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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the implementation of measures to protect craft enterprises and promote local trades

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the implementation of measures to protect craft enterprises and promote local trades

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas 2023 was named the European Year of Skills to encourage lifelong learning among EU citizens, foster economic growth and employment through better training, and help society and businesses navigate the green and digital transitions by making sure that skills match labour market needs;
- B. whereas in today's market, specific craft skills and local trades are vital to countries' economies yet are often inadequately protected, as witnessed during the COVID-19 pandemic, when production fell by up to 30 % in northern Italy, where the highest number of craft enterprises in the country are based;
- C. whereas, strongly rooted in tradition, only 0.3 % of craft enterprises in Italy can be considered innovative and more than 60 % present a low level of innovation;
- 1. Urges the Commission to draw up measures to protect this sector, which is vital to the economy, history and traditions of each Member State;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to implement and incentivise initiatives that enable craft enterprises to compete in today's market, while maintaining their specific characteristics.