. Supports a further increase in financial instruments; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this;

Or. el

Amendment 159
Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Supports a further balanced increase in financial instruments; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward

Amendment

19. Supports a further balanced increase in financial instruments **which will not be in prejudice of the traditional**

with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this;

support from cohesion policy; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this;

Or. en

Amendment 160
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Supports a further balanced increase in financial instruments; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this;

Amendment

19. Supports a further balanced increase in financial instruments ***where they have an added value***; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this;

Or. en

Amendment 161
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Supports a further balanced increase in financial instruments; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this;

Amendment

19. Supports a further balanced increase in financial instruments; ***emphasizes however that this should only take place after having carefully assessed the contribution of financial instruments to cohesion policy objectives and in areas where financial instruments represent added value in terms of results and effectiveness***; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this;

Or. en

Amendment 162
Andrew Lewer, Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Supports a further balanced increase in financial instruments; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this;

Amendment

19. Supports a further balanced increase in financial instruments; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this; ***stresses that clear, consistent and focused rules on Financial Instruments to help simplify the preparation and implementation process for fund managers and recipients, which recognise the different development levels of financial markets across the EU's Member States, are key to improving their effective implementation;***

Or. en

Amendment 163
Marc Joulaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Supports a further balanced increase in financial instruments; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this;

Amendment

19. Supports a further balanced increase in financial instruments; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this; ***stresses that financial instruments must be promoted if they present added value, but that all regions must have a diversified range of sources of financing; subsidies remain the most suitable instruments in many cases and for many projects;***

Or. fr

Amendment 164
Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Supports a further balanced increase in financial instruments; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this;

Amendment

19. Supports a further balanced increase in financial instruments; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this; ***refers to the upcoming INI report entitled "The right funding mix for Europe's regions: balancing financial instruments and grants in EU cohesion policy" where this topic will be elaborated on further;***

Or. en

Amendment 165
Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Supports a further balanced increase in financial instruments; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this;

Amendment

19. Supports a further balanced increase in financial instruments; asks the Commission, therefore, to come forward with incentives for managing authorities to achieve this ***and to analyse the management costs of grants and of repayable assistance implemented in shared and centrally managed programmes;***

Or. en

Amendment 166
Hugues Bayet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. *Calls for debt and deficit calculations not to factor in public investment carried out by Member States' public operators, as is the case with the Juncker Plan, particularly in view of the impact of the new ESA 2010 system of accounts, which is preventing Member States from putting up co-financing for projects eligible for structural funding (in particular under the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Youth Employment Initiative) and thus from using this important source of funding to help find a way out of the economic crisis and kick-start growth and employment;*

Or. fr

Amendment 167
Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. *Notes, however, the lack of evidence on the outcomes and results achieved by financial instruments and the loose link between those financial instruments and the overarching objectives and priorities of the EU;*

Or. it

Amendment 168
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Acknowledges that simplification is **an important factor** in access to funding;

Amendment

20. Acknowledges that simplification is **one of the key factors** in access to funding;

Or. it

Amendment 169

Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Acknowledges that simplification is an important factor in access to funding;

Amendment

20. **Notes that one of the main goals of the 2014-2020 programming period is simplification for beneficiaries of ESI Funds and** acknowledges that simplification is an important factor in access to funding;

Or. en

Amendment 170

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Acknowledges that simplification is an important factor in access to funding;

Amendment

20. Acknowledges that simplification is an important factor in **better** access to funding;

Or. hr

Amendment 171

Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Welcomes the fact that the new modernised regulatory framework of the ESI Funds provides new possibilities for simplification in terms of common eligibility rules, simplified cost options and e-governance;

Amendment

21. Welcomes the fact that the new modernised regulatory framework of the ESI Funds provides new possibilities for simplification in terms of common eligibility rules, simplified cost options and e-governance; ***notes, however that significant simplification measures are still needed for both beneficiaries and managing authorities, focusing on public procurement, project management, and audits during and after the operations;***

Or. en

Amendment 172

Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Welcomes the fact that the new modernised regulatory framework of the ESI Funds provides new possibilities for simplification in terms of common eligibility rules, simplified cost options and e-governance;

Amendment

21. Welcomes the fact that the new modernised regulatory framework of the ESI Funds provides new possibilities for simplification in terms of common eligibility rules, simplified cost options and e-governance; ***however regrets that the European Commission's Article 16 Report does not include any specific information as regards the use of Simplified Cost Options (SCOs);***

Or. en

Amendment 173

Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Underlines that there is a need for further efforts to develop the full potential of SCOs in terms of alleviating administrative burden;

Or. en

Amendment 174
Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Regrets that an assessment of administrative burden, including in particular components such as time, cost and paperwork, has not yet been undertaken; calls on the Commission in consequence to produce a fully fledged study of the cost of administrative burden in EU funding based on evidence from the 2007-2013 period and the start of the new period;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 175
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Regrets that an assessment of administrative burden, including in particular components such as time, cost and paperwork, has not yet been

22. Regrets that an assessment of administrative burden, including in particular components such as time, cost and paperwork, has not yet been

undertaken; calls on the Commission in consequence to produce a fully fledged study of the cost of administrative burden in EU funding based on evidence from the 2007-2013 period and the start of the new period;

undertaken; calls on the Commission in consequence to produce a fully fledged study of the cost of administrative burden in EU funding ***in the form of both grants and financial instruments***, based on evidence from the 2007-2013 period and the start of the new period;

Or. ro

Amendment 176
Kerstin Westphal

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Regrets that an assessment of administrative burden, including in particular components such as time, cost and paperwork, has not yet been undertaken; calls on the Commission in consequence to produce a fully fledged study of the cost of administrative burden in EU funding based on evidence from the 2007-2013 period and the start of the new period;

Amendment

22. Regrets that an assessment of administrative burden, including in particular components such as time, cost and paperwork, has not yet been undertaken; calls on the Commission in consequence to produce a fully fledged study of the cost of administrative burden in EU funding based on evidence from the 2007-2013 period and the start of the new period ***as from 2014***;

Or. de

Amendment 177
Kerstin Westphal

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Recommends for the ***new*** programming period that all levels of governance work towards a system of single audit; reiterates that there is a need for further steps in the area of simplification;

Amendment

23. Recommends for the ***prospective*** programming period ***starting in 2021*** that all levels of governance work towards a system of single audit; reiterates that there is a need for further steps in the area of simplification; ***eagerly awaits the outcome***

Or. de

Amendment 178
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Recommends for the new programming period that all levels of governance work towards a system of single audit; reiterates that there is a need for further steps in the area of simplification;

Amendment

23. Recommends for the new programming period that all levels of governance work towards a system of single audit, ***by eliminating pointless duplicate checks among the various tiers of government***; reiterates that there is a need for further steps in the area of simplification;

Or. it

Amendment 179
Andrew Lewer, Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Recommends for the new programming period that all levels of governance work towards a system of single audit; reiterates that there is a need for further steps in the area of simplification;

Amendment

23. Recommends for the new programming period that all levels of governance work towards a system of single audit; ***urges the Commission to clarify the range and legal status of existing Guidance across the ESI Funds, as well as to develop, in close collaboration with Managing Authorities and all relevant audit authority tiers, a joint interpretation of audit issues***; reiterates that there is a need for further steps in the area of simplification;

Amendment 180

Marc Joulaud

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Recommends for the new programming period that all levels of governance work towards a system of single audit; reiterates that there is a need for further steps in the area of simplification;

Amendment

23. Recommends for the new programming period that all levels of governance work towards a system of single audit; reiterates that there is a need for further steps in the area of simplification, *particularly by introducing greater proportionality in inspections*;

Or. fr

Amendment 181

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

23a. Recommends that standard procedures be established for drawing up operational programmes and for management, especially where the numerous territorial cooperation programmes are concerned;

Or. hr

Amendment 182

Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. *Notes that the Member States have different administrative cultures, translating into different levels of performance, which the ex-ante conditionalities are helping to overcome;* **deleted**

Or. fr

Amendment 183

Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Notes that the Member States have different *administrative cultures, translating into different levels of performance*, which the ex-ante conditionalities are helping to overcome;

25. Notes that the Member States have different *levels of performance in their policy framework*, which the ex-ante conditionalities are helping to overcome;

Or. en

Amendment 184

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Notes that the Member States have different administrative cultures, translating into different levels of performance, *which* the ex-ante conditionalities *are helping* to overcome;

25. Notes that the Member States have different administrative cultures, translating into different levels of performance, *but that* the ex-ante conditionalities *should nevertheless help* to overcome *the problem*;

Or. el

Amendment 185
Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Notes that the Member States have different administrative cultures, translating into different levels of performance, which the ex-ante conditionalities are helping to overcome;

Amendment

25. Notes that the Member States have different administrative cultures, translating into different levels of performance, which the ex-ante conditionalities are *sometimes* helping to overcome;

Or. en

Amendment 186
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

25a. Stresses the need to strengthen administrative capacity as a priority in the context of cohesion policy and the European semester exercise, particularly in Member States with low absorption of funds;

Or. ro

Amendment 187
Andor Deli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Regards it as essential to identify the unnecessarily complex processes and procedures in the shared management that

Amendment

26. Regards it as essential to identify ***and simplify*** the unnecessarily complex processes and procedures in the shared

create an additional burden for authorities and beneficiaries;

management that create an additional burden for authorities and beneficiaries;

Or. en

Amendment 188
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Points out that administrative capacity has to be constantly increased; therefore, is of the opinion, that in this regard functional and flexible e-government solutions have to be exploited; additionally, underlines, the need to increase the focus on training of the administration;

Or. en

Amendment 189
Bronis Ropé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Underlines the importance of capacity building of stakeholders and partners in cohesion policy to allow them fulfilling their role and contributing to transparency, ownership and monitoring of cohesion policy measures;

Or. en

Amendment 190
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. ***Highlights the European added value of ETC, which should be reflected in an increased level of appropriations for this cohesion policy objective, to be introduced as soon as practicable;***

Amendment

28. ***Calls for a freeze of the level of appropriations for European territorial cooperation programmes; recalls that these programmes are intended to reduce regional disparities within the European Union and that under no circumstances should they be used to pay for the reception of irregular migrants;***

Or. fr

Amendment 191
Andrew Lewer, Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. ***Highlights the European added value of ETC, which should be reflected in an increased level of appropriations for this cohesion policy objective, to be introduced as soon as practicable;***

Amendment

28. ***Highlights the **potential** European added value of **high quality ETC projects**;***

Or. en

Amendment 192
Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. ***Highlights the European added value of ETC, which should be reflected in an increased level of appropriations **for this** cohesion policy **objective, to be*****

Amendment

28. ***Highlights the European added value of ETC, which should be reflected in an increased level of appropriations **in the new** cohesion policy **programming period**;***

introduced as soon as practicable;

Or. en

Amendment 193

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Highlights the European added value of ETC, which should be reflected in an increased level of appropriations for this cohesion policy objective, to be introduced as soon as practicable;

Amendment

28. Highlights – *especially from the point of view of reducing disparities between border regions* – the European added value of ETC, which should be reflected in an increased level of appropriations for this cohesion policy objective, to be introduced as soon as practicable;

Or. hr

Amendment 194

Krzysztof Hetman

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Highlights the European added value of ETC, which should be reflected in an increased level of appropriations for this cohesion policy objective, to be introduced as soon as practicable;

Amendment

28. Highlights the European added value of ETC, which should be reflected in an increased level of appropriations for this cohesion policy objective, to be introduced as soon as practicable; *underlines the need to preserve this instrument as one of the core elements of the cohesion policy after 2020;*

Or. en

Amendment 195
Joachim Zeller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Highlights the European added value of ETC, which should be reflected in an increased level of appropriations for this cohesion policy objective, to be introduced as soon as practicable;

Amendment

28. Highlights the European added value of ETC, which should be reflected in an increased level of appropriations for this cohesion policy objective, to be introduced as soon as practicable; ***calls at the same time on Member States to provide the necessary cofunding;***

Or. de

Amendment 196
Mercedes Bresso, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

28a. Stresses the importance of macro-regional strategies, instruments which have proven themselves to be useful for the development of territorial cooperation and the economic development of the areas concerned; highlights the decisive role of the local and regional authorities for the success of the measures included in those strategies;

Or. it

Amendment 197
Joachim Zeller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. *Recommends that more intensive use be made of the modified and expanded EGTC legal instrument as the legal basis for territorial cooperation;*

Or. de

Amendment 198

Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Proposes *the establishment of a permanent* link between RIS3 and interregional cooperation on an EU-wide scale, preferably in the form of *a permanent* element of the INTERREG programme;

Amendment

29. Proposes *that a* link between RIS3 and interregional cooperation on an EU-wide scale *should be encouraged and made possible*, preferably in the form of *an* element of the INTERREG programme;

Or. en

Amendment 199

Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Is of the opinion that *GDP* might not be the only legitimate indicator for *ensuring a fair distribution of money that takes account of specific territorial needs*; is of the opinion that *many regions in Europe are facing a situation of demographic change, as well as shrinking population numbers in rural areas*;

Amendment

30. Is of the opinion that *population size* might not be the only legitimate indicator for *the allocation of sources under ETC*; is of the opinion that *specific territorial characteristics and socio-economic specificities should also be taken into account*;

Or. en

Amendment 200
Joachim Zeller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Is of the opinion that GDP ***might not be the only*** legitimate indicator for ensuring a fair distribution of money that takes account of specific territorial needs; ***is of the opinion that many regions in Europe are facing a situation of demographic change, as well as shrinking population numbers in rural areas;***

Amendment

30. Is of the opinion that GDP ***is*** the legitimate indicator for ensuring a fair distribution of money that takes account of specific territorial needs;

Or. de

Amendment 201
Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Is of the opinion that GDP might not be the only legitimate indicator for ensuring a fair distribution of money ***that takes account of specific territorial needs;*** is of the opinion that many regions in Europe are facing a situation of demographic change, as well as shrinking population numbers in rural areas;

Amendment

30. Is of the opinion that GDP might not be the only legitimate indicator for ensuring a fair distribution of money ***and that specific territorial needs and importance of agreed programme priorities for development of the programme areas should be taken into account while deciding about the future allocation between Interreg programmes;*** is of the opinion that many regions in Europe are facing a situation of demographic change, as well as shrinking population numbers in rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 202
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Is of the opinion that GDP might not be the only legitimate indicator for ensuring a fair distribution of money that takes account of specific territorial needs; is of the opinion that many regions in Europe are facing *a situation of demographic change, as well as shrinking population numbers in rural* areas;

Amendment

30. Is of the opinion that GDP might not be the only legitimate indicator for ensuring a fair distribution of money that takes account of specific territorial needs; is of the opinion that many regions in Europe are facing *shrinking population numbers in rural areas; invites the Commission to come forward with an additional special allocation for these regions as was the case for the sparsely populated areas in the current programming period (CPR Annex VII point 9)*;

Or. en

Amendment 203
Kerstin Westphal

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Is of the opinion that GDP *might not be the only* legitimate indicator for ensuring a fair distribution of money that takes account of specific territorial needs; is of the opinion that many regions in Europe are facing a situation of demographic change, as well as shrinking population numbers in rural areas;

Amendment

30. Is of the opinion that GDP *is the best measurable and, across Europe, best comparable* legitimate indicator for ensuring a fair distribution of money that takes account of specific territorial needs, *but might not be the only such indicator*; is of the opinion that many regions in Europe are facing a situation of demographic change, as well as shrinking population numbers in rural areas; *suggests therefore that the Commission give thought to developing and introducing a 'demographic indicator'*;

Or. de

Amendment 204
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Is of the opinion that GDP might not be the only legitimate indicator for ensuring a fair distribution of money that takes account of specific territorial needs; is of the opinion that many regions in Europe are facing a situation of demographic change, as well as shrinking population numbers in rural areas;

Amendment

30. Is of the opinion that GDP might not be the only legitimate indicator for ensuring a fair distribution of money that takes account of specific territorial needs; ***considers it important that, in future, consideration be given to introducing new dynamic indicators, in addition to GDP;*** is of the opinion that many regions in Europe are facing a situation of demographic change, as well as shrinking population numbers in rural areas;

Or. it

Amendment 205
Marc Joulaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Is of the opinion that GDP might not be the only legitimate indicator for ensuring a fair distribution of money that takes account of specific territorial needs; is of the opinion that many regions in Europe are facing a situation of demographic change, as well as shrinking population numbers in rural areas;

Amendment

30. Is of the opinion that GDP might not be the only legitimate indicator for ensuring a fair distribution of money that takes account of specific territorial needs; is of the opinion, ***for example,*** that many regions in Europe are facing ***high rates of unemployment and*** a situation of demographic change, as well as shrinking population numbers in rural areas;

Or. fr

Amendment 206
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. *Points out that the slow start of some programmes, the lack of management capacity for complex projects, the delays recorded in finalising projects, the administrative burden in the Member States, overregulation and errors in public procurement procedures are the main obstacles to the cohesion policy's implementation;*

Or. ro

Amendment 207
Krzysztof Hetman

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. *Underlines that the concept of results orientation requires that Interreg programmes ensure high-quality project-level cooperation and the adaptation of evaluation methods and criteria to take into account the specific nature of each programme; calls on the Commission, the Member States and the managing authorities to work together and exchange information and good practices in order to ensure that results orientation is implemented and targeted as effectively as possible, considering ETC specificities;*

Or. en

Amendment 208
Krzysztof Hetman

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30b. *Stresses the potential of using financial instruments in Interreg programmes that, through complementing grants, help to support SMEs and develop research and innovation, by increasing investment, creating new jobs, allowing better results to be achieved and boosting the effectiveness of projects;*

Or. en

Amendment 209
Krzysztof Hetman

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30c. *Deplores the low public awareness and insufficient visibility of ETC programmes, and calls for more effective communication of the achievements of completed projects; calls on the Commission, the Member States and the managing authorities to establish mechanisms and broad institutionalised platforms for cooperation in order to ensure better visibility and awareness-raising; calls on the Commission to map the achievements of the ETC programmes and projects so far;*

Or. en

Amendment 210
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. **Welcomes** the code of conduct agreed during the negotiations, which outlines the minimum standards for a well-functioning partnership; observes, **however**, that **while the code has improved the implementation of the partnership principle in** most Member States, **many Member States** have centralised large parts of the negotiation and implementation of the PAs and OPs;

Amendment

31. **Notes** the code of conduct agreed during the negotiations, which outlines the minimum standards for a well-functioning partnership; observes, **further**, that most Member States have centralised large parts of the negotiation and implementation of the PAs and OPs;

Or. fr

Amendment 211
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. **Welcomes** the code of conduct agreed during the negotiations, which outlines the minimum standards for a well-functioning partnership; observes, however, that while the code has improved the implementation of the partnership principle in most Member States, many Member States have centralised large parts of the negotiation and implementation of the PAs and OPs;

Amendment

31. **Notes** the code of conduct agreed during the negotiations, which outlines the minimum standards for a well-functioning partnership; observes, however, that while the code has improved the implementation of the partnership principle in most Member States, many Member States have centralised large parts of the negotiation and implementation of the PAs and OPs;

Or. el

Amendment 212
Kerstin Westphal

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Welcomes the code of conduct agreed during the negotiations, which outlines the minimum standards for a well-functioning partnership; observes, however, that while the code has improved the implementation of the partnership principle in most Member States, many Member States have centralised large parts of the negotiation and implementation of the PAs and OPs;

Amendment

31. Welcomes the code of conduct agreed during the negotiations ***on the current funding period***, which outlines the minimum standards for a well-functioning partnership; observes, however, that while the code has improved the implementation of the partnership principle in most Member States, many Member States have centralised large parts of the negotiation and implementation of the PAs and OPs;

Or. de

Amendment 213
Joachim Zeller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Welcomes the code of conduct agreed during the negotiations, which outlines the minimum standards for a well-functioning partnership; observes, however, that ***while*** the code has improved the implementation of the partnership principle in most Member States, many Member States have centralised large parts of the negotiation and implementation of the PAs and OPs;

Amendment

31. Welcomes the code of conduct agreed during the negotiations, which outlines the minimum standards for a well-functioning partnership; observes, however, that the code has improved the implementation of the partnership principle in most Member States, ***but regrets the fact that*** many Member States have centralised large parts of the negotiation and implementation of the PAs and OPs;

Or. de

Amendment 214
Bronis Ropè

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Welcomes the code of conduct agreed during the negotiations, which outlines the minimum standards for a well-functioning partnership; observes, however, that while the code has improved the implementation of the partnership principle in most Member States, many Member States have centralised large parts of the negotiation and implementation of the PAs and OPs;

Amendment

31. Welcomes the code of conduct agreed during the negotiations, which outlines the minimum standards for a well-functioning partnership; observes, however, that while the code has improved the implementation of the partnership principle in most Member States, many Member States have centralised large parts of the negotiation and implementation of the PAs and OPs, ***whereas it remains essential to ensure the active involvement of regional and local authorities and other stakeholders at all stages***;

Or. en

Amendment 215

Andrew Lewer, Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Welcomes the code of conduct agreed during the negotiations, which outlines the minimum standards for a well-functioning partnership; observes, however, that while the code has improved the implementation of the partnership principle in most Member States, many Member States have centralised large parts of the negotiation and implementation of the PAs and OPs;

Amendment

31. Welcomes the code of conduct agreed during the negotiations, which outlines the minimum standards for a well-functioning partnership; observes, however, that while the code has improved the implementation of the partnership principle in most Member States, many Member States have centralised large parts of the negotiation and implementation of the PAs and OPs; ***believes that over-centralisation and lack of trust can also play a role in delaying the implementation of ESI Funds, with some Member States and Managing Authorities less keen to place greater responsibility for management of EU funds in the hands of local and regional authorities***;

Or. en

Amendment 216
Jan Olbrycht

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Welcomes the code of conduct agreed during the negotiations, which outlines the minimum standards for a well-functioning partnership; observes, however, that while the code has improved the implementation of the partnership principle in most Member States, many Member States have centralised large parts of the negotiation and implementation of the PAs and OPs;

Amendment

31. Welcomes the code of conduct agreed during the negotiations, which outlines the minimum standards for a well-functioning partnership; observes, however, that while the code has improved the implementation of the partnership principle in most Member States, many Member States have centralised large parts of the negotiation and implementation of the PAs and OPs; ***therefore, calls to guarantee in the future a real involvement of local and regional authorities in the negotiation and implementation process in respect of countries specific structures;***

Or. en

Amendment 217
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Stresses that clarification is needed from the Commission regarding the performance of Member States and regions on the Article 5 CPR principles, with an emphasis on the question of how government can be encouraged to fully apply the partnership principle; stresses that shared ownership is a precondition for stronger recognition of EU cohesion policy;

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 218
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. Supports the Commission's new approach of setting up special working groups, that is to say, project teams intended to ensure better management of ESI Funds in Member States, and calls for this approach to be developed further;

Or. hr

Amendment 219
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. Stresses that future cohesion policy must incorporate supporting measures to help refugees integrate successfully into the EU's labour market, thus promoting economic growth and helping to ensure general safety in the EU;

Or. et

Amendment 220
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33. Emphasises that **ESI Funds**

33. Emphasises that **cohesion policy**

contribute to GDP in many Member States, an essential element to be considered in the 7th Cohesion Report, to be expected in 2017;

helps mitigate the harm done by the austerity policies that the European Commission urges Member States to implement;

Or. fr

Amendment 221
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Emphasises that ESI Funds contribute to GDP in *many* Member States, an essential element to be considered in the 7th Cohesion Report, to be expected in 2017;

Amendment

33. Emphasises that ESI Funds contribute to GDP in *all* Member States, *and the indirect effect of cohesion policy investment in the more developed Member States can be quantified in terms of their investment in the convergence regions*, an essential element to be considered in the 7th Cohesion Report, to be expected in 2017;

Or. ro

Amendment 222
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Emphasises that ESI Funds contribute to GDP in many Member States, an essential element to be considered in the 7th Cohesion Report, to be expected in 2017;

Amendment

33. Emphasises that ESI Funds *have been earmarked for measures to* contribute to GDP in many Member States, an essential element to be considered in the 7th Cohesion Report, to be expected in 2017;

Or. el

Amendment 223
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Emphasises that ESI Funds contribute to GDP in many Member States, an essential element to be considered in the 7th Cohesion Report, to be expected in 2017;

Amendment

33. Emphasises that ESI Funds contribute to GDP, **jobs and growth** in many Member States, an essential element to be considered in the 7th Cohesion Report, to be expected in 2017;

Or. en

Amendment 224
Kerstin Westphal

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Emphasises that ESI Funds contribute to GDP in many Member States, an essential element to be considered in the 7th Cohesion Report, to be expected in 2017;

Amendment

33. Emphasises that ESI Funds contribute to GDP in many Member States, an essential element to be considered in the 7th Cohesion Report, to be expected in 2017; ***is of the opinion that the 7th Cohesion Report should also take account of the possible impact of 'Brexit' on structural policy;***

Or. de

Amendment 225
Pascal Arimont

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33a. Recalls that a substantial amount of public investment is made at local and

regional level; stresses that the European System of Accounts (ESA) must not limit local and regional authorities' ability to undertake necessary investments, which would consequently prevent them from providing the co-financing needed for ESIF projects, ultimately leading to a decline of public investment; strongly encourages the Commission to reassess the ESA's strictly annual approach so that public expenditure is considered as capital investment and not merely as debt or operating expenses;

Or. en

Amendment 226

Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Francisco José Millán Mon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33a. Considers that the fight against youth unemployment, social inclusion and the future demographic challenges that Europe is facing nowadays and in the mid-term future should be the main areas where cohesion policy should be focused;

Or. en

Amendment 227

Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33a. Points to the need to consider seeking new indicators that go beyond GDP, including for example the Human Development Index and the Regional

Amendment 228
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34. Recalls that the ETC, which serves the broader principle of territorial cohesion, introduced by the Lisbon Treaty, is not yet properly applied; therefore encourages all stakeholders involved in negotiations on the future policy to strengthen territorial cohesion; **deleted**

Amendment 229
Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34. Recalls that the ETC, which serves the broader principle of territorial cohesion, introduced by the Lisbon Treaty, **is not yet properly applied**; therefore encourages all stakeholders involved in negotiations on the future policy to strengthen territorial cohesion;

34. Recalls that the ETC, which serves the broader principle of territorial cohesion, introduced by the Lisbon Treaty, **could be improved**; therefore encourages all stakeholders involved in negotiations on the future policy to strengthen **this dimension of** territorial cohesion;

Amendment 230
Joachim Zeller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Recalls that the ETC, which serves the broader principle of territorial cohesion, introduced by the Lisbon Treaty, is not yet properly applied; therefore encourages all stakeholders involved in negotiations on the future policy to strengthen territorial cohesion;

Amendment

34. Recalls that the ETC, which serves the broader principle of territorial cohesion, introduced by the Lisbon Treaty, is not yet properly applied; therefore encourages all stakeholders involved in negotiations on the future policy to strengthen territorial cohesion; ***calls on the Commission to give ETC, the opportunities it provides and its legal instruments the focus they deserve in the 7th Cohesion Report;***

Or. de

Amendment 231
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. ***Considers that thematic concentration must be maintained in the future, as it has proved its viability;*** expects the Commission to come forward with an overview of achievements brought about by thematic concentration in cohesion policy;

Amendment

35. expects the Commission to come forward with an overview of achievements brought about by thematic concentration in cohesion policy;

Or. fr

Amendment 232
Mercedes Bresso, Andrea Cozzolino, Michela Giuffrida

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Considers that thematic concentration must be maintained in the future, as it has proved its viability; expects the Commission to come forward with an overview of achievements brought about by thematic concentration in cohesion policy;

Amendment

35. Considers that thematic concentration must be maintained in the future; expects the Commission to come forward with an overview of achievements brought about by thematic concentration in cohesion policy; ***points out at the same time that the diversity of European regions calls for a sufficient level of flexibility, as laid down in the regulations;***

Or. it

Amendment 233
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Is convinced that the future ***performance-oriented*** cohesion policy must be founded on past experience ***in the area*** (performance-based budgeting, ex-ante conditionalities and thematic concentration), ***as this provides clear practical guidelines for local and regional authorities – including those who have not so far attempted to apply this approach – on the implementation of its principles;***

Amendment

36. Is convinced that the future cohesion policy must be founded on past experience ***on*** performance-based budgeting;

Or. fr

Amendment 234
Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Is convinced that the future **performance-oriented** cohesion policy must **be founded on** past experience in the area (performance-based budgeting, ex-ante conditionalities and thematic concentration), as this **provides** clear practical guidelines for local and regional authorities – including those who have not so far attempted to apply this approach – on the implementation of its principles;

Amendment

36. Is convinced that the future cohesion policy must **take account of** past experience **at regional and local level** in the area (performance-based budgeting, ex-ante conditionalities and thematic concentration), as, **on the one hand**, this **can provide** clear practical guidelines for local and regional authorities – including those who have not so far attempted to apply this approach – on the implementation of its principles **and, on the other, flexibility requirements are made clear and can be better incorporated into future rules**;

Or. de

Amendment 235
Bronis Ropé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Is convinced that the future performance-oriented cohesion policy must be founded on past experience in the area (performance-based budgeting, ex-ante conditionalities and thematic concentration), **as this provides** clear practical guidelines for local and regional authorities – including those who have not so far attempted to apply this approach – on the implementation of its principles;

Amendment

36. Is convinced that the future performance-oriented cohesion policy must be founded on **data and indicators appropriate for measuring efforts, outcomes and impacts achieved**; **underlines that** past experience in the area (performance-based budgeting, ex-ante conditionalities and thematic concentration) **will provide** clear practical guidelines for local and regional authorities – including those who have not so far attempted to apply this approach – on the implementation of its principles;

Or. en

Amendment 236

Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Underlines that faster take-up of the available funds is ***needed*** in future; ***takes*** the ***view*** that after adoption of the future regulation, implementation of the OPs will be able to start more quickly, as Member States will already have experience of a performance-oriented policy after the efforts made for cohesion policy 2014-2020;

Amendment

37. Underlines that faster take-up of the available funds is ***vital*** in future, ***with a more balanced progression of expenditure during the programming cycle, also in order to avoid frequently turning to 'consistent' projects, which are often funded with the sole aim of avoiding automatic decommitment; hopes*** that after adoption of the future regulation, implementation of the OPs will be able to start more quickly, as Member States will already have experience of a performance-oriented policy after the efforts made for cohesion policy 2014-2020; ***regrets, however, in this regard, the delays on the part of several Member States in appointing managing authorities for the OPs;***

Or. it

Amendment 237

Kerstin Westphal

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Underlines that faster take-up of the available funds is needed in future; takes the view that after adoption of the ***future*** regulation, implementation of the OPs will be able to start more quickly, as Member States will already have experience of a performance-oriented policy after the efforts made for cohesion policy 2014-2020;

Amendment

37. Underlines that faster take-up of the available funds is needed in future; takes the view that after adoption of the ***general regulation and the fund-specific regulations***, implementation of the OPs ***in the next funding period as from 2021*** will be able to start more quickly, as Member States will already have experience of a performance-oriented policy after the efforts made for cohesion policy 2014-2020;

Amendment 238
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Underlines that faster take-up of the available funds is needed *in future*; takes the view that after adoption of the future regulation, implementation of the OPs will be able to start more quickly, as Member States will already have experience *of* a performance-oriented policy after the efforts made for cohesion policy 2014-2020;

Amendment

37. Underlines that faster take-up of the available funds is needed; takes the view that after adoption of the future regulation, implementation of the OPs will be able to start more quickly, as Member States will already have experience *with* a performance-oriented policy after the efforts made for cohesion policy 2014-2020;

Or. en

Amendment 239
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

37a. Insists that the legislative process to adopt the next MFF should be concluded by the end of 2018 so that the regulatory framework for future cohesion policy can be adopted swiftly after that and start without delay on 1 January 2021;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 240
Marc Joulaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37a. *Takes the view that the cohesion policy should continue to cover all Member States and all of Europe's regions, and that simplifying arrangements for access to EU funds is an essential prerequisite for the future success of the cohesion policy;*

Or. fr

Amendment 241

Matthijs van Miltenburg, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37a. *Expresses the need for a further assessment how ESIF funding contributes to the implementation of structural reforms by Member States, in particular to those which were put forward in CSRs;*

Or. en

Amendment 242
Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38. Believes that the spirit of innovation and smart specialisation ***must remain an important driver of*** cohesion policy;

38. Believes that the spirit of innovation and smart specialisation ***can further complement the core aspiration of*** cohesion policy: ***convergence of EU living standards out of solidarity;***

Amendment 243
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Believes that the spirit of innovation **and smart specialisation** must remain an important driver of cohesion policy;

Amendment

38. Believes that the spirit of innovation must remain an important driver of cohesion policy;

Or. fr

Amendment 244
Bronis Ropé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Believes that the spirit of innovation and smart specialisation must remain an important driver of cohesion policy;

Amendment

38. Believes that the spirit of innovation and smart specialisation **as well as sustainable development** must remain an important driver of cohesion policy;

Or. en

Amendment 245
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Believes that the spirit of innovation and smart specialisation must remain an important driver of cohesion policy;

Amendment

38. Believes that the spirit of innovation and smart specialisation must remain an important driver of cohesion policy; **stresses that smart specialization**

should be a leading mechanism for future cohesion policy;

Or. en

Amendment 246
Martina Michels

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38a. *Is concerned at the fact that, in the 2017 EU budget, there is again a huge gap in appropriations for heading 1b (economic, social and territorial cohesion) between commitments and payments and that, as a result, there will inevitably be payment backlogs again; calls on the legislative authority and the Commission to guarantee both sufficient overall cohesion policy funding in annual budgets and under the next multiannual financial framework and a sustainable balance between commitments and payments;*

Or. de

Amendment 247
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38a. *Recommends to the Commission that it analyse the real impact of ESI fund investment during the previous programming period and the extent to which European objectives have been achieved through the funds invested, and that it draw conclusions in relation to positive and negative experiences as a*

starting point in order to add value to the investment process;

Or. ro

Amendment 248

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 38 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38a. *Points out that in some Member States there are still regions whose development is lagging significantly behind and that their specific needs must be taken into account when preparing for the future programming period;*

Or. hr

Amendment 249

Matthijs van Miltenburg, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Committee of the Regions, ***and to the governments and national and regional parliaments of the Member States.***

39. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Committee of the Regions.

Or. en