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Economic policies of the euro area
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Amendment 1
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Protocol (No 1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) on the role of national parliaments in the European Union,*

Or. el

Amendment 2
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the report of the European Fiscal Board on "Assessment of the prospective fiscal stance appropriate for the euro area" of 20 June 2017,*

Or. en

Amendment 3
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Commission communication (2016)0727 of 16 November 2016,*

Amendment 4
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Protocol (No 2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality,*

Or. el

Amendment 5
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Occasional Paper No 182 on a 'Euro area fiscal stance' by the European Central Bank of January 2017,*

Or. en

Amendment 6
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to Article 11 of*

Amendment 7
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to Commission Recommendation 2010/191/EU of 22 March 2010 on the legal tender of the euro,*

Or. en

Amendment 8
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to Article 128(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,*

Or. en

Amendment 9
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Citation 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Council*

conclusions of 16 June 2017 on the closing of excessive deficit procedures for two Member States and on economic and fiscal policies,

Or. en

Amendment 10
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Citation 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the COP 21 agreement adopted at the Paris Climate Conference on 12 December 2015,*

Or. en

Amendment 11
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas the GDP growth *rate for the euro area was 1.8 % in 2016 and is set to remain steady at 1.7 % in 2017 and at 1.9 % in the EU overall, surpassing pre-crisis levels while still being insufficient;*

A. whereas the GDP growth *rates of EU Member States outside the euro area have been significantly more rapid than those of Member States that have adopted the euro;*

Or. it

Amendment 12
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

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Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the GDP growth rate for the euro area was 1.8 % in 2016 and is set to **remain steady at** 1.7 % in 2017 **and** at 1.9 % in the EU overall, **surpassing pre-crisis levels while still being insufficient**;

Amendment

A. whereas, **according to the Commission's forecasts**, the GDP growth rate for the euro area was 1.8 % in 2016 and is set to **fall to** 1.7 % in 2017, **while it should remain constant** at 1.9 % in the EU overall, **which is seriously insufficient to sustain economic recovery**;

Or. it

Amendment 13
Danuta Maria Hübner

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the GDP growth rate for the euro area was 1.8 % in 2016 and is set to remain steady at 1.7 % in 2017 and at 1.9 % in the EU overall, **surpassing** pre-crisis levels **while still being insufficient**;

Amendment

A. whereas the GDP growth rate for the euro area was 1.8 % in 2016 and is set to remain steady at 1.7 % in 2017 and at 1.9 % in the EU overall, **being above** pre-crisis levels; **whereas nevertheless the past economic and financial crises have left the EU and the euro area with a legacy of foregone growth; whereas the current growth rate remains too low to create new jobs in some Member States**;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Olle Ludvigsson

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the GDP growth rate for the euro area was 1.8 % in 2016 and is set to remain steady at 1.7 % in 2017 and at

Amendment

A. whereas the GDP growth rate for the euro area was 1.8 % in 2016 and is set to remain steady at 1.7 % in 2017 and at

1.9 % in the EU overall, surpassing pre-crisis levels while still *being insufficient*;

1.9 % in the EU overall, surpassing pre-crisis levels while *certain Member States* still *struggle with high unemployment which requires higher growth in these economies to further foster job creation*;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the GDP growth rate for the euro area was 1.8 % in 2016 and is set to remain steady at 1.7 % in 2017 and at 1.9 % in the EU overall, surpassing pre-crisis levels while still *being insufficient*;

Amendment

A. whereas the GDP growth rate for the euro area was 1.8 % in 2016 and is set to remain steady at 1.7 % in 2017 and at 1.9 % in the EU overall, surpassing pre-crisis levels while still *below the pre-crisis level on a per capita basis*;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the GDP growth rate for the euro area was 1.8 % in 2016 and is set to remain steady at 1.7 % in 2017 and at 1.9 % in the EU overall, surpassing pre-crisis levels while still being insufficient;

Amendment

A. whereas the GDP growth rate for the euro area was 1.8 % in 2016 and is set to remain steady at 1.7 % in 2017 and at 1.9 % in the EU overall, surpassing pre-crisis levels while still being insufficient *and much lower than the projected growth for the whole world; whereas private consumption has been the main driver of growth over the past years; whereas this casts doubt over the*

sustainability of recovery as well as the future growth potential;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Gabriel Mato

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the GDP growth rate for the euro area was 1.8 % in 2016 and is set to remain steady at 1.7 % in 2017 and at 1.9 % in the EU overall, surpassing pre-crisis levels while still being insufficient;

Amendment

A. whereas the GDP growth rate for the euro area was 1.8 % in 2016 and is set to remain steady at 1.7 % in 2017 and at 1.9 % in the EU overall, surpassing pre-crisis levels while still being insufficient; ***whereas significant differences in growth rates remain across the EU, ranging between 0.0 % and 5.2 %;***

Or. es

Amendment 18

Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the GDP growth rate for the euro area was 1.8 % in 2016 and is set to remain steady at 1.7 % in 2017 and at 1.9 % in the EU overall, surpassing pre-crisis levels while still being insufficient;

Amendment

A. whereas the GDP growth rate for the euro area was 1.8 % in 2016 and, ***according to the European Commission's projections,*** is set to remain steady at 1.7 % in 2017 and at 1.9 % in the EU overall, surpassing pre-crisis levels while still being insufficient ***and uneven across Member States;***

Or. en

Amendment 19
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A a. whereas the growth rates of the EU's and the euro area's economies have for years been too low and politicians are not sufficiently ambitious to help boost them by means of reforms;

Or. de

Amendment 20
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas in order to succeed, expansionary monetary policies must be accompanied by expansionary fiscal and budgetary policies;

Or. it

Amendment 21
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A a. whereas euro area deficit is projected to decrease to stand at 1,4% in 2017 and 1,3% in 2018;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A b. whereas euro area government debt is projected to decrease to stand at 90,3% in 2017 and 89,0% in 2018;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas the euro area and EU28 unemployment rates were 9.3 % and 7.8 % respectively in April 2017, ***their lowest rates since March 2009 and December 2008***; whereas significant differences in unemployment rates remain across the EU ranging between 3.2 % and 23.2 %;

B. whereas the euro area and EU28 unemployment rates were 9.3 % and 7.8 % respectively in April 2017, ***clearly underlining the difficulties faced by those countries which adopt the single currency***; whereas significant differences in unemployment rates remain across the EU ranging between 3.2 % and 23.2 %;

Or. it

Amendment 24
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas the euro area and EU28 unemployment rates were ***9.3 % and 7.8 %***

B. whereas the euro area and EU28 unemployment rates were ***10 %*** in April

respectively in April 2017, *their lowest rates since March 2009 and December 2008*; whereas significant differences in unemployment rates remain across the EU ranging between **3.2 % and 23.2 %**;

2017 and 8.5 % in 2016, thus remaining at unacceptable levels; whereas significant differences in unemployment rates remain across the EU ranging between **4.1 % and 23.6 %**;

Or. it

Amendment 25
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the euro area and EU28 unemployment rates were **9.3 % and 7.8 %** respectively in April 2017, their lowest rates since March 2009 and December 2008; whereas significant differences in unemployment rates remain across the EU ranging between 3.2 % and 23.2 %;

Amendment

B. whereas the euro area and EU28 unemployment rates were **9.3% and 7.8%** respectively in April 2017, their lowest rates since March 2009 and December 2008; *whereas unemployment rates have for years been well wide of the target of full employment*; whereas significant differences in unemployment rates remain across the EU ranging between 3.2 % and 23.2 %;

Or. de

Amendment 26
Siegfried Mureşan

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the euro area and EU28 unemployment rates were 9.3 % and 7.8 % respectively in April 2017, their lowest rates since March 2009 and December 2008; whereas significant differences in unemployment rates remain across the EU ranging between 3.2 % and 23.2 %;

Amendment

B. whereas the euro area and EU28 unemployment rates were 9.3 % and 7.8 % respectively in April 2017, their lowest rates since March 2009 and December 2008; whereas significant differences in unemployment rates remain across the EU ranging between 3.2 % and 23.2 %;

whereas the euro area and EU28 youth unemployment rates were still at high levels in April 2017, specifically 18,7% and 16,7%;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the euro area and EU28 unemployment rates were 9.3 % and 7.8 % respectively in April 2017, their lowest rates since March 2009 and December 2008; whereas significant differences in unemployment rates remain across the EU ranging between 3.2 % and 23.2 %;

Amendment

B. whereas the euro area and EU28 unemployment rates were 9.3 % and 7.8 % respectively in April 2017, their lowest rates since March 2009 and December 2008, *but still above the pre-crisis levels*; whereas significant differences in unemployment rates remain across the EU ranging between 3.2 % and 23.2 %; *whereas there is still a high share of involuntary part-time work*;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Marisa Matias, Miguel Viegas, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the euro area and EU28 unemployment rates were 9.3 % and 7.8 % respectively in April 2017, their lowest rates since March 2009 and December 2008; whereas significant differences in unemployment rates remain across the EU ranging between 3.2 % and 23.2 %;

Amendment

B. whereas the euro area and EU28 unemployment rates were 9.3 % and 7.8 % respectively in April 2017, their lowest rates since March 2009 and December 2008; whereas significant differences in unemployment rates remain across the EU ranging between 3.2 % and 23.2 %, *due to the increasingly divergent path between*

Amendment 29
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the euro area and EU28 unemployment rates were 9.3 % and 7.8 % respectively in April 2017, their lowest rates since March 2009 and December 2008; whereas significant differences in unemployment rates remain across the EU ranging between 3.2 % and 23.2 %;

Amendment

B. whereas the euro area and EU28 unemployment rates were 9.3 % and 7.8 % respectively in April 2017, their lowest rates since March 2009 and December 2008; whereas significant differences in unemployment rates remain across the EU ranging between 3.2 % and 23.2 %;
whereas youth and long-term unemployment is still very high;

Amendment 30
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the euro area and EU28 unemployment rates were 9.3 % and 7.8 % respectively in April 2017, their lowest rates since March 2009 and December 2008; whereas significant differences in unemployment rates remain across the EU ranging between 3.2 % and 23.2 %;

Amendment

B. whereas the euro area and EU28 unemployment rates were 9.3 % and 7.8 % respectively in April 2017, their lowest rates since March 2009 and December 2008; whereas significant differences in unemployment rates ***and more specifically on youth unemployment*** remain across the EU ranging between 3.2 % and 23.2 %;

Amendment 31
Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas employment in the euro area – nearly a decade after the global financial crisis – is still below the pre-crisis levels, although some further growth is projected; whereas the EU needs an inclusive labour market which helps fight inequality;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas global economic growth is still fragile and the euro area economy is faced with increased uncertainty and important internal and external political challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas the *EU's excessively low*

C. whereas the *Economic and*

productivity and global competitiveness calls for structural reforms, continued fiscal efforts and investment in Member States in order to bring about sustained growth and employment and achieve upward convergence with other global economies and within the EU;

Monetary Union (EMU) established under the Maastricht Treaty has blocked the development and growth of the Member States and is responsible for the economic recession, low inflation rates and structurally high unemployment rates currently facing them and the rise in inequalities of income between population groups, including in those countries regarded as the most virtuous;

Or. it

Amendment 34
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the *EU's excessively low productivity and global competitiveness calls for structural reforms, continued fiscal efforts and investment in Member States in order to bring about sustained growth and employment and achieve upward convergence with other global economies and within the EU;*

Amendment

C. whereas the *combination of structural reforms, unsustainable fiscal efforts and stringent limits on public investment has had a destructive impact on growth and employment, accelerating divergence within the Union and from the main global economies;*

Or. it

Amendment 35
Luigi Morgano

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the EU's excessively low productivity and global competitiveness calls for structural reforms, *continued fiscal efforts and investment in Member*

Amendment

C. whereas the EU's excessively low productivity and global competitiveness calls for *greater investment*, structural reforms *to promote growth and fiscal*

States in order to bring about *sustained* growth and employment and achieve upward convergence *with other global economies and* within the EU;

efforts in some Member States in order to bring about *sustainable* growth and employment and achieve upward convergence *of social and economic standards both* within the EU *and in relation to other global economies*;

Or. it

Amendment 36

Marisa Matias, Miguel Viegas, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the EU's excessively low productivity *and global competitiveness* calls for *structural reforms*, continued fiscal efforts and investment in Member States in order to bring about sustained growth and employment and achieve upward convergence *with other global economies and* within the EU;

Amendment

C. whereas the EU's excessively low productivity calls for continued fiscal efforts and investment in Member States in order to bring about sustained growth and employment and achieve upward convergence within the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the EU's *excessively low* productivity and global competitiveness calls for *structural reforms, continued fiscal efforts and investment* in Member States in order to bring about sustained growth and employment and achieve upward convergence with other global economies and within the EU;

Amendment

C. whereas the EU's productivity *levels* and global competitiveness calls for *public and private investment, socially balanced structural reforms and a modestly expansionary fiscal stance* in Member States in order to bring about sustained growth and employment and achieve upward convergence with other

global economies and within the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the EU's excessively low productivity and global competitiveness calls for structural reforms, *continued* fiscal *efforts* and investment in Member States in order to bring about sustained growth and employment and achieve upward convergence with other global economies and within the EU;

Amendment

C. whereas the EU's excessively low productivity and global competitiveness calls for *socially balanced* structural reforms, *stable and growth-friendly* fiscal *policy* and investment in Member States in order to bring about sustained growth and employment and achieve upward convergence with other global economies and within the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the EU's *excessively low productivity and global competitiveness* calls for structural reforms, continued fiscal efforts and investment in Member States in order to bring about sustained growth and employment and achieve upward convergence with other global economies and within the EU;

Amendment

C. whereas the EU's *requires socially balanced* structural reforms, continued fiscal efforts and investment in Member States in order to bring about sustained growth and employment and achieve upward convergence with other global economies and within the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Miguel Viegas

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the EU's excessively low productivity and global competitiveness calls for **structural reforms**, continued fiscal efforts and investment in Member States in order to bring about sustained growth and employment and achieve upward convergence with other global economies and within the EU;

Amendment

C. whereas the EU's excessively low productivity and global competitiveness calls for continued fiscal efforts and investment in Member States in order to bring about sustained growth and employment and achieve upward convergence with other global economies and within the EU;

Or. pt

Amendment 41
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the EU's excessively low productivity and global competitiveness calls for structural reforms, continued fiscal efforts and investment in Member States in order to bring about sustained growth and employment and achieve upward convergence with other global economies and within the EU;

Amendment

C. whereas the EU's excessively low productivity and global competitiveness calls for structural reforms, continued fiscal efforts and investment in Member States **as well as massive deregulation, a reduction of bureaucracy and a return to the subsidiarity principle on the part of the EU** in order to bring about sustained growth and employment and achieve upward convergence with other global economies and within the EU;

Or. de

Amendment 42

Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the EU's excessively low productivity and global competitiveness calls for structural reforms, continued fiscal efforts and investment in Member States in order to bring about sustained growth and employment and achieve upward convergence with other global economies and within the EU;

Amendment

C. whereas the EU's excessively low productivity and global competitiveness calls for structural reforms, continued fiscal efforts and investment in Member States in order to bring about sustained **and inclusive** growth and employment, and achieve upward convergence with other global economies and within the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Jakob von Weizsäcker

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas ***the EU's excessively low productivity and global competitiveness calls for structural reforms, continued fiscal efforts and investment*** in Member States in order to bring about sustained growth and employment and achieve upward convergence with other global economies and within the EU;

Amendment

C. whereas ***continued investments, innovations and reforms*** in Member States ***are needed*** in order to bring about sustained growth and employment, ***assure fiscal sustainability*** and achieve upward convergence with other global economies and within the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Jakob von Weizsäcker

Motion for a resolution

Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas monetary policy designed to fight deflationary risks played a key role in stabilizing the euro area as a collateral benefit in recent years, monetary policy in the coming years will need to control inflationary pressures which will present a renewed challenge of fiscal sustainability for countries with below average growth rates and above average debt levels;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the current account surpluses in some countries continue to far exceed economic fundamentals and to exceed the alert threshold of 6% of GDP for current account surpluses provided for by the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure; whereas in particular the large current account surplus in Germany further increased during 2015 and 2016, attaining nearly 9% of GDP, due to a constant increase in the balance in previous years;

Or. it

Amendment 46
Lieve Wierinck, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Thierry Cornillet, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas in 2016 only 2 % of country-specific-recommendations (CSRs) have been fully implemented, 43 % with some progress and 45 % with limited or no progress;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. recalls that the euro is the currency of the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas the euro area is still facing a significant 'investment gap';

Or. en

Amendment 49
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cb. whereas the single currency prevents normal competitiveness adjustments between countries by means of fluctuations in exchange rates and deprives them of basic economic policy tools to absorb economic shocks, thus obstructing recovery and exacerbating the disparities and imbalances between countries at the centre and on the periphery;

Or. it

Amendment 50
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C b. reminds that all Member States without a derogation shall adopt the euro upon meeting the economic and legal criteria;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C b. whereas aggregate demand in the euro area is sluggish and inflation remains below target;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Recital C c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cc. whereas the austerity policies which for years have been promoted by the Commission have had a very depressing and destabilising impact on the economy, causing domestic demand to collapse, and bringing about rapid rises in unemployment, poverty and socioeconomic disparities;

Or. it

Amendment 53
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Recital C c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C c. considers that All Member States without a derogation shall actively implement all necessary policy measures in order to meet the economic and legal criteria for the adoption of the single currency;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Recital C c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C c. whereas private consumption remains the key driver of growth;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Recital C d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C d. considers that after the 2019 elections to the European Parliament, all MEPs elected in Member States that have not yet adopted the euro shall voluntarily refrain from participating in votes regarding Eurozone affairs;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Recital C d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C d. whereas some Member States continue to accumulate high current account surpluses, which goes counter and makes it more difficult to achieve the goal of economic growth;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution

Recital C e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C e. *welcomes the policies adopted by the European Central Bank in support of the single currency and economic recovery since August 2012;*

Or. en

Amendment 58
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Recital C f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C f. *considers that the main goal of the economic policy of the Eurozone is achieving full employment as a guarantee of decent living standards while reducing divergences among Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 59
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. ***Welcomes the good performance of the European economy, supported by moderate GDP growth and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile and that the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation;***

1. ***Expresses its dissatisfaction at the still high unemployment rates;***

Or. el

Amendment 60
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. ***Welcomes the good performance of the European economy, supported by moderate GDP growth and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates***; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile and that the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation;

Amendment

1. ***Observes that, unlike other areas of the industrialised world, the euro area has not restored the income levels that existed before the crisis***; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile and that the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation;

Or. it

Amendment 61
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. ***Welcomes the good performance of the European economy, supported by moderate GDP growth and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates***; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile and that the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation;

Amendment

1. ***Expresses its concern about the paltry performance of the European economy, characterised by limited GDP growth, artificially inflated by the extraordinary policies of the ECB, and by unemployment rates that remain excessively high***; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile and that the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation;

Or. it

Amendment 62
Jakob von Weizsäcker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the **good** performance of the European economy, supported by moderate GDP growth and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile **and that the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation**;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the **enhanced** performance of the European economy, supported by moderate GDP growth and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. **Welcomes the good performance** of the European economy, supported by moderate GDP growth and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates; notes that **the** modest recovery remains fragile and that the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation;

Amendment

1. **Notes that the recovery** of the European economy **is becoming more broadly based**, supported by moderate GDP growth and decreasing, yet still **unacceptably** high, unemployment rates **thanks in particular to the continuous, unprecedented and unconventional support of the European Central Bank in a context or historically low real interest rate across the yield curve**; notes that **such** modest recovery remains fragile and that the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the **good** performance of the European economy, supported by moderate GDP growth and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile and **that** the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the **improved** performance of the European economy, supported by moderate GDP growth and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile and **unevenly distributed across society and regions, while** the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation; **regrets that economic developments remain burdened by the legacies of the crisis, including persistent inequalities and disparities across countries;**

Or. en

Amendment 65 Miguel Viegas

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. **Welcomes the good** performance of the European economy, supported by **moderate** GDP growth and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile and that the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation;

Amendment

1. **Deplores the poor** performance of the European economy, supported by **inadequate** GDP growth and **slightly** decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile and that the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation;

Or. pt

Amendment 66 Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the good performance of the European economy, supported by moderate GDP growth and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile and that the *development* of GDP per capita is close to stagnation;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the good performance of the European economy, supported by moderate GDP growth and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile and that the *evolution* of GDP per capita is close to stagnation;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the good performance of the European economy, supported by moderate GDP growth and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile and that the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the good performance of the European economy, supported by moderate GDP growth and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile and that the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation; *finds that the gap between the per capita GDP of the EU and of emerging countries has narrowed dramatically; notes that this is not only because of favourable economic conditions in emerging countries but also as a result of unfavourable conditions in the EU;*

Or. de

Amendment 68
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the good performance of the European economy, supported by moderate GDP growth and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile and that the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the good performance of the European economy, supported by moderate GDP growth and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile and that the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation; ***notes with concern that debt levels in many Member States remain far in excess of the threshold as specified in the stability and growth pact;***

Or. en

Amendment 69

Lieve Wierinck, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Thierry Cornillet, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the good performance of the European economy, supported by moderate GDP growth and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile and that the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the good performance of the European economy, supported by moderate GDP growth and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates; ***considers that the positive trend is due to the right policy mix in the past years;*** notes that the modest recovery, ***however,*** remains fragile and that the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation;

Or. en

Amendment 70

Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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the European economy, supported by moderate GDP growth and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile and that the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation;

the European economy, supported by moderate GDP growth, *surpassing the pre-crisis level*, and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile and that the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the good performance of the European economy, supported by moderate GDP growth and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates; notes that the modest recovery remains fragile and that the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the good performance of the European economy, supported by moderate GDP growth and decreasing, yet still high, unemployment rates; notes that the modest recovery remains *uneven*, fragile and that the development of GDP per capita is close to stagnation;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Underlines that the still-too-high unemployment rates, particularly in some member States and especially for youth unemployment, show that the capacity to create quality employment in several Member States is still limited, and emphasises that further action is needed, in consultation with the social partners, in

order to step up investment in skills, make labour markets more inclusive and reduce social exclusion and growing inequalities in income and wealth;

Or. en

Amendment 73

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Underlines nevertheless that there should be no complacency on the current state of play as macroeconomic and financial imbalances remain wide and the EMU still needs ambitious and far reaching reforms of its economic governance in order to fulfil the necessary conditions for its medium to long-term sustainability;

Or. en

Amendment 74

Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Notes with concern that GDP and productivity growth rates remain below full potential and that there is therefore no time for complacency, and that this moderate recovery requires relentless efforts if it is to achieve greater resilience through higher growth and employment;

Amendment 75
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous *performance of* the Member States' economies; emphasises that *the implementation of structural reforms in the Member States could facilitate at least 1 % higher growth*;

Amendment

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous *conditions in* the Member States' economies *and reflects persistent competitive imbalances within the euro area*; emphasises that, *for some countries, a departure from monetary union could represent the only practicable option to restore the competitiveness which has been undermined and the essential conditions for a lasting recovery*;

Or. it

Amendment 76
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential *as growth and employment are advancing unevenly*; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous performance of the Member States' economies; *emphasises that the implementation of structural reforms in the Member States could facilitate at least 1 % higher growth*;

Amendment

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous performance of the Member States' economies; *denounces so-called structural reform or memorandums in EU Member States such as Greece, where they have massively swelled the ranks of the unemployed, transforming the country into a vast social graveyard*;

Amendment 77
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly; underlines that this is ***the result of the heterogeneous performance of the Member States' economies***; emphasises that the implementation of structural reforms in the Member States ***could facilitate at least 1 % higher growth***;

Amendment

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly; underlines that this is ***due to the EMU project, which, not being an optimal monetary area, has given rise to unsustainable macroeconomic imbalances in recent years***; emphasises that the implementation of structural reforms in the Member States ***has further aggravated the already difficult economic and social situation***;

Or. it

Amendment 78
Luigi Morgano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that ***Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly***; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous performance ***of*** the Member States' economies; emphasises that the implementation of structural reforms in the Member States could facilitate at least 1 % higher growth;

Amendment

2. Notes that ***growth and employment are still advancing unevenly in Europe and that untapped economic potential remains***; underlines that this is the result of the ***disparate impact and*** heterogeneous performance ***that have characterised*** the Member States' economies, ***due to the economic crisis***; emphasises that the implementation of structural reforms ***favourable to growth*** in the Member States could facilitate at least 1 % higher growth, ***but that such reforms must be***

accompanied by policies to support demand;

Or. it

Amendment 79
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous performance of the Member States' economies; emphasises that the implementation of structural reforms in the Member States could facilitate **at least 1 %** higher growth;

Amendment

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous performance of the Member States' economies ***caused, to a great extent, by the architectural and institutional deficiencies of the euro area and procyclical policies; recalls that economic and social convergence among Member States should remain a top priority of the European Semester and one of the main drivers in designing the economic policies of the euro area;*** emphasises that ***higher public and private investment as well as*** the implementation of ***socially balanced*** structural reforms ***both at the European level and*** in the Member States could facilitate higher growth ***levels;***

Or. en

Amendment 80
Marisa Matias, Miguel Viegas, Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous performance of the Member States' economies; ***emphasises that the implementation of structural reforms in the Member States could facilitate at least 1 % higher growth;***

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous performance of the Member States' economies ***due to macroeconomic imbalances brought about by a deeply flawed economic integration and the asymmetric shock of the financial crisis;***

Or. en

Amendment 81

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous performance of the Member States' economies; ***emphasises that*** the implementation of structural reforms in the Member States could facilitate at least 1 % higher growth;

Amendment

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous performance of the Member States' economies; ***notes that according to some estimations*** the implementation of ***socially balanced*** structural reforms in the Member States could facilitate at least 1 % higher growth ***although such estimations are subject to strong reservations given their generally acknowledged lack of accuracy and robustness;***

Or. en

Amendment 82

Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous performance of the Member States' economies; emphasises that the implementation of structural reforms in the Member States could facilitate **at least 1 %** higher growth;

Amendment

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous performance of the Member States' economies; emphasises that the implementation of structural reforms in the Member States could facilitate higher growth;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous performance of the Member States' economies; emphasises that the implementation of structural reforms in the Member States could facilitate at least **1 %** higher growth;

Amendment

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous performance of the Member States' economies; emphasises that the implementation of structural reforms in the Member States could facilitate at least **1 %** higher growth; ***is very disappointed that many Member States are putting structural reform on the back burner; is concerned at the role of the Commission, which, by centralising more and more sectors of the economy, is making it impossible to have stimulating regulatory competition and thus cementing the position of many Member States at the head of the field;***

Or. de

Amendment 84

Neena Gill

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous performance of the Member States' economies; emphasises that the implementation of structural reforms in the Member States could facilitate at least 1 % higher growth;

Amendment

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous performance of the Member States' economies; emphasises that the implementation of structural reforms in the Member States could facilitate at least 1 % higher growth; ***underlines in this regard as a key priority to tackle the investment gap as well as to step up the fight against tax avoidance, tax evasion and corruption.***

Or. en

Amendment 85

Gabriel Mato

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous performance of the Member States' economies; emphasises that the implementation of structural reforms in the Member States could facilitate at least 1 % higher growth;

Amendment

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous performance of the Member States' economies; emphasises that the implementation of structural reforms in the Member States could facilitate at least 1 % higher growth, ***as already evidenced in certain Member States;***

Or. es

Amendment 86
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous performance of the Member States' economies; emphasises that the implementation of structural reforms in the Member States could facilitate at least 1 % higher growth;

Amendment

2. Notes that Europe harbours untapped economic potential as growth and employment are advancing unevenly; underlines that this is the result of the heterogeneous performance of the Member States' economies; emphasises that the implementation of ***socially balanced*** structural reforms in the Member States could facilitate at least 1 % higher growth;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Lieve Wierinck, Thierry Cornillet, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

2 a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider the challenges linked to ageing societies as a matter of priority;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 88
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. ***Takes the view that a greater degree of upward convergence would be***

deleted

Amendment

needed to sustain the economic recovery in the EU and the euro area in the longer term;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Takes the view that a greater degree of upward convergence would be needed to sustain the economic recovery in the EU and the euro area in the longer term;

Amendment

3. Takes the view that a greater degree of upward convergence would be needed to sustain the economic recovery in the EU and the euro area in the longer term; ***considers there is an urgent need to tackle the significant imbalances that persist within the euro area and the EU more generally, namely the fact that in many cases convergence among and within the Member States is stalled; notes that high current account surpluses imply the possibility of boosting domestic demand; urges Member States with fiscal space to expand their domestic demand for their own and general benefit;***

Or. en

Amendment 90
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Takes the view that ***a greater degree of upward convergence would be needed to sustain the economic recovery in the EU and the euro area in the longer***

Amendment

3. Takes the view that ***the EU and the euro have not delivered what they promised in terms of stability, growth and convergence; stresses therefore the need***

term;

to allow Member States complete freedom to abandon the single currency, introducing swift and efficient procedures to allow such decisions to be taken in an orderly manner;

Or. it

Amendment 91
Luigi Morgano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Takes the view that a greater degree of upward convergence would be needed to sustain the economic recovery in the EU and the euro area in the longer term;

Amendment

3. Takes the view that a greater degree of upward convergence would be needed to sustain the economic recovery in the EU and the euro area in the longer term; ***considers that upward convergence should be guided by a set of economic, social and environmental indicators to ensure sustainable and inclusive growth;***

Or. it

Amendment 92
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Takes the view that a greater degree of upward convergence would be needed to sustain the economic recovery in the EU and the euro area in the longer term;

Amendment

3. Takes the view that a greater degree of upward convergence would be needed to sustain the economic recovery in the EU and the euro area in the longer term; ***is concerned that the desire for upward convergence by means of structural reform is not shared by all;***

Or. de

Amendment 93

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Takes the view that a greater degree of upward convergence **would be** needed to sustain the economic recovery **in** the EU and the euro area in the longer term;

Amendment

3. Takes the view that a greater degree of upward convergence **is** needed to sustain the economic recovery **and more generally the overall viability of** the EU and the euro area in the longer term;

Or. en

Amendment 94

Lieve Wierinck, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Thierry Cornillet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Takes the view that a greater degree of upward convergence would be needed to sustain the economic recovery in the EU and the euro area in the longer term;

Amendment

3. Takes the view that a greater degree of upward convergence **improving overall competitiveness** would be needed to sustain the economic recovery in the EU and the euro area in the longer term;

Or. en

Amendment 95

Neena Gill

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Takes the view that a greater degree of upward convergence would be needed to

Amendment

3. Takes the view that a greater degree of upward **social and economic**

sustain the economic recovery in the EU and the euro area in the longer term;

convergence would be needed to sustain the economic *and social* recovery in the EU and the euro area in the longer term;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Gabriel Mato

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. *Points out that cohesion policy is the EU's principal investment activity, seeking to promote job creation, business competitiveness, economic growth and sustainable development, while improving the quality of life of citizens in all regions and municipalities of the European Union;*

Or. es

Amendment 97
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. *Considers that **for this to materialise the structural conditions for growth need to be improved; takes the view that the potential growth of all Member States should increase in the long term to at least 3 %; for this to happen, establishing clear benchmarks on how to improve the potential growth of Member States could provide the necessary guidance for policy actions; points out that such a regular***

4. *Considers that **a fixed exchange rate system such as that of the euro area diverts the burden of adjustment onto the labour market in the Member States, which are compelled to resort to internal devaluation in order to restore competitiveness, depressing long-term growth potential;***

benchmarking exercise would have to take due account of individual structural strengths and weaknesses of Member States;

Or. it

Amendment 98

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. *Considers that for this to materialise the structural conditions for growth need to be improved; takes the view that the potential growth of all Member States should increase in the long term to at least 3 %; for this to happen, establishing clear benchmarks on how to improve the potential growth of Member States could provide the necessary guidance for policy actions; points out that such a regular benchmarking exercise would have to take due account of individual structural strengths and weaknesses of Member States;*

Amendment

4. *Stresses that GDP growth is not an end in itself but rather a means for achieving overall sustainability and prosperity for all; underlines the need to assess thoroughly to what extent economic growth contributes to such objectives and urges the Commission to put forward country-specific recommendations and a regular benchmarking exercise aiming at monitoring indicators identified in the framework of the 'Beyond GDP' initiative;*

Or. en

Amendment 99

Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Considers that for this to materialise the structural conditions for

Amendment

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growth need to be improved; *takes the view that the potential growth of all Member States should increase in the long term to at least 3 %; for this to happen, establishing clear benchmarks on how to improve the potential growth of Member States could provide the necessary guidance for policy actions; points out that such a regular benchmarking exercise would have to take due account of individual structural strengths and weaknesses of Member States;*

growth need to be improved; *calls on all Member States to proceed with high quality investments in order to modernise their economies and establish a sustainable business environment for long-term growth, in line with the Europe 2020 strategy; takes the view that the potential growth of all Member States should increase in the long term to at least 3 %; for this to happen, a stronger focus must be put on economic convergence, delivering the necessary tools to level the economic performance of all euro area Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 100

Marisa Matias, Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Considers that for this to materialise the structural conditions for growth need to be improved; takes the view that *the potential* growth of all Member States should increase in the long term to at least 3 %; for this to happen, *establishing clear benchmarks on how to improve the potential growth of Member States could provide the necessary guidance for policy actions; points out that such a regular benchmarking exercise would have to take due account of individual structural strengths and weaknesses of Member States;*

Amendment

4. Considers that for this to materialise the structural conditions for growth need to be improved; takes the view that growth of all Member States should increase in the long term to at least 3 %; for this to happen, *demand-boosting policies in surplus countries, peripheral economies' debt restructuring and redistributive investment funding;*

Or. en

Amendment 101

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. **Considers that for this to materialise the structural conditions for growth need to be improved;** takes the view that the potential growth of all Member States should increase in the long term **to at least 3 %**; for this to happen, establishing clear benchmarks on how to improve the potential growth of Member States could provide the necessary guidance **for policy actions**; points out that such a regular benchmarking exercise would have to take due account of individual **structural** strengths and weaknesses of Member States;

Amendment

4. Takes the view that the potential growth of all Member States should increase in the long term; for this to happen, establishing clear benchmarks on how to improve the potential growth of Member States could provide the necessary guidance; points out that such a regular benchmarking exercise would have to take due account of individual strengths and weaknesses of Member States;

Or. el

Amendment 102
Luigi Morgano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Considers that for this to materialise **the structural conditions for growth need to be improved**; takes the view that the potential growth of all Member States **should** increase in the long term to at least 3 %; for this to happen, establishing clear benchmarks on how to improve the potential growth of Member States could provide the necessary guidance for policy actions; points out that such a regular benchmarking exercise would have to take due account of individual structural strengths and weaknesses of Member States;

Amendment

4. Considers that, for this to materialise, **the EU must adopt a convergence code which includes such economic, social and environmental indicators, thus improving the structural conditions for growth**; takes the view that the potential growth of all Member States **could** increase in the long term to at least 3 %; for this to happen, establishing clear benchmarks on how to improve the potential growth of Member States could provide the necessary guidance for policy actions; points out that such a regular benchmarking exercise would have to take due account of individual structural

strengths and weaknesses of Member States *and at the same time pursue an inclusive and sustainable growth objective;*

Or. it

Amendment 103
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Considers that for this to materialise the structural conditions for growth need to be improved; takes the view that the potential growth of all Member States should increase in the long term to at least 3 %; for this to happen, establishing clear benchmarks on how to improve the potential growth of Member States could provide the necessary guidance for policy actions; points out that such a regular benchmarking exercise would have to take due account of individual structural strengths and weaknesses of Member States;

Amendment

4. Considers that for this to materialise the structural conditions for growth need to be improved; takes the view that the potential growth of all Member States should increase in the long term to at least 3 %; for this to happen, establishing clear benchmarks on how to improve the potential growth of Member States could provide the necessary guidance for policy actions; points out that such a regular benchmarking exercise would have to take due account of individual structural strengths and weaknesses of Member States *and should include areas such as the digital economy, the services sector, the energy market, but also the quality of public services, conditions for investment, the inclusiveness and preparedness of education systems;*

Or. en

Amendment 104
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Considers that for this to materialise the structural conditions for growth need to be improved; takes the view that the potential growth of all Member States should increase in the long term to at least 3 %; for this to happen, establishing clear benchmarks on how to improve the potential growth of Member States could provide the necessary guidance for policy actions; points out that such a regular benchmarking exercise would have to take due account of individual structural strengths and weaknesses of Member States;

Amendment

4. Considers that for this to materialise the structural conditions for growth need to be improved; takes the view that the potential growth of all Member States should increase in the long term to at least 3 %; for this to happen, establishing clear benchmarks on how to improve the potential growth of Member States could provide the necessary guidance for policy actions; points out that such a regular benchmarking exercise would have to take due account of individual structural strengths and weaknesses of Member States; ***stresses the role of competition for growth, the creative potential for disruption of which is being suppressed in the EU rather than liberated;***

Or. de

Amendment 105

Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Considers that for this to materialise the structural conditions for growth need to be improved; takes the view that the potential growth of all Member States should increase in the long term to at least 3 %; ***for this to happen, establishing clear benchmarks on how to improve the potential growth of Member States could provide the necessary guidance for policy actions; points out that such a regular benchmarking exercise would have to take due account of individual structural strengths and weaknesses of Member States;***

Amendment

4. Considers that for this to materialise the structural conditions for growth need to be improved; takes the view that the potential growth of all Member States should increase in the long term to at least 3 %;

Amendment 106
Neena Gill

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Considers that for this to materialise the structural conditions for growth need to be improved; takes the view that the potential growth of all Member States should increase in the long term to at least 3 %; for this to happen, establishing clear benchmarks on how to improve the potential growth of Member States could provide the necessary guidance for policy actions; points out that such a regular benchmarking exercise would have to take due account of individual structural strengths and weaknesses of Member States;

Amendment

4. Considers that for this to materialise the structural conditions for **sustainable** growth need to be improved; takes the view that the potential **sustainable** growth of all Member States should increase- **on average**- in the long term to at least 3 %; for this to happen, establishing clear benchmarks on how to improve the potential growth of Member States could provide the necessary guidance for policy actions; points out that such a regular benchmarking exercise would have to take due account of individual structural strengths and weaknesses of Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. ***Emphasises that this would complement ongoing efforts on improving the quality and management of national budgets by addressing the triggers for growth in line with Union fiscal rules;***

Amendment

5. ***Stresses the need to oppose the current economic governance of the euro area in order to enable Member States to implement the necessary economic, monetary and fiscal policies to promote growth and full employment;***

Or. it

Amendment 108
Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Emphasises *that this would complement* ongoing efforts on improving the quality and management of national budgets *by addressing the triggers for growth* in line with Union fiscal rules;

Amendment

5. Emphasises *the* ongoing efforts on improving the quality and management of national budgets in line with Union fiscal rules;

Or. en

Amendment 109
Marisa Matias, Miguel Viegas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Emphasises that this would complement ongoing efforts on improving the quality and management of national budgets by addressing the triggers for growth in line with *Union fiscal rules*;

Amendment

5. Emphasises that this would complement ongoing efforts on improving the quality and management of national budgets by addressing the triggers for growth in line with *debt sustainability*;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Luigi Morgano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Emphasises that this would complement ongoing efforts on improving the quality and management of national

Amendment

5. Emphasises that this would complement ongoing efforts on improving the quality and management of national

budgets by addressing the triggers for growth in line with Union fiscal rules;

budgets by addressing the triggers for growth in line with Union fiscal rules, *particularly the flexibility conditions guaranteed in order to gear fiscal policy more effectively to the economic cycle, greater investment and structural reforms favourable to growth;*

Or. it

Amendment 111
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Emphasises that this would complement ongoing efforts on improving the quality and management of national budgets by addressing the triggers for growth in line with Union fiscal rules;

Amendment

5. Emphasises that this would complement ongoing efforts on improving the quality and management of national budgets by addressing the triggers for growth in line with Union fiscal rules *and with full respect of its existing flexibility;*

Or. en

Amendment 112
Neena Gill

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Emphasises that this would complement ongoing efforts on improving the quality and management of national budgets by addressing the triggers for growth in line with Union fiscal rules;

Amendment

5. Emphasises that this would complement ongoing efforts on improving the quality and management of national budgets by addressing the triggers for *a sustainable and social inclusive* growth in line with Union fiscal rules;

Or. en

Amendment 113

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Emphasises that this would complement ongoing efforts on improving the quality and management of national budgets by addressing the triggers for growth in line with Union fiscal rules;

Amendment

5. Emphasises that this would complement ongoing efforts on improving the quality and management of national budgets by addressing the triggers for growth in line with Union fiscal rules **and the EU 2020 framework**;

Or. en

Amendment 114

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Believes that the EU Institutions should assess whether the EU methodologies for the evaluation of the economic and social performance of EU Member States as well as the targets applied under the Stability and Growth Pact are still up-to-date, given that the overall economic and social conditions both at national and European level have changed drastically since the time when they were first drafted;

Or. en

Amendment 115

Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. *Agrees with the assessment from the Commission that the correction of macroeconomic imbalances continues, reflecting progress in implementing relevant reforms, but it remains largely asymmetric across the EU also in the sense that it is countries with external deficits or debt that have made further progress while, at the same time, large current account surpluses persist in some other countries;*

Or. en

Amendment 116
Luigi Morgano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. *Considers that, in order to ensure upward convergence and macroeconomic stabilisation in the short term, it is necessary to create a fiscal capacity for the euro area; considers that that fiscal capacity should comprise a European unemployment insurance system designed to mitigate the impact of the economic cycle;*

Or. it

Amendment 117
Jakob von Weizsäcker

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. *Supports efforts to enhance the credibility of banking union by applying its rules both in letter and in spirit more reliably, by bolstering the availability of loss absorbing capital and by completing banking union with a European Deposits Insurance Scheme;*

Or. en

Amendment 118
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. *Reminds all Eurozone Member States that the euro coins and banknotes issued by the Eurosystem is the only legal tender and thus it must not be rejected in economic transactions excepting when a high denomination banknote is provided against a minor payment;*

Or. en

Amendment 119
Lieve Wierinck, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Thierry Cornillet, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. *Underlines that the correct implementation of EU law is a basic instrument for economic convergence inside the EU and the Eurozone, and calls for stronger enforcement and public*

*pressure from the Commission on
infringing Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 120

Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Structural policies

Socially-balanced structural policies

Or. en

Amendment 121

Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Structural policies

Convergence policies

Or. en

Amendment 122

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. *Considers that the uneven growth and employment situation in the euro area requires better coordination of structural reforms, in particular through improved implementation of the country-*

deleted

specific recommendations (CSR);

Or. el

Amendment 123
Miguel Viegas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. *Considers that the uneven growth and employment situation in the euro area requires better coordination of structural reforms, in particular through improved implementation of the country-specific recommendations (CSR);*

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 124
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Considers that the uneven growth and employment situation in the euro area *requires better coordination of* structural reforms, *in particular through improved implementation of the country-specific recommendations (CSR);*

6. Considers that the uneven growth and employment situation in the euro area *means that more* structural reforms *are needed, for which the country-specific recommendations could provide a preliminary reference point in resolving the more glaring inadequacies; underlines the Commission's lack of ambition to set out an efficient, ordoliberal framework for a thriving economy, particularly because of its long-standing dislike of regulatory competition and its preference for planning;*

Or. de

Amendment 125
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers that the uneven growth and employment situation *in the euro area requires better coordination of structural reforms, in particular through improved implementation of the country-specific recommendations (CSR)*;

Amendment

6. Considers that the uneven growth and employment situation *is caused by the structure of EMU and by the austerity policies adopted since 2009*;

Or. it

Amendment 126
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers that the uneven growth and employment situation in the euro area requires *better coordination of structural reforms*, in particular through *improved implementation of the country-specific recommendations (CSR)*;

Amendment

6. Considers that the uneven growth and employment situation in the euro area requires *greater freedom for Member States to intervene to support demand and employment*, in particular through *the autonomous pursuit of anticyclical economic policies planned on the basis of the specific characteristics and requirements of their economies and populations*;

Or. it

Amendment 127
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers that the uneven growth and employment situation in the euro area requires better coordination of ***structural reforms, in particular through*** improved implementation of the country-specific recommendations (CSR);

Amendment

6. Considers that the uneven growth and employment situation in the euro area requires better coordination of ***economic policies as well as*** improved ***national ownership and sound*** implementation of the country-specific recommendations (CSR), ***also with a view to promoting upward convergence; highlights that reforms need to take due account of the specific socio-economic situation and challenges in each Member State;***

Or. en

Amendment 128

Marisa Matias, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers that the uneven growth and employment situation in the euro area requires ***better coordination*** of structural reforms, ***in particular through improved*** implementation of the country-specific recommendations (CSR);

Amendment

6. Considers that the uneven growth and employment situation in the euro area requires ***increasing member-state autonomy in the design*** of structural reforms; ***stresses the voluntary nature of the*** implementation of the country-specific recommendations (CSR) ***and deploras any attempt to limit the access to any European instrument on the basis of compliance with the CSR's;***

Or. en

Amendment 129

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers that the uneven growth and employment situation in the euro area requires better coordination of **structural reforms**, in particular through improved implementation of the country-specific recommendations (CSR);

Amendment

6. Considers that the uneven growth and employment situation in the euro area requires better coordination of **economic policy**, in particular through improved implementation of the **comply or explain rule underpinning** country-specific recommendations (CSR);

Or. en

Amendment 130

Tom Vandenkendelaere

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers that the uneven growth and employment situation in the euro area requires better coordination of structural reforms, in particular through improved implementation of the country-specific recommendations (CSR);

Amendment

6. Considers that the uneven growth and employment situation in the euro area requires better coordination of structural reforms, in particular through improved implementation of the country-specific recommendations (CSR); **thereby calls on the Commission to come forward with a legislative proposal to strengthen the link between structural reforms and EU spending; a partnership-based approach could ensure greater accountability and ownership for the outcome of the implementation of CSRs.**

Or. en

Amendment 131

Lieve Wierinck, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Thierry Cornillet, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers that the uneven growth and employment situation in the euro area requires better coordination of structural reforms, in particular through improved implementation of the country-specific recommendations (CSR);

Amendment

6. Considers that the uneven growth and employment situation in the euro area requires better coordination of structural reforms, in particular through improved implementation of the country-specific recommendations (CSR); ***notes that in 2016 55 % of CSRs have not been implemented or only seen limited progress, and only 2 % have been fully implemented; warns that the low implementation rate of CSRs jeopardizes the convergence process in the euro area and hinders growth and job creation;***

Or. en

Amendment 132

Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers that the uneven growth and employment situation in the euro area requires better coordination of structural reforms, in particular through improved implementation of the country-specific recommendations (CSR);

Amendment

6. Considers that the uneven growth and employment situation in the euro area requires better coordination of ***socially balanced*** structural reforms, in particular through improved implementation of the country-specific recommendations (CSR);

Or. en

Amendment 133

Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers that the uneven growth

Amendment

6. Considers that the uneven growth

and employment situation in the euro area requires better coordination of structural reforms, in particular through improved implementation of the country-specific recommendations (CSR);

and employment situation in the euro area requires better coordination of structural reforms, in particular through improved **and consistent** implementation of the country-specific recommendations (CSR);

Or. en

Amendment 134
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. *Agrees with the Commission that addressing the legacy of the crisis, from long-term unemployment to high levels of private and public debt, remains an urgent priority, which calls for the implementation of sustainable and inclusive reforms designed to foster social justice, mitigate income inequalities and support convergence towards better outcomes;*

Or. en

Amendment 135
Lieve Wierinck, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Thierry Cornillet, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. *Notes that youth unemployment remains excessively high across the countries of the Euro area; points out that elevated and persistent youth unemployment represents a dangerous long-term structural risk to the economy of the Euro area; considers that specific*

policies must be developed and implemented to tackle this;

Or. en

Amendment 136
Danuta Maria Hübner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Recalls the importance of technical assistance in order to help Member States build capacity and converge; welcomes the attention paid to the issue of technical assistance in the Commission's reflection paper on the deepening of the economic and monetary union;

Or. en

Amendment 137
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Takes the view that the current environment of low interest rates offers additional opportunities for Member States to implement structural reforms;

Or. en

Amendment 138
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 b. *Urges all Member States to focus on reforms that facilitate investment in social infrastructure, education, early childhood education and care and lifelong learning, as well as on reforms promoting research and innovation capacity;*

Or. en

Amendment 139
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 c. *Recalls that sustainable structural reforms should be supported by EU instruments, particularly by the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIFs) and the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI);*

Or. en

Amendment 140
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. *Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; is concerned in this regard that the persistently high level of non-*

7. *Considers that the high level of private indebtedness, particularly external, which has also been shown in the scientific literature to be responsible for the crisis in the euro area, presents potential risks and must be monitored*

performing loans in some Member States *could have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, presenting a risk to financial stability in Europe;*

more effectively; observes that the persistently high level of non-performing loans in some Member States *is caused by the economic and fiscal policies dictated by the EU, which serve to destroy domestic demand and consequently the productive and industrial fabric;*

Or. it

Amendment 141
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; is concerned *in this regard* that the *persistently* high level of non-performing loans in some Member States *could have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, presenting a risk to financial stability in Europe;*

Amendment

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; is concerned, *however*, that the *emphasis placed on the* high level of non-performing loans in some Member States, *with the parallel under-valuation of the risks associated with illiquid securities transactions, is generating strong asymmetries between Member States, bringing excessive pressure to bear on banking systems specialising in traditional lending, particularly in terms of requests for capital adjustments and rapid disposal of non-performing loans on the market;*

Or. it

Amendment 142
Marisa Matias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; is concerned in this regard that the persistently high level of non-performing loans ***in some Member States could have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, presenting*** a risk to financial stability in Europe;

Amendment

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; is concerned in this regard that the persistently high level of non-performing loans, ***external and public debts in some Member States could present*** a risk to financial stability in Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 143

Luigi Morgano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis ***such as a*** high level of indebtedness in ***all*** sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; is concerned in this regard that the persistently high level of non-performing loans in some Member States could have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, presenting a risk to financial stability in Europe;

Amendment

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis, ***including the*** high level of indebtedness in ***some*** sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; is concerned in this regard that
- given the closely interconnected nature of the European banking system
- the persistently high level of non-performing loans and level 3 assets, which are not immediately quantifiable, in some Member States could have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, presenting a risk to financial stability in Europe;

Or. it

Amendment 144

Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; is concerned in this regard that the persistently high level of non-performing loans in some Member States **could** have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, presenting a risk to financial stability in Europe;

Amendment

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; is **deeply** concerned in this regard that the persistently high level of non-performing loans in some Member States have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, presenting a risk to financial stability in Europe; **strongly disagrees that a European-wide bad bank for non-performing loans is a solution to this problem;**

Or. en

Amendment 145

Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; is concerned in this regard that the persistently high level of non-performing loans in some Member States could have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, presenting a risk to financial stability in Europe;

Amendment

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of **unemployment, inequality and** indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; is concerned in this regard that the persistently high level of non-performing loans (**NPLs**) in some Member States, **which are a legacy of the crisis and a result of the protracted period of sluggish growth since then**, could have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, presenting a risk to financial stability in Europe; **notes that**

capital buffers in the financial sector have been strengthened, but challenges arise from low profitability, coupled with high levels of NPLs; supports the proposal, backed by several European institutions and supervisory authorities, to create a European solution or blueprint for dealing with the current stock of NPLs in many banks' balance sheets; is convinced an EU-level strategy to deal with NPLs could promote a more comprehensive approach and concerted action at both national and European level;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; is concerned in this regard that the persistently high level of non-performing loans in some Member States could have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, presenting a risk to financial stability in Europe;

Amendment

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; ***calls on Member States to reduce excessive levels of indebtedness;*** is concerned in this regard that the persistently high level of non-performing loans in some Member States could have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, presenting a risk to financial stability in Europe; ***notes that a European Bad Banks could be a possible solution to that problem if the state-aid framework was amended to allow for such options;***

Or. en

Amendment 147

Neena Gill

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; is concerned in this regard that the persistently high level of non-performing loans in some Member States could have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, presenting a risk to financial stability in Europe;

Amendment

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; is concerned in this regard that the persistently high level of non-performing loans in some Member States could have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, presenting a risk to financial stability in Europe; ***calls therefore for an urgent European solution for the non performing loans problem.***

Or. en

Amendment 148

Tom Vandenkendelaere

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; is concerned in this regard that the persistently high level of non-performing loans in some Member States could have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, presenting a risk to financial stability in Europe;

Amendment

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; is concerned in this regard that the persistently high level of non-performing loans in some Member States could have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, ***and between banks and sovereigns***, presenting a risk to financial stability in Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 149

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; is concerned in this regard that the persistently high level of non-performing loans in some Member States could have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, presenting a risk to financial stability in Europe;

Amendment

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still act as a drag on *sustainable* growth and pose potential *systemic* risks; is concerned in this regard that the persistently high level of non-performing loans in some Member States could have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, presenting a risk to financial stability in Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 150

Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; is concerned in this regard that the persistently high level of non-performing loans in some Member States could have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, presenting a risk to financial stability in Europe;

Amendment

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential *downward* risks; is concerned in this regard that the persistently high level of non-performing loans in some Member States could have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, presenting a risk to financial stability in Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 151
Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; is concerned in this regard that the persistently high level of non-performing loans in some Member States could have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, presenting a risk to financial stability in Europe;

Amendment

7. Is of the opinion that legacies from the crisis such as a high level of indebtedness in all sectors of the economy still **often** act as a drag on growth and pose potential risks; is concerned in this regard that the persistently high level of non-performing loans in some Member States could have significant spill-over effects from one Member State to another, presenting a risk to financial stability in Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 152
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Notes with concern, in this context, that the limited attention devoted by European supervisors to the high exposures to illiquid and opaque securities classified as level 2 and level 3 assets in other Member States favours large investment banks which are very exposed to systemic market risks, which currently are paradoxically regarded as more secure than banks which mainly engage in retail credit transactions; stresses that the volume of such illiquid securities, which is estimated to be twelve times that of net non-performing loans, could have grave repercussions, seriously endangering

financial stability in Europe;

Or. it

Amendment 153
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Invites all relevant European institutions and bodies to step up their work on the completion of the Banking Union, including the setting-up of a common European Deposit Insurance Scheme together with a sound and robust backstop, and on the creation of a full-fledged Capital Markets Union; stresses that new capital and liquidity requirements, albeit necessary to enhance the resilience of the banking sector, should not undermine banks' ability to lend to the real economy;

Or. en

Amendment 154
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Notes that doubtful claims, particularly in the banking sector, remain one of the most pressing problems; stresses the need finally to create the political will to disclose and set down these requirements according the principles of balance sheet reality and transparency; points out that large-scale

bank insolvency is unavoidable if the foundations for future growth are to be laid;

Or. de

Amendment 155

Lieve Wierinck, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Thierry Cornillet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Considers that, as a consequence of the non-binding character of CSR's, responsibility for the consequences of non-implementation towards their population remains with the Member States;takes the view that the sharing of the burden of the consequences is conditional to the implementation of the CSR's;

Or. en

Amendment 156

Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 b. Is disappointed that, after many years of work, Italy's bail-in rules are not being applied;reminds the Commission that it is the Guardian of the Treaties and that it is not doing justice to this distinguished task;stresses that the aim of the new rules on resolution was to break the vicious circle between states and banks and that this work was abruptly ruined by Italy's and the Commission's

assumption of bank debts; considers that as a result the markets will put Italy's capital market access to the test sooner or later, as happened in 2012; regrets the fact that this will put the euro and, as a result, the savings of European savers at risk;

Or. de

Amendment 157
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. *Takes the view that reforms to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of supply-side reforms;*

Amendment

8. *Considers, in view of the reluctance of private operators to invest in a depressed economic environment, that only a major public investment plan can revive growth in the EU;*

Or. it

Amendment 158
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that *reforms* to improve the business climate *are* needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of *supply-side reforms*;

Amendment

8. Takes the view that *massive productive public investment* to improve the business climate *is* needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of *anticyclical economic policies on the demand side*; *considers that, to this end, it is necessary to revise the rigid budgetary rules which excessively limit the capacity of Member States to spend*;

Amendment 159
Neena Gill

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that reforms to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines *in this context the importance of supply-side reforms*;

Amendment

8. Takes the view that reforms to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines *however that as a priority the challenges the demand-side is facing should be tackled*;

Or. en

Amendment 160
Marisa Matias, Miguel Viegas, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that reforms to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of *supply-side reforms*;

Amendment

8. Takes the view that reforms to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of *demand-side policies and investment in public services and infrastructure*;

Or. en

Amendment 161
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that **reforms** to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of supply-side reforms;

Amendment

8. Takes the view that **initiatives** to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of supply-side reforms;

Or. el

Amendment 162

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that reforms to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of supply-side reforms;

Amendment

8. Takes the view that reforms to improve the business climate **and overall resources efficiency** are needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area **and trigger the ecological transformation of the EU economy**; underlines in this context the importance of **well-designed and context adapted** supply-side **and future oriented** reforms **as well as the need to provide for an appropriate aggregate fiscal stance in the euro area**; **welcomes in that respect the Commission's communication towards a positive fiscal stance for the euro area (COM(2016) 727 final)**;

Or. en

Amendment 163

Luigi Morgano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that reforms to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of supply-side reforms;

Amendment

8. Takes the view that reforms to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of supply-side reforms; ***recalls, on the other hand, that growth is impossible without an adequate level of demand for goods and services; stresses, in this context, the need to support demand for consumption and investment, particularly by means of a positive fiscal policy in the euro area;***

Or. it

Amendment 164
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that reforms to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of supply-side reforms;

Amendment

8. Takes the view that reforms to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; ***believes additional efforts are required to boost access of SMEs to finance, which is a crucial factor for businesses to innovate and expand;*** underlines in this context the importance of ***both demand- and*** supply-side reforms, ***also taking into account distributional impacts;***

Or. en

Amendment 165
Jakob von Weizsäcker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that reforms to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of supply-side reforms;

Amendment

8. Takes the view that reforms to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of supply-side reforms ***being undertaken jointly with demand-side improvements***;

Or. en

Amendment 166
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that reforms to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of supply-side reforms;

Amendment

8. Takes the view that reforms to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of supply-side reforms ***in combination with fiscal and monetary stimulus***;

Or. en

Amendment 167
Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that reforms to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of supply-side reforms;

Amendment

8. Takes the view that ***quality*** reforms to improve the business climate are needed to ***help*** boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of supply-side reforms;

Amendment 168
Gabriel Mato

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that reforms to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of supply-side reforms;

Amendment

8. Takes the view that reforms to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity, **competitiveness** and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of supply-side reforms;

Or. es

Amendment 169
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes the view that reforms to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of supply-side reforms;

Amendment

8. Takes the view that reforms to improve the business climate are needed to boost productivity, **investment** and employment in the euro area; underlines in this context the importance of supply-side reforms;

Or. en

Amendment 170
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. *Recalls that ultimately, consumers benefit from lower corporate tax; stresses that unrestricted tax competition is the only way to keep taxes low; in this context, considers the efforts to harmonise corporate tax rates and bases in the EU to be damaging;*

Or. de

Amendment 171
Siegfried Mureşan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. *Emphasises that digital structural reforms are essential for fostering the EU's competitiveness, creating high-quality jobs and highly skilled jobs; highlights the significant growth potential of both already observed efforts and of further ambition in terms of digital structural reforms; urges in this context that they should be prioritized;*

Or. en

Amendment 172
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. *Considers that structural reforms may have a negative impact on national budgets, notes that the mismatch between the flexibility granted by the Stability and*

Growth Pact and the temporal horizon needed to reap the benefits of structural reforms is problematic;

Or. en

Amendment 173
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Agrees on the need for reforms that improve productivity and boost price and non-price competitiveness in order to better support growth;

Or. en

Amendment 174
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Shares the Commission's view on the need for changes in labour market legislation that provide flexibility and security for both employees and employers, thereby increasing employment and ensuring sustainable growth;

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 175
Miguel Viegas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Shares the Commission's view on the need for changes in labour market legislation that provide flexibility and security for both employees and employers, thereby increasing employment and ensuring sustainable growth;

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 176
Olle Ludvigsson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Shares the Commission's view on the need for changes in labour market legislation that provide flexibility and security for both employees and employers, thereby increasing employment and ensuring sustainable growth;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 177
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Shares the Commission's view on the need for changes in labour market legislation that provide flexibility and security for both employees and

9. Notes that labour market conditions are improving across the board, although persistently high unemployment and inequality remain

employers, thereby increasing employment and ensuring sustainable growth;

sources of social distress and weigh on economic performance in some Member states; recalls that significant labour market reforms have been adopted since 2010, notably in some of the countries hardest-hit by the crisis; agrees there is still scope for socially balanced and inclusive changes in labour market legislation, with the aim of increasing employment, fighting precariousness and the segmentation of the labour market, fighting income inequality, increasing female labour market participation, closing gender pay gaps, improving the work-life balance of men and women, promoting the inclusion of disadvantaged groups, preventing discrimination and ensuring sustainable growth;

Or. en

Amendment 178
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. *Shares* the Commission's *view on* the need for changes in labour market legislation *that provide flexibility and security for both employees and employers, thereby increasing employment and ensuring sustainable growth;*

Amendment

9. *Rejects* the Commission's *recommendations regarding* the need for changes in labour market legislation *to render employment more precarious and reduce workers' pay and rights;*

Or. it

Amendment 179
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Shares the *Commission's* view on the need *for changes in labour market legislation that provide flexibility and security for both employees and employers*, thereby increasing employment and ensuring sustainable growth;

Amendment

9. Shares the view on the need *to improve the functioning of labour markets*, thereby increasing employment and ensuring sustainable growth;

Or. en

Amendment 180
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Shares the Commission's view on the need for changes in labour market legislation that provide flexibility and security *for both employees and employers*, thereby increasing employment and ensuring sustainable growth;

Amendment

(9) Shares the Commission's view on the need for changes in labour market legislation that provide flexibility and security *primarily for employees but at the same time guarantee that employers are not deprived of opportunities*, thereby increasing employment and ensuring sustainable growth;

Or. hu

Amendment 181
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. *Shares* the Commission's view on the need for *changes* in labour market legislation *that* provide flexibility and security for both employees and employers, thereby increasing employment

Amendment

9. *Takes note of* the Commission's view on the need for *targeted reforms* in labour market legislation *in order to* provide flexibility and security for both employees and employers, *as well as*

and ensuring sustainable growth;

increasing job quality thereby increasing employment and ensuring sustainable growth; *notes with concern the negative social impact, the decrease of wages and the increased number of temporal contracts in some Member States as a result of several labour market reforms;*

Or. en

Amendment 182

Marisa Matias, Miguel Viegas, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Shares the Commission's view on the need for changes in labour market legislation that provide *flexibility and security* for both employees *and employers*, thereby increasing employment *and* ensuring sustainable growth;

Amendment

9. Shares the Commission's view on the need for changes in labour market legislation that provide security for both employees, thereby increasing employment *with rights*, ensuring sustainable growth *and preventing wage dumping*;

Or. en

Amendment 183

Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Shares the Commission's view on the need for changes in labour market legislation that provide flexibility and security for both employees and employers, thereby *increasing* employment and ensuring sustainable growth;

Amendment

9. Shares the Commission's view on the need for changes in labour market legislation that provide flexibility and security for both employees and employers, thereby *helping to increase* employment and ensuring sustainable growth; *notes, however, that skills shortage, loss of jobs due to automation, ageing societies as well as a number of*

other challenges not related to labour market legislation as such put a strain on further employment growth and reduction of unemployment levels across the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 184
Neena Gill

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. *Shares* the Commission's view on the need for changes in labour market legislation that provide flexibility and security for both employees and employers, thereby increasing employment and ensuring sustainable growth;

Amendment

9. ***Takes note of*** the Commission's view on the need for changes in labour market legislation that provide flexibility and security for both employees and employers, thereby increasing employment and ensuring sustainable growth; ***underlines at the same time the need to respect fundamental rights and the important added value of an effective social dialogue;***

Or. en

Amendment 185
Luigi Morgano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Shares the Commission's view on the need for changes in labour market legislation that provide flexibility and security for both employees and employers, thereby increasing employment and ensuring sustainable growth;

Amendment

9. Shares the Commission's view on the need for changes in labour market legislation that provide flexibility and security for both employees and employers, thereby increasing employment and ensuring sustainable growth; ***stresses, in this context, the need for labour market***

reforms at national level to be accompanied by the rules proposed in the Commission communication on a European pillar of social rights;

Or. it

Amendment 186
Dariusz Rosati

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Shares the Commission's view on the need for changes in labour market legislation that provide flexibility and security for both employees and employers, thereby increasing employment and ensuring sustainable growth;

Amendment

9. Shares the Commission's view on the need for changes in labour market legislation that provide flexibility and security for both employees and employers, thereby increasing employment and ensuring sustainable growth; ***underlines the importance of maintaining the high employment rates;***

Or. en

Amendment 187
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Shares the Commission's view on the need for changes in labour market legislation that provide flexibility and security for both employees and employers, thereby increasing employment and ensuring sustainable growth;

Amendment

9. Shares the Commission's view on the need for changes in labour market legislation that provide flexibility and security for both employees and employers, thereby increasing employment and ensuring sustainable growth ***and social right protection;***

Or. en

Amendment 188

Marisa Matias, Paloma López Bermejo, Miguel Viegas, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. *Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with* productivity;

Amendment

10. *Deplores that, in many peripheral economies, wages have been evolving below* productivity;

Or. en

Amendment 189

Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses the importance of *wage developments in line with productivity*;

Amendment

10. Stresses the importance of *linking wage evolution according to productivity and cost-of living, within the context of collective bargaining*;

Or. en

Amendment 190

Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses the importance of wage developments *in line with productivity*;

Amendment

10. Stresses the importance of *growth-friendly* wage developments *that provide a decent standard of living and take account of productivity gains; agrees with the Commission that in some countries that are at or close to full employment,*

real wage increases could accelerate with related positive effects on aggregate consumption;

Or. en

Amendment 191
Miguel Viegas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses the importance of wage developments *in line with productivity*;

Amendment

10. Stresses the importance of wage developments *above productivity levels in order to recoup purchasing power lost during the crisis.*

Or. pt

Amendment 192
Lieve Wierinck, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Thierry Cornillet, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses *the importance of* wage developments *in line with* productivity;

Amendment

10. Stresses *that* wage developments *should not outstrip* productivity;

Or. en

Amendment 193
Luigi Morgano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. **Stresses** the importance of wage developments in line with productivity;

10. **Considers that the growth of productivity ought to be a priority objective of structural reforms; stresses** the importance of wage developments in line with **productivity, particularly to ensure fair distribution of the returns from increased** productivity;

Or. it

Amendment 194

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with productivity;

Amendment

10. Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with productivity **and asks the Commission to put forward specific recommendations with that purpose;**

Or. en

Amendment 195

Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with productivity;

Amendment

10. Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with productivity; **takes note of the fact that wage growth is forecast to be relatively moderate;**

Or. en

Amendment 196
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with productivity;

Amendment

10. Stresses the importance of wage developments in line with productivity *in order to maintain competitiveness*;

Or. en

Amendment 197
Miguel Viegas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses that the lack of competitiveness and investment in the EU is linked to a general tax burden that is 10 to 15 % higher than in competing markets, creating hindering tax wedges on companies, investments and labour;

deleted

Amendment

Or. pt

Amendment 198
Olle Ludvigsson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses that the lack of competitiveness and investment in the EU is linked to a general tax burden that is 10 to 15 % higher than in competing markets, creating hindering tax wedges

deleted

Amendment

on companies, investments and labour;

Or. en

Amendment 199
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. *Stresses that the lack of competitiveness and investment in the EU is linked to a general tax burden that is 10 to 15 % higher than in competing markets, creating hindering tax wedges on companies, investments and labour;* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 200
Tom Vandenkendelaere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. *Stresses that the lack of competitiveness and investment in the EU is linked to a general tax burden that is 10 to 15 % higher than in competing markets, creating hindering tax wedges on companies, investments and labour;* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 201
Marisa Matias, Miguel Viegas, Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Stresses that the lack of competitiveness and investment in the EU is linked to a general tax burden that is 10 to 15 % higher than in competing markets, creating hindering tax wedges on companies, investments and labour;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 202

Neena Gill

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Stresses that the lack of competitiveness and investment in the EU is linked to a general tax burden that is 10 to 15 % higher than in competing markets, creating hindering tax wedges on companies, investments and labour;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 203

Jakob von Weizsäcker

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Stresses that the lack of competitiveness and investment in the EU is linked to a general tax burden that is 10 to 15 % higher than in competing markets, creating hindering tax wedges on companies, investments and labour;

deleted

Amendment 204
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. *Stresses that the lack of competitiveness and investment in the EU is linked to a general tax burden that is 10 to 15 % higher than in competing markets, creating hindering tax wedges on companies, investments and labour;*

Amendment

11. *Notes that taxation should not hinder investments and job creation; calls for reforms in taxation with a view to improving tax collection, preventing tax avoidance, tax evasion and aggressive tax planning, as well as tackling the high tax burden on labour in Europe while ensuring the sustainability of social protection systems; recalls that experience shows how low tax progressivity, combined with poor tax collection and a weak social safety net, is damaging to society and economic growth; highlights the importance of using progressive tax rates to attain the redistributive effects of tax reforms; believes that tax and benefit systems combined, through the progressiveness of tax systems, good tax collection and the provision of adequate social benefits, can contribute to steering employment and reducing income inequalities and poverty;*

Amendment 205
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. *Stresses that the lack of competitiveness and investment in the EU*

Amendment

(-11) Stresses in particular the need for a European social policy pillar, at the

is linked to a general tax burden that is 10 to 15 % higher than in competing markets, creating hindering tax wedges on companies, investments and labour;

same time noting that the lack of competitiveness and lack of investment in the EU are influenced by the overall tax burden;

Or. hu

Amendment 206

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses that the *lack of competitiveness* and investment in the EU is linked to a general tax burden that is 10 to 15 % higher than in competing markets, creating hindering tax wedges on companies, investments and labour;

Amendment

11. Stresses that the *low productivity growth* and investment in the EU is linked *inter alia to an unfair burden on capital income as well on tax expenditures and allowances;*

Or. en

Amendment 207

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses that *the lack of competitiveness* and investment in the EU is linked to a general tax burden that is 10 to 15 % higher than in competing markets, creating hindering tax wedges on companies, investments and labour;

Amendment

11. Stresses that competitiveness and investment in the EU *are also compromised by the distorting impact of an opaque and iniquitous tax system under which large multinationals which use aggressive tax planning and tax havens enjoy intolerable tax advantages in comparison with national businesses, particularly SMEs, which for their part face a heavy tax burden due to hindering tax wedges on companies, investments and*

labour;

Or. it

Amendment 208
Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. *Stresses* that the lack of competitiveness and investment in the EU is linked to a general tax burden that is 10 to 15 % higher than in competing markets, creating hindering tax wedges on companies, investments and labour;

Amendment

11. *Notes* that the lack of competitiveness and investment in the EU is *partly* linked to a general tax burden that is 10 to 15 % higher than in competing markets, *often* creating hindering tax wedges on companies, investments and labour; *stresses, however, that low tax rates alone do not necessarily encourage uplift in investment and thus should be viewed in a broader context of structural reforms; notes that tax evasion is still a problem in a number of countries and fight against it, combined with improved tax administration, would increase fiscal space;*

Or. en

Amendment 209
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses that the lack of competitiveness and investment in the EU is *linked to* a general tax burden that is 10 to 15 % higher than in competing markets, creating hindering tax wedges on companies, investments and labour;

Amendment

11. Stresses that *one of the factors underlying* the lack of competitiveness and investment in the EU is a general tax burden that is 10 to 15 % higher than in competing markets, creating hindering tax wedges on companies, investments and

labour;

Or. it

Amendment 210

Lieve Wierinck, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Thierry Cornillet, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses that the lack of competitiveness and investment in the EU is linked to a general tax burden that is 10 to 15 % higher than in competing markets, creating hindering tax wedges on companies, investments and labour;

Amendment

11. Stresses that the lack of competitiveness and investment in the EU is, *in part*, linked to a general tax burden that is 10 to 15 % higher than in competing markets, creating hindering tax wedges on companies, investments and labour; *believes that moderately lowering the tax burden on labour would increase employment and foster growth;*

Or. en

Amendment 211

Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Considers that inequality and poverty need to be addressed when designing policy reforms and monitoring their implementation; agrees with the Commission that tackling income inequality and poverty requires a comprehensive set of preventive and mitigating policies, including equal access to education and health care, improved labour market opportunities and earnings prospects, affordable quality services and well-designed tax and benefit systems;

Amendment 212
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Points out in this context that a tax wedge as well as taxes themselves have a negative impact on competitiveness; finds that charges borne by employees and employers place work as a production factor at a disadvantage and make the automatisisation of jobs more attractive; is concerned that this will worsen disruption at the lower end of the pay scale;

Or. de

Amendment 213
Lieve Wierinck, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Thierry Cornillet, Petr Ježek, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Notes that difficulties in access to finance faced by companies across the EU, in particular by small and medium-sized enterprises, represents an obstacle to the overall competitiveness of the euro area; considers the implementation of measures to improve access to finance a key priority for the improvement of competitiveness in the euro area;

Or. en

Amendment 214
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Stresses, therefore, the importance of shifting the tax burden from employment and SMEs to effective taxation of the profits of multinationals, pollution of the environment and financial speculation;

Or. it

Amendment 215
Danuta Maria Hübner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Stresses the importance of national ownership for the successful conduct of structural reforms; strongly encourages the continuation of efforts made in order to foster effective dialogue between the EU and national level;

Or. en

Amendment 216
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Calls to the Commission to align the Semester to decarbonise the economy,

and thereby align public financial flows to the requirements of Article 2 in the Paris Agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 217
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Underlines that structural reforms in housing, products, services and labour markets must be a priority in the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 218
Jakob von Weizsäcker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Stresses the need for a better coordination of taxation in the EU to fight unfair tax competition;

Or. en

Amendment 219
Lieve Wierinck, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Thierry Cornillet, Petr Ježek, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 b. Considers the deepening of the single market to be a major contributor to the economic development of the euro area; notes that administrative, legal and financial obstacles remain to cross-border economic activity, which represent a particular burden to small and medium-size enterprises; considers that steps should be taken for the harmonisation of administrative, legal and financial requirements for cross-border economic activity;

Or. en

Amendment 220

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 b. Calls on the Commission to include in the next AGS a fourth pillar based on a comprehensive strategy to move towards a low-carbon economy, in order to translate in concrete policy actions the results of the COP21 for the purpose of fighting climate change and promoting sustainable growth based on innovation, an efficient use of energy and resources, renewable energy, green investment and new employment opportunities;

Or. en

Amendment 221

Danuta Maria Hübner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 b. Highlights that accountability of governments to their national Parliaments as regards their economic policies is crucial in order to foster ownership of structural reforms and prevent scapegoating of the EU level; encourages accordingly the strengthening of relevant national scrutiny mechanisms;

Or. en

Amendment 222
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 b. Underlines that fiscal stimulus, where possible, through lower taxes can support domestic demand, social security and supply of investments and labour;

Or. en

Amendment 223

Lieve Wierinck, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Thierry Cornillet, Petr Ježek, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 c. Emphasises that excessive and inefficient government bureaucracy represents an obstacle to business across the EU, being particularly burdensome to small and medium-sized enterprises, and

could represent a barrier to entry; considers that measures need to be implemented to streamline government bureaucracy and make it more efficient; stresses that digitalisation of such bureaucracy would be a welcomed step forward;

Or. en

Amendment 224

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Agrees that the economic *upswing* needs to be supported by investment and notes that there is still *an* investment gap in the euro area; *recognises, however, that in some Member States investments already exceed the pre-crisis level;*

Amendment

12. Agrees that the economic *modest recovery* needs to be supported by investment and notes that there is still *a significant* investment gap in the euro area;

Or. en

Amendment 225

Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Agrees that the economic upswing needs to be supported by investment and notes that there is still an investment gap in the euro area; *recognises, however, that in some Member States investments already exceed the pre-crisis level;*

Amendment

12. Agrees that the economic upswing needs to be *guided and* supported by *public* investment and notes that there is still an investment gap in the euro area *because of the budgetary constraints imposed at European level;*

Or. it

Amendment 226
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Agrees that the economic upswing needs to be supported by investment and notes that there is still *an* investment gap in the euro area; *recognises, however*, that in some Member States *investments already exceed the pre-crisis level*;

Amendment

12. Agrees that the economic upswing needs to be supported by investment and notes that there is still *a public* investment gap in the euro area; *deplores the fact* that in some Member States *there is even less investment than before the crisis*;

Or. it

Amendment 227
Tom Vandenkendelaere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Agrees that the economic upswing needs to be supported by investment and notes that there is still an investment gap in the euro area; *recognises, however, that in some* Member States *investments already exceed the pre-crisis level*;

Amendment

12. Agrees that the economic upswing needs to be supported by *both public and private* investment and notes that there is still an investment gap in the euro area; *stresses, moreover, that* Member States *with sufficient fiscal capacity should be encouraged to further increase public investments*;

Or. en

Amendment 228
Olle Ludvigsson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Agrees that the economic upswing needs to be supported by investment and notes that there is still an investment gap in the euro area; ***recognises, however, that in some Member States investments already exceed the pre-crisis level;***

Amendment

12. Agrees that the economic upswing needs to be supported by investment and notes that there is still an investment gap in the euro area;

Or. en

Amendment 229

Luigi Morgano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Agrees that the economic upswing needs to be supported by investment and notes that there is still an investment gap in the euro area; ***recognises, however,*** that in some Member States investments already exceed the pre-crisis level;

Amendment

12. Agrees that the economic upswing needs to be supported by investment and ***demand for goods and services, and*** notes that there is still an investment gap in the euro area; ***welcomes the fact*** that in some Member States investments already exceed the pre-crisis level; ***stresses that, subject to certain conditions, public investment should be excluded from the calculation of deficits under the Stability and Growth Pact; calls on Member States to pursue a coordinated fiscal policy so as to take advantage of the room for manoeuvre in fiscal policy available in some Member States to pursue a policy of support for investment which can underpin growth throughout the Union;***

Or. it

Amendment 230

Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Agrees that the economic upswing needs to be supported by investment and notes that there is still **an** investment gap in the euro area; recognises, however, that in some Member States investments already exceed the pre-crisis level;

Amendment

12. Agrees that the economic upswing needs to be supported by **public and private** investment and notes that there is still **a significant** investment gap in the euro area; **underlines that further efforts are needed to increase the stocks of capital equipment, intangible capital and infrastructures so as to compensate for the 'investment gap' accumulated since the outbreak of the crisis**; recognises, however, that in some Member States investments already exceed the pre-crisis level, **while in others investment is still lagging behind or not picking up at the necessary speed; believes this 'investment gap' needs to be filled in using both public and private levers; agrees with the Commission that Member States, in particular those with fiscal space, should sustain the upward trend in public investment**;

Or. en

Amendment 231
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Agrees that the economic upswing needs to be supported by investment and notes that there is still an investment gap in the euro area; recognises, however, that in some Member States investments already exceed the pre-crisis level;

Amendment

12. Agrees that the economic upswing needs to be supported by investment and notes that there is still an investment gap in the euro area; recognises, however, that in some Member States investments already exceed the pre-crisis level; **in this regard stresses that, while countries which have to continue on the path of fiscal consolidation must do that by cutting public expenditure in unproductive areas, countries having the margin for**

manoeuvre must use it for more productive investment;

Or. en

Amendment 232

Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Agrees that the economic upswing needs to be supported by investment and notes that there is still an investment gap in the euro area; recognises, however, that in some Member States investments already exceed the pre-crisis level;

Amendment

12. Agrees that the economic upswing needs to be supported by investment and notes that there is still an investment gap in the euro area; ***notes that there are a number of Member States with fiscal scope and favourable financing conditions where investment is still subdued; is of the view that such countries should use the available means to increase the investment levels;*** recognises, however, that in some Member States investments already exceed the pre-crisis level;

Or. en

Amendment 233

Siegfried Mureşan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Agrees that the economic upswing needs to be supported by investment and notes that there is still an investment gap in the euro area; recognises, however, that in some Member States investments already exceed the pre-crisis level;

Amendment

12. Agrees that the economic upswing needs to be supported by investment, ***particularly in innovation,*** and notes that there is still an investment gap in the euro area; recognises, however, that in some Member States investments already exceed the pre-crisis level;

Amendment 234
Neena Gill

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Agrees that the economic upswing needs to be supported by investment and notes that there is still an investment gap in the euro area; recognises, however, that in some Member States investments already exceed the pre-crisis level;

Amendment

12. Agrees that the economic upswing needs to be supported by **sustainable green** investment and notes that there is still an investment gap in the euro area; recognises, however, that in some Member States investments already exceed the pre-crisis level;

Or. en

Amendment 235
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Calls on euro area Member States and the Commission to speed up and maximize the use of European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) in order to take advantage of all internal growth drivers, targeting public investment to projects with significant macroeconomic impact that can boost innovation, productivity, competitiveness, as well as social inclusion, with a view to promoting upward convergence between Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 236
Danuta Maria Hübner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Believes that the composition and quality of investment expenditures matter strongly;takes the view that investment should primarily support long-term growth and, to this aim, focus on areas that are most likely to deliver it such as, in particular, education, life-long learning, research and development and energy transition;

Or. en

Amendment 237
Siegfried Mureşan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Stresses that SMEs play a fundamental role in investment and innovation in Europe;underlines the differences in financing conditions for SMEs between Member States, which are influenced by country-specific factors;

Or. en

Amendment 238
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Stresses that investment stems from private capital accumulated as savings and cannot be replaced by the Central Bank or other vehicles of centralised planning;

Or. de

Amendment 239
Dariusz Rosati

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Emphasises that main reasons for low private investment are taxes, red tape and debts;

Or. en

Amendment 240
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 b. Underlines that public investments in human capital and infrastructure are of the utmost importance; considers that the economic crisis has highlighted the strong need to facilitate public and private investment in areas such as education, innovation and research and development; stresses the crucial role of public spending on education and life-long learning; believes the rate of public investments in education, infrastructure and research and innovation should grow, particularly in those Member States where there is more room to increase public

expenditure;

Or. en

Amendment 241

Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers that *reforms removing investment bottlenecks* would allow for immediate support for economic activity and at the same time set the conditions for long-term growth;

Amendment

13. Considers that *increased public investment at national level* would allow for immediate support for economic activity and at the same time set the conditions for long-term growth;

Or. it

Amendment 242

Tom Vandenkendelaere

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers that reforms removing investment bottlenecks would allow for immediate support for economic activity *and* at the same time set the conditions for long-term growth;

Amendment

13. Considers that reforms removing investment bottlenecks would allow for immediate support for economic activity; *moreover, investments in education, innovation, and R&D would allow to better adopt to the knowledge economy, and thereby* at the same time set the conditions for long-term growth;

Or. en

Amendment 243

Marisa Matias, Paloma López Bermejo, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers that reforms removing investment **bottlenecks** would allow for immediate support for economic activity and at the same time set the conditions for long-term growth;

Amendment

13. Considers that reforms removing investment **expenditure from public deficit accounting for the purposes of the GSP** would allow for immediate support for economic activity and at the same time set the conditions for long-term growth;

Or. en

Amendment 244
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers that reforms removing **investment** bottlenecks would allow for immediate support for economic activity and at the same time set the conditions for long-term growth;

Amendment

13. Considers that reforms removing bottlenecks **for private investment** would allow for immediate support for economic activity and at the same time set the conditions for long-term growth;

Or. en

Amendment 245
Danuta Maria Hübner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers that reforms removing investment bottlenecks would allow for immediate support for economic activity and at the same time set the conditions for long-term growth;

Amendment

13. Considers that reforms removing investment bottlenecks would allow for immediate support for economic activity and at the same time set the conditions for long-term growth; **recalls that further harmonisation of legislation in areas such as insolvency and taxation of cross-border**

activities present significant potential in this respect; welcomes in this context the agreement on double taxation dispute resolution mechanisms reached at the Council and calls for a swift adoption of the Commission's proposal for a directive on preventive restructuring frameworks and second chance; also underlines the potential benefits of a Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base regarding the facilitation of cross-border investment;

Or. en

Amendment 246

Lieve Wierinck, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Thierry Cornillet, Petr Ježek, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers that reforms removing investment bottlenecks would allow for immediate support for economic activity and at the same time set the conditions for long-term growth;

Amendment

13. Considers that reforms removing investment bottlenecks would allow for immediate support for economic activity and at the same time set the conditions for long-term growth; *stresses that the completion of the Capital Markets Union is a crucial factor to attract and to increase investment, and improve the financing of growth and jobs;*

Or. en

Amendment 247

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers that reforms removing investment bottlenecks would allow for immediate support for economic activity and at the same time set the conditions for long-term growth;

Amendment

13. Considers that reforms removing investment bottlenecks **as well as more robust level of aggregate demand** would allow for immediate support for economic activity and at the same time set the conditions for long-term growth;

Or. en

Amendment 248
Gabriel Mato

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers that reforms removing investment bottlenecks would allow for immediate support for economic activity and at the same time set the conditions for long-term growth;

Amendment

13. Considers that reforms removing investment bottlenecks would allow for immediate support for economic activity and at the same time set the conditions for long-term **sustainable** growth;

Or. es

Amendment 249
Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers that reforms removing investment bottlenecks would allow for immediate support for economic activity and at the same time set the conditions for long-term growth;

Amendment

13. Considers that reforms removing investment bottlenecks would allow for immediate support for economic activity and at the same time **help** set the conditions for long-term growth;

Or. en

Amendment 250

Lieve Wierinck, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Thierry Cornillet, Petr Ježek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Considers research, technology and education to be of vital importance to the long-term economic development of the Euro area; stresses the vast disparities between member states in investment in these areas; notes that investment in these areas can contribute to the development of innovation in the EU; considers that member states should take active measures to meet their target gross domestic expenditure on research and development in the context of the Europe 2020 Strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 251

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Takes the view that a timely agreement in the ongoing negotiations on the revised European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) could help to improve the effectiveness of this instrument and to address shortcomings experienced in its implementation so far;

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 252

Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes the view that ***a timely agreement in the ongoing negotiations on the revised*** European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) ***could help to improve the effectiveness of this instrument and to address shortcomings experienced in its implementation so far;***

Amendment

14. Takes the view that ***the*** European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) ***must be abolished;***

Or. de

Amendment 253
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes the view that ***a timely agreement in the ongoing negotiations on the revised*** European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) ***could help to improve the effectiveness of this instrument and to address shortcomings experienced in its implementation so far;***

Amendment

14. Takes the view that ***the*** European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) ***has failed in its objectives of reviving investment, growth and employment; considers therefore that there is no point in extending it further;***

Or. it

Amendment 254
Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes the view that a timely agreement in the ongoing negotiations on the revised European Fund for Strategic

Amendment

14. ***Stresses the importance of the structural funds, especially for the EU's Eastern countries;*** takes the view that a

Investments (EFSI) could help to improve the effectiveness of this instrument and **to address** shortcomings experienced in its implementation so far;

timely agreement in the ongoing negotiations on the revised European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) could help to improve the effectiveness of this instrument and **address some of the** shortcomings experienced in its implementation so far; **notes that a significant share of EFSI projects in Eastern and Central Europe are co-financed using public, not private money; warns against the trend whereby EU initiated public-private partnership programmes like EFSI are replacing the existing EU funding programmes;**

Or. en

Amendment 255

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes the view that a timely agreement in the **ongoing** negotiations on the revised European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) could help to improve the effectiveness of this instrument and to address shortcomings experienced in its implementation so far;

Amendment

14. Takes the view that a timely agreement in the **on-going** negotiations on the revised European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) could help to improve the effectiveness of this instrument and to address shortcomings experienced in its implementation so far **by facilitating the financing of near viable projects with strong potential of spreading positive externalities and reducing negative externalities while respecting a strict enforcement of the additionality concept;**

Or. en

Amendment 256

Olle Ludvigsson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes the view that a timely agreement in the ongoing negotiations on the revised European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) could help to improve the effectiveness of this instrument **and to address shortcomings experienced in its implementation so far**;

Amendment

14. Takes the view that a timely agreement in the ongoing negotiations on the revised European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) could help to improve the effectiveness of this instrument **by ensuring real additionality as a criteria of the projects selected so that the EFSI addresses market failures or suboptimal investment situations, hence supporting investments that otherwise would not have been realized**;

Or. en

Amendment 257
Gabriel Mato

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes the view that a timely agreement in the ongoing negotiations on the revised European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) **could help to** improve the effectiveness of this instrument **and to** address shortcomings experienced in its implementation so far;

Amendment

14. Takes the view that a timely agreement in the ongoing negotiations on the revised European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) **will** improve the effectiveness of this instrument and address shortcomings experienced in its implementation so far;

Or. es

Amendment 258
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Takes the view that a timely agreement in the ongoing negotiations on the revised European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) could help to improve the effectiveness of this instrument and to address shortcomings experienced in its implementation so far;

14. Takes the view that a timely agreement in the ongoing negotiations on the revised European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) could help to improve the effectiveness of this instrument and to address shortcomings experienced in its implementation so far; ***stresses that geographical and sectorial coverage must be significantly improved in order to strengthen territorial and social cohesion and promote real convergence, as well as to achieve a more impactful macroeconomic effect;***

Or. en

Amendment 259

Marisa Matias, Miguel Viegas, Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes the view that a timely agreement in the ongoing negotiations on the revised European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) could help to improve the effectiveness of this instrument and to address shortcomings experienced in its implementation so far;

Amendment

14. Takes the view that a timely agreement in the ongoing negotiations on the revised European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) could help to improve the effectiveness of this instrument and to address shortcomings experienced in its implementation so far; ***Calls on the Commission to ensure that effective funding is redistributive between member-states, thereby contributing to the necessary upward convergence;***

Or. en

Amendment 260

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes the view that a timely agreement in the ongoing negotiations on the revised European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) could help to improve the effectiveness of this instrument and to address shortcomings experienced in its implementation so far;

Amendment

14. Takes the view that a timely agreement in the ongoing negotiations on the revised European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) could help to improve the effectiveness of this instrument and to address shortcomings experienced in its implementation so far; ***stresses the importance of EFSI-funded projects being truly additional in nature;***

Or. en

Amendment 261
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Points out that the interest rate is effectively the market price and that the manipulations of the ECB undermine its effectiveness as a pointer, thereby making investment decision-making extremely difficult; is concerned at disruption in the production structure caused by the sustained low-interest-rate policy; is convinced that many EFSI investments and investments in sectors affected by the low-interest-rate policy will soon prove unsustainable;

Or. de

Amendment 262
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. *Takes the view that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) has proven to be an inadequate instrument to tackle the investment gap in the EU and to facilitate economic recovery;deplores in particular the emphasis on large infrastructure projects with a major environmental impact which have no real added value for the economy and society;*

Or. it

Amendment 263

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. *Considers that, after a long period of nominal adjustment, focus should be put on investments aimed at fostering a sustainable transition of Member States' economies towards a decarbonised economy and reduced use of natural resources, promoting fair and sustainable welfare systems and reducing social inequalities;*

Or. en

Amendment 264

Dariusz Rosati

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Stresses that SMEs are the backbone of the European economy, and therefore they have to be supported by increasing their access to finance and by fighting the business uncertainty connected to their activities, also in relation with dealing with bankruptcy;

Or. en

**Amendment 265
Gunnar Hökmark**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Stresses that a fully functioning Capital Markets Union can, in a longer perspective, provide alternative financing to SMEs, complementing that of the banking sector;

Or. en

**Amendment 266
Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Agrees with the Commission that in countries with excess savings and low investment, additional investments are needed to ensure future economic success;

Or. en

Amendment 267
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 b. Highlights that public and private investment is crucial to allow for the transition towards a low-carbon and circular economy; recalls the commitments of the European Union, particularly in the Paris Agreement, to finance the deployment of clean technologies, the scaling-up of renewable energies and energy efficiency, and the overall reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;

Or. en

Amendment 268
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 c. Signals that some country specific recommendations (CSR) address obstacles to investment which the local and regional authorities can help remove;

Or. en

Amendment 269
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fiscal *responsibility*

Fiscal *policies*

Or. en

Amendment 270
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fiscal *responsibility*

Fiscal *policy*

Or. en

Amendment 271
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Considers that prudent fiscal policies play a fundamental role for the stability of the euro area and the Union as a whole; underlines that strong coordination of fiscal policies and compliance with the Union rules in this area are a legal requirement and key to the proper functioning of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU);

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 272
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Considers that *prudent fiscal policies play a fundamental role for the stability of the euro area and the Union as a whole; underlines that strong coordination of fiscal policies and compliance with the Union rules in this area are a legal requirement and key to the proper functioning of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU);*

deleted

Or. el

Amendment 273

Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Considers that *prudent fiscal policies play a fundamental role for the stability of the euro area and the Union as a whole; underlines that strong coordination of fiscal policies and compliance with the Union rules in this area are a legal requirement and key to the proper functioning of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU);*

15. Considers that *responsibility for fiscal policy must be returned entirely to Member States in order to make it possible to implement the necessary measures to promote growth and employment;*

Or. it

Amendment 274

Marisa Matias, Miguel Viegas, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Considers that *prudent fiscal policies play a fundamental role for the*

15. Considers that *growth-oriented fiscal policies play a fundamental role for*

stability of the euro area and the Union as a whole; ***underlines that strong coordination of fiscal policies and compliance with the Union rules in this area are a legal requirement and key to the proper functioning of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU);***

the stability of the euro area and the Union as a whole;

Or. en

Amendment 275
Miguel Viegas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Considers that prudent fiscal policies play a fundamental role for the stability of the euro area and the Union as a whole; ***underlines that strong coordination of fiscal policies and compliance with the Union rules in this area are a legal requirement and key to the proper functioning of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU);***

Amendment

15. Considers that prudent fiscal policies play a fundamental role for the stability of the euro area and the Union as a whole;

Or. pt

Amendment 276
Luigi Morgano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Considers that ***prudent fiscal policies play a fundamental role for the stability of the euro area and the Union as a whole***; underlines that strong coordination of fiscal policies and compliance with the Union rules in this

Amendment

15. Considers that ***stability in the euro area and the Union as a whole can be ensured only by bringing together the various national forces to ensure both long-term sustainability of budgets and macroeconomic stabilisation***; underlines

area are a legal requirement and key to the proper functioning of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU);

that strong coordination of fiscal policies and compliance with the Union rules in this area are a legal requirement and key to the proper functioning of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU); *stresses the need to pursue a positive general fiscal policy, including by improving the composition of public finances, particularly to support internal demand in the euro area;*

Or. it

Amendment 277

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Considers that *prudent* fiscal policies play a fundamental role for the stability of the euro area and the Union as a whole; underlines that strong coordination of fiscal policies and *compliance with the Union* rules in this area are a legal requirement and key to the proper functioning of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU);

Amendment

15. Considers that *countercyclical* fiscal policies play a fundamental role for the stability of the euro area and the Union as a whole; underlines that strong coordination of fiscal policies and *broader economic policies* rules in this area are a legal requirement and key to the proper functioning of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU); *notes that the Stability and Growth Pact has proven inefficient for a proper functioning of the Economic and Monetary Union and needs to be revised;*

Or. en

Amendment 278

Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Considers that prudent fiscal policies play a fundamental role for the stability of the euro area and the Union as a whole; underlines that strong coordination of fiscal policies and compliance with the Union rules in this area are a legal requirement ***and key to the proper functioning*** of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU);

15. Considers that prudent fiscal policies play a fundamental role for the stability of the euro area and the Union as a whole; underlines that strong coordination of fiscal policies and compliance with the Union rules in this area are a legal requirement of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU);

Or. de

Amendment 279
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Considers that ***prudent*** fiscal policies play a fundamental role for the stability of the euro area and the Union as a whole; underlines that strong coordination of fiscal policies and compliance with the Union rules in this area are a legal requirement and key to the proper functioning of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU);

Amendment

15. Considers that ***stable and predictable*** fiscal policies play a fundamental role for the stability of the euro area and the Union as a whole; underlines that strong coordination of fiscal policies and compliance with the Union rules in this area are a legal requirement and key to the proper functioning of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU);

Or. en

Amendment 280
Jakob von Weizsäcker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Considers that ***prudent*** fiscal policies play a fundamental role for the stability of the euro area and the Union as a whole; underlines that strong coordination

Amendment

15. Considers that ***sustainable*** fiscal policies play a fundamental role for the stability of the euro area and the Union as a whole; underlines that strong coordination

of fiscal policies and compliance with the Union rules in this area are a legal requirement and key to the proper functioning of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU);

of fiscal policies and compliance with the Union rules in this area are a legal requirement and key to the proper functioning of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU);

Or. en

Amendment 281
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Considers that prudent fiscal policies play a fundamental role for the stability of the euro area and the Union as a whole; underlines that strong coordination of fiscal policies and compliance with the Union rules in this area are a legal requirement and key to the proper functioning of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU);

Amendment

15. ***Welcomes the fact that public finances are expected to continue improving in both the euro area and the EU as a whole; considers that prudent fiscal policies play a fundamental role for the stability of the euro area and the Union as a whole, although challenges have receded significantly since the peak of the crisis and do not constitute a major source of risk for the euro area as a whole in the short term; underlines that strong coordination of fiscal policies and compliance with the Union rules in this area are a legal requirement and key to the proper functioning of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU); notes that fiscal rules should be duly implemented in an intelligent manner and with full respect of its existing flexibility clauses, inter alia to support greater investment and structural reforms, as well as to deal with security threats, refugee inflows and natural disasters;***

Or. en

Amendment 282
Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 – point a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(a) Notes that countries experiencing imbalances due to high current account surplus should make use of fiscal policy in order to achieve a sustained upward trend in investment and thus limit the negative spill-over effects to the rest of the euro area;

Or. en

Amendment 283
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Considers that the fiscal policy rules in the euro area have lost all credibility; expects the rules currently in force to be broken as much as all those which preceded them; is disillusioned at the majority support, in spite of this history of rule-breaking, for a fiscal regime for the euro area which will institutionalise rule-breaking rather than prevent it; recommends that investors position themselves accordingly and continue to expect the rules to be broken;

Or. de

Amendment 284
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. *Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States;*

Amendment

16. *Deplores the excessive attention devoted to public deficits, which has effectively helped to depress investment and block growth and the recovery of the European economy;*

Or. it

Amendment 285

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. *Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States;*

Amendment

16. *Deplores the fact that the drastic and constant reduction of deficits in the euro area has resulted in ever higher levels of public indebtedness in some Member States, reflecting the counterproductive impact of austerity policies on the sustainability of public finances and the economy;*

Or. it

Amendment 286

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. *Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member*

Amendment

16. *Deplores the fact that public debt remains excessively high in certain Member States as a result of austerity and unsuccessful anti-inflation policies imposed by the EU and the IMF in*

States;

countries such as Greece

Or. el

Amendment 287
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; *is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States;*

Amendment

16. Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; *recalls that the general government deficit in the euro area, which was above 6% a few years ago, is expected to be 1.4% this year; commends the tremendous efforts enacted by several Member States that have since managed to exit the Excessive Deficit Procedure; is concerned, however, that private and public debt remains too high in some Member States; notes that the levels of government debt have stabilised and are expected to decrease slowly to go just below 90% next year; emphasis that, in most cases, the large increase of debt in the recent past was the result of bank recapitalisation and low growth in nominal GDP, not of fiscal profligacy;*

Or. en

Amendment 288
Olle Ludvigsson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; *is*

Amendment

16. Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline;

concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States;

however, it is a source of concern that the pace of declining government debt is slowing down while debt levels remain alarmingly high in some Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 289

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. *Welcomes* the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; *is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and* agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States;

Amendment

16. *Underlines* the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline *in a context of moderated economic growth and negative output gap* agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States; *calls on the European Commission to urgently convene an EU conference on the debt which should openly discuss the issue of overall debt sustainability in the EMU;*

Or. en

Amendment 290

Miguel Viegas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. *Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline;* is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States;

Amendment

16. is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States, *making a comprehensive renegotiation of interest rates and amounts a matter of urgency;*

Amendment 291
Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in *some* Member States;

Amendment

16. Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline ***and at the end of 2016 stood at 1.7 % and 1.5 % of GDP in euro area and EU-28 respectively; further welcomes that a number of Member States have achieved budget balance or surplus***; is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt – ***although falling in nearly all Member States*** – remains too high in ***most Member States***; ***agrees with the Commission that increase of demand in the surplus countries can ease deleveraging needs in the highly indebted Member States***;

Or. en

Amendment 292
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. ***Welcomes*** the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States;

Amendment

16. ***Takes note of*** the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States; ***regrets that low interest rates, while providing time to reduce the deficits, did not lead to a reduction of debt so far***

in those Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 293

Marisa Matias, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down **and** agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States;

Amendment

16. Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; is concerned, however, that **frontloading** this process **has been a self-defeating choice and** is slowing down **the economy**; Agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States **and calls on the Commission to put forward a proposal for multilateral debt restructuring**;

Or. en

Amendment 294

Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in **some** Member States;

Amendment

16. Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in **all the** Member States; **is concerned at the high implicit debt burden arising, for example, from commitments to provide cover for social security systems**;

Or. de

Amendment 295
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; *is concerned*, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States;

Amendment

16. Welcomes the fact that **government** deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; *notes*, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 296
Gabriel Mato

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area *are projected to decline*; is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States;

Amendment

16. Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area *have declined*; is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States;

Or. es

Amendment 297
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the fact that deficits in

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16. Welcomes the fact that deficits in

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the euro area are projected to decline; is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States;

the euro area are projected to decline; is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States; ***calls on Member States with high levels of debt to step up their efforts to reduce the debt burden;***

Or. en

Amendment 298

Lieve Wierinck, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Thierry Cornillet, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States;

Amendment

16. Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States ***impeding on investment and growth and making them vulnerable to interest rate shocks;***

Or. en

Amendment 299

Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States;

Amendment

16. Welcomes ***in this regard*** the fact that ***public finances appear to be improving as*** deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States;

Amendment 300
Neena Gill

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government debt remains too high in some Member States;

Amendment

16. Welcomes the fact that deficits in the euro area are projected to decline; is concerned, however, that this process is slowing down and agrees that government ***and private*** debt remains too high in some Member States;

Amendment 301
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Agrees with the Commission that, when taking policy measures to achieve the recommended budgetary adjustments under the preventive arm of the Stability and Growth Pact, Member States should give serious consideration to the need to keep supporting the economic recovery and the potential impacts on employment;

Amendment 302
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 b. Incentivizes all Member States to step up their efforts towards achieving a more growth-friendly composition of fiscal policies; supports rational and country-specific efforts towards improving the quality, efficiency and growth-friendly character of public expenditure, especially by shifting unproductive expenses towards growth enhancing investments, but without jeopardizing the essential provision of public and social services;

Or. en

Amendment 303

Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Warns that low interest rate payments, accommodative monetary policies, one-off measures and other factors alleviating the current debt burden are only temporary and that sound fiscal policies must be self-sustaining and take into account future liabilities;

Amendment

17. Considers that the only way of easing the debt burden is by means of growth, and that every Member State should therefore have the option of establishing its own monetary policy via its respective national central bank, on the basis of the needs of its own economy;

Or. it

Amendment 304

Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Warns that low interest rate payments, accommodative monetary

Amendment

17. Notes that monetary policy alone is insufficient to stimulate growth when

policies, one-off measures and other factors alleviating the current debt burden are only temporary and that sound fiscal policies must be self-sustaining and take into account future liabilities;

investments and sustainable structural reforms are lacking; underlines that all policy tools - monetary, fiscal and structural - need to be used individually and collectively to strengthen job creation, growth, investment and financial stability;

Or. en

Amendment 305
Luigi Morgano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Warns that low interest rate payments, accommodative monetary policies, one-off measures and other factors alleviating the current debt burden are only temporary and that sound fiscal policies must *be self-sustaining and take into account future liabilities;*

Amendment

17. Warns that low interest rate payments, accommodative monetary policies, one-off measures and other factors alleviating the current debt burden are only temporary and that sound fiscal policies must *exploit that favourable climate to implement fiscal policies designed to increase potential GDP and bring about sustainable and inclusive long-term growth;*

Or. it

Amendment 306
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Warns that low interest rate payments, accommodative monetary policies, one-off measures and other factors alleviating the current debt burden are only temporary and that *sound fiscal*

Amendment

17. Warns that low interest rate payments, accommodative monetary policies, one-off measures and other factors alleviating the current debt burden are only temporary and that *both public*

policies must be self-sustaining and take into account future liabilities;

and private finances must be self-sustaining and take into account future liabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 307

Marisa Matias, Miguel Viegas, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Warns that low interest rate payments, accommodative monetary policies, one-off measures and other factors alleviating the current debt burden are only temporary and that *sound fiscal policies must* be self-sustaining and take into account future liabilities;

Amendment

17. Warns that low interest rate payments, accommodative monetary policies, one-off measures and other factors alleviating the current debt burden are only temporary and that *only sustainable growth can* be self-sustaining and take into account future liabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 308

Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Warns that low interest rate payments, accommodative monetary policies, one-off measures and other factors alleviating the current debt burden are only temporary and that *sound* fiscal policies must be self-sustaining and take into account future liabilities;

Amendment

17. Warns that low interest rate payments, accommodative monetary policies, one-off measures and other factors alleviating the current debt burden are only temporary and that *effective* fiscal policies must be self-sustaining and take into account future liabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 309
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Warns that low interest rate payments, accommodative monetary policies, one-off measures and other factors alleviating the current debt burden are only temporary and that sound fiscal policies must be self-sustaining and take into account future liabilities;

Amendment

17. Warns that low interest rate payments, accommodative monetary policies, one-off measures and other factors alleviating the current debt burden are only temporary and that sound fiscal policies must be self-sustaining and take into account future liabilities; ***seriously questions whether the aforementioned measures fall within the scope of the mandate of the European Central Bank of maintaining price stability;***

Or. en

Amendment 310
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Warns that low interest rate payments, accommodative monetary policies, one-off measures and other factors alleviating the current debt burden are only temporary and that sound fiscal policies must be self-sustaining and take into account future liabilities;

Amendment

17. ***Agrees with the Commission that the government debt remains high in some Member States and that there is a need to make public finances sustainable;*** warns that low interest rate payments, accommodative monetary policies, one-off measures and other factors alleviating the current debt burden are only temporary and that sound fiscal policies must be self-sustaining and take into account future liabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 311
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Warns that low interest rate payments, accommodative monetary policies, one-off measures and other factors alleviating the current debt burden are only temporary and that sound fiscal policies must be self-sustaining and take into account future liabilities;

Amendment

17. Warns that low interest rate payments, accommodative monetary policies, one-off measures and other factors alleviating the current debt burden are only temporary and that sound fiscal policies must be self-sustaining and take into account future liabilities; ***points out that the possibility of rising costs of debt service underlines the importance of bringing down overall debt levels;***

Or. en

Amendment 312
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. Does not expect the European Central Bank to change its policy in the future; rather, anticipates that it will continue to pursue fiscal policy in the guise of monetary policy; does not assume that it will raise interest rates in the euro area, although all indicators suggest that they should be higher; takes the view that this is because the ECB does not pursue a monetary policy for the euro area as a whole but protects the interests of certain euro area members; reminds the politicians that they paved the way for this breach of the mandate by dismissing the idea of structural reform and not demanding such reform now;

Amendment 313
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Underlines that the fiscal stances at national and euro-area level must balance the long-term sustainability of public finances in full compliance with the Stability and Growth Pact with short-term macroeconomic stabilisation; *deleted*

Or. el

Amendment 314
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Underlines that the fiscal stances at national and euro-area level must balance the long-term sustainability of public finances in full compliance with the Stability and Growth Pact with short-term macroeconomic stabilisation; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 315
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Underlines that the *fiscal stances at national and euro-area level must balance the long-term sustainability of public finances in full compliance with the Stability and Growth Pact with short-term macroeconomic stabilisation*;

Amendment

18. Underlines that the *EU's economic governance rules have aggravated the situation with regard to public finances, depressing growth and jeopardising the sustainability of debt*;

Or. it

Amendment 316

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Underlines that *the fiscal stances at national and euro-area level must balance the long-term sustainability of public finances in full compliance with the Stability and Growth Pact with short-term macroeconomic stabilisation*;

Amendment

18. Underlines that fiscal *policies at national and euro-area level must be strongly expansionary, with anticyclical purposes of supporting demand, in order to promote a sound and durable long-term recovery and reduce imbalances within the euro area*;

Or. it

Amendment 317

Miguel Viegas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Underlines that the fiscal stances at national and euro-area level must balance the long-term sustainability of public finances *in full compliance with the Stability and Growth Pact with short-term macroeconomic stabilisation*;

Amendment

18. Underlines that the fiscal stances at national and euro-area level must balance the long-term sustainability of public finances, *necessitating solutions to social problems and renewed economic growth in each Member State*;

Amendment 318
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Underlines that the fiscal stances at national and euro-area level ***must balance the long-term*** sustainability of public finances in full compliance with the Stability and Growth Pact ***with*** short-term macroeconomic stabilisation;

Amendment

18. Underlines that, ***given*** the fiscal stances at national and euro-area level, ***the*** sustainability of public finances in full compliance with the Stability and Growth Pact ***must be central; points out that the tools of*** short-term macroeconomic stabilisation ***have consistently proved unhelpful, inter alia because corrective measures have never been applied in times of surplus;***

Or. de

Amendment 319
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Underlines that the fiscal stances at national and euro-area level must ***balance the long-term sustainability of public finances*** in full compliance with the Stability and Growth Pact ***with short-term macroeconomic stabilisation;***

Amendment

18. Underlines that the fiscal stances at national and euro-area level must ***be*** in full compliance with the Stability and Growth Pact;

Or. en

Amendment 320
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Underlines that the fiscal stances at national and euro-area level must balance the long-term sustainability of public finances ***in full compliance with the Stability and Growth Pact with short-term*** macroeconomic stabilisation;

Amendment

18. Underlines that the fiscal stances at national and euro-area level must balance the long-term sustainability of public finances ***by providing a countercyclical*** macroeconomic stabilisation ***as appropriate***;

Or. en

Amendment 321
Marisa Matias, Miguel Viegas, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Underlines that the fiscal stances at national and euro-area level must balance the long-term sustainability of public finances ***in full compliance with the Stability and Growth Pact*** with short-term macroeconomic stabilisation;

Amendment

18. Underlines that the fiscal stances at national and euro-area level must balance the long-term sustainability of public finances with short-term macroeconomic stabilisation;

Or. en

Amendment 322
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Underlines that the fiscal stances at national and euro-area level must balance the long-term sustainability of public finances in full compliance with the Stability and Growth Pact with short-term

Amendment

18. Underlines that the fiscal stances at national and euro-area level must balance the long-term sustainability of public finances in full compliance with the Stability and Growth Pact with short-term

macroeconomic stabilisation;

macroeconomic stabilisation; ***points out that there is no fiscal space as long as Member States are in breach of the 3% deficit threshold and/or the 60% debt threshold as specified in the stability and growth pact;***

Or. en

Amendment 323
Siegfried Mureşan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Underlines that the fiscal stances at national and euro-area level must balance the long-term sustainability of public finances in full compliance with the Stability and Growth Pact with short-term macroeconomic stabilisation;

Amendment

18. Underlines that the fiscal stances at national and euro-area level must balance the long-term sustainability of public finances in full compliance with the Stability and Growth Pact with short-term macroeconomic stabilisation; ***stresses that Member States which did not comply with the fiscal rules of the SGP were more vulnerable and could not effectively handle economic shocks during the financial crisis;***

Or. en

Amendment 324
Luigi Morgano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Underlines that the fiscal stances at national and euro-area level must balance the long-term sustainability of public finances in full compliance with the Stability and Growth Pact with short-term

Amendment

18. Underlines that the fiscal stances at national and euro-area level must balance the long-term sustainability of public finances in full compliance with the Stability and Growth Pact, ***including the***

macroeconomic stabilisation;

provision made for flexibility, with short-term macroeconomic stabilisation, and should make provision for a positive general stance in euro-area fiscal policy;

Or. it

Amendment 325
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. Believes the EU budget could help relieve the strain on national budgets by collecting own resources instead of relying extensively on national contributions; stresses that greater integration within the euro area is indispensable and that the creation of a budgetary capacity to absorb economic shocks, mitigate asymmetries and foster convergence is a key element in the completion of the EMU;

Or. en

Amendment 326
Jakob von Weizsäcker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. Calls for the introduction of a European Unemployment Insurance Scheme, combining a self-insurance mechanism that ensures counter-cyclical behaviour across the business cycle with a catastrophe insurance as a solidarity mechanism for extreme crises;

Amendment 327
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Euro area fiscal stance

Amendment 328
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Points out that the current aggregate fiscal stance for the euro is broadly neutral and presents an appropriate balance of debt sustainability requirements with support for investment;

deleted

Amendment 329
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Points out that the current aggregate fiscal stance for the euro is broadly neutral and presents an appropriate balance of debt sustainability

deleted

requirements with support for investment;

Or. it

Amendment 330

Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. *Points out that the current aggregate fiscal stance for the euro is broadly neutral and presents an appropriate balance of debt sustainability requirements with support for investment;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 331

Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Points out that the *current* aggregate fiscal stance for the euro *is* broadly neutral *and presents an appropriate balance of debt sustainability requirements with support for investment;*

19. Points out that the aggregate fiscal stance for the euro *area and the EU remained* broadly neutral *in 2016 and is set to remain so in 2017, which falls short of the goal set by the Commission of a positive or moderately expansionary fiscal stance for the euro area in 2017; believes this needs to be corrected, especially in those Member States with more fiscal space;*

Or. en

Amendment 332

Luigi Morgano

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19**

Motion for a resolution

19. Points out that the current aggregate fiscal stance for the euro is broadly neutral **and presents** an appropriate balance of debt sustainability requirements with support for investment;

Amendment

19. Points out that the current aggregate fiscal stance for the euro is broadly neutral; **observes, however, that, in order to attain** an appropriate balance of debt sustainability requirements with support for investment **in a favourable monetary context, fiscal policy should create the conditions for an increase in potential GDP in the long term;**

Or. it

**Amendment 333
Beatrix von Storch**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19**

Motion for a resolution

19. **Points out** that the current aggregate fiscal stance for the euro is broadly neutral and presents an appropriate balance of debt sustainability requirements with support for investment;

Amendment

19. **Regrets** that the current aggregate fiscal stance for the euro is broadly neutral and presents an appropriate balance of debt sustainability requirements with support for investment **instead of generating budgetary surpluses;**

Or. de

**Amendment 334
Ernest Urtasun**
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Points out that the current aggregate fiscal stance for the euro is broadly neutral and **presents** an appropriate balance of debt sustainability requirements with support for investment;

19. Points out that the current aggregate fiscal stance for the euro is broadly neutral and **that it should at all times provide for** an appropriate balance of debt sustainability requirements with support for investment;

Or. en

Amendment 335
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Points out that the current aggregate fiscal stance for the euro is broadly neutral and **presents** an appropriate balance of **debt** sustainability requirements with support for investment;

Amendment

19. Points out that the current aggregate fiscal stance for the euro is broadly neutral and **does not present** an appropriate balance of sustainability requirements **applicable to public finances** with support for investment;

Or. it

Amendment 336
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Points out that the current aggregate fiscal stance for the euro is broadly neutral and presents an appropriate balance of debt sustainability requirements with support for investment;

Amendment

19. Points out that the current aggregate fiscal stance for the euro is broadly neutral and presents an appropriate balance of debt sustainability requirements with support for investment; **in this context, welcomes the first assessment of the prospective fiscal stance appropriate for the euro area by the independent European Fiscal Board (EFB) and notes that the EFB recommends a neutral fiscal stance for**

the euro area as a whole and does not support a case for discretionary fiscal expansion;

Or. en

Amendment 337

Lieve Wierinck, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Thierry Cornillet, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. Recalls the assessment of the European Fiscal Board of 20 June 2017, which concludes that in 2018 there is neither the case for a discretionary fiscal impulse nor for a fiscal contraction; supports its recommendation to recompose government expenditure towards higher investment spending in full compliance with the SGP;

Or. en

Amendment 338

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Emphasises, *however, that the aggregate view ignores the heterogeneous situation across Member States and the need to differentiate the fiscal efforts required by each Member State;*

20. Emphasises, *the need to differentiate the fiscal efforts required by each Member State while delivering an aggregate stance appropriate to the business cycle;*

Or. en

Amendment 339
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Emphasises, however, that the aggregate view ignores the heterogeneous situation across Member States and the need to *differentiate the fiscal efforts required by each Member State*;

Amendment

20. Emphasises, however, that the aggregate view ignores the heterogeneous situation across Member States and the need to *consider introducing effective arrangements to compensate for imbalances and disparities between countries*;

Or. it

Amendment 340
Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Emphasises, however, that the aggregate view ignores the heterogeneous situation across Member States *and the need to differentiate the fiscal efforts required* by each Member State;

Amendment

20. Emphasises, however, that the aggregate view ignores the heterogeneous situation across Member States *with surplus and deficit countries, and the fiscal scope available* by each Member State;

Or. en

Amendment 341
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Emphasises, *however*, that the aggregate view *ignores* the heterogeneous

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20. Emphasises that the aggregate view *should also take into account* the

situation across Member States and the need to differentiate the fiscal *efforts* required by each Member State;

heterogeneous situation across Member States and the need to differentiate the fiscal *approach* required by each Member State; *stresses, in this regard, that Member States with a larger fiscal room of manoeuvre should adopt more expansionary policies; recalls that countries with deficits have been doing their part, which can be seen from the fact that since the crisis there are each time fewer Member States under the corrective arm of the Excessive Deficit Procure, but countries with surpluses must also do their part, scaling up spending and increasing demand, both for their own good and for the sake of a more balanced euro area;*

Or. en

Amendment 342
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Emphasises, however, that the aggregate view *ignores* the heterogeneous situation across Member States and the need to differentiate the fiscal *efforts required* by each Member State;

Amendment

20. Emphasises, however, that the aggregate view *should be complemented by taking into account* the heterogeneous situation across Member States and the need to differentiate the fiscal *measures that are adequate* by each Member State;

Or. en

Amendment 343
Tom Vandenkendelaere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Emphasises, however, that the aggregate view ignores the heterogeneous situation across Member States and the need to differentiate the fiscal efforts ***required by each Member State***;

Amendment

20. Emphasises, however, that the aggregate view ignores the heterogeneous situation across Member States and the need to differentiate the fiscal efforts ***between Member States with current account surpluses and Member States with current account deficits***;

Or. en

Amendment 344
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Emphasises, however, that the aggregate view ignores the heterogeneous situation across Member States and the need to differentiate the fiscal efforts required by each Member State;

Amendment

20. Emphasises, however, that the aggregate view ignores the heterogeneous situation across Member States and the need to differentiate the fiscal efforts required by each Member State; ***emphasises that the concept of an aggregate fiscal stance must not imply that surpluses and deficits in different Member States can offset each other***;

Or. en

Amendment 345
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

20a. Stresses that, in order to overcome the large imbalances within the euro area and to promote its sustainability, it is vital to introduce stabilisation and

Amendment

compensation schemes between Member States that provide for net fiscal transfers from countries which have accumulated large surpluses to provide support for countries in economic difficulties;

Or. it

Amendment 346
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 a. Agrees that a better coordination of the implementation of structural reforms, in particular through the improved implementation of and commitment to the country specific recommendations by the Member States, would create positive spill over effects;

Or. en

Amendment 347
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 a. Stresses that, within the existing rules of the Stability and Growth Pact, euro area Member States that have fiscal scope are therefore recommended to use it to support domestic demand, notably investment in infrastructure, research and innovation;

Or. en

Amendment 348
Miguel Viegas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Recommends setting up a specific programme to assist Member States seeking to leave the euro area, either because they themselves have decided to do so or because their membership has become untenable ;

Or. pt

Amendment 349
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. Considers, however, that, in the absence of adequate compensation schemes, for some countries a departure from monetary union would become an unavoidable option as a way of overcoming the crisis and promoting the recovery of their own economy; considers, in this context, that a democratic procedure urgently needs to be introduced to permit Member States to decide whether to leave or to remain outside monetary union, on the basis of appropriate termination and opt-out clauses;

Or. it

Amendment 350
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 b. *Deplores the fact that, contrary to other unified currency areas around the world, the EU's current fiscal framework contains no rules or instruments to directly manage the aggregate fiscal stance of the euro area;*

Or. en

Amendment 351
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 b. *Welcomes the timely publication of the implementation of the 2016 country specific recommendations (CSR) and the presentation of the 2017 draft country specific recommendations by the Commission;*

Or. en

Amendment 352
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 c. *Notes positively that over time Member States have made progress with two thirds of the recommendations;takes*

however the view that the implementation of the CSRs is still lagging behind and expects a greater commitment by Member States to take the necessary policy actions based on the agreed CSRs;

Or. en

Amendment 353
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 d. Is looking forward to the upcoming work of the EFB also regarding its other key task to assess the application of the EU fiscal rules and the upcoming annual report announced for autumn;

Or. en

Amendment 354
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 e. Reminds of the uncertainties surrounding fiscal stance assessment and points out that any policy recommendation regarding the euro area fiscal stance should err on the side of caution;

Or. en

Amendment 355
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 c. *Notes that around two thirds of the country-specific recommendations issued until 2016 have been implemented with at least 'some progress';*

Or. en

Amendment 356
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. *Recognises that Member States have made progress in the area of fiscal policy and active labour market policies, while least progress was made in areas such as competition in services and the business environment; expects a greater commitment on the part of Member States to take the necessary policy actions based on the CSRs;*

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 357
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. *Recognises that Member States have made progress in the area of fiscal*

21. *Rejects the country-specific recommendations of the Commission,*

policy and active labour market policies, while least progress was made in areas such as competition in services and the business environment; expects a greater commitment on the part of Member States to take the necessary policy actions based on the CSRs;

which have failed and proven inadequate in the fields both of fiscal policy and labour market policy;

Or. it

Amendment 358
Marisa Matias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Recognises that Member States have made progress in the area of fiscal policy *and active* labour market policies, *while least progress was made in areas such as competition in services and the business environment; expects a greater commitment on the part of Member States to take the necessary policy actions based on the CSRs;*

Amendment

21. Recognises that Member States have made progress in the area of fiscal policy; Labour market policies *have fostered precarious jobs and job destruction; Calls on the Commission to engage in a serious assessment of the consequences of CSRs as well as front-loaded fiscal adjustment on the economic environment, first and foremost, in deficit countries;*

Or. en

Amendment 359
Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Recognises that Member States have made progress in the area of fiscal policy and active labour market policies, while *least* progress was made in areas such as competition in services and the

Amendment

21. Recognises that Member States have made progress in the area of fiscal policy and active labour market policies, while *not enough* progress was made in areas such as competition in services and

business environment; expects a greater commitment on the part of Member States to take *the necessary* policy actions based on the CSRs;

the business environment, *labour market policies, fiscal policy and governance, as well as correction of current account surpluses*; expects a greater commitment on the part of Member States to take policy actions based on the CSRs;

Or. en

Amendment 360

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Recognises that Member States have *made progress* in the area of fiscal policy and active labour market policies, while least progress was made in areas such as competition in services and the business environment; expects a greater commitment on the part of Member States to take the necessary policy actions based on the CSRs;

Amendment

21. Recognises that Member States have *improved their level of compliance with CSRs* in the area of fiscal policy and active labour market policies, while least progress was made in areas such as competition in services and the business environment; expects a greater commitment on the part of Member States to take the necessary policy actions based on the CSRs;

Or. en

Amendment 361

Lieve Wierinck, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Thierry Cornillet, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Recognises that Member States have made progress in the area of fiscal policy and active labour market policies, while least progress was made in areas such as competition in services and the

Amendment

21. Recognises that Member States have made progress in the area of fiscal policy and active labour market policies, while least progress was made in areas such as competition in services,

business environment; expects a greater commitment on the part of Member States to take the necessary policy actions based on the CSRs;

constituting a significant portion of the EU economy, and the business environment; calls on the Commission to enforce the implementation of the CSRs, where possible, through the fiscal and macroeconomic surveillance framework; calls on the Commission to propose a binding legal framework enabling the enforcement of all CSRs; expects a greater commitment on the part of Member States to take the necessary policy actions based on the CSRs;

Or. en

Amendment 362
Gunnar Hökmark

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. Welcomes that the recommendations by the Commission for the CSR include now for the first time limits to nominal growth rate of net primary government expenditure and the corresponding annual structural adjustment of GDP, based on the commonly agreed adjustment matrix;

Or. en

Amendment 363
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Considers it necessary to enhance and supplement internal market cohesion

and freedom of movement in line with the specific recommendations for each Member State;

Or. es

Amendment 364
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. Invites the Commission to draft a proposal regarding the fiscal capacity of the Eurozone;

Or. en

Amendment 365
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 b. Agrees with the Commission's Communication (2016)0727 of 16 November 2016 that states that 'In light of the slow recovery and risks in the macroeconomic environment, there is a case for a moderately expansionary fiscal stance for the euro area at this point in time. Based on estimates from the Commission services, a fiscal expansion of up to 0.5% of GDP at the level of the euro area as a whole is considered desirable for 2017 in the present circumstances'. This fiscal expansion is roughly equivalent to EUR 50 billion;

Or. en

Amendment 366
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. *Takes note of the Commission's recommendation to close the Excessive Deficit Procedures for several Member States; welcomes past and ongoing fiscal and reform efforts, yet insists that these efforts will need to continue to ensure the durability of the correction of the excessive deficit;*

Amendment

22. *Stresses the need for Member States to implement their own economic policies at national level without any limitations imposed by the European Institutions, with full respect for the principles of democracy and sovereignty;*

Or. it

Amendment 367
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Takes note of the Commission's recommendation to close the Excessive Deficit Procedures for several Member States; *welcomes past and ongoing fiscal and reform efforts, yet insists that these efforts will need to continue to ensure the durability of the correction of the excessive deficit;*

Amendment

22. Takes note of the Commission's recommendation to close the Excessive Deficit Procedures for several Member States; *insists that the correction of the excessive is better and more sustainably achieved whenever smart and calibrated counter-cyclical policies are implemented and coordinated within the EMU;*

Or. en

Amendment 368
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Takes note of the Commission's recommendation to close the Excessive Deficit Procedures for several Member States; **welcomes past and ongoing fiscal and reform efforts, yet insists that these efforts will need to continue to ensure the durability of the correction of the excessive deficit;**

Amendment

22. Takes note of the Commission's recommendation to close the Excessive Deficit Procedures for several Member States;

Or. el

Amendment 369
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. **Takes note** of the Commission's recommendation to close the Excessive Deficit Procedures for several Member States; welcomes past and ongoing fiscal and reform efforts, **yet insists that these efforts will need to continue to ensure the durability of the correction of the excessive deficit;**

Amendment

22. **Welcomes** the Commission's recommendation to close the Excessive Deficit Procedures for several Member States; welcomes past and ongoing fiscal and reform efforts;

Or. en

Amendment 370
Marisa Matias, Miguel Viegas, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Takes note of the Commission's recommendation to close the Excessive

Amendment

22. Takes note of the Commission's recommendation to close the Excessive

Deficit Procedures for several Member States; welcomes past and ongoing fiscal and reform efforts, *yet insists that these efforts will need to continue to ensure the durability of the correction of the excessive deficit;*

Deficit Procedures for several Member States; welcomes past and ongoing fiscal and reform efforts, *and notes the need to focus on growth and job creation;*

Or. en

Amendment 371
Olle Ludvigsson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Takes note of the Commission's recommendation to close the Excessive Deficit Procedures for several Member States; welcomes past and ongoing fiscal and reform efforts, yet insists that these efforts will need to continue *to ensure* the durability of the correction of the excessive deficit;

Amendment

22. Takes note of the Commission's recommendation to close the Excessive Deficit Procedures for several Member States; welcomes past and ongoing fiscal and reform efforts, yet insists that these efforts will need to continue *in a sustainable pace not to aggravate the economic difficulties of some Member States, while ensuring* the durability of the correction of the excessive deficit;

Or. en

Amendment 372
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Takes note of the Commission's recommendation to close the Excessive Deficit Procedures for several Member States; welcomes past and ongoing fiscal and reform efforts, yet insists that these efforts will need to continue to ensure the

Amendment

22. Takes note of the Commission's recommendation to close the Excessive Deficit Procedures for several Member States; welcomes past and ongoing fiscal and reform efforts, yet insists that these efforts will need to continue to ensure the

durability of the correction of the excessive deficit;

durability of the correction of the excessive deficit; ***notes with great concern that in the past the enforcement of the rules of the stability and growth pact by the European Commission has been lax; calls on the Commission to restore and maintain the credibility of the stability and growth pact by applying its rules in the strictest possible manner;***

Or. en

Amendment 373
Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Takes note of the Commission's recommendation to close the Excessive Deficit Procedures for several Member States; welcomes past and ongoing fiscal and reform efforts, yet insists that these efforts will need to continue to ensure the durability of the correction of the excessive deficit;

Amendment

22. Takes note of the Commission's recommendation to close the Excessive Deficit Procedures for several Member States; welcomes past and ongoing fiscal and reform efforts, yet insists that these efforts will need to continue to ensure the durability of the correction of the excessive deficit; ***warns against the increasing trend whereby countries are granted extra time and leeway to bring down the budget deficit within the permissible thresholds;***

Or. en

Amendment 374
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Notes that 12 Member States are experiencing macroeconomic imbalances

Amendment

23. Notes that ***the in-depth analysis conducted by the Commission in 2017***

of varying nature and severity, while excessive imbalances exist in six Member States;

under the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure shows that 12 Member States are experiencing macroeconomic imbalances of varying nature and severity, while excessive imbalances exist in six Member States; ***deplores the fact that the Commission has not deemed Germany's never-ending current-account surplus to be 'excessive' and that, in this context, the corrective arm provided for by the procedure has never been used; stresses, however, that that surplus has for years far exceeded the alert threshold and been giving rise to an excessive imbalance which damages the euro area and the European and global economy in general;***

Or. it

Amendment 375

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. *Notes* that 12 Member States are experiencing macroeconomic imbalances of varying nature and severity, while excessive imbalances exist in six Member States;

Amendment

23. ***Is concerned*** that 12 Member States are experiencing macroeconomic imbalances of varying nature and severity, while excessive imbalances exist in six Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 376

Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Notes that 12 Member States are experiencing macroeconomic imbalances of varying nature and severity, while excessive imbalances exist in six Member States;

23. Notes that 12 Member States are experiencing macroeconomic imbalances of varying nature and severity, while excessive imbalances exist in six Member States; ***takes note of the Commission's conclusion that there are currently no analytical grounds for stepping up the macroeconomic imbalance procedure for any Member State;***

Or. en

Amendment 377
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Notes that 12 Member States are experiencing macroeconomic imbalances of varying nature and severity, while excessive imbalances exist in six Member States;

Amendment

23. Notes that 12 Member States are experiencing macroeconomic imbalances of varying nature and severity, ***and that excessive current account deficits are just the reversal of excessive current account surpluses,*** while excessive imbalances exist in six Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 378
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Notes that 12 Member States are experiencing macroeconomic imbalances of varying nature and severity, while excessive imbalances exist in six Member States;

Amendment

23. Notes ***with concern*** that 12 Member States are experiencing macroeconomic imbalances of varying nature and severity, while excessive imbalances exist in six Member States;

Amendment 379
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Highlights *that the macroeconomic imbalance procedure is aimed at preventing imbalances within Member States with a view to avoiding negative spill-over effects to other Member States*;

Amendment

24. Highlights *the need for fair treatment under the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure, which should entail assessing the serious imbalances caused by Member States with excessive surpluses*;

Or. it

Amendment 380
Tom Vandenkendelaere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Highlights that the macroeconomic imbalance procedure is aimed at *preventing* imbalances within Member States with a view to *avoiding negative spill-over effects to other Member States*;

Amendment

24. Highlights that the macroeconomic imbalance procedure is aimed at imbalances within Member States with a view to *increasing convergence between Euro area countries, thereby improving the functioning of the EMU*;

Or. en

Amendment 381
Marisa Matias, Fabio De Masi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Highlights that the macroeconomic imbalance procedure is aimed at preventing imbalances within Member States with a view to avoiding negative spill-over effects to other Member States;

Amendment

24. Highlights that the macroeconomic imbalance procedure is aimed at preventing imbalances within ***and between*** Member States with a view to avoiding negative spill-over effects to other Member States; ***Considers that excessive current account surpluses are just as harmful to the Eurozone as unsustainable public debts; Notes that persistent current account surpluses signal a beggar-thy-neighbour dynamic which has detrimental effects both to specific member-states and the Eurozone as a hole; reminds that external imbalances are a symptom of unresolved deficiencies in the Eurozone design, which must be urgently tackled;***

Or. en

Amendment 382

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Highlights that the macroeconomic imbalance procedure is aimed at preventing imbalances within Member States with a view to avoiding negative spill-over effects to other Member States;

Amendment

24. Highlights that the macroeconomic imbalance procedure is aimed at preventing imbalances within Member States, ***particularly excessive current-account surpluses***, with a view to avoiding negative spill-over effects to other Member States ***and to the economic stability of the euro area; expresses its concern about the fact that the corrective arm provided for by the procedure has never been used;***

Or. it

Amendment 383

Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Highlights that the macroeconomic imbalance procedure is aimed at preventing imbalances within Member States with a view to avoiding negative spill-over effects to other Member States;

Amendment

24. Highlights that the macroeconomic imbalance procedure (*MIP*) is aimed at preventing imbalances within Member States with a view to avoiding negative spill-over effects to other Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 384
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 a. *Is convinced that these macroeconomic imbalances are the price to be paid for the euro and must be accepted as such, as they take the place of the traditional aligning of exchange rates in a fixed rate regime such as the euro, thereby indicating where national economies are particularly uncompetitive; stresses in this context that all euro area countries have had ample time since 2012 to make the crucial adjustments;*

Or. de

Amendment 385
Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 a. Reminds that the Excessive Imbalance Procedure (EIP) is an enhanced surveillance mechanism to ensure compliance with the MIP; is of the view that EIP should be consistently applied to countries that significantly and constantly experience imbalances and fail to take adequate actions to correct them, regardless of the type of imbalances;

Or. en

Amendment 386
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular high levels of indebtedness, and commit to structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;

deleted

Or. el

Amendment 387
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address

25. Considers the entire architecture of European Economic and Monetary Union to be a failure, as are all the

imbalances, in particular high levels of indebtedness, and commit to structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;

structural reforms and the recommendations imposed on Member States; calls therefore for all the measures applied in this field under the Maastricht Treaty to be reviewed without further delay in order to permit European countries to revert to the path towards the requisite economic recovery;

Or. it

Amendment 388

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular *high levels of indebtedness, and commit to structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State*, thereby *ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;*

Amendment

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States *which have greater room for manoeuvre* take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular *large current-account surpluses*, thereby *restoring the competitiveness and general resilience of the European economy;*

Or. it

Amendment 389

Neena Gill

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address *imbalances, in particular high levels of*

Amendment

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address *all types of imbalances*, and commit to structural

indebtedness, and commit to structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;

reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;

Or. en

Amendment 390
Tom Vandenkendelaere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular *high levels of indebtedness*, and commit to structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;

Amendment

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address *intra-EU macro-economic imbalances*, in particular *competitiveness imbalances*, and commit to structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;

Or. en

Amendment 391
Marisa Matias, Fabio De Masi, Miguel Viegas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular high levels of indebtedness, and commit to *structural reforms* ensuring the economic

Amendment

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular high levels of indebtedness, and commit to *growth and job-creation policies*, ensuring the

sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall **competitiveness and** resilience of the European economy;

economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall resilience of the European economy;

Or. en

Amendment 392

Lieve Wierinck, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Thierry Cornillet, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Considers it **of great importance** therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular high levels of indebtedness, and commit to structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;

Amendment

25. Considers it **essential** therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular high levels of indebtedness, and commit to structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;

Or. en

Amendment 393

Luigi Morgano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular high levels of indebtedness, and commit to structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall

Amendment

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular high levels of indebtedness **and excessive current-account surpluses**, and commit to structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member

competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;

State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy; ***stresses that Member States which have current-account deficits or large external debts should seek to increase productivity, while countries with current-account surpluses should increase domestic demand and investment;***

Or. it

Amendment 394

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular high levels of indebtedness, and commit to structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;

Amendment

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular high levels of indebtedness ***and excessive current account surpluses***, and commit to ***socially balanced*** structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness, ***resource efficiency, sustainability*** and resilience of the European economy;

Or. en

Amendment 395

Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular high levels of indebtedness, and commit to structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular high levels of indebtedness **as well as persistent current account surpluses**, and commit to **socially balanced and inclusive** structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;

Or. en

Amendment 396
Jonás Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular high levels of indebtedness, and commit to structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;

Amendment

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular high levels of indebtedness **but also excessive current account surpluses**, and commit to **socially balanced** structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;

Or. en

Amendment 397
Tibor Szanyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular high levels of indebtedness, and commit to structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular high levels of indebtedness, and commit to structural reforms, *with due regard for social policy aspects*, ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;

Or. hu

Amendment 398
Jakob von Weizsäcker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular high levels of indebtedness, and commit to structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;

Amendment

25. Considers it of great importance therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular high levels of indebtedness *and account surpluses*, and commit to structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;

Or. en

Amendment 399
Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Considers it of great importance

Amendment

25. Considers it of great importance

therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular high levels of indebtedness, and commit to structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;

therefore that all Member States take the necessary policy action to address imbalances, in particular high levels of ***current account surpluses and*** indebtedness, and commit to structural reforms ensuring the economic sustainability of each individual Member State, thereby ensuring the overall competitiveness and resilience of the European economy;

Or. en

Amendment 400
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Considers that the inability of Member States to conduct effective economic policies against the crisis and unemployment is largely due to the unsustainable economic constraints derived from the legal framework of the EU, which hamper economic recovery and aggravate the recession; stresses therefore the urgent need to work towards a radical revision of the EU's current economic governance rules, particularly the Treaties, the Six Pack and the Two Pack, and to revoke the Fiscal Compact, in order to restore governments' ability to tackle the crisis and pursue policies appropriate to the specific requirements of their area and people;

Or. it

Amendment 401
Beatrix von Storch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. *Considers it crucial for the euro area to be equipped with a mechanism for dealing with sovereign default; stresses that the euro area needs an exclusion mechanism and a withdrawal mechanism; notes that the stability of a currency does not mean its political imposition in a particular geographical area but the long-term conservation of its purchasing power;*

Or. de

Amendment 402

Lieve Wierinck, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Thierry Cornillet, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25 a. *Considers that the implementation of country-specific recommendations launched in the framework of the European Semester is crucial to addressing imbalances in the Euro area; notes that the voluntary nature for the implementation of the recommendations represents a vulnerability for the Euro area as a whole; calls on the Commission to make the country-specific recommendations binding;*

Or. en

Amendment 403
Roberts Zile

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25 a. Urges the Commission to consistently and vigorously enforce the existing macroeconomic governance rules to all Member States, regardless of the type of imbalances; notes that increased tolerance for breaches of rules risks undermining the effectiveness of the existing economic governance framework;

Or. en

Amendment 404
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25 a. Notes with concern the increasing economic impact of growing corruption in some Member States and asks the Commission to specifically monitor this situation through the Country-specific Recommendations;

Or. en

Amendment 405
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25 a. Highlights the importance of national parliaments debating country

reports and country-specific recommendations, as well as national reform programmes and stability programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 406

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25 b. Regrets that, contrary to the demand of the European Parliament Resolution on the 2016 Annual Growth Survey, environmental fiscal reforms are not properly addressed in country-specific recommendations;

Or. en

Amendment 407

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Opposes the incorporation of the Fiscal Compact into the legal framework of the Union, and calls on Member States to terminate that agreement;

Or. it

Amendment 408

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25 c. Highlights the importance of renewable energy sources, greater resource and energy efficiency, including through the development of the circular economy; calls on the Commission to include country specific recommendations in these areas;

Or. en