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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure  
on protecting and promoting the skilled crafts sector

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on protecting and promoting the skilled crafts sector**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas businesses in Europe’s skilled crafts sector perform a social function and play an essential economic role in creating jobs;
- B. whereas the Digital Europe programme will invest in the creation of digital innovation hubs to enhance business competitiveness;
- C. whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has had an adverse impact on the finances, output and hiring capacity of businesses in the skilled crafts sector;
- 1. Urges the Commission to introduce specific financial instruments to support the skilled crafts sector, in particular to encourage the sector to digitalise and step up its online presence;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to introduce specific measures to make it easier for the skilled crafts sector to take out loans;
- 3. Calls on the Commission to create new training opportunities tailored to SMEs in the skilled crafts sector.