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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the implementation of measures to revitalise small villages in Europe

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the implementation of measures to revitalise small villages in Europe

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas revitalising small villages brings short and long-term benefits such as the restoration of their cultural and historical heritage, new housing and employment opportunities and the preservation of agricultural heritage;
- B. whereas an increasing number of people are moving back to small villages and rural areas as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- C. whereas the use of new digital technologies has made it possible for people to work remotely, which reduces depopulation in the territories concerned, and helps preserve forestland and encourage biodiversity;
- 1. urges the Commission to take new initiatives to implement the measures needed to revitalise small villages in Europe using a territorial strategy which will provide the territories concerned with a decent level of public health, education and transport services;
- 2. calls on the Commission to take the necessary measures to ensure that the revitalisation of European villages becomes a means for protecting and promoting local traditions and the cultural and historical heritage of the territories concerned.

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