AMENDMENTS
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Draft report
Isabel Santos
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(2021/2244(INI))
Amendment 1
Marc Angel, Pierre Karleskind, Malin Björk, Terry Reintke, Maria Walsh, Dietmar Köster, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Frédérique Ries, Thomas Waitz, Andrey Kovatchev, Tanja Fajon, Stelios Kouloglou

Motion for a resolution
Citation 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— having regard to the Council of Europe’s report ‘Beyond Definitions: a call for action against hate speech in Albania – a comprehensive study’, published in November 2021;¹a

¹a https://rm.coe.int/beyond-definitions-eng/1680a464b2

Or. en

Amendment 2
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— having regard to the Sofia Summit of 10 November 2020, including the Declaration on the Common Regional Market and the Declaration on the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans,

Or. en

Amendment 3
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Citation 19 a (new)
Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— having regard to the Sofia declaration of the EU-Western Balkans summit of 17 May 2018 and the Sofia priority agenda,

Or. en

Amendment 4
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Citation 19 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— having regard to the EU-Western Balkans summit, held in Zagreb on 6 May 2020, and its declaration,

Or. en

Amendment 5
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— having regard to the Special Report 01/2022 of the European Court of Auditors: EU support for the Rule of Law in the Western Balkans: despite efforts, fundamental problems persist, of 10 January 2022,

Or. en

Amendment 6
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 23 a (new)

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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— having regard to the European Court of Auditors press release of 10th of January 2022

Or. en

Amendment 7
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Citation 28

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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— having regard to its resolution of ... March 2022 on foreign interference in all democratic processes in the European Union, including disinformation,

Or. en

Amendment 8
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Citation 31 a (new)

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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— having regard to that the number of unregistered firearms in civilian illegal possession in the Western Balkans is thought to be around 3.8 million and large quantities of ammunition and military explosive devices such as but not limited to hang grenades, anti-personnel- as well as an anti-tank mines.
Amendment 9
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Citation 31 b (new)

Motion for a resolution  Amendment

—  having regard to: 24.7.2020
COM(2020)608 final
COMMUNICATION FROM THE
COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE
OF THE REGIONS 2020-2025 EU action
plan on firearms trafficking, and the
Europol reports: Threat Assessment
Report on Illicit Trafficking in Firearms
(EDOC#673806v7A of June2013),
Intelligence Notification (19/2014);
“Firearms in the hands of Terrorist in
Europe”(EDOC:#759937v3; May 2015). -
observing that Europol confirmed that
Western Balkans remain among the main
supplying regions of trafficking to the EU.

Or. en

Amendment 10
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Citation 31 c (new)

Motion for a resolution  Amendment

—  Observing the reports:
Strengthening Resilience in the Western
Balkans: Mapping Assistance for SALW
Control, Small Arms Survey, September
2018; and UNODC (2020), Global Study
on Firearms Trafficking, Vienna and
their observations that provides the information: that the ongoing threat in the Western Balkans region was confirmed by several studies. It is stresses that weapons used in terrorist attacks in the EU “were acquired through local illicit firearm markets and were found to originate from the Western Balkans and the Western Balkans is the main supplier of illicit firearms in Europe. In addition, it described the links between the Western Balkans and small arms used in EU Member States in various types of criminal activity. The latest report from the UN on the subject, UNODC Global Firearms Study confirms that the Western Balkans remain a source of illicit firearms, notably assault rifles for Western Europe.

Amendment 11
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Andrey Kovatchev, Arba Kokalari, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Recital -A (new)

   Motion for a resolution  Amendment

   -A. whereas enlargement is one of the EU’s most effective foreign policy instruments, as it contributes to extending the reach of the Union’s fundamental values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, the rule of law, peace building and respect for human rights;

Amendment 12
Fabio Massimo Castaldo
Motion for a resolution
Recital A

A. whereas European integration represents the aspirations of Albanian citizens towards democracy and prosperity and serves as a powerful catalyst for reforms;

Amendment

A. whereas European integration represents the aspirations of Albanian citizens towards democracy and prosperity and serves as a powerful catalyst for reforms that would increase the State performances as a whole;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

A. whereas European integration represents the aspirations of Albanian citizens towards democracy and prosperity and serves as a powerful catalyst for reforms;

Amendment

A. whereas the Albanian citizens still have a long process ahead of them to achieve democracy and prosperity and there is still need for strong popular will to implement reforms;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

B. whereas the prospect of Albania’s merit-based membership is in the Union’s own political, security and economic interests;

Amendment

B. whereas the prospect of Albania’s membership is in neither their, nor the Member States own interests;

Or. en
Amendment 15
Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

B. whereas the prospect of Albania’s merit-based membership is in the Union’s own political, security and economic interests;

Amendment

B. whereas it is not in the Member States’ interests to have any more countries, especially Albania, join the European Union;

Or. fr

Amendment 16
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

C. whereas Albania has been a candidate country since 2014 and the Commission submitted a draft negotiating framework for Albania on 1 July 2020;

Amendment

C. whereas Albania has been a candidate country since 2014 for which the Commission has been recommending to start accession talks since 2018 and finally submitted a draft negotiating framework on 1 July 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 17
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

D. whereas the EU must provide a clear pathway for countries seeking to join

Amendment

D. whereas the EU provides a clear pathway for countries seeking to join the EU; whereas the Council has set
the EU;

whereas the quality of the necessary reforms determines the timetable for accession;

Amendment 18
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

D. whereas the EU must provide a clear pathway for countries seeking to join the EU;

Amendment

D. if the EU must provide a process for accession, then it shall only be open for European nations that are stable and fulfil all requirements;

Amendment 19
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

D. whereas the EU must provide a clear pathway for countries seeking to join the EU;

Amendment

D. whereas the EU must provide a clear and reliable pathway for countries seeking to join the EU;

Amendment 20
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the rule of law and human rights are a key benchmark for assessing the progress towards the EU accession;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Antonio López-Istúriz White

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas Albania should continue to press forward with the consolidation of democracy, the rule of law and human rights, including the protection of persons belonging to minorities;

E. whereas Albania should continue to press forward with the consolidation of democracy, the rule of law, and human rights, including the protection of persons belonging to minorities;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas Albania should continue to press forward with the consolidation of democracy, the rule of law and human rights, including the protection of persons belonging to minorities;

E. whereas Albania should continue to press forward with the consolidation of democracy, the rule of law and human rights, including the protection of persons belonging to minorities, especially Christians;

Or. fr
Amendment 23
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Arba Kokalari

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

E. whereas Albania should continue to press forward with the consolidation of democracy, the rule of law and human rights, including the protection of persons belonging to minorities;

E. whereas Albania must continue to press forward with the consolidation of democracy, the rule of law and human rights, including the protection of persons belonging to minorities;

Amendment 24
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

E. whereas Albania should continue to press forward with the consolidation of democracy, the rule of law and human rights, including the protection of persons belonging to minorities;

E. whereas Albania should continue to press forward with the consolidation of democracy, the rule of law and human rights, and protection of all her citizens;

Amendment 25
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács, Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Ea. whereas the EU remains fully committed to supporting Albania’s
strategic choice for EU integration, based on good neighbourly relations, and continues being by far the biggest trade and investment partner and the largest provider of financial assistance to the country;

Amendment 26
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Amendment
Ea. whereas past OSCE/ODIHR recommendations to further improve the conduct of elections in the Republic of Albania and bring them fully in line with the OSCE commitments and other international obligations and standards have not yet been fully addressed

Amendment 27
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Amendment
Ea. whereas the EU is Albania’s biggest provider of financial assistance; whereas Albania has benefited from the EU assistance under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) in total of €639.5 million since 2014;
Amendment 28
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Andrey Kovatchev, Arba Kokalari, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

Ea. whereas the EU is Albania’s biggest trading partner and largest donor and whereas the country has benefited from EUR 1,24 billion in EU pre-accession funding under IPA I and IPA II since 2007;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

Ea. E. (new) whereas Albania is increasingly aligning its foreign policy with the Union’s one, as demonstrated by the adoption of sanctions on the Russian Federation following the invasion of Ukraine;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Ilhan Kyuchyuk

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment
Ea. whereas malign foreign direct and proxy interference and disinformation aim to sow discord, violence, inter-ethnic tensions and to destabilise the whole region.

Amendment 31
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Andrey Kovatchev, Arba Kokalari, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

Eb. whereas the EU remains fully committed to support Albania’s strategic choice for EU integration; whereas Albania remains an important geopolitical ally and a trustworthy foreign policy partner, thanks to its efforts to advance regional cooperation and good neighbouring relations.

Amendment 32
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

Eb. whereas the EU has shown its commitment for the European perspective of Western Balkan countries and mobilized €3.3 billion to address the immediate health crisis and mitigate economic and social consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Amendment 33
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

Eb. whereas the Commission redirected EUR 50.6 million in grants to meet the most immediate needs and provide socio-economic response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Or. en

Amendment 34
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács, Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

Eb. whereas Albania remains a trustworthy foreign policy partner with its full CFSP alignment;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács, Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Recital E c (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

Ec. whereas Albania joined the EU efforts in supporting Ukraine by sanctioning Russia, aligning with the
votes in the UNGA and working in its capacity as a member of the UNSC;

Amendment 36
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Recital E d (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

Ed. whereas malign foreign direct and proxy interference and disinformation aim to sow discord and to destabilise the region;

Amendment 37
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács, Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution Amendment

F. whereas Albania has fulfilled all the conditions for the scheduling of the first Intergovernmental Conference, as already affirmed in the report of the European Parliament on the 2019-2020 Commission report on Albania, and is advancing in its accession process;

Amendment 38
Michael Gahler

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas Albania has fulfilled all the conditions for the scheduling of the first Intergovernmental Conference and is advancing in its accession process;

Amendment

F. whereas Albania has actually not fulfilled all the 15 conditions for the scheduling of the first Intergovernmental Conference as for example the media law and could be advancing in its accession process once that the conditions are fulfilled;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas Albania has fulfilled all the conditions for the scheduling of the first Intergovernmental Conference and is advancing in its accession process;

Amendment

F. whereas Albania is far from fulfilling the criteria for an accession process;

Or. en

Amendment 40
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas Albania has fulfilled all the conditions for the scheduling of the first Intergovernmental Conference and is advancing in its accession process;

Amendment

F. whereas Albania has made sustained efforts to fulfil the conditions for the scheduling of the first Intergovernmental Conference and is advancing in its accession process;

Or. en
Amendment 41
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Andrey Kovatchev, Arba Kokalari, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

Fa whereas Albanian citizens have enjoyed visa-free travel to the Schengen area since December 2010;

Or. en

Amendment 42
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Andrey Kovatchev, Arba Kokalari, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Recital F b (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

Fb whereas Albanian citizens have been able to participate in student, academic and youth exchanges under the Erasmus+ programme since 2015;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

1. Reiterates its clear support for Albania’s democratic transformation, underpinned by its strategic orientation and unwavering commitment to European integration; reaffirms the European future
integration; of Albania and the whole Western Balkans region;

Amendment 44
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács, Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

1. Reiterates its clear support for Albania’s democratic transformation, underpinned by its strategic orientation and unwavering commitment to European integration;

Amendment
1. Reiterates its clear support for Albania’s democratic transformation, underpinned by its strategic orientation and unwavering commitment to European integration, along with good neighbourly relations and inclusive regional cooperation;

Amendment 45
Ilhan Kyuchyuk

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

1. Reiterates its clear support for Albania’s democratic transformation, underpinned by its strategic orientation and unwavering commitment to European integration;

Amendment
1. Reiterates its clear support for Albania’s democratic transformation, underpinned by its strategic orientation and unwavering commitment to European integration along, with good neighbourly relations and regional cooperation;

Amendment 46
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

1. Reiterates its clear support for Albania’s democratic transformation, **underpinned by its strategic orientation and unwavering commitment to European integration**;

Amendment

1. Reiterates its clear support for Albania’s democratic transformation;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

1. Reiterates **its clear support for Albania’s democratic transformation, underpinned by its strategic orientation and unwavering commitment to European integration**;

Amendment

1. Reiterates **that Albania’s accession to the European Union is not in the interests of the Member States or EU citizens**;

Or. fr

Amendment 48
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

1a. Deeply regrets that the Council has failed to deliver on the EU’s promise to finally start long overdue accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia; is deeply concerned that this delay is leading to a significant decrease
of the positive public attitude towards the EU; emphasises its full solidarity and sympathies with the countries’ citizens for the EU’s failure to deliver on its promises; considers this failure a serious danger to the enlargement policy as a whole, as well as it is damaging the EU’s reputation as a reliable partner and serious geopolitical actor;

Amendment 49
Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution Amendment

2. **Recalls the need to uphold the pace and credibility of European integration by promptly opening accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia, as continuously recommended by the Commission, given that both countries have fulfilled the conditions and deliver sustained results across fundamental areas;**

Amendment 50
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution Amendment

2. **Recalls the need to uphold the pace and credibility of European integration by promptly opening accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia, as continuously**

Or. en
recommended by the Commission, given that both countries have fulfilled the conditions and deliver sustained results across fundamental areas;

Amendment 51
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Recalls the need to uphold the pace and credibility of European integration by promptly opening accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia, as continuously recommended by the Commission, given that both countries have fulfilled the conditions and deliver sustained results across fundamental areas;

Amendment

2. Recalls the need to uphold the pace and credibility of European integration by promptly opening accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia, as continuously recommended by the Commission, given that both countries have fulfilled the conditions and deliver sustained results across fundamental areas; calls on the Member States to demonstrate full political commitment towards the enlargement through the opening of the accession negotiations for Albania and North Macedonia;

Amendment 52
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Recalls the need to uphold the pace and credibility of European integration by promptly opening accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia, as continuously recommended by the Commission, given that both countries

Amendment

2. Recalls the need to uphold the pace and credibility of European integration by promptly opening accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia, as continuously recommended by the Commission, given that both countries
have fulfilled the conditions and deliver sustained results across fundamental areas; stresses that the opening of the negotiations would give credible impetus to other candidate countries in their reform efforts;

Amendment 53
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution
2. Recalls the need to uphold the pace and credibility of European integration by promptly opening accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia, as continuously recommended by the Commission, given that both countries have fulfilled the conditions and deliver sustained results across fundamental areas;

Amendment
2. Recalls the need to uphold the pace and credibility of European integration by promptly opening accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia, following the complete fulfilment of the conditions set by the European Council, as continuously recommended by the Commission, given that both countries deliver sustained results across fundamental areas;

Amendment 54
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution
2. Recalls the need to uphold the pace and credibility of European integration by promptly opening accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia, as continuously recommended by the Commission, given that both countries have fulfilled the conditions and deliver

Amendment
2. Recalls the need to uphold the pace and credibility of European integration by promptly opening accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia, as continuously recommended by the Commission, given that both countries have fulfilled the conditions set by the
sustained results across fundamental areas; European Council and deliver sustained results across fundamental areas;

Amendment 55
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

2. Recalls the need to uphold the pace and credibility of European integration by promptly opening accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia, as continuously recommended by the Commission, given that both countries have fulfilled the conditions and deliver sustained results across fundamental areas;

2. Urges the Council to uphold the credibility of European integration by promptly opening accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia, as continuously recommended by the Commission, given that both countries have fulfilled the conditions and deliver sustained results across fundamental areas;

Amendment 56
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

2. Recalls the need to uphold the pace and credibility of European integration by promptly opening accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia, as continuously recommended by the Commission, given that both countries have fulfilled the conditions and deliver sustained results across fundamental areas;

2. Recalls the need to uphold the pace and credibility of European integration by promptly opening accession negotiations with Albania, as continuously recommended by the Commission, given that the country has fulfilled the conditions and deliver sustained results across fundamental areas;
Amendment 57
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

2a. Calls for the immediate start of negotiations with Albania, as prescribed by the European Commission; the country should be assessed and stimulated based on its own progress and merit, without this being interlinked with developments in any other country;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Recognises the transformative nature of the accession negotiations to be conducted under the revised enlargement methodology;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 59
Ilhan Kyuchyuk

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Recognises the transformative nature of the accession negotiations to be conducted under the revised enlargement methodology within a broader strategic
context, including malicious activities seeking to undermine the political stability and European integration of the Western Balkan countries;

Amendment 60
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Recognises the transformative nature of the accession negotiations to be conducted under the revised enlargement methodology;

Amendment

3. Recognises the transformative nature of the accession negotiations to be conducted under the revised enlargement methodology within a broader strategic context and malicious activities seeking to undermine further integration and the political stability of the Western Balkan countries;

Amendment 61
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underscores that the pace of EU accession is determined by the progress on the due functioning of all institutions and is grounded in the rule of law, good governance and fundamental rights; urges Albania to sustain and intensify efforts to reinforce the functioning of the judiciary, strengthen the rule of law, counter corruption and organised crime, and ensure media freedom;

Amendment

4. Underscores that there will be no more EU accession in the foreseeable future;
Amendment 62
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underscores that the pace of EU accession is determined by the progress on the due functioning of all institutions and is grounded in the rule of law, good governance and fundamental rights; urges Albania to sustain and intensify efforts to reinforce the functioning of the judiciary, strengthen the rule of law, counter corruption and organised crime, and ensure media freedom;

Amendment

4. Recalls that Albania’s EU accession depends on lasting, in-depth and irreversible reforms across fundamental areas, starting with the rule of law and the functioning of democratic institutions; underscores that the pace of EU accession is determined by the progress on the due functioning of all institutions and is grounded in the rule of law, good governance and fundamental rights; urges Albania to sustain and intensify efforts to reinforce the functioning of the judiciary, strengthen the rule of law and the economy, counter corruption and organised crime, and ensure media freedom;

Amendment 63
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underscores that the pace of EU accession is determined by the progress on the due functioning of all institutions and is grounded in the rule of law, good governance and fundamental rights; urges Albania to sustain and intensify efforts to reinforce the functioning of the judiciary,

Amendment

4. Underscores that the pace of EU accession is determined by the progress on the due functioning of all institutions and is grounded in the rule of law, good governance and fundamental rights; urges Albania to sustain and intensify efforts to reinforce the functioning of the judiciary,
strengthen the rule of law, counter corruption and organised crime, and ensure media freedom;

...recalls in this context that the transformation of a candidate country towards an EU Member State takes place during accession negotiations, which last as long as needed to implement the necessary reforms;

Amendment 64
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

4. Underscores that the pace of EU accession is determined by the progress on the due functioning of all institutions and is grounded in the rule of law, good governance and fundamental rights; urges Albania to sustain and intensify efforts to reinforce the functioning of the judiciary, strengthen the rule of law, counter corruption and organised crime, and ensure media freedom;

Amendment

4. Underscores that the pace of EU accession is determined by the progress on the due functioning of all institutions and is grounded in the rule of law, good governance and fundamental rights; urges Albania to sustain and intensify efforts to reinforce the functioning of the judiciary, strengthen the rule of law, empower civil society, counter corruption and organised crime, and ensure media freedom, guarantee the rights of minorities and address the worrying persecution of the LGBTQI community.

Amendment 65
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Vangelis Meimarakis, Stelios Kympouropoulos, Maria Spyraki, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Georgios Kyrtos, Theodoros Zagorakis, Lefteris Christoforou, Loucas Fourlas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4
4. Underscores that the pace of EU accession is determined by the progress on the due functioning of all institutions and is grounded in the rule of law, good governance and fundamental rights; urges Albania to sustain and intensify efforts to reinforce the functioning of the judiciary, strengthen the rule of law, counter corruption and organised crime, and ensure media freedom;

Amendment 66
Antonio López-Istúriz White

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

4. Underscores that the pace of EU accession is determined by the progress on the due functioning of all institutions and is grounded in the rule of law, good governance and fundamental rights; urges Albania to sustain and intensify efforts to reinforce the functioning of the judiciary, strengthen the rule of law and human rights, including the protection of persons belonging to minorities, counter corruption and organised crime, and ensure media freedom;

Amendment 67
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Andrey Kovatchev, Arba Kokalari, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5
Motion for a resolution

5. Reaffirms the joint responsibility of Albania’s political forces to strengthen constructive political dialogue and cooperation, enabling an effective functioning of the country’s democratic institutions by continuing to improve governance, transparency and pluralism and by enabling the participation of civil society;

Amendment

5. Reaffirms the joint responsibility of Albania’s political forces to strengthen constructive political dialogue and cooperation, enabling an effective functioning of the country’s democratic institutions by continuing to improve governance, transparency and pluralism and by enabling the active participation of civil society; expresses its serious concern about the polarised political climate and lack of sustainable cross-party cooperation that continue to hamper the democratic process; encourages the use of the Jean Monnet Dialogue (JMD) to build the consensus necessary for generating a democratic parliamentary culture and trust and to develop true inter-party dialogue;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Reaffirms the joint responsibility of Albania’s political forces to strengthen constructive political dialogue and cooperation, enabling an effective functioning of the country’s democratic institutions by continuing to improve governance, transparency and pluralism and by enabling the participation of civil society;

Amendment

5. Reaffirms the joint responsibility of Albania’s political forces to strengthen constructive political dialogue and cooperation, enabling an effective functioning of the country’s democratic institutions by continuing to improve governance, transparency and pluralism and by enabling the participation of civil society; recalls the importance of reaching a consensus between all political actors on the importance of building a constructive parliamentary tradition and culture;

Or. en
Amendment 69
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

5. Reaffirms the joint responsibility of Albania’s political forces to strengthen constructive political dialogue and cooperation, enabling an effective functioning of the country’s democratic institutions by continuing to improve governance, transparency and pluralism and by enabling the participation of genuine civil society groups;
Michael Gahler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

6. Welcomes all efforts to reduce polarisation ahead of the 2021 general elections, which brought the opposition parties back into the political process;

Amendment

6. Welcomes all efforts to reduce polarisation ahead of the 2021 general elections, which brought the opposition parties back into the political process; regrets the unilateral changes of the constitution and electoral law by the ruling majority ahead of the general elections;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

6. Welcomes all efforts to reduce polarisation ahead of the 2021 general elections, which brought the opposition parties back into the political process;

Motion for a resolution

6. Welcomes all efforts to ensure polarisation ahead of upcoming elections, so as to enable true democracy, sound debate and providing real choices for the citizens of Albania so as to ensure a sound and transparent political process;

Or. en

Amendment 73
David McAllister, David Lega

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

6. Welcomes all efforts to reduce polarisation ahead of the 2021 general elections, which brought the opposition parties back into the political process;

Amendment

6. Welcomes all efforts to reduce polarisation ahead of the 2021 general
elections, which brought the opposition parties back into the political process; elections, which brought the opposition parties back into the political process in parliament;
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

7. Recalls the need to keep addressing the remaining electoral shortcomings by further improving the accessibility and integrity of elections, including through digitalisation, data protection, equitable access to media and revised rules on political party financing;

Amendment

7. Recalls the need to keep addressing the remaining electoral shortcomings as evidenced in the recommendations of the OSCE/ODIHR Election Monitoring Reports to ensure by further improving the accessibility and integrity of elections, including through digitalisation, data protection, equitable access to media and revised rules on political party financing;

Or. en

Amendment 77
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Andrey Kovatchev, Arba Kokalari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

7. Recalls the need to keep addressing the remaining electoral shortcomings by further improving the accessibility and integrity of elections, including through digitalisation, data protection, equitable access to media and revised rules on political party financing;

Amendment

7. Recalls the need to keep addressing the remaining electoral shortcomings by further improving the accessibility and integrity of elections preventing misuse of public administration/resources and vote-buying, including through digitalisation, data protection, equitable access to media and revised rules on political party financing;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Ilhan Kyuchyuk

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7
Motion for a resolution

7. Recalls the need to keep addressing the remaining electoral shortcomings by further improving the accessibility and integrity of elections, including through digitalisation, data protection, equitable access to media and revised rules on political party financing;

Amendment

7. Recalls the need to keep addressing the remaining electoral shortcomings line with the OSCE/ODIHR recommendations by further improving the accessibility and integrity of elections, including through digitalisation, data protection, equitable access to media and revised rules on political party financing;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Recalls the need to keep addressing the remaining electoral shortcomings by further improving the accessibility and integrity of elections, including through digitalisation, data protection, equitable access to media and revised rules on political party financing;

Amendment

7. Recalls the need to keep addressing the remaining electoral shortcomings by further improving the accessibility and integrity of elections, including through digitalisation, data protection, equitable access to media and revised legislation and rules on political party financing and functioning;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Recalls the need to keep addressing the remaining electoral shortcomings by further improving the accessibility and integrity of elections, including through

Amendment

7. Recalls the need to keep addressing the remaining electoral shortcomings by further improving the accessibility and integrity of elections, including through
digitalisation, data protection, equitable access to media and revised rules on political party financing;
digitalisation, data protection, equitable access to media and revised legislation and rules on political party financing and functioning;

Amendment 81
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Recalls the need to keep addressing the remaining electoral shortcomings by further improving the accessibility and integrity of elections, including through digitalisation, data protection, equitable access to media and revised rules on political party financing;

7. Recalls the need to keep addressing the remaining electoral shortcomings by further improving the accessibility and integrity of elections, including through digitalisation, transparency, data protection, equitable access to media and revised rules on political party financing;

Amendment 82
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Recalls the need to keep addressing the remaining electoral shortcomings by further improving the accessibility and integrity of elections, including through digitalisation, data protection, equitable access to media and revised rules on political party financing;

7. Suggest addressing any electoral shortcomings by further improving the accessibility and integrity of elections, including through digitalisation, data protection, equitable access to media and sound rules on political party financing;
Amendment 83
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Andrey Kovatchev, Arba Kokalari, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Proposes an EU Election Observation Mission to Albania ahead of the next parliamentary election; calls on the Albanian government to ensure the full implementation of the ODIHR and Venice Commission recommendations regarding the electoral shortcomings in due time before the upcoming general elections;

Or. en

Amendment 84
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Andrey Kovatchev, Arba Kokalari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. Expresses concern about the pervasive allegations of vote buying, and recalls that initiation of proceedings against those accused of vote buying is among the conditions set by the Council; notes with regret that convictions in cases involving high-level officials remain limited and investigations have so far not resulted in a substantial number of final convictions of high-ranking officials;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

8. Expresses concern over the enduring inflammatory rhetoric, which fuels the culture of intimidation, smear campaigns, violence and rioting;

Amendment

8. Expresses concern over the enduring inflammatory rhetoric, including by high-level politicians, public officials and other public figures, which fuels the culture of intimidation, smear campaigns, violence and rioting; urges political actors to lead by example in advancing societal dialogue; invites Albania’s political parties to enhance competitive intra-party democracy and integrity as a stepping-stone for pluralism and democratic transformation;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

8. Expresses concern over the enduring inflammatory rhetoric, which fuels the culture of intimidation, smear campaigns, violence and rioting;

Amendment

8. Expresses concern over the enduring inflammatory rhetoric, which fuels the culture of intimidation, smear campaigns, violence and rioting and worries that the reported attacks against journalists have not yet resulted in final convictions;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Expresses concern over the enduring inflammatory rhetoric, which fuels the culture of intimidation, smear campaigns, violence and rioting;

Amendment

8. Expresses concern over the enduring inflammatory rhetoric, including by high-level politicians, public officials and other public figures, which fuels the culture of intimidation, smear campaigns, violence and rioting;

Amendment 88
Michael Gahler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Expresses concern over the enduring inflammatory rhetoric, which fuels the culture of intimidation, smear campaigns, violence and rioting;

Amendment

8. Expresses concern over the enduring inflammatory rhetoric, which fuels the culture of intimidation, smear campaigns and violence;

Amendment 89
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

8a. Underscores the need to step up the Albanian Parliament’s involvement in the EU integration process, further advancing its legislative, oversight and budgetary capacities; urges the Albanian Parliament to advance on electoral and territorial reforms;

Amendment

8a. Underscores the need to step up the Albanian Parliament’s involvement in the EU integration process, further advancing its legislative, oversight and budgetary capacities; urges the Albanian Parliament to advance on electoral and territorial reforms;
Amendment 90
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

9. Encourages the government to accelerate administrative preparations for the upcoming accession negotiations; stresses the importance of having in place coherent government structures to effectively coordinate EU integration matters; underlines the need to improve intra-service coordination, evaluation and monitoring of EU-related reforms, to advance decentralisation, country-wide modernisation and depoliticisation of the civil service and to enable conditions to conduct the upcoming population census;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

9. Encourages the government to accelerate administrative preparations for the upcoming accession negotiations; stresses the importance of having in place coherent government structures to effectively coordinate EU integration matters; underlines the need to improve intra-service coordination, evaluation and monitoring of EU-related reforms, to advance decentralisation, country-wide modernisation and depoliticisation of the civil service and to enable conditions to conduct the upcoming population census;
Amendment 92
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

9. Encourages the government to accelerate administrative preparations for the upcoming accession negotiations; stresses the importance of having in place coherent government structures to effectively coordinate EU integration matters; underlines the need to improve intra-service coordination, evaluation and monitoring of EU-related reforms, to advance decentralisation, country-wide modernisation and depoliticisation of the civil service and to enable conditions to conduct the upcoming population census;

Amendment

9. Encourages the government to accelerate administrative preparations for the upcoming accession negotiations; stresses the importance of having in place coherent government structures to effectively coordinate EU integration matters, including by involving civil society and other relevant stakeholders and ensuring transparency towards the general public; underlines the need to improve intra-service coordination, evaluation and monitoring of EU-related reforms, to advance decentralisation, country-wide modernisation and depoliticisation of the civil service and to enable conditions to conduct the upcoming population census;

Amendment 93
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

9. Encourages the government to accelerate administrative preparations for the upcoming accession negotiations; stresses the importance of having in place coherent government structures to effectively coordinate EU integration matters, including by involving civil society and other relevant stakeholders and ensuring transparency towards the general public; underlines the need to improve intra-service coordination, evaluation and monitoring of EU-related reforms, to advance decentralisation, country-wide modernisation and depoliticisation of the civil service and to enable conditions to conduct the upcoming population census;
9. Encourages the government to accelerate administrative preparations for the upcoming accession negotiations; stresses the importance of having in place coherent government structures to effectively coordinate EU integration matters; underlines the need to improve intra-service coordination, evaluation and monitoring of EU-related reforms, to advance decentralisation, country-wide modernisation and depoliticisation of the civil service and to enable conditions to conduct the upcoming population census;

9. Encourages the government to accelerate administrative preparations for the upcoming accession negotiations; stresses the importance of having in place coherent government structures to effectively coordinate EU integration matters, including by involving civil society and relevant stakeholders and ensuring transparency towards the general public; underlines the need to improve intra-service coordination, evaluation and monitoring of EU-related reforms, to advance decentralisation, country-wide modernisation and depoliticisation of the civil service and to enable conditions to conduct the upcoming population census;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Vangelis Meimarakis, Stelios Kypouropoulos, Maria Spyraki, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Georgios Kyrtsos, Theodoros Zagorakis, Lefteris Christoforou, Loucas Fourlas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

9. Encourages the government to accelerate administrative preparations for the upcoming accession negotiations and to make the best possible use of assistance and transfer of know-how provided by EU Member States in this regard; stresses the importance of having in place coherent government structures to effectively coordinate EU integration matters; underlines the need to improve intra-service coordination, evaluation and monitoring of EU-related reforms, to advance decentralisation, country-wide modernisation and depoliticisation of the civil service and to enable conditions to conduct the upcoming population census;
Amendment 95
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Encourages the government to accelerate administrative preparations for the upcoming accession negotiations; stresses the importance of having in place coherent government structures to effectively coordinate EU integration matters; underlines the need to improve intra-service coordination, evaluation and monitoring of EU-related reforms, to advance decentralisation, country-wide modernisation and depoliticisation of the civil service and to enable conditions to conduct the upcoming population census;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Ilhan Kyuchyuk

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

9a. Reiterates the need to further consolidated the territorial administrative reform as part of the wider decentralisation agenda in order to guarantee local fiscal autonomy and empower municipalities to provide good quality public services;

Or. en
Amendment 97
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Vangelis Meimarakis, Stelios Kympouropoulos, Maria Spyrraki, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Georgios Kyrtos, Theodoros Zagorakis, Lefteris Christoforou, Loucas Fourlas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Welcomes the adoption to the Population Census Law and looks forward to the smooth conduct of the upcoming Population Census in full transparency and in line with international standards.

Or. en

Amendment 98
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Recalls the responsibility of national and local authorities to improve transparency, accountability and inclusiveness by conducting anticipatory, meaningful and regular public stakeholder consultations; urges the authorities to ensure adequate funding, an effective and impartial functioning and consistent implementation of the decisions and recommendations of independent bodies and agencies; underlines the need to enhance participatory democracy, including by adopting a balanced referendum law;

Or. en
Amendment 99
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

10. Recalls the responsibility of national and local authorities to improve transparency, accountability and inclusiveness by conducting anticipatory, meaningful and regular public stakeholder consultations;

Amendment

10. Recalls the responsibility of national and local authorities to improve transparency, accountability and inclusiveness by conducting anticipatory, meaningful and regular public stakeholder consultations that should involve also representatives of the civil society, youth, and minorities;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

10. Recalls the responsibility of national and local authorities to improve transparency, accountability and inclusiveness by conducting anticipatory, meaningful and regular public stakeholder consultations;

Amendment

10. Recalls the responsibility of central- and local-authorities to improve transparency, accountability and inclusiveness by conducting anticipatory, meaningful and regular public stakeholder consultations;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)
10a. Is concerned with the ability of the National Council for Civil Society to voice priorities of civil society organizations in policy-making processes is still very weak;

Amendment 102
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

10a. Calls for the establishment of proper public consultations and dialogue with the society, including on environmental issues and reconstruction and urbanization projects;

Amendment 103
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

11. Reiterates the need to foster the culture of accountability, non-partisan access to public information and scrutiny of public institutions, in particular through an enabling fiscal and security environment and cooperation with the media and the civil society;

11. Reiterates the need to foster the culture of accountability, non-partisan access to public information and scrutiny of public institutions, in particular through an enabling fiscal and security environment and cooperation with the media and the civil society; calls for further tangible progress in improving legal and financial sustainability and self-regulation of the non-governmental and media sectors;
Amendment 104
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

11. Reiterates the need to foster the culture of accountability, non-partisan access to public information and scrutiny of public institutions, in particular through an enabling fiscal and security environment and cooperation with the media and the civil society;

Amendment

11. Reiterates the need to foster the culture of accountability, non-partisan access to public information and scrutiny of public institutions, in particular through an enabling fiscal and security environment and cooperation with the media and credible groups from civil society;

Amendment 105
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

12. Notes the need for further progress on freedom of expression, media independence and pluralism; requests authorities to take decisive action against the marginalisation of and intimidation against independent media outlets and reporters; repeats its calls to improve the working conditions of journalists and to adopt regulations enhancing transparency around media ownership, funding and public advertising;

Amendment

12. Notes that Albania has fallen nine places in the Reporters Without Borders World Press Freedom Index since 2018; notes the need for progress on freedom of expression, media independence and pluralism; calls on Albania to ensure a policy of zero tolerance for intimidation and attacks against journalists, and the media; requests authorities to take decisive action against the violence, intimidation, smear campaigns and indirect political and financial pressure directed at independent media outlets and reporters, which seriously stifle media freedom, induce self-censorship and gravely undermine efforts to uncover crime and corruption; repeats its calls to improve the working conditions of journalists and to adopt regulations enhancing transparency around media ownership, funding and...
public advertising;

Amendment 106
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes the need for further progress on freedom of expression, media independence and pluralism; requests authorities to take decisive action against the marginalisation of and intimidation against independent media outlets and reporters; repeats its calls to improve the working conditions of journalists and to adopt regulations enhancing transparency around media ownership, funding and public advertising;

Amendment

12. Notes the need for urgent improvement of freedom of expression, media independence and pluralism; urges political figures to stop verbal attacks, smear campaigns and acts of intimidation against journalists, including defamation lawsuits; requests authorities to take decisive action against the marginalisation of and intimidation against independent media outlets and reporters, including provisions against strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPP); repeats its calls to improve the working conditions of journalists and to adopt regulations enhancing transparency around media ownership, funding and public advertising;

Amendment 107
Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes the need for further progress on freedom of expression, media independence and pluralism; requests authorities to take decisive action against

Amendment

12. Notes the need for further progress on freedom of expression, media independence and pluralism; requests authorities to take decisive action against
the marginalisation of and intimidation against independent media outlets and reporters; repeats its calls to improve the working conditions of journalists and to adopt regulations enhancing transparency around media ownership, funding and public advertising;
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

12. Notes the need for further progress on freedom of expression, media independence and pluralism; requests authorities to take decisive action against the marginalisation of and intimidation against independent media outlets and reporters; repeats its calls to improve the working conditions of journalists and to adopt regulations enhancing transparency around media ownership, funding and public advertising;

Amendment

12. Notes the need for further progress on freedom of expression, media independence and pluralism; requests authorities to take decisive action against the marginalisation of and intimidation against independent media outlets and reporters; repeats its calls to improve the working conditions of journalists and to adopt regulations enhancing transparency around media ownership, funding and public advertising. Recalls the need to strengthen the protection of Albanian journalist’s labour and social rights;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács, Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

12. Notes the need for further progress on freedom of expression, media independence and pluralism; requests authorities to take decisive action against the marginalisation of and intimidation against independent media outlets and reporters; repeats its calls to improve the working conditions of journalists and to adopt regulations enhancing transparency around media ownership, funding and public advertising;

Amendment

12. Notes the need for further progress on freedom of expression, media independence and pluralism; requests authorities to take decisive action against the marginalisation of and intimidation against independent media outlets and reporters; repeats its calls to improve the working conditions of journalists and to adopt regulations enhancing transparency around media ownership, funding and public advertising; recalls the importance of publicly disclosing the media organizations sources of financing;

Or. en
Amendment 111
Ilhan Kyuchyuk

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

12. Notes the need for further progress on freedom of expression, media independence and pluralism; requests authorities to take decisive action against the marginalisation of and intimidation against independent media outlets and reporters; repeats its calls to improve the working conditions of journalists and to adopt regulations enhancing transparency around media ownership, funding and public advertising;

12. Notes the need for further progress on freedom of expression, media independence and pluralism; requests authorities to take decisive action against the marginalisation of and intimidation against independent media outlets and reporters; repeats its calls to improve the working conditions of journalists and to adopt regulations enhancing transparency around media ownership, funding and public advertising; *underlines that the self-regulation in online media needs to be ensured;*

Or. en

Amendment 112
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

12. Notes the need for further progress on freedom of expression, media independence and pluralism; *requests* authorities to take decisive action against the marginalisation of and intimidation against *independent* media outlets and reporters; *repeats its calls to improve the working conditions of journalists and* to adopt regulations enhancing transparency around media ownership, funding and public advertising;

12. Notes the need for further progress on freedom of expression, media independence and pluralism; *suggests* authorities to take decisive action against the marginalisation of and intimidation against *all* media outlets and reporters; *to adopt regulations enhancing transparency around media ownership, funding and public advertising;*

Or. en
Amendment 113
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution  Amendment

12a. Is concerned that according to the Commission report, no progress was reported in the areas of freedom of expression; Notes that there is a need to ensure a policy of zero tolerance for intimidation and attacks against journalists, including in political discourse;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Ilhan Kyuchyuk

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution  Amendment

12a. Expresses concern that tensions between political actors and journalists have increased during the pandemic and in the context of the parliamentary elections;

Or. en

Amendment 115
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Vladimir Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution  Amendment

13. Recalls that any revision of media laws should be in line with the Venice Commission recommendations and should take place in a transparent and inclusive manner;

13. Recalls that any revision of media laws should be in line with the Venice Commission recommendations and should take place in a transparent and inclusive manner; in this regard, reiterates its grave concerns about the previously proposed so-called ‘anti-defamation package’, a legal act suffering from vagueness, that would likely have had a “chilling effect” suppressing free discussion and political speech in Albania, according to the Venice Commission; welcomes that the Parliament has initiated a process to review the current laws regarding the anti-defamation framework;

6a

Or. en

Amendment 116
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

13. Recalls that any revision of media laws should be in line with the Venice Commission recommendations and should take place in a transparent and inclusive manner;

13. Recalls that any revision of media laws should be in line with the Venice Commission recommendations and should take place in a transparent and inclusive manner, with the aim of improving media freedom and self-regulation and reducing media concentration, misuse, outside interference and self-censorship;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Ilhan Kyuchyuk
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

13. Recalls that any revision of media laws should be in line with the Venice Commission recommendations and should take place in a transparent and inclusive manner;

Amendment
13. Recalls that any revision of media laws should be in line with the Venice Commission recommendations and should take place in a transparent and inclusive manner, *together with consultation with media organisations*;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

13. Recalls that any revision of media laws *should be in line with* the Venice Commission recommendations and *should* take place in a transparent and inclusive manner;

Amendment
13. *Suggest* that any revision of media laws *could take in consideration* the Venice Commission recommendations and *would preferably* take place in a transparent and inclusive manner;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Michael Gahler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

13. *Recalls that any revision of media laws should be* in line with the Venice Commission recommendations and *should take place* in a transparent and inclusive manner;

Amendment
13. *Calls on parliament to act on the media law* in line with the Venice Commission recommendations and in a transparent and inclusive manner;

Or. en
Amendment 120
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

14. Recalls the need to strengthen investigative journalism, fact-checking and media literacy as means to tackle hate speech, disinformation and fake news; stresses the need to ensure an impartial regulatory functioning of the Audiovisual Media Authority;

Amendment
14. Recalls the need to strengthen investigative journalism, fact-checking and media literacy as means to tackle hate speech, disinformation and fake news; stresses the need to ensure an impartial regulatory functioning of the Audiovisual Media Authority; calls on national political figures to refrain from using a rhetoric that would undermine or discredit the importance of journalism and the independence of media;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

14. Recalls the need to strengthen investigative journalism, fact-checking and media literacy as means to tackle hate speech, disinformation and fake news; stresses the need to ensure an impartial regulatory functioning of the Audiovisual Media Authority;

Amendment
14. Recalls the need to strengthen investigative journalism, fact-checking and media literacy as means to tackle hate speech, disinformation and fake news; stresses the need to ensure an impartial regulatory functioning of the Audiovisual Media Authority; calls for a reform of the public service broadcaster to enhance its editorial and financial independence, impartiality and professionalism;

Or. en
Amendment 122
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recalls the need to strengthen investigative journalism, fact-checking and media literacy as means to tackle hate speech, disinformation and fake news; stresses the need to ensure an impartial regulatory functioning of the Audiovisual Media Authority;

Amendment

14. Recalls the need to strengthen investigative journalism, fact-checking and media literacy as means to tackle hate speech, disinformation and fake news; encourages the support for self-regulatory mechanism of media and stresses the need to ensure an impartial regulatory functioning of the Audiovisual Media Authority;

Or. en

Amendment 123
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recalls the need to strengthen investigative journalism, fact-checking and media literacy as means to tackle hate speech, disinformation and fake news; stresses the need to ensure an impartial regulatory functioning of the Audiovisual Media Authority;

Amendment

14. Recalls the need to strengthen investigative journalism, fact-checking and media literacy as means to tackle hate speech, disinformation and fake news; encourages the support for self-regulatory mechanism of media and stresses the need to ensure an impartial regulatory functioning of the Audiovisual Media Authority;

Or. en

Amendment 124
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Recalls the need to strengthen investigative journalism, fact-checking and media literacy as means to tackle *hate speech*, disinformation and fake news; stresses the need to ensure an impartial regulatory functioning of the Audiovisual Media Authority;

*Amendment*

14. Recalls the need to strengthen investigative journalism, fact-checking and media literacy as means to tackle disinformation and fake news; stresses the need to ensure an impartial regulatory functioning of the Audiovisual Media Authority;

Amendment 125
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Andrey Kovatchev, Arba Kokalari, Vladimír Bilčík

*Motion for a resolution*

*Paragraph 14 a (new)*

*Motion for a resolution*

14a. Calls on the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the Commission to improve coordination and to address disinformation and hybrid threats that seek to undermine the EU perspective by more strategically underscoring the EU’s relevance to citizens in the Western Balkans;

*Amendment*

14a. Calls on the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the Commission to improve coordination and to address disinformation and hybrid threats that seek to undermine the EU perspective by more strategically underscoring the EU’s relevance to citizens in the Western Balkans;

Amendment 126
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

*Motion for a resolution*

*Paragraph 15*

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Underlines that the newly established Media and Information Agency should increase transparency and

*Amendment*

15. Underlines that the newly established Media and Information Agency should increase transparency and
decentralisation and in no way inhibit journalists’ equal access to information from government sources;

decentralisation and in no way inhibit journalists’ equal access to information from government sources; calls on the government to improve access to the reporting and scrutinising of government’s work via official and formal channels, such as press conferences and interviews;

Or. en

Amendment 127
Michael Gahler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

15. Underlines that the newly established Media and Information Agency should increase transparency and decentralisation and in no way inhibit journalists’ equal access to information from government sources;

Amendment

15. Is concerned by the newly established Media and Information Agency, which should increase transparency and decentralisation and in no way inhibit journalists’ equal access to information from government sources;

Or. en

Amendment 128
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

15. Underlines that the newly established Media and Information Agency should increase transparency and decentralisation and in no way inhibit journalists’ equal access to information from government sources;

Amendment

15. Underlines that the newly established Media and Information Agency should increase transparency and decentralisation and must in no way inhibit journalists’ equal access to information from government sources;

Or. en
Amendment 129
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

16. Urges the relevant bodies to systematically and proactively prevent and prosecute all instances of hate speech, hate crimes and intimidation;

Amendment

16. Urges the relevant bodies to systematically and proactively prevent and prosecute all instances of hate speech, hate crimes and intimidation and recalls the need to swiftly and thoroughly investigate all verbal and physical attacks, including against journalists, human rights defenders and people belonging to vulnerable groups, ensuring their safety and security; encourages the office of the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination to be more proactive in combatting discriminatory hate speech, in particular against LGBTI persons, and to develop disaggregated data collection on the matter;

Or. en

Amendment 130
Ilhan Kyuchyuk

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

16. Urges the relevant bodies to systematically and proactively prevent and prosecute all instances of hate speech, hate crimes and intimidation;

Amendment

16. Urges the relevant bodies to systematically and proactively prevent and prosecute all instances of hate speech, hate crimes and intimidation; notes with concerns that hate speech and discriminatory language continue to be a problem in the media, especially online media and violence and discrimination against members of the trans-community is still a worrying phenomenon in the
Amendment 131
Marc Angel, Pierre Karleskind, Malin Björk, Terry Reintke, Maria Walsh, Dietmar Köster, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Frédérique Ries, Tanja Fajon, Stelios Kouloglou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

16. Urges the relevant bodies to systematically and proactively prevent and prosecute all instances of hate speech, hate crimes and intimidation;

Amendment
16. Urges the relevant bodies to systematically and proactively prevent and prosecute all instances of hate speech, hate crimes and intimidation; encourages the office of the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination to be more proactive in combatting discriminatory hate speech, in particular against LGBTI persons, and to develop disaggregated data collection on the matter;

Amendment 132
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

16. Urges the relevant bodies to systematically and proactively prevent and prosecute all instances of hate speech, hate crimes and intimidation;

Amendment
16. Urges the relevant bodies to systematically and proactively prevent and prosecute all instances of hate speech, hate crimes and intimidation, particularly those directed at members of minorities;
Amendment 133
David McAllister, David Lega

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

16. Urges the relevant bodies to systematically and proactively prevent and prosecute all instances of hate speech, hate crimes and intimidation;

Amendment

16. Urges the relevant bodies to systematically and proactively prevent, investigate and prosecute all instances of hate speech, hate crimes and intimidation;

Or. en

Amendment 134
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

16. Urges the relevant bodies to systematically and proactively prevent and prosecute all instances of hate speech, hate crimes and intimidation;

Amendment

16. Urges the relevant bodies to systematically and proactively prevent or prosecute all instances of actions that contravenes the applicable legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Marc Angel, Pierre Karleskind, Malin Björk, Terry Reintke, Maria Walsh, Dietmar Köster, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Frédérique Ries, Tanja Fajon, Stelios Kouloglou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

16a. Notes with concern that hate speech in Albania targeting LGBTI or Roma people is prevalent and that Albanian jurisprudence lacks a consolidated stance with regards to the definition of ‘hate speech’; condemns the
hate speech and death threats levelled at LGBTI human rights defenders and urges full investigations to be undertaken with a view to effective prosecution and sanctions; encourages the government to consider defining hate speech in its Criminal Code to better allow law enforcement to address it through the use of criminal law;\textsuperscript{1a}

\textsuperscript{1a} https://rm.coe.int/beyond-definitions-eng/1680a464b2 p.98

Amendment 136
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

\textit{Motion for a resolution} 

17. Welcomes advances in ensuring equal opportunities and calls for further improvements in the enforcement of gender equality, property rights, data protection, rights of people with disabilities and minority rights;

\textit{Amendment} 

17. Welcomes advances in ensuring equal opportunities and calls for further improvements in the enforcement of gender equality, property rights, data protection, rights of people with disabilities and minority rights \textit{in the field of education, languages, self-identification and protection of cultural heritage}; calls on authorities to ensure equal treatment for LGBTI+ and Roma minorities and tackle the multiple discrimination that these groups face, through a systemic and effective institutional approach;

Amendment 137
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17
Motion for a resolution

17. Welcomes advances in ensuring equal opportunities and calls for further improvements in the enforcement of gender equality, property rights, data protection, rights of people with disabilities and minority rights;

Amendment

17. Welcomes advances in ensuring equal opportunities and calls for further improvements in the enforcement of gender equality, property rights, data protection, rights of people with disabilities and minority rights; welcomes the adoption of the by-law on minority education from December 2020; calls on the government to adopt the remaining implementing legislation, including on self-identification and use of minority languages;

Amendment 138
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

17. Welcomes advances in ensuring equal opportunities and calls for further improvements in the enforcement of gender equality, property rights, data protection, rights of people with disabilities and minority rights;

Amendment

17. Welcomes advances in ensuring equal opportunities and calls for further improvements in the enforcement of gender equality, property rights, data protection, rights of people with disabilities and minority rights; requests from the authorities to ensure equal treatment for LGBTI+ and Roma minorities and tackle multiple discrimination that these groups face through a systemic and effective institutional approach;

Amendment 139
Marc Angel, Pierre Karleskind, Malin Björk, Terry Reintke, Maria Walsh, Dietmar Köster, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Frédérique Ries, Thomas Waitz, Tanja Fajon, Stelios Kouloglou
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

17. Welcomes advances in ensuring equal opportunities and calls for further improvements in the enforcement of gender equality, property rights, data protection, rights of people with disabilities and minority rights;

Amendment

17. Welcomes advances in ensuring equal opportunities and calls for further improvements in the enforcement of gender equality, property rights, data protection, rights of people with disabilities and minority rights, including especially the rights of Roma and LGBTI persons, who are exposed to multiple discrimination;

Or. en

Amendment 140
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

17. Welcomes advances in ensuring equal opportunities and calls for further improvements in the enforcement of gender equality, property rights, data protection, rights of people with disabilities and minority rights;

Amendment

17. Welcomes advances in ensuring equal opportunities and hope that rights in force in accordance with applicable legal frameworks are strengthened;

Or. en

Amendment 141
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Vangelis Meimarakis, Stelios Kyprouopoulos, Maria Spyraki, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Georgios Kyrtos, Theodoros Zagorakis, Lefteris Christoforou, Loucas Fourlas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

17. Welcomes advances in ensuring equal opportunities and calls for further improvements in the enforcement of gender equality, property rights, data protection, rights of people with disabilities and minority rights;
17. Welcomes advances in ensuring equal opportunities and calls for further improvements in the enforcement of gender equality, *property rights*, data protection, rights of people with disabilities and *minority rights*;

17. Welcomes advances in ensuring equal opportunities and calls for further improvements in the enforcement of gender equality, data protection and rights of people with disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 142
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Andrey Kovatchev, Arba Kokalari, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

*Motion for a resolution*

17a. Calls for further efforts to ensure and protect the full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities; notes that persons with disabilities were among the most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; deplores that during the April 2021 elections, persons with disabilities encountered barriers and difficulties to vote; calls for further efforts to address violence against persons with disabilities, improve overall accessibility (including services and information), and to promote employment; points out that the quality of education for disabled children, especially deaf children, remains a cause for concern;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Nikos Androulakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)
Motion for a resolution

17a. Calls for the swift adoption and implementation of the remaining implementing legislation relating to 2017 framework law on the Protection of National Minorities and other ethnic minorities, especially those related to self-identification and use of minority languages; recalls the violations of property rights of the Greek ethnic minority and urges for the effective protection of property rights and cultural heritage of all ethnic and national minorities;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

17a. Recalls the importance of measures ensuring the protection of national minorities and their active role in the society; calls on Albania to ensure that minority groups have equal opportunities, adequate representation in political and cultural life, public media and administration, and the judiciary; calls on Albania to protect and promote cultural heritage, languages and traditions of its national minorities;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Emmanouil Fragkos, Valdemar Tomaševski, Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)
Motion for a resolution
Amendment

17a. Urges Albania to swiftly adopt and effectively implement the by-laws that ensure full implementation of the 2017 framework on the protection of National Minorities and the related rights to free self-identification, the use of minority languages and the right to education in minority languages;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Ilhan Kyuchyuk

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

17a. Welcomes Albania's LGBTI National Action Plan 2021-2027; recalls the need to eradicate discrimination and ensure equal rights to LGBTI persons, especially regarding access to health care, education, justice, employment and housing;

Or. en

Amendment 147
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Vangelis Meimarakis, Stelios Kypouropoulos, Maria Spyraki, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Georgios Kyrtos, Theodoros Zagorakis, Lefteris Christoforou, Loucas Fourlas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

17a. Urges Albania to swiftly adopt and implement the remaining by-laws, related to the 2017 Framework Law on the
protection of national minorities, in line with European standards and with the involvement of all relevant stakeholders.

Amendment 148
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

17a. Expresses concern on the pending by-laws on minority rights, in particular on self-identification and the use of minority languages and increase capacities of the State Committee on National Minorities;

Amendment 149
Marc Angel, Pierre Karleskind, Malin Björk, Terry Reintke, Maria Walsh, Dietmar Köster, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Frédérique Ries, Thomas Waitz, Tanja Fajon, Stelios Kouloglou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

17a. Commends the adoption of the new LGBTI National Action Plan 2021-2027 and encourages full implementation and proper budgeting via a coordination and monitoring body which shall oversee it;
Amendment 150
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Commends the adoption of the new LGBTI National Action Plan 2021-2027 and encourages full implementation and proper budgeting via a coordination and monitoring body;

Or. en

Amendment 151
Marc Angel, Pierre Karleskind, Malin Björk, Terry Reintke, Maria Walsh, Dietmar Köster, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Frédérique Ries, Andrey Kovatchev, Tanja Fajon, Stelios Kouloglou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17b. Considers that reports of numbers of HIV infections doubling since last year are highly concerning; recalls that the National Strategy for People Living with HIV expired in 2020 and has not been renewed; recalls that access to PEP and PrEP for those most at risk can significantly contribute to decreasing new infections, and recalls that these are still unavailable to LGBTI persons; calls on the government to take appropriate measures, in liaison with civil society, to address the rising numbers of HIV infections and ensure access to healthcare of those most vulnerable;

Or. en

Amendment 152
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)

17b. Considers that reported doubling numbers of HIV infections since last year are highly concerning; recalls that the National Strategy for People Living with HIV expired in 2020 and has not been renewed; calls on the government to take appropriate measures, in liaison with civil society, to address the rising numbers of HIV infections and ensure access to healthcare of those most vulnerable;

Amendment 153
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Vangelis Meimarakis, Stelios Kypouropoulos, Maria Spyraki, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Georgios Kyrtos, Theodoros Zagorakis, Lefteris Christoforou, Loucas Fourlas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)

17b. Calls on Albania to continue the ongoing efforts to implement a comprehensive land sector reform and to consolidate property rights, in transparent manner by holding consultations with all relevant stakeholders, including by addressing cases of falsification of documents and swiftly advancing the process for registration and compensation.

Amendment 154
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of The Left Group

**Motion for a resolution**
**Paragraph 17 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*  
**Amendment**

17b. Calls on Albania to make further progress on measures consolidating property registration, by reforming property registration and land sector framework in order to fully implement the Venice Commission recommendation and advancing a transparent process of registration, including in minority areas;

Or. en

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**Amendment 155**
Željana Zovko

**Motion for a resolution**
**Paragraph 17 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*  
**Amendment**

17b. Reminds about the crucial role of education for national minorities and therefore calls on Albania to provide equal and non-discriminatory education in minority languages as well to ensure adequate access to state lower and high education to all of its citizens;

Or. en

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**Amendment 156**
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Andrey Kovatchev

**Motion for a resolution**
**Paragraph 17 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*  
**Amendment**
17b. Calls on Albania to swiftly adopt the remaining pending secondary legislation ensuring the full protection of national minorities;

Amendment 157
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 c (new)

17c. Notes that the Republic of Albania has not ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;

Amendment 158
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 d (new)

17d. Expresses serious concern on the discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) personas remains pervasive and dominant in Albanian society, especially regarding to access to health care, education, justice, employment and housing; Is extremely concerned about the cases of physical aggression against members of the LGBTIQ community and the diffusion of hate speech;
Amendment 159
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Expresses serious concern about the massive leaks of personal data; calls on the Albanian authorities to enhance prevention, ensure accountability for data misuse and speed up alignment with EU personal data protection rules;

Amendment

18. Expresses serious concern about the massive leaks of personal data; calls on the Albanian authorities to enhance prevention, ensure accountability for data misuse;

Or. en

Amendment 160
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Acknowledges the progress achieved in implementing the Istanbul Convention and calls on authorities to step up the prevention and responses to gender-based violence and femicide, to enhance support to survivors and to advance the prosecution of cases of harassment, domestic violence and violence against children;

Amendment

19. Acknowledges the progress achieved in implementing the Istanbul Convention and calls on authorities to step up the prevention and responses to gender-based violence and femicide, to enhance support to survivors, to provide sufficient resources for e.g. specialised and reintegration services for victims and more legal aid free of charge for victims, support to women’s NGOs working with victims of GBV, and to advance the prosecution of cases of harassment, domestic violence and violence against children, including through increasing the number of well-trained and gender-sensitive law enforcement officers and judges;

Or. en
Amendment 161
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Arba Kokalari, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

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Amendment 162
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
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David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Arba Kokalari, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

19a. Stresses that the authorities still need to strengthen the system for monitoring and combating child labour and other forms of exploitation;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 164
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

19a. Notes that women representation in public offices needs improvement;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 165
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Recalls the need to ensure the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and notes the importance of addressing allegations of police misconduct and disproportionate use

Amendment

20. Recalls the need to ensure the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and notes the importance of addressing allegations of police misconduct and disproportionate use
of force; expresses support to the independent vetting of high-ranking officers and suggests introducing regular integrity-checks of police officers; urges to advance the penitentiary reform to further improve prison conditions and treatment of prisoners;

Amendment 166
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Recalls the need to ensure the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and notes the importance of addressing allegations of police misconduct and disproportionate use of force;

Amendment

20. Recalls the need to *effectively* ensure the right to freedom of peaceful assembly *without arbitrary or discriminatory case-by-case treatment* and notes the importance of addressing allegations of police misconduct and *investigating and prosecuting the* disproportionate use of force;

Amendment 167
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Recalls the need to ensure the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and notes the importance of addressing allegations of police misconduct and disproportionate use of force;

Amendment

20. Recalls the need to *effectively* ensure the right to freedom of peaceful assembly *without applying different standards* and notes the importance of addressing allegations of police misconduct and disproportionate use of force, *with a view to bringing perpetrators*
to justice;

Amendment 168
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

20. Recalls the need to ensure the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and notes the importance of addressing allegations of police misconduct and disproportionate use of force;

Amendment
20. Recalls the need to ensure the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and notes the importance of addressing allegations of police misconduct and disproportionate use of force as well as false information in regard to the conduct of police and security institutions;

Amendment 169
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

20a. Notes that following the Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) recommendations, further improvements are needed in the functioning of detention facilities;

Amendment 170
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

20a. Recalls the need to address communist-era crimes, investigate enforced disappearances, prosecute those responsible and provide reparations to the survivors and their families;

Amendment

Amendment 171
Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

21. Recalls the need to address communist-era crimes, investigate enforced disappearances, prosecute those responsible and provide reparations to the survivors and their families;

Amendment

Amendment 172
Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

21. Recalls that, according to the EU’s border control agency Frontex, around 48 500 illegal border crossings were reported on the ‘Western Balkans route’ in the first 10 months of 2021; welcomes the Albanian Government’s commitment to fight organised crime groups that help smuggle migrants into Schengen countries via the Balkans route; welcomes the Albanian authorities’ decision to request assistance from Frontex to reinforce patrolling along the Greek border and reduce migration;
21. Welcomes Albania’s long-standing proven commitment to hosting refugees; recalls the authorities’ obligation to ensure due asylum process and to address the needs of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants;

21. Welcomes Albania’s long-standing proven commitment to hosting refugees; recalls the authorities’ obligation to ensure due asylum process and to address the needs of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants; acknowledges that Albania is impacted by migration in the Western Balkans, so it has an extremely important role to play in guaranteeing the security of the Western Balkan region and stemming irregular migration, and meanwhile, developments in the region have an impact on progress in Central Europe and the amount of migration pressure on the continent as a whole;

Amendment 173
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács, Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

21. Welcomes Albania’s long-standing proven commitment to hosting refugees; recalls the authorities’ obligation to ensure due asylum process and to address the needs of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants;

21. Welcomes Albania’s long-standing proven commitment to hosting refugees; recalls the authorities’ obligation to ensure due asylum process and to address the needs of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants; calls on the EU to boost its support for humanitarian assistance in the region, to be conducted in full respect of the fundamental rights; notes the continued reduction of unfounded asylum claims by Albanian nationals and the fulfilment of visa liberalisation benchmarks;

Amendment 174
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács, Thijs
21. Welcomes Albania’s long-standing proven commitment to hosting refugees; recalls the authorities’ obligation to ensure due asylum process and to address the needs of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants;

Amendment

21. Notes Albania’s recent commitment to hosting economic as well as illegal migrants;

Or. en

Amendment 176
Ilhan Kyuchyuk

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

21. Welcomes Albania’s long-standing proven commitment to hosting refugees;

Amendment

21. Welcomes Albania’s long-standing proven commitment to hosting refugees

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recalls the authorities’ obligation to ensure due asylum process and to address the needs of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants; and the decision from August 2021 to temporarily hosting refugees from Afghanistan; recalls the authorities’ obligation to ensure due asylum process and to address the needs of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants;

Amendment 177
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács, Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

21a. Underlines that the rule of law and judicial reforms are the backbone of a democratic transformation, ensuring legal certainty, transparency, access to justice and non-discrimination;

Amendment 178
Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

22. Emphasises the obligation of Albanian authorities to continue eliminating corruption and criminal activities in all domains of public life, including in public procurement procedures and political party financing; recalls the particularly damning conclusions made in the European Court of Auditors’ January 2022 report titled ‘EU support for the rule of law in the Western Balkans: despite efforts,
fundamental problems persist’, which noted in particular that the judiciary in Albania continued to be vulnerable to political interference and that judges and prosecutors constantly face criticism;

Amendment 179
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

22. **Emphasises the obligation of** Albanian authorities to **continue** eliminating corruption and criminal activities in all domains of public life, including in public procurement procedures and political party financing;

Amendment 180
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. **Notes that Albania has fallen 27 places on the Transparency International’s Corruption Perception Index for 2021, since 2016, scoring only 35 points out of a possible 100; worries that the pandemic was used as an excuse to reduce oversight and accountability for public procurement and foreign aid spending, allowing corruption to spread**
Amendment 181
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. Is worried that according to the European Court of Auditors “progress on the rule-of-law situation in the region has generally been limited, and sustainability has proved difficult to achieve despite EU political support and financial assistance”;

Amendment 182
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. Urges the Commission to seriously consider the special report 01/2022 of the European Court of Auditors and implement its recommendations, thus adapting its Rule of Law related investments in the Western Balkans and Albania;

Amendment 183
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

23. Commends the steady progress in implementing a comprehensive justice reform, underpinned by the unprecedented vetting process, followed by a restored functionality of relevant courts;

Amendment

23. Commends the steady progress in implementing a comprehensive justice reform, underpinned by the unprecedented vetting process; expresses concern for some of its side-effects, such as the length of proceedings, low clearance rate and high backlog especially in the High Court and Administrative Court of Appeal; calls on the state authorities to ensure specific measures to reduce the backlog, to improve the citizens access to justice and to speed up judicial proceedings, facilitated by a restored functionality of relevant courts;

Or. en

Amendment 184
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

23. Commends the steady progress in implementing a comprehensive justice reform, underpinned by the unprecedented vetting process, followed by a restored functionality of relevant courts;

Amendment

23. Commends the steady progress in implementing a comprehensive justice reform, underpinned by the unprecedented vetting process, followed by a restored functionality of relevant courts; however, expresses concern for some of its side-effects, such as the length of proceedings, low clearance rate and high backlog especially in the High Court and Administrative Court of Appeal; calls on the competent authorities to implement the necessary measures to facilitate the backlog reduction and speed up judicial proceedings;
Amendment 185
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

23. Commends the steady progress in implementing a comprehensive justice reform, underpinned by the unprecedented vetting process, followed by a restored functionality of relevant courts;

Amendment
23. Commends the steady progress in implementing a comprehensive justice reform, underpinned by the unprecedented vetting process, followed by a restored functionality of relevant courts, as a very important first step in order to become fully functional; Highlights that an important milestone was reached at the end of 2020 with the appointment of three new judges to the Constitutional Court; Whereas the Constitutional Court has regained its necessary quorum to hold plenary sessions;

Amendment 186
Ilhan Kyuchyuk

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

23. Commends the steady progress in implementing a comprehensive justice reform, underpinned by the unprecedented vetting process, followed by a restored functionality of relevant courts;

Amendment
23. Commends the steady progress in implementing a comprehensive justice reform, underpinned by the unprecedented vetting process, followed by a restored functionality of relevant courts; commends that the vetting process continued to deliver tangible results and the legislative framework has been further strengthened to ensure a more efficient delivery of justice;
23. Commends the steady progress in implementing a comprehensive justice reform, underpinned by the unprecedented vetting process, followed by a restored functionality of relevant courts; welcomes the adoption by the Albanian Parliament to extend the mandates of the vetting institutions until the end of 2024;
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

23. **Commends the steady progress in implementing a comprehensive justice reform, underpinned by the unprecedented vetting process, followed by a restored functionality of relevant courts;**

Amendment

23. **Is surprised at the recent allegations of ‘corruption’ made by the US Secretary of State against former President Sali Berisha, on account of the fact that he declared George Soros as a persona non grata in Albania because of his attempts to interfere in the country’s judicial reforms;**

Or. fr

Amendment 190
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

23. **Commends the steady progress in implementing a comprehensive justice reform, underpinned by the unprecedented**

Amendment

23. **Notes the lack of measurable progress in implementing a comprehensive justice reform;**

Or. en

Amendment 191
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Arba Kokalari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

23. **Commends the steady progress in implementing a comprehensive justice reform, underpinned by the unprecedented**
vetting process, followed by a restored functionality of relevant courts; vetting process, followed by an improved functionality of relevant courts;

Amendment 192
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Arba Kokalari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

23a. Welcomes the Constitutional Court’s full functionality, following the appointment of members equal to the necessary quorum; expresses concern regarding the Constitutional Court’s quorum ahead, as the High Court lacks the necessary quorum to elect judges to the Constitutional Court and the mandates of members of the CC are expiring;

Amendment 193
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

24. Recalls the paramount importance of further advancing and consolidating an irreversible shift towards accountable, independent and functional judicial institutions;

24. Proposes the paramount importance of advancing and consolidating Albania so as to guarantee accountable, independent and functional judicial institutions that can serve the citizens of Albania;
Amendment 194
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Recalls the need to continue to consolidate the capacity of the judicial system and the governance institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 195
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Arba Kokalari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Welcomes the work of the Specialised Structure for Anti-Corruption and Organised Crime (SPAK) and the SPAK Courts in tackling corruption and organised crime;

25. Welcomes the work of the Specialised Structure for Anti-Corruption and Organised Crime (SPAK) and the SPAK Courts in tackling corruption and organised crime; underlines the importance of delivering tangible results in the form of successful prosecution of high-profile crimes, including corruption; deplores that convictions in cases involving high-level officials still remain limited, fostering a culture of impunity within the higher levels of the State; stresses the need to further increase seizure and confiscation of criminal assets stemming from corruption-related offences;

Or. en

Amendment 196
Ilhan Kyuchyuk
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

25. Welcomes the work of the Specialised Structure for Anti-Corruption and Organised Crime (SPAK) and the SPAK Courts in tackling corruption and organised crime;

Amendment

25. Welcomes the work of the Specialised Structure for Anti-Corruption and Organised Crime (SPAK) and the SPAK Courts in tackling corruption and organised crime; notes that additional efforts are needed to further increase seizure and confiscation of assets stemming from corruption, and to develop the track record in high-level cases;

Or. en

Amendment 197
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

25. Welcomes the work of the Specialised Structure for Anti-Corruption and Organised Crime (SPAK) and the SPAK Courts in tackling corruption and organised crime;

Amendment

25. Welcomes the work of the international experts that have supported the build-up of the Specialised Structure for Anti-Corruption and Organised Crime (SPAK) and the SPAK Courts in tackling corruption and organised crime;

Or. en

Amendment 198
David McAllister, David Lega

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

25. Welcomes the work of the Specialised Structure for Anti-Corruption

Amendment

25. Welcomes the work of the Specialised Structure for Anti-Corruption

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and Organised Crime (SPAK) and the SPAK Courts in tackling corruption and organised crime;
and Organised Crime (SPAK), including its Courts in tackling corruption and organised crime;

Or. en

Amendment 199
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

26. Urges all sides to ensure the completion of the vetting process;

Amendment

26. Urges all sides to ensure the completion of the vetting process;
welcomes the progress in improving the professionalism, impartiality and accountability of the judiciary, aimed at ensuring its independence from undue influence and resolving the mounting backlog of cases; reminds of the obligation to guarantee an effective operation of judicial self-governing bodies;

Or. en

Amendment 200
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

26. Urges all sides to ensure the completion of the vetting process;

Amendment

26. Warmly welcomes the recent extension of the vetting bodies’ mandate where the Parliament showed strong cross-party resolve to move forward on EU accession;

Or. en
Amendment 201
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

26. **Urges all sides to ensure** the completion of the vetting process;

Amendment

26. **Notes with satisfaction the agreement reached to extend the mandate for** the completion of the vetting process;

Or. en

Amendment 202
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

26. **Urges all sides to ensure** the completion of the vetting process;

Amendment

26. **Urges all sides to ensure the completion of the vetting process, and to accelerate this process;**

Or. en

Amendment 203
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

26a. **Recalls that further advances are needed in the process of re-evaluating judges and prosecutors;**

Or. en
Amendment 204
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Welcomes the adoption of 10 laws aiming to further strengthen the efficiency of the judicial system and underlines the importance of additional measures such as the implementation of the judicial map, a new integrated case management system and a strengthened legal education system;

Amendment

27. Welcomes the adoption of 10 laws aiming to further strengthen the efficiency of the judicial system and underlines the importance of additional measures such as the implementation of the judicial map, a new integrated case management system and a strengthened legal education system; highlights that such reforms and their implementation need to take into consideration the socio-economic conditions of vulnerable groups, increase citizens’ access and reduce costs while fully respecting the right to due legal process;

Or. en

Amendment 205
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Welcomes the adoption of 10 laws aiming to further strengthen the efficiency of the judicial system and underlines the importance of additional measures such as the implementation of the judicial map, a new integrated case management system and a strengthened legal education system;

Amendment

27. Welcomes the adoption of 10 laws aiming to further strengthen the efficiency of the judicial system and underlines the importance of additional measures such as the implementation of the judicial map, a new integrated case management system and a strengthened legal education system; urges the government to take in consideration the opinion of all stakeholders for the new judiciary map, including the social-economic conditions
of vulnerable groups;

Amendment 206
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

28. Underlines the importance of taking decisive action against money laundering by ensuring a consistent track record of proactive investigation, prosecution and final convictions for high-level corruption and confiscation of criminal assets;

Amendment
28. Underlines the importance of taking decisive action against money laundering by ensuring a consistent track record of proactive investigation, prosecution and final convictions for high-level corruption and confiscation of criminal assets; also notes the importance of implementing the FATF Action Plan and the “Moneyval recommendations” and fully implementing the recently amended legislation aligning with the EU’s rules on anti-money laundering/countering terrorism financing;

Amendment 207
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Andrey Kovatchev, Arba Kokalari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

28. Underlines the importance of taking decisive action against money laundering by ensuring a consistent track record of proactive investigation, prosecution and final convictions for high-level corruption and confiscation of criminal assets;

Amendment
28. Underlines the importance of taking decisive action against money laundering and terrorist financing by ensuring a consistent track record of proactive investigation, prosecution and final convictions for high-level corruption and confiscation of criminal assets; stresses the need of further alignment of its legislation
with the EU acquis is this regard:

Or. en

Amendment 208
Michael Gahler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

28. Underlines the importance of taking decisive action against money laundering by ensuring a consistent track record of proactive investigation, prosecution and final convictions for high-level corruption and confiscation of criminal assets;

Amendment

28. Underlines the importance of taking decisive action against money laundering by ensuring a consistent track record of proactive investigation, prosecution and final convictions for high-level corruption and confiscation of criminal assets; notes the criticism of the last Moneyval report on the matter;

Or. en

Amendment 209
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Arba Kokalari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

28a. Notes with concern the large share of grey economy and massive illicit cash payments in the country; underlines that while cash transactions are not synonymous with illegal behaviour, their traceless nature offers an ideal vehicle for money laundering; calls on the government to implement measures to reduce informality, where possible;

Amendment

28a. Notes with concern the large share of grey economy and massive illicit cash payments in the country; underlines that while cash transactions are not synonymous with illegal behaviour, their traceless nature offers an ideal vehicle for money laundering; calls on the government to implement measures to reduce informality, where possible;

Or. en
Amendment 210
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Amendment

28a. Recalls an immense potential of digitalisation for serving justice, eradicating criminal activities and conflicts of interest through asset and interest disclosure and verification;

Or. en

Amendment 211
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Amendment

28a. Is concerned with the cases involving high-level officials still remain limited, fostering a culture of impunity within the higher levels of the State;

Or. en

Amendment 212
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 b (new)

Amendment

28b. Is concerned that a provision of the Law on Citizenship adopted in July 2020 may still lead to the establishment of an invertors’ citizenship scheme; such
schemes pose serious risks with regards to security, money laundering, corruption and tax evasion;

Amendment 213
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Andrey Kovatchev, Arba Kokalari, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

29. Welcomes the ongoing efforts that should lead to systemic improvements in tackling the trafficking of humans, firearms and goods, along with cybercrime, violent crime, extremism and terrorist threats; commends the ongoing bilateral and international cooperation on dismantling transnational crime networks, including with the EU Justice and Home Affairs Agencies;

29. Welcomes the ongoing efforts that should lead to systemic improvements in tackling organised crime, including the trafficking of humans, drugs, firearms and goods, along with cybercrime, violent crime, extremism and terrorist threats; commends the ongoing regional, bilateral and international cooperation on dismantling transnational crime networks, including with the EU Justice and Home Affairs Agencies, such as Europol and Eurojust; highlights that Albania is the only country from the region that has signed cooperation agreements with all justice and home affairs agencies of the EU and that the first fully fledged joint operation with the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) outside the European Union was deployed at the Greek-Albanian border in May 2019; commends that Albania has allowed air monitoring by EU Member State law enforcement services to detect production of narcotics;

Amendment 214
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of The Left Group
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

29. Welcomes the ongoing efforts that should lead to systemic improvements in tackling the trafficking of humans, firearms and goods, along with cybercrime, violent crime, extremism and terrorist threats; commends the ongoing bilateral and international cooperation on dismantling transnational crime networks, including with the EU Justice and Home Affairs Agencies;

Amendment

29. Welcomes the ongoing efforts that should lead to systemic improvements in tackling the trafficking of humans, firearms and goods, along with cybercrime, violent crime, extremism and terrorist threats. Highlights the need to continue to strengthen the fight against corruption and to bolster the capacity to further strengthen the efficiency of the judicial system and its capacity to tackle corruption and organised crime. Commends the ongoing bilateral and international cooperation on dismantling transnational crime networks, including with the EU Justice and Home Affairs Agencies;

Or. en

Amendment 215
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

29. Welcomes the ongoing efforts that should lead to systemic improvements in tackling the trafficking of humans, firearms and goods, along with cybercrime, violent crime, extremism and terrorist threats; commends the ongoing bilateral and international cooperation on dismantling transnational crime networks, including with the EU Justice and Home Affairs Agencies;

Amendment

29. Welcomes the ongoing efforts that should lead to systemic improvements in tackling the trafficking of humans, firearms and goods, along with cybercrime, violent crime, extremism and terrorist threats; commends the ongoing bilateral and international cooperation on dismantling transnational crime networks, including with the EU Justice and Home Affairs Agencies, covering the intensified action against the production and trafficking of drugs, illegal weapons and people smugglers;
Amendment 216
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

29. Welcomes the ongoing efforts that should lead to systemic improvements in tackling the trafficking of humans, firearms and goods, along with cybercrime, violent crime, extremism and terrorist threats; commends the ongoing bilateral and international cooperation on dismantling transnational crime networks, including with the EU Justice and Home Affairs Agencies;

Amendment

29. Welcomes the ongoing efforts that should lead to systemic improvements in tackling the trafficking of humans, firearms cultural property and other goods, along with cybercrime, violent crime, extremism and terrorist threats; commends the ongoing bilateral and international cooperation on dismantling transnational crime networks, including with the EU Justice and Home Affairs Agencies;

Amendment 217
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

29a. Welcomes the renewed constructive US engagement in the Western Balkans, including their focus on the fight against corruption; highlights in this context the US Executive Order sanctioning persons contributing to the destabilising situation in the Western Balkans, as well as the US action targeting individuals and entities for their significant acts of corruption; calls on the EU to thoroughly assess a possible alignment to such actions;
Amendment 218
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

29a. Commends the ongoing bilateral and international cooperation on dismantling transnational crime networks, including with Eurojust, Europol and Frontex;

Amendment 219
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

29a. Recommends Albania to update the legislation regarding drug precursors;

Amendment 220
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Andrey Kovatchev, Arba Kokalari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 b (new)

29b. Expresses concern over the large numbers of firearms available in Albania; stresses the need to improve standard procedures and mechanisms to counter
the illicit trade of small arms and light weapons, and to step up the investigation and prosecution of firearms trafficking;

Or. en

Amendment 221
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Andrey Kovatchev, Arba Kokalari, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

29c. Underlines that the contribution of Albania to the protection of the European Union’s external border is of crucial importance; Stresses that border protection and the prevention of cross-border crime must continue to be a priority, and must be conducted in full respect for the fundamental rights enshrined in applicable international and regional laws and principles;

Or. en

Amendment 222
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

29d. Notes that the Western Balkan countries serve as a transit corridor for migrants and refugees and that the large population movements in recent years have posed an enormous challenge to the region and EU Member States; notes that Albania continued to experience a growing influx of irregular migrants,
mostly leaving Albania after a few days, on the way to other EU countries; notes that the number of irregular migrants apprehended in Albania in 2020 increased by 13% compared with 2019; stresses that the issue of Albanian nationals making unfounded asylum applications to EU Member States still requires substantial efforts from the Albanian authorities; calls for enhanced efforts in addressing the smuggling of migrants, in particular unaccompanied minors;

Amendment 223
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Arba Kokalari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

29e. Stresses the need to ensure adequate financial, technical and human resources, as well as the financial and operational independence of judicial and law enforcement institutions;

Amendment 224
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Vangelis Meimarakis, Stelios Kympouropoulos, Maria Spyraki, Elissavet Vozember-Vrionidi, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Georgios Kyrtos, Theodoros Zagorakis, Lefteris Christoforou, Loucas Fourlas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

29f. Recalls the urgency of the fight against drug trafficking networks in Albania, which are gaining increased
international access.

Amendment 225
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution  Amendment

30. Highlights EU funding of sustainable post-earthquake and post-pandemic recovery and supports the ongoing efforts towards Albania’s democratic, green and digital transformation; underlines the need to step up EU funding for the rule of law, sustainable green growth, biodiversity, innovation, competitiveness, property rights and reversal of the demographic decline;

30. Highlights EU funding of sustainable post-earthquake and post-pandemic recovery and supports the ongoing efforts towards Albania’s democratic, green and digital transformation;

Amendment 226
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution  Amendment

30. Highlights EU funding of sustainable post-earthquake and post-pandemic recovery and supports the ongoing efforts towards Albania’s democratic, green and digital transformation; underlines the need to step up EU funding for the rule of law, sustainable green growth, biodiversity, innovation, competitiveness, property rights and reversal of the demographic decline;

30. Highlights EU funding of sustainable post-earthquake and post-pandemic recovery and supports the ongoing efforts towards Albania’s democratic, green and digital transformation; underlines the need to step up EU funding for the rule of law, sustainable green growth, biodiversity, innovation, competitiveness, property rights and reversal of the demographic decline; calls for a meaningful inclusion
of the civil society and other relevant stakeholders in the debate over the policy actions;

Amendment 227
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Andrey Kovatchev, Arba Kokalari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

30. Highlights EU funding of sustainable post-earthquake and post-pandemic recovery and supports the ongoing efforts towards Albania’s democratic, green and digital transformation; underlines the need to step up EU funding for the rule of law, sustainable green growth, biodiversity, innovation, competitiveness, property rights and reversal of the demographic decline;

Amendment
30. Highlights EU funding of sustainable post-earthquake and post-pandemic recovery and supports the ongoing efforts towards Albania’s democratic, green and digital transformation; underlines the need to step up EU assistance and funding for rule of law improvements, and encouraging sustainable green growth, biodiversity, innovation, competitiveness, property rights and reversal of the demographic decline;

Amendment 228
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

30a. Underlines that simplification and modernisation of the tax system and improved tax collection would facilitate the management of public spending and the deficit in the face of rising energy and food prices;
Amendment 229
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 b (new)

30b. Stresses that improved governance, transparency, legal certainty, inclusion and social dialogue are essential for stimulating foreign direct investment and the retention of skilled workers;

Amendment 230
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács, Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 c (new)

30c. Welcomes EU support to reconstruction, including the rebuilding of schools and kindergartens and cultural heritage sites in the aftermath of the Together4Albania Donors’ Conference following the devastating earthquake of November 2019;

Amendment 231
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31
Motion for a resolution

31. Underlines the importance of empowering the youth and welcomes the designation of Tirana as the 2022 European Youth Capital;

Amendment

31. Underlines the importance of empowering the youth and welcomes the designation of Tirana as the 2022 European Youth Capital; stresses the importance of the program of the European Youth Capital in the Western Balkans as this is an excellent opportunity to foster European integration and good neighbourly relations between youth from all over Europe, while promoting cultural and linguistic diversity;

Or. en

Amendment 232
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Underlines the importance of empowering the youth and welcomes the designation of Tirana as the 2022 European Youth Capital;

Amendment

31. Underlines the importance of empowering youth by offering a concrete possibility to attend school that can prepare the youth for the Albanian job market;

Or. en

Amendment 233
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Encourages the Albanian authorities to reduce the risk of poverty and social exclusion by improving access to social and healthcare services, especially

Amendment

32. Encourages the Albanian authorities to reduce the risk of poverty and social exclusion by improving access to social, education and healthcare services,
for disadvantaged populations; especially for disadvantaged populations, such as the Roma and Egyptian communities, people with disabilities and people suffering from poverty; urges the approval of the minimum standard of living, as a means to reduce the risk of poverty;

Amendment 234
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

32. Encourages the Albanian authorities to reduce the risk of poverty and social exclusion by improving access to social and healthcare services, especially for disadvantaged populations;

32. Encourages the Albanian authorities to reduce the risk of poverty and social exclusion by improving access to social, education and healthcare services, especially for disadvantaged populations such as Roma minority and Egyptian communities, people with disabilities and the poor;

Amendment 235
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

32. Encourages the Albanian authorities to reduce the risk of poverty and social exclusion by improving access to social and healthcare services, especially for disadvantaged populations;

32. Encourages the Albanian authorities to reduce the risk of poverty and social exclusion by improving access to social and healthcare services, especially for disadvantaged populations; urges the setting of a minimum standard of living, as a means to reduce the risk of poverty;
Amendment 236
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution
32. Encourages the Albanian authorities to reduce the risk of poverty and social exclusion by improving access to social and healthcare services, especially for disadvantaged populations;

Amendment
32. Encourages the Albanian authorities to reduce the risk of poverty and social exclusion by improving access to social and healthcare services, especially for disadvantaged populations and minority groups;

Amendment 237
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
32a. Urges Albania to increase efforts aimed at gender equality and women’s rights, including by prioritising gender mainstreaming and increased cooperation with civil society, in particular women’s organisations

Amendment
Or. en
Motion for a resolution

32a. Regrets that in 2021 the budget allocation to education was only 2.7% of Albania's GDP; Calls on increased investment in the modernisation of the education system, ensuring its quality and inclusiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 239
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

32b. Calls on lawmakers in Albania to take steps to ensure an adequate representation of women in all decision-making positions, and to further address the lack of implementation of women workers’ rights, gender stereotyping, gender imbalance, and gender pay gap in the labour force; welcomes in this regard the first majority-women cabinet of the current government; points to significant gender differences in participation and quality of work, insufficient action on sexual harassment in the workplace, discrimination in legal provisions related to maternity leave, and the lack of childcare and pre-school capacity;

Or. en

Amendment 240
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33
33. Recalls the conditionality of the EU funding under the IPA III and the Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans;

Amendment

33. Recalls the conditionality of the EU funding under the IPA III and the Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans; **recognises the importance of IPA III and EIP for supporting reform process, sustainable connectivity, human capital, competitiveness and inclusive growth as well in reinforcing regional and cross-border cooperation;**

Or. en

**Amendment 241**

**Kinga Gál**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 33**

33. Recalls the conditionality of the EU funding under the IPA III and the Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans;

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Amendment

33. ** Welcomes the European Commission’s Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans, and the concrete proposals for development of infrastructure projects;** recalls the conditionality of the EU funding under the IPA III and the Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans;

Or. en

**Amendment 242**

**Thomas Waitz**

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 33**

33. Recalls the conditionality of the EU funding under the IPA III and the

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Amendment

33. Recalls the conditionality of the EU funding under the IPA III and the
Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans; while highlighting that any investment must be in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement and EU decarbonisation targets;

Amendment 243
Thomas Waitz on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

33a. Stresses that the EU’s Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III) foresees a strong conditionality and funding must be modulated or even suspended in the case of significant regression or persistent lack of progress in the area of the so-called “fundamentals”, notably in the field of the rule of law and fundamental rights, including fight against corruption and organised crime, as well as media freedom; stresses that it is in the EU’s own security interests and its responsibility to guarantee that EU funds do not become counterproductive by strengthening clientelistic networks of corrupt politicians and privileged businesses; calls in this context upon the EU and the Western Balkan countries to establish a framework for a fruitful cooperation between the European Public Prosecutor’s Office (EPPO) and the Western Balkan countries, in order to ensure that the EPPO can effectively exert its competences in the area of EU funds, in particular in the area of IPA III funds in the Western Balkan countries;
Amendment 244  
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Andrey Kovatchev, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33a. Stresses the need to improve the visibility of and communication concerning EU aid and Union financing in Albania; recalls, in this regard, the performance reward under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance to North Macedonia and Albania and notably the substantial support the EU has provided to the Western Balkans to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and to limit the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic;

Or. en

Amendment 245  
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34. Strongly urges authorities to step up measures on biodiversity, water, air, climate protection and regional waste management;

34. Strongly urges authorities to step up measures on biodiversity, water, air, climate protection and regional waste management, including through comprehensive environmental and strategic impact assessments, proper public consultations and rigorous prosecution of environmental crime;

Or. en
Amendment 246
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 a (new)

34a. Warmly welcomes the designation of the Vjosa river as nature park (IUCN cat IV), while urging Albanian authorities to establish as soon as possible the Vjosa National Park (IUCN cat II) as the next step, extending the whole length of the river, including its free flowing tributaries;

Amendment

Amendment 247
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 a (new)

34a. Urges the Albanian authorities to advance on implementing the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans, which mirrors European Green Deal priorities and the Brdo Declaration, which was adopted at the EU-Western Balkans summit in Brdo pri Kranju on 6 October 2021;

Amendment

Amendment 248
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 b (new)
Motion for a resolution

34b. Expresses deep concern about the revision of the Protected Areas network, since without proper consultation process the coastal protected areas have been substantially reduced affecting also the Narta lagoon in the Vjosa delta, one of the most important areas for biodiversity along the Adriatic coast, paving the way to build the Vlora airport in the protected area in contradiction with national laws and international biodiversity protection conventions that Albania has ratified; calls on the government to reconsider these plans; underlines that the Protected Area is a candidate for the Emerald site network, which provides shelter to more than 62 species of birds listed in the EU Birds directive, thus the obvious need to strongly protect the natural values of this area;

Or. en

Amendment 249
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 b (new)

34b. Expresses concerns over the changing map of Protected Areas, which should not contribute to environmental degradation in Albania’s threatened coastal and wetland areas;

Or. en

Amendment 250
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 c (new)

Motion for a resolution  

Amendment  

34c. **Calls on authorities to prioritize the monitoring and annual reporting of Air Pollution in Urban and Industrial Areas, Noise Pollution in Urban Areas and Surface Water Quality; notes the necessity to regularly inform the population regarding the ambient pollution status;**

Or. en

Amendment 251
Thomas Waitz  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 c (new)

Motion for a resolution  

Amendment  

34c. **Underlines the need to improve environmental impact assessments, strategic environmental assessments and transparency of procedures across eco-sensitive sectors and to enhance an efficient and consequent prosecution of environmental crimes;**

Or. en

Amendment 252
Thomas Waitz  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 d (new)

Motion for a resolution  

Amendment  

34d. **Calls for a revision of the National**
Strategy on Waste Management for 2018-2035 and to focus on the most sophisticated methods for recycling in line with EU standards; stresses the need to use modern filter technology for incineration plants until a full recycling strategy is in place in order to reduce harm to human health and the environment;

Amendment 253
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 e (new)

Amendment

34e. Calls for further efforts in the field of agriculture and rural development; is of the view that it is important to establish a solid system for consultations between policymakers and various interest groups in rural areas; stresses the need to develop a modern, ecological, climate-friendly small- and medium-scale agriculture that ensures the livelihood of farmers and protection of Albania’s natural resources as well as biodiversity;

Amendment 254
Michael Gahler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

35. Recalls that substantial efforts are needed to enforce the goals relating to

Motion for a resolution

35. Recalls that substantial efforts are needed to enforce the goals relating to
efficiency, security, diversification and greening of the energy supply and transport; calls for the project around the port of Durres to observe the Stabilization and Association Agreement and the rights of the EU based undertakings;

Amendment 255
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

35. Recalls that substantial efforts are needed to enforce the goals relating to efficiency, security, diversification and greening of the energy supply and transport;

Amendment

35. Recalls that substantial efforts are needed to enforce the goals relating to efficiency, security, diversification and greening of the energy supply and transport; recalls the necessity to increase environmental sustainability of hydro-power;

Amendment 256
Stelios Kouloglou, Emmanuel Maurel on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)

35a. Calls for enhancing measures for the protection of the environment, especially regarding the national parks and the environmentally protected areas, paying particular attention on the construction of numerous Hydroelectric Power Plants within national parks, without previous proper environmental studies
Amendment 257
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)

35a. Welcomes the removed roaming charges between the six Western Balkan states; urges all relevant parties to negotiate a plan that would lead to the eventual elimination of roaming charges between Albania and the EU Member States;

Amendment 258
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)

35a. Specifically encourages Albanian authorities to diversify its energy production and to minimize the impact on biodiversity by stopping hydropower developments in protected areas;

Amendment 259
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)
Motion for a resolution  

Amendment

35a. Recalls the importance of the diversification of energy sources, of the implementation of the Climate Law, of developing carbon pricing instruments and addressing energy poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 260
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution  

Paragraph 35 b (new)

Amendment

35b. Reaffirms the role of the future Tirana-Podgorica rail link, Elbasan-Bitola electricity interconnector and Fier-Vlora gas pipeline in enhancing the regional and trans-European connectivity;

Or. en

Amendment 261
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács, Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution  

Paragraph 35 c (new)

Amendment

35c. Welcomes the launch of 3.2 billion Euros investment package, as part of the EU’s Economic and Investment Plan (EIP) for the Western Balkans and highlights the transformative role of these investments; notes with satisfaction that one of the financed projects will be the first floating solar power plant in Albania in Vau i Dejës reservoir;
Amendment 262  
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 35 d (new)

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Amendment**

35d. Welcomes the start of works on the interconnector of power transmission systems of North Macedonia and Albania;

Amendment 263  
Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 36

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Amendment**

36. Commends the fact that Albania remains a reliable and committed external policy partner, fully aligning to the EU’s foreign, security and defence policy, and actively contributing to EU crisis-management missions and operations;

Amendment 264  
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 36

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Amendment**

36. Commends the fact that Albania remains a reliable and committed external policy partner, fully aligning to the EU’s
foreign, security and defence policy, and actively contributing to EU crisis-management missions and operations; commend Albania for having aligned with the EU in sanctioning the Russian Federation and its political leadership after the invasion of Ukraine;

Or. en

Amendment 265
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Commends the fact that Albania remains a reliable and committed external policy partner, fully aligning to the EU’s foreign, security and defence policy, and actively contributing to EU crisis-management missions and operations;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 266
Emmanouil Fragkos, Valdemar Tomaševski, Hermann Tertsch, Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Commends the fact that Albania remains a reliable and committed external policy partner, fully aligning to the EU’s foreign, security and defence policy, and actively contributing to EU crisis-management missions and operations; warmly welcomes the recent speedy alignment to the sanctions against Russia following the Russian invasion in Ukraine;

Amendment

Or. en
management missions and operations, but it regrets its continuous alignment with authoritarian regimes, like Turkey’s;

Amendment 267
Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

36. Commends the fact that Albania remains a reliable and committed external policy partner, fully aligning to the EU’s foreign, security and defence policy, and actively contributing to EU crisis-management missions and operations;

Amendment

36. Stresses that Albania’s accession to NATO and its alignment with the CSDP are not conducive to stability throughout the European continent;

Amendment 268
Ilhan Kyuchyuk

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36 a (new)

36a. Welcomes Albania’s foreign policy alignment to 100%, the strong response to the Russian aggression in Ukraine and the swift alignment to the sanctions, including ban entry into its airspace;

Amendment

36a. Stresses that Albania’s accession to NATO and its alignment with the CSDP are not conducive to stability throughout the European continent;
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36a. Welcomes Albania’s strong reaction against the Russian aggression in Ukraine and continued complete alignment with EU decisions and sanctions;

Or. en

Amendment 270
Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37. Applauds the country’s commitment to solidarity and multilateralism, including through its membership of the UN Security Council in 2022-2023; is concerned, however, about the considerable upgrade to the Kuçova base, which now falls within NATO, at odds with all stability and de-escalation policies in the region;

Or. fr

Amendment 271
David Lega, David McAllister, Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Andrey Kovatchev, Arba Kokalari, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37a. Recalls that malicious foreign actors tend to exploit ethnic tensions in the Western Balkans, including in
Albania, sometimes trying to use these countries as an information manipulation and hybrid warfare laboratory, aimed at undermining the EU; recommends that EU and Albania further exchange best practices and coordinate actions regarding foreign interference and disinformation; underlines the need for the EU and the United States to strengthen their partnership and coordination in the Western Balkans;

Amendment 272
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

37a. Considers that stability and unity on the European continent and Western Balkans is of crucial importance in this moment in history, with respect to the recent Russian invasion and atrocious developments in Ukraine; urges Member States to immediately start accession negotiations with North Macedonia and Albania considering the geopolitical importance of this decision, demonstrating crucial European unity, besides the fact that the countries fulfil all official criteria;

Amendment 273
Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 a (new)
Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37a. Emphasises that as a NATO member state the contribution of Albania to the protection of the European Union’s external border is crucial and calls on the EU to intensify its support to border protection in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 274
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Welcomes the Albanian Government’s continued steps promoting good neighbourly relations and inclusive regional integration by developing a Regional Economic Area;

Amendment

38. Calls on the Albanian Government’s to continue promoting good neighbourly relations and in particular to refocus and increase efforts to work on an inclusive regional integration by implementing and developing the Common Regional Market, thus building on the achievements of the Regional Economic Area, agreed upon within the Berlin Process in 2017;

Or. en

Amendment 275
Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Welcomes the Albanian Government’s continued steps promoting good neighbourly relations and inclusive regional integration by developing a

Amendment

38. Warns against the numerous attempts made by Albania to interfere in Kosovo;
Regional Economic Area;

Amendment 276
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Vangelis Meimarakis, Stelios Kympouropoulos, Maria Spyraki, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Georgios Kyrtsos, Theodoros Zagorakis, Lefteris Christoforou, Loucas Fourlas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. **Welcomes** the Albanian **Government’s continued steps** promoting good neighbourly relations **and** inclusive regional integration by developing a Regional Economic Area;

Amendment

38. **Encourages** the Albanian **Government to continue** promoting good neighbourly relations, **as well as enhancing** inclusive regional integration by developing a Regional Economic Area;

Amendment 277
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

38a. **Emphasizes that all regional economic cooperation schemes in the Western Balkans should be inclusive and acceptable to all six countries, establishing cooperation on an equal footing among all six countries, while strengthening further alignment with EU standards and acquis; expresses, in this context, its scepticism towards the Open Balkan Initiative, while pointing to the danger that a regional economic cooperation initiative not encompassing all six countries and not being based on EU rules could have a negative impact on**
the EU integration processes;

Amendment 278
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

38a. Welcomes good progress and good level of preparation of Albania’ by adopting and ratifying additional protocols to the Central European Free Trade Agreement and by certifying first authorised economic operators (AEO);

Amendment 279
Isabel Santos, Maria Arena, Tonino Picula, Nikos Androulakis, Attila Ara-Kovács

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

38a. Welcomes steps aimed at enhancing regional connectivity and integration through the Common Regional Market under an inclusive approach;