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AMENDMENTS

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Amendment 1
Antonio López-Istúriz White

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2. Considers that a well-functioning internal market is a cornerstone for stronger competitiveness of the Union and stresses the need to take into account the transformation to the digital era with an adequate budgetary allocation;

Amendment

2. Considers that a well-functioning, ***highly integrated and unified*** internal market ***with a fair environment for consumers and SMEs*** is a cornerstone for stronger competitiveness of the Union and stresses the need to take into account the transformation to the digital era with an adequate budgetary allocation;

Or. en

Amendment 2
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2. Considers that a well-functioning internal market is a cornerstone for stronger competitiveness of the Union and stresses the need to take into account the transformation to the digital era with an adequate budgetary allocation;

Amendment

2. Considers that a well-functioning internal market is a cornerstone for stronger competitiveness of the Union and stresses the need to take into account the transformation to the digital era with an adequate budgetary allocation, ***in particular for SMEs***;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Antonio López-Istúriz White

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Paragraph 3

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3. Is convinced that consumer policy is one of the main horizontal priorities for the Union and that the budget for that policy area should reflect this; asks the Commission to do its utmost to increase education and awareness on consumer policy in particular in the Digital Single Market and to mainstream consumer interests across different Union policies;

Amendment

3. Is convinced that consumer policy is one of the main horizontal priorities for the Union and that the budget for that policy area should reflect this; asks the Commission to do its utmost to increase education and awareness on consumer policy, ***as well as on product safety and market surveillance***, in particular in the Digital Single Market and to mainstream consumer interests across different Union policies;

Or. en

Amendment 4

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Amendment

3. Is convinced that consumer policy is one of the main horizontal priorities for the Union and that the budget for that policy area should reflect this; asks the Commission to do its utmost to increase education and awareness on consumer policy in particular in the Digital Single Market and to mainstream consumer interests across ***all*** Union policies;

Or. en

Amendment 5

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Paragraph 6

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6. Welcomes appropriations for the competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs as it is one of the priorities to support entrepreneurship and boost growth and jobs;

Amendment

6. Welcomes appropriations for the competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs as it is one of the priorities to support entrepreneurship and boost ***sustainable*** growth and the ***creation of*** jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 6

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Welcomes appropriations for the competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs as it is one of the priorities to support entrepreneurship and boost growth and jobs;

Amendment

6. Welcomes appropriations for the competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs as it is one of the priorities to support entrepreneurship and boost growth and jobs; ***stresses the necessity of efficient financing for innovation, scale-up, internationalisation and access to third countries' markets in order to increase the international competitiveness of Union enterprises;***

Or. en

Amendment 7

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

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7. ***Is nevertheless concerned at the reduction in*** the budget line 02 02 01 'Promoting entrepreneurship and improving the competitiveness and access

Amendment

7. ***Welcomes the increase in commitment appropriations concerning*** the budget line 02 02 01 'Promoting entrepreneurship and improving the

to markets of Union enterprises' *as* SMEs still encounter problems in those areas of the real economy;

competitiveness and access to markets of Union enterprises' *but is nevertheless concerned at the reduction in payment appropriations in that budget line since* SMEs still encounter problems in those areas of the real economy;

Or. en

Amendment 8

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Paragraph 7

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7. Is nevertheless concerned at the reduction in the budget line 02 02 01 'Promoting entrepreneurship and improving the competitiveness and access to markets of Union enterprises' as SMEs still encounter problems in those areas of the real economy;

Amendment

7. Is nevertheless concerned at the reduction in the budget line 02 02 01 'Promoting entrepreneurship and improving the competitiveness and access to markets of Union enterprises' as SMEs still encounter problems in those areas of the real economy; *stresses that sufficient financial support for microenterprises, entrepreneurs and SMEs should be the key priority for the Union; emphasises that securing good access to finance is essential for keeping SMEs competitive and for helping them to overcome challenges related to access to the internal market as well as to the global market;*

Or. en

Amendment 9

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Paragraph 7 a (new)

7a. *Emphasises the crucial role of SMEs and microenterprises in the Union economy; calls for more targeted spending programmes that help and encourage the internationalisation and exports of SMEs to third countries;*

Or. en

Amendment 10

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Paragraph 8

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8. Welcomes the allocation of funds for the modernisation of the customs union, which supports the implementation of the Union Customs Code and the development of the electronic customs systems as this constitutes one of the priority areas for a better functioning of the internal market;

Amendment

8. Welcomes the allocation of funds for the modernisation of the customs union, which supports the implementation of the Union Customs Code (***Code***) and the development of the electronic customs systems as this constitutes one of the priority areas for a better functioning of the internal market; ***emphasises that the full and uniform implementation of the Code is essential to protect citizens and the financial interests of the Union and calls on the Commission and the Member States to meet the deadline of 31 December 2020 for the transitional measures laid down in Article 278 of the Code to ensure a full implementation of the Code;***

Or. en

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Paragraph 10

10. Asks for the financing of *the* pilot projects *proposed by IMCO on key areas related to the development of the Digital Single Market, consumer interests and innovation and competitiveness.*

10. Asks for the financing of *all* pilot projects *and in particular, new pilot projects entitled ‘Digital skills for EU start-ups’ to contribute to the innovation and cross-border trade, and “Assessing alleged differences in the quality of products sold on the Single Market” which aims to respond to the consumers’ concerns about possible differences in the quality of products with the same brand and packaging in the internal market. Also asks for the extension of the PP- ‘Algorithm Awareness Building Initiative’ to deliver on a series of targeted in-depth prototyping of approaches and policy solutions fit for addressing the complexity of the challenges raised by algorithmic decision-making in the near- and longer-term.*

Or. en