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Draft report
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The future of the European book sector
((2023/2053(INI))
Amendment 1
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Citation 16 a (new)

*Motion for a resolution*  

Amendment

– *Having regard to the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages,*

Or. en

Amendment 2
Laurence Farreng

Motion for a resolution
Citation 19 a (new)

*Motion for a resolution*  

Amendment

– *Having regard to the Council Resolution of 12 February 2001 on the application of national fixed book-price systems,*

Or. fr

Amendment 3
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

*Motion for a resolution*  

Amendment

A. whereas books play an essential role in our societies, as an invaluable source of knowledge, education, culture, information and entertainment and a vital means of preserving and disseminating the EU’s values, cultural and linguistic diversity and cultural heritage;

A. whereas books *and their authors* play an essential role in our societies, as an invaluable source of knowledge, education, culture, information and entertainment and a vital means of preserving and disseminating the EU’s values, cultural and linguistic diversity and cultural heritage;
Amendment 4
Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou, Ilana Cicurel

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

\[Motion for a resolution\]

\[Amendment\]

Aa. whereas the book sector has been suffering from a steady decline in reading, especially in the recent years when the use of modern technologies like social media, digital platforms and apps has replaced reading for pleasure as a leisure time activity;

Amendment 5
Rob Rooker
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

\[Motion for a resolution\]

\[Amendment\]

C. whereas books also play a particularly important role in a person’s life from a very young age, by contributing to children’s cognitive, emotional and social development;

Amendment 6
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domènc Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerevert, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Recital D
Amendment
Victor Negrescu
Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Da. whereas the book sector, like other sectors, is affected by geopolitical and economic changes, and therefore requires resilience and flexibility to adapt to these changes;

Or. en

Amendment
Diana Riba i Giner
Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Da. whereas European publishers that are SMEs or even microenterprises play a crucial role in guaranteeing cultural diversity in publishing;

Or. en

Amendment
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes
Heide, Domèneç Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerevert, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

E. whereas the entire book sector value chain relies on the balance between the various actors, such as authors, publishers, translators, booksellers and libraries;

Amendment
E. whereas the entire book sector value chain relies on the balance between its various actors, such as authors, publishers, translators, booksellers and libraries; whereas each of them plays a vital role and whereas any measure negatively impacting either of them affects the entire ecosystem;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Emmanuel Maurel, Tomasz Frankowski, Niyazi Kizilyürek, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

E. whereas the entire book sector value chain relies on the balance between the various actors, such as authors, publishers, translators, booksellers and libraries;

Amendment
E. whereas the entire book sector value chain relies on the balance between the various actors, such as authors, publishers, distributors, translators, printing companies, booksellers and libraries;

Or. fr

Amendment 11
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

E. whereas the entire book sector value chain relies on the balance between the various actors, such as authors,
publishers, translators, booksellers and libraries; publishers, translators, booksellers and libraries, and ends ultimately on readers;

Amendment 12
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerevert, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

Ea. whereas authors are the backbone of the sector and play a vital role in society’s development;

Amendment 13
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Diana Riba i Giner, Michaela Šojdrová, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Hannes Heide, Andrey Slabakov, Niklas Nienaß, Ibán García Del Blanco, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou, Asim Ademov, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

Ea. whereas authors are the creative source of all books;

Amendment 14
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerevert, Ibán García Del Blanco, Tomasz Frankowski

Motion for a resolution
Recital E b (new)
Amendment 15
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Diana Riba i Giner, Rob Rooken, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Michaela Šojdrová, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Asim Ademov, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Recital E b (new)

Amendment 16
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Petra Kammerevert, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Recital E c (new)
publishers to keep investing in a broad array of creative works;

Amendment 17
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Diana Riba i Giner, Michaela Šojdrová, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Asim Ademov, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Recital E c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ec. whereas bookshops and libraries are the focal point for readership development and reading promotion, whilst contributing to social and digital inclusiveness;

Amendment 18
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas the ability of the European book sector to provide the public with a wide range of books relies on an effective copyright framework that allows each part of the value chain to remunerate creation and invest in new books;

F. whereas the ability of the European book sector to provide the public with a wide range of books relies partially on an effective copyright and respected authors’ rights framework that allows each part of the value chain to remunerate authors and their creation equitable and invest in new books;

Amendment 19
Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou, Ilana Cicurel
Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas on 15 February 2023, the Commission decided to refer 11 Member States to the Court of Justice of the European Union for failing to notify the Commission of transposition measures under two Directives with respect to copyright;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas the book sector plays an essential role in fostering freedom of expression, which can only be exercised by ensuring freedom, independence, diversity and editorial responsibility within the publishing industry;

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Or. en

Amendment 21
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domèneç Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerervert, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas the book sector plays an essential role in fostering freedom of expression, which can only be exercised by ensuring freedom, independence, diversity

G. whereas the book sector plays an essential role in fostering freedom of expression, which can only be exercised by ensuring freedom, independence, diversity, editorial
and editorial responsibility within the publishing industry; diversity and responsibility within the publishing industry;

Amendment 22
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment
Ga. whereas the book sector also has a role to play in supporting the green and digital transitions of the EU, for instance through the promotion of e-books and audiobooks, the use of environmentally sustainable materials, processes in the production of printed books, and the adoption of digital technologies and AI in the creation and distribution of books;

Amendment 23
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Diana Riba i Giner, Rob Rook, Michaela Šojdrová, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Žver, Željana Zovko, Asim Ademov, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment
Ga. whereas the governments of some Member States have exerted influence and regulatory pressure on the book sector, which negatively impacts on freedom of expression and conflicts with EU values;
Amendment 24
Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou, Ilana Cicurel

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas self-censorship of writers is a worrying phenomenon that has a great impact on the freedom of expression, variety of content and cultural diversity;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerevert, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H. whereas printed books, e-books and audiobooks complement each other on the market;

H. whereas printed books, e-books and audiobooks represent different options available on the market nowadays and complement each other;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerevert, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ha. whereas printed books represent around 85% of book sales in the European market and printed formats are recognised as more beneficial in specific field, such as child’s educational
development;

[European Book Market Statistics 2021-2022, FEP]

Amendment 27
François-Xavier Bellamy, Emmanuel Maurel

Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)

Amendment
Ha. whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has led to an increase in the market share of electronic formats, particularly audiobooks, yet many readers returned to paper formats after the lockdowns ended;

Amendment 28
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Diana Riba i Giner, Michaela Šojdrová, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Asim Ademov, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)

Amendment
Ha. whereas readers, including young ones have shown a continued preference to read printed books;

Amendment 29
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerevert, Ibán García Del Blanco
Amendment 30
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Recital I

I. whereas the COVID-19 pandemic, Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine, the rise in costs for the sector, inflation and the paper crisis have posed significant challenges to the book sector and substantially hindered its competitiveness;
Motion for a resolution

I. whereas the COVID-19 pandemic, Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine, the rise in costs for the sector, inflation and the paper crisis have posed significant challenges to the book sector and substantially hindered its competitiveness;

Amendment

I. whereas the Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine, the consequent rise in costs for the sector, rampant inflation and the paper crisis have posed significant challenges to the book sector and substantially hindered its competitiveness;

Amendment 32
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerervert, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ia. whereas libraries are gateways to knowledge and culture and play a key role in society, especially in local communities; whereas the relevance of libraries is experienced by community members by providing access to information and resources, supporting literacy, promoting lifelong learning and serving as gathering spaces;

Amendment

Ja. whereas the availability of EU books translated to, and originally published in cross-border languages are of special importance for cross-border
language communities and border regions across Europe;

Amendment 34
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas only a very small proportion of books are produced in formats that are accessible to persons with disabilities;

Amendment

K. Whereas the book sector must also be responsive to the needs of vulnerable populations, including people experiencing poverty, those with limited digital skills, and persons with disabilities, by ensuring that books are accessible and affordable to all;

Amendment 35
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerevert, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas only a very small proportion of books are produced in formats that are accessible to persons with disabilities;

Amendment

K. whereas a steadily growing but still insufficient proportion of books are produced in formats that are accessible to persons with disabilities;

Amendment 36
Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou, Ilana Cicurel, Tomasz Frankowski

Motion for a resolution
Recital K a (new)
Motion for a resolution

Ka. whereas Brexit has significantly affected the European book market, namely in English-speaking Member States such as Ireland, that heavily relies on the UK's book market; whereas Brexit has an immense influence on the book sectors’ supply chain by increasing the prices of books and shipment and customs costs, while disrupting the imports of books printed in continental Europe and exports to the EU Member States and other countries, such as the US or Australia, thus negatively affecting the dissemination of European content;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Michaela Šojdrová, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Asim Ademov, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Recital K a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ka. whereas the availability of digital books offers an opportunity to improve accessibility for people with disabilities, however this requires adequate investments in the production of different formats and the development of relevant skills;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Emmanuel Maurel, Tomasz Frankowski, Niyazi Kizilyürek, Massimiliano Smeriglio, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Recital K a (new)
Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ka. given the difficulties posed by shortages of the paper and ink required for producing works;

Or. fr

Amendment 39
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Recital K a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ka. whereas authors' collective bargaining is key to ensure transparency of the use of the authors’ works;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Recital K b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Kb. whereas the diversity of sources of literature and knowledge is fundamental to the European book sector, and it encompasses, among others, the presence of women and other minorities in the value chain, the creation in a variety of genres, as well as works on lesser spoken and printed languages, and all of them are crucial to protect European cultural and linguistic diversity;

Or. en
Amendment 41
Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou, Ilana Cicurel, Tomasz Frankowski

Motion for a resolution
Recital K b (new)

Amendment

Kb. whereas Brexit has a strong impact on skills in the publishing sector by reducing the student exchange between the UK, Ireland and other European countries in the highly-regarded publishing programmes, thus making it more difficult to develop much-needed skills and limiting the opportunities of young Europeans interested in the sector;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Diana Riba i Giner, Rob Rookén, Michaela Sojdrová, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Asim Ademov, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Recital K b (new)

Amendment

Kb. whereas the lack of interoperability between e-book formats reinforces the position of dominant market players, whilst restricting consumer choice and protection;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Emmanuel Maurel, Niyazi Kizilyürek, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Recital K b (new)
Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Kb. whereas almost all books for children and young people are printed in Asia;

Or. fr

Amendment 44
Emmanuel Maurel, Niyazi Kizilyürek, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Recital K c (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

Kc. whereas price cap measures, such as the single book price in some Member States, have helped maintain considerable diversity in the value chain, plentiful supply, editorial pluralism and a local network of independent booksellers;

Or. fr

Amendment 45
Emmanuel Maurel, Niyazi Kizilyürek, Massimiliano Smeriglio, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Recital K d (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

Kd. whereas the Deforestation Regulation will apply to the books value chain, given the essential role played by paper mills and printing houses in collecting data on sources of wood, and given that the paper required to produce a single book contains numerous different sources of wood, it will be impossible to retrace the sources of wood after it has been made into paper;

Or. fr
Amendment 46
Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

1. Calls on the Member States to recognise books as essential goods and take measures at national level to further promote reading from an early age;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Member States to recognise books as essential goods and take measures at national level, such as distributing books to schools for free and organising workshops on books, to further promote reading from an early age;

Or. fr

Amendment 47
Rob Rooken
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

1. Calls on the Member States to recognise books as essential goods and take measures at national level to further promote reading from an early age;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Member States to recognise printed books as essential goods and take measures at national level to further promote reading from an early age;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerevert, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

1. Calls on the Member States to recognise books as essential goods and take measures at national level to further promote reading from an early age;

Amendment

1. Calls on all Member States to recognise books as essential goods and take measures at national level to further promote reading from an early age;
promote reading from an early age;

Amendment 49
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

1a. Underlines the benefits of promoting reading aloud in early childhood as a crucial tool for developing literacy skills;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

1b. Notes the increase in screen time, in particular for the younger generations, and therefore stresses the importance of the promotion of reading on paper for young children as an irreplaceable tool for development by contributing to children’s cognitive, emotional, and social development;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2
Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses the value of books as tools for the inclusion of groups at risk of marginalisation, in particular people lacking digital skills and persons with disabilities;

Amendment

2. Stresses the value of books as tools for the inclusion of groups at risk of marginalisation, in particular people lacking digital skills and persons with disabilities and calls on the Member States to take measures to ensure that books are affordable for all, particularly for vulnerable populations facing rising costs;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerevert, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses the value of books as tools for the inclusion of groups at risk of marginalisation, in particular people lacking digital skills and persons with disabilities;

Amendment

2. Stresses the value of books as tools to promote diversity and inclusion of groups at risk of marginalisation within society, in particular people lacking digital skills and persons with disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses the value of books as tools for the inclusion of groups at risk of marginalisation, in particular people lacking digital skills and persons with disabilities;

Amendment

2. Stresses the value of books as tools for the inclusion of groups at risk of marginalisation, in particular people lacking digital skills, minorities and persons with disabilities;

Or. en
Amendment 54
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Diana Riba i Giner, Michaela Šojdrová, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Ibán García Del Blanco, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou, Hannes Heide, Andrey Slabakov, Niklas Nienaß, Asim Ademov, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

2a. Underlines the need to ensure a balance in the book ecosystem by fulfilling the specific roles of the various actors of the value chain, such as authors, publishers, printers, distributors, translators, booksellers and libraries;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domèneç Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerevert, Ibán García Del Blanco, Tomasz Frankowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Member States, in this regard, to implement the European Accessibility Act\textsuperscript{17} as soon as possible and take measures to ensure that books are available in accessible formats for persons with disabilities, in the interests of cultural, social and professional inclusion; Recalls that the European Accessibility Act goes hand-in-hand with the Marrakesh Treaty, which has been transposed into European legislation through the Marrakesh Directive and Regulation; Emphasises that the Marrakesh Treaty and the European Accessibility Act are complementary tools that aim to improve
the access of persons with disabilities to published works, both physically and digitally, on equal basis with others;


Amendment 56
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerervert, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Amendment

3a. Underlines that due to the large number of titles available on the market and the technical challenges related to accessibility, not all e-books will be accessible by 2025; calls therefore on the Member States to ensure that adequate resources are made available to meet high costs and to ensure that the requirement to make e-books accessible does not result in a diminished offer on the market;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Morten Løkkegaard, Ilana Cicurel, Vlad-Marius Botoş

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Amendment

3a. Regrets the fact that the Commission’s current interpretation of the European Accessibility Act could
force e-books with limited readers to be removed from the market or even never be published as an e-book; calls on the Member States and the Commission to ensure that the accessibility requirements does not result in a diminished offer of e-books;

Amendment 58
François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
3a. Recalls that the European Accessibility Act recognises that some ebooks might not be made accessible by publishers, where the process is disproportionately burdensome, the result would fundamentally alter the work, or when the publishing houses are micro-enterprises;

Amendment

Amendment 59
Morten Løkkegaard, Ilana Cicurel, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution
3b. Stresses that accessibility requirements will create additional costs for publishers; regrets that these additional costs can constitute a disproportionate burden, especially for small or micro publishers, operating within smaller language areas; calls on the Member States to support publishers with the necessary resources to ensure the
broadest accessibility of e-books possible;

Amendment 60
François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

3b. Underlines that the efforts from publishers to make their e-books accessible must be reflected by the avoidance of duplication and unfair competition from authorised entities working under the Marrakesh EU legislation i.e. Directive (EU) 2017/1564 and Regulation (EU) 2017/1563;

Amendment 61
Morten Løkkegaard, Ilana Cicurel, Vlad-Marius Botoş

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 c (new)

3c. Emphasises the need for publishers to be able to derogate from the European Accessibility Act to ensure the broadest possible market for e-books for the benefit of all EU citizens; underlines that the European Accessibility Act foresees a number of derogations intended to apply to publishers; notes that these include disproportionate burdens, including making the whole back catalogue accessible, and derogations for micro-enterprises;
Amendment 62
François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3c. Underlines that while accessibility obligations apply to the entire book value chain, the final retailer should not be liable for the accessibility of the books they sell, as this could prevent books that benefit from derogations, from being sold;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Calls on the Member States to provide adequate financial and structural support to the sector, in particular to SMEs, while financing research and innovation dedicated to accessibility;

4. Calls on the Member States to provide adequate financial and structural support to the sector, in particular to SMEs, while financing research and innovation dedicated to accessibility and to provide support to SMEs and micro-enterprises in the book sector, which are particularly affected by economic challenges and require support to innovate and adapt;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerevert, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4
Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the Member States to provide adequate financial and structural support to the sector, in particular to SMEs, while financing research and innovation dedicated to accessibility;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Member States to provide adequate financial and structural support to the sector, in particular to SMEs, while financing research and innovation dedicated to *increase* accessibility;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Irena Joveva

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

4a. Calls on the Commission, the Member States and the sector to work together to connect the efforts in fighting disinformation in the book sector by developing a standard for scientific books and a warning label or a disclaimer for books that are supposedly of a scientific nature, such as self-help, personal development, motivational, and financial advice books;

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to promote cultural diversity by setting up specific programs aimed at protecting and promoting creation, dissemination, translation, and publishing production in Europe’s regional and minority languages;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

4a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to promote cultural diversity by setting up specific programs aimed at protecting and promoting creation, dissemination, translation, and publishing production in Europe’s regional and minority languages;
Amendment 67
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Diana Riba i Giner, Michaela Šojdrová, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Asim Ademov, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

4a. Invites the Commission in its mid-term review of the Creative Europe programme 2021-2027 to introduce measurable goals on how funding is used to improve the accessibility of books for persons with disabilities;

Amendment 68
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

4b. Encourages the Member States to develop an integrated policy for the promotion of literacy practices and competences, such as National Reading Plans, involving local authorities, culture, science, technology, and educational policies; stresses the importance of such plans to promote reading habits, writing, and multiple literacies, namely, cultural, scientific and digital, addressed to all population segments in an inclusive manner;
Amendment 69
Irena Joveva

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

4b. Highlights that freedom of expression and disinformation often collide, and therefore it is hard to limit one without the other, which could be seen as censorship; points out the need to develop a system or a mechanism for safeguarding the accuracy and integrity of information in books;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

4c. Stresses the importance of school libraries as places playing a significant role in providing access to knowledge, fostering reading habits, constructing safe spaces for people to share and socialise, and providing valuable opportunities for literacy development; underlines the importance of school librarians and their role providing guidance to students and therefore the need for their appropriate training;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou, Ilana Cicurel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 c (new)
Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4c. Underlines the duty of public cultural institutions to support the publication and the promotion of diverse titles that carry significant cultural or societal value, but may not necessarily count on commercial success;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

Supporting and promoting better circulation of European books

Amendment

Supporting authorship and promoting better circulation of European books within Europe and beyond

Or. en

Amendment 73
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to increase the budget for the Creative Europe programme for 2028-2034, in particular by dedicating more funds to the book sector, and to expand support for the sector through the Horizon Europe programme for 2028-2034;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to increase the budget for the Creative Europe programme for 2028-2034, in particular by dedicating more funds to the book sector, and to expand support for the sector through the Horizon Europe programme for 2028-2034, the Erasmus programme and within relevant future EU programmes; underlines the importance of safeguarding, promoting and fostering books and literary works written in ‘lesser-used’ languages for the
preservation of cultural and linguistic diversity, including allocation of additional funds to support translations of all literary works to these languages;

Amendment 74
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

5. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to increase the budget for the Creative Europe programme for 2028-2034, in particular by dedicating more funds to the book sector, and to expand support for the sector through the Horizon Europe programme for 2028-2034;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to increase the budget for the Creative Europe programme for 2028-2034, in particular by dedicating more funds to the book sector, and to expand support for the sector through the Horizon Europe programme for 2028-2034 and calls on the Member States to support the book sector in adopting digital technologies and AI, which can contribute to the green transition by reducing the need for physical materials and transport;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

5. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to increase the budget for the Creative Europe programme for 2028-2034, in particular by dedicating more funds to the book sector, and to expand support for the sector through the Horizon Europe programme for 2028-2034;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to increase the budget for the Creative Europe programme for 2028-2034, in particular by dedicating more funds to the book sector, especially with broader programmes for writers, and to expand support for the sector through the
Horizon Europe programme for 2028-2034;

Amendment 76
Catherine Griset

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to increase the budget for the Creative Europe programme for 2028-2034, in particular by dedicating more funds to the book sector, and to expand support for the sector through the Horizon Europe programme for 2028-2034;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to increase the contribution of funds to the book sector in the budget for the Creative Europe programme for 2028-2034, and to expand support for the sector through the Horizon Europe programme for 2028-2034;

Amendment 77
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

5a. Encourages the establishment of an EU residency programme for writers, creators, and translators, aimed to help to showcase their work, integrate among the European community of authors and translators and gain experience through the exchange;

Amendment

Or. en
6. Urges the Member States to foster cultural diversity by increasing the acquisition budget of libraries, so that they can further expand the range of books that they offer, and supporting local bookshops;
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

6. Urges the Member States to foster cultural diversity by increasing the acquisition budget of libraries, so that they can further expand the range of books that they offer, and supporting local bookshops;

Amendment

6. Urges the Member States to foster intellectual and literary pluralism by increasing the acquisition budget of libraries, so that they can further expand the range of books that they offer, and supporting local bookshops;

Or. fr

Amendment 81
Rob Rooken
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

6. Urges the Member States to foster cultural diversity by increasing the acquisition budget of libraries, so that they can further expand the range of books that they offer, and supporting local bookshops;

Amendment

6. Urges the Member States to foster cultural diversity by increasing the acquisition budget of libraries, so that they can further expand the range of printed books that they offer, and supporting local bookshops;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

6a. Calls for the improvement of conditions, criteria and overall chances for local bookshops to participate in and win contracts to supply books to schools and libraries, particularly in their local areas, by eliminating the competitive
bidding requirement for books where fixed book price laws remove competition on price, and eliminating bidding requirements based only on price, as well as increasing weighting to criteria such as local relevance and social value, where fixed book price laws do not apply;

Amendment 83
Emmanuel Maurel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

6a. Calls on the Member States to devote a specific allocation of European structural funds to building libraries in the areas of European countries that have none;

Amendment 84
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

7. Stresses the need to support the translation of European books, in particular by enhancing public funding at both national and European levels so as to improve the circulation, visibility and diversity of translated books;
especially taking into account countries with various linguistic groups; notes that books and all literary works should be available in all European languages because it is crucial for the education of our citizens, as well as the safeguarding and promotion of European cultural and linguistic diversity;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Catherine Griset

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses the need to support the translation of European books, in particular by enhancing public funding at both national and European levels so as to improve the circulation, visibility and diversity of translated books;

Amendment

7. Stresses the need to support the translation of European books, in particular by enhancing public funding at both national and European levels so as to improve the circulation, visibility and diversity of translated books; calls on the Commission and the Member States to take seriously the threat of ‘sensitivity readers’, an American phenomenon that seeks to impoverish literature through a political and ideological translation of cultural works;

Or. xm

Amendment 86
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses the need to support the translation of European books, in particular by enhancing public funding at both national and European levels so as to

Amendment

7. Stresses the need to support the translation of European books, in particular by enhancing public funding at both national and European levels so as to
improve the circulation, visibility and
diversity of translated books; improve the circulation, visibility and
diversity of translated books; Calls as well
to support the development of national minimum standards for decent working conditions for translators and authors;

**Amendment 87**
Emmanuel Maurel

**Motion for a resolution**
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*  

7. Stresses the need to support the translation of European books, in particular by enhancing public funding at both national and European levels so as to improve the circulation, visibility and diversity of translated books;

*Amendment*

7. Stresses the need to support the translation of European books, in particular by enhancing public funding at both national and European levels so as to improve the circulation, visibility and diversity of translated books and support translators in the face of the development of artificial intelligence technologies;

Or. fr

**Amendment 88**  
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Diana Riba i Giner, Michaela Šojdrová, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Asim Ademov, Françoïs-Xavier Bellamy

**Motion for a resolution**
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*  

7. Stresses the need to support the translation of European books, in particular by enhancing public funding at both national and European levels so as to improve the circulation, visibility and diversity of translated books;

*Amendment*

7. Stresses the need to support the creation and translation of European books, in particular by enhancing public funding at both national and European levels so as to improve the circulation, visibility and diversity of translated books;

Or. en
Amendment 89
Catherine Griset

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the need to support the translation of European non-fiction books, particularly via Creative Europe, which does not currently allow for this;

Amendment

8. Stresses the need to support the translation of European non-fiction books, particularly via Creative Europe, which does not currently allow for this; calls for more initiatives aimed at supporting the translation of books in the Member States in the face of the linguistic and cultural hegemony of English;

Or. fr

Amendment 90
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domèneç Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerevert, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the need to support the translation of European non-fiction books, particularly via Creative Europe, which does not currently allow for this;

Amendment

8. Stresses the need to support the translation of European non-fiction books, particularly via the Creative Europe programme, which does not currently allow for this;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Diana Riba i Giner, Michaela Šojdrová, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Hannes Heide, Andrey Slabakov, Niklas Nienassi, Laurence Farreng, Ibán García Del Blanco, Salima Yenbou, Asim Ademov, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Underlines the importance of the mobility and exchanges between authors in order to facilitate their creative work and improve their opportunities to gain new professional experiences abroad;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Diana Riba i Giner, Michaela Šojdrová, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Hannes Heide, Andrey Slabakov, Niklas Nienaß, Ibán García Del Blanco, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou, Asim Ademov, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. Welcomes the new mobility action Culture Moves Europe in the frame of the Creative Europe Programme offering mobility grants to artists and cultural professionals, in particular for literary translators;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Diana Riba i Giner, Michaela Šojdrová, Loucas Fourlas, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Theodoros Zagorakis, Maria Walsh, Peter Pollák, Andrey Slabakov, Niklas Nienaß, Ibán García Del Blanco, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou, Hannes Heide, Asim Ademov, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8c. Calls on in this regard the
Commission to explore a possibility to further expand this action to other representatives of the book sector;

Amendment 94
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Rob Rookien, Michał Sojdro, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Asim Ademov, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8 d (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

8d. Recalls that the ability of the book sector to maintain a diverse network of booksellers and innovation-driven market relies on proper education and training that allows people to pursue a career in the book industry;

Amendment 95
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Diana Riba i Giner, Michał Sojdro, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Asim Ademov

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8 e (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

8e. Underlines that 2023 has been declared the European Year of Skills and calls on the Member States in this regard to support the education and training programs dedicated to the various actors of the book sector;
Amendment 96
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

9. Emphasises the importance of the EU Prize for Literature, which highlights the creativity and diversity of contemporary EU fiction, promotes the circulation of EU literary works and encourages greater interest in EU non-national literary works;

Amendment

9. Emphasises the importance of the EU Prize for Literature, which highlights the creativity and diversity of contemporary EU fiction, promotes the circulation of EU literary works and encourages greater interest in EU non-national literary works; *Calls to ensure a wider outreach of the Prize;*

Or. en

Amendment 97
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

9a. Calls for the EU Prize for Literature to foster linguistic diversity by promoting particularly works in European regional and minority languages;

Amendment

9a. *Calls for the EU Prize for Literature to foster linguistic diversity by promoting particularly works in European regional and minority languages;*

Or. en

Amendment 98
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Diana Riba i Giner, Michaela Šojdrová, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Asim Ademov, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)
9a. Supports further promotion of the EULP in the Member States, including via the creation of an EU category for European children’s books;

Amendment 99
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9b. Notes that although women are the backbone of the book sector as authors, publishing employees and readers, they continue to be under-represented in senior executive positions within publishing industry; stresses that data has shown that the publishing industry suffers from a massive diversity problem in terms of race, sexual orientation, and disability\(^1a\);

\(^1a\) Women in the gentleman’s career of publishing [Princeton University Press]
Women in publishing: addressing the glass ceiling [Genpol thinktank]

Amendment 100
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Diana Riba i Giner, Michaela Šojdrová, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Asim Ademov, Françoïs-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)
9b. **Underlines the positive role taken by influencers to promote books on social media in an innovative way, thus fostering reading and European culture among younger generations;**

Or. en

**Amendment 101**  
**Catherine Griset**  

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

10. Calls for more initiatives to promote reading in the Member States, such as the introduction of ‘cultural vouchers’ that could facilitate the purchase of books;

10. Calls for more initiatives to promote reading in the Member States, such as the introduction of ‘cultural vouchers’ that could facilitate the purchase of books **so as to encourage the acquisition of the great works of European literature;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 102**  
**Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerervert, Ibán García Del Blanco**  

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

10. Calls for more initiatives to promote reading in the Member States, such as the introduction of ‘cultural vouchers’ that could facilitate the purchase of books;

10. Calls for more initiatives to promote reading in the Member States, such as the introduction of ‘cultural vouchers’, especially for young people and marginalised groups, that could facilitate the purchase of books;

Or. en
Amendment 103
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

10a. Calls on the Member States to support measures encouraging children to build their personal library, recognising the exposure to books as an integral part of social practices that foster long-term cognitive competencies;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Catherine Griset

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

11. Calls for more support for certain literary genres and for children’s books, in particular, to be promoted by establishing a ‘first book programme’ or similar initiatives to encourage reading at national level;

Or. fr

Amendment 105
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

11. Calls for more support for certain literary genres and for children’s books, in particular, to be promoted by establishing a ‘first book programme’ or similar initiatives to encourage reading at national level; calls also for support for classic works, the essence of our European civilisation;

Or. fr
literary genres and for children’s books, in particular, to be promoted by establishing a ‘first book programme’ or similar initiatives to encourage reading at national level;

literary genres and their authors, and for children’s and young adult books, in particular, to be promoted by establishing a ‘first book programme’ or similar initiatives to encourage the creation of children’s books and reading at national level;

Amendment 106
Rob Rookien on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

11. Calls for more support for certain literary genres and for children’s books, in particular, to be promoted by establishing a ‘first book programme’ or similar initiatives to encourage reading at national level;

11. Calls for more support for children’s books, in particular, to be promoted by establishing a ‘first book programme’ or similar initiatives to encourage reading at national level;

Amendment 107
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

12. Welcomes the Commission’s launch of the Day of European Authors to encourage book reading among the younger generations and supports the continuation of this initiative in the coming years;

12. Welcomes the Commission’s launch of the Day of European Authors to encourage book reading among the younger generations and supports the continuation of this initiative in the coming years and calls on the Commission to actively involve the European Parliament in the process;

Or. en
Amendment 108
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerevert, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

12. Welcomes the Commission’s launch of the first edition of the Day of European Authors to encourage book reading among the younger generations and supports the strengthening and the continuation of this initiative in the coming years;

Amendment
12. Welcomes the Commission’s launch of the Day of European Authors to encourage book reading among the younger generations and supports the strengthening and the continuation of this initiative in the coming years;

Amendment 109
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

12a. Encourages the Commission to guarantee a long-lasting legacy of the Day of European Authors and other similar initiatives and calls to set up clear objectives and measurable indicators to better evaluate their impact;

Amendment
12a. Encourages the Commission to guarantee a long-lasting legacy of the Day of European Authors and other similar initiatives and calls to set up clear objectives and measurable indicators to better evaluate their impact;

Amendment 110
Marc Tarabella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

13. Calls on the Member States to

Amendment
13. Calls on the Member States to
establish a network of ‘reading ambassadors’, consisting of respected and influential role models who would share their passion and enthusiasm in order to promote reading among citizens; establish a network of ‘reading ambassadors’, consisting of respected and influential role models who would share their passion and enthusiasm in order to promote reading among citizens and more specifically among young people so as to give them a taste for reading from the youngest age;

Amendment 111
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Diana Riba i Giner, Rob Rookén, Michaela Šojdrová, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Theodoros Zagorakis, Maria Walsh, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Asim Ademov, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

13a. Underlines the social role of libraries as places where citizens meet with authors and exchange views, in particular in small towns and less developed regions;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

13a. Calls on the Commission to promote authors, creators and publishing houses from across the Union by actively integrated language diversity in its actions;

Or. en
Amendment 113
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

14a. Calls upon the creation of an European Library platform available across the Union with content from all Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

14b. Calls for the creation of a European network of national libraries design to support exchanges of best practices and the development of common projects with the support of the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 115
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerrevert, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

15. Calls on the Commission to create a label for independent bookshops in the EU in order to boost the visibility of local bookshops and promote the diversity of

Underlines that independent bookstores are cornerstones of local communities by offering a differentiated customer experience and often supporting
European books; new and local authors contributing to lively literary scenes; calls therefore on the Commission to create a label for independent bookshops in the EU in order to boost the visibility of local bookshops and promote the diversity of European books;

Amendment 116
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerevert, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

15a. Deplores the growing attacks against bookstores and libraries, as well as the increasing censorship of inclusive books; Stresses the role of bookstores and libraries as safe and welcoming spaces, where neither censorship nor any violent acts should be tolerated;

Amendment 117
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

15a. Calls on the Commission to promote joint and coordinated initiatives between the book sector and the areas of education and social welfare at European level, as well as in the individual Member States;
Amendment 118
Tomasz Frankowski, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Milan Zver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Amendment

15a. Underlines the positive role of book fairs to promote reading and authors, foster the circulation of European books and share good practices within the sector;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Amendment

15b. Deplores the growing abuse and attacks against bookshops and libraries, as well as the increasing censorship of inclusive books; Underlines the role of bookshops and libraries as safe and welcoming spaces, where neither censorship nor violent acts should be tolerated;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 c (new)

Amendment

15c. Notes with concern the increasing censorship trends worldwide, and the
work of a growing number of advocacy organisations that have made demanding censorship of certain books and ideas in schools part of their mission; condemns legislation to restrict the teaching or presence of certain books or concepts related especially on those from historically marginalised backgrounds such as the LGTBIQ+ community;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

16. Welcomes the various initiatives to support Ukraine since the beginning of the war, and particularly those to ensure that children have access to books and to facilitate the integration of refugees and the protection of Ukrainian culture;

Amendment

16. Welcomes the various initiatives to support Ukraine since the beginning of the war, and particularly those to ensure that children have access to books and to facilitate the integration of refugees and the protection of Ukrainian culture; Calls for similar initiatives to be promoted in other conflict contexts;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Rob Rooken

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

16. Welcomes the various initiatives to support Ukraine since the beginning of the war, and particularly those to ensure that children have access to books and to facilitate the integration of refugees and the protection of Ukrainian culture;

Amendment

16. Welcomes the various initiatives to ensure that children have access to books and to facilitate the integration of refugees and the protection of Ukrainian culture;
Amendment 123
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

16a. Stresses the importance of accessibility to writing and supporting writing as high priorities; Recalls that freedom of expression in the book sector starts with the protection of freedom of expression of the individual writer, with access to opportunities of creation for writers of all financial classes, origins, genders, religions, and languages, and with a legal, social and appreciating framework that allows writers to work independently and under artistic freedom;

Amendment 124
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerevert, Ibán García Del Blanco, Tomasz Frankowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

16a. Emphasises the prevailing paper-based nature of the book industry and calls on the Commission to take into due account this specificity in the design and implementation of green transition policies to prevent negative impacts and to devise specific support measures to accompany the book sector in its transition towards a more sustainable model;
Amendment 125
Tomasz Frankowski, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sabine Verheyen, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Michaela Šojdrová, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Asim Ademov, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

16a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that sufficient funding continues to support the Ukrainian book sector, including artists and authors for the duration of the war and the reconstruction of the country;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 126
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

16b. Acknowledges that libraries are curated, public, safe spaces where people of all kinds of backgrounds meet and that function as centers from which reading and cultural activity is energised; Stresses the importance of encouraging cooperation among public libraries all over Europe as an opportunity to build culture of solidarity between individuals and communities, across differences, borders and nationalities;

Amendment

Or. en
Amendment 127
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Michaela Šojdrová, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Asim Ademov, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Underlines the role taken by the Creative Europe Programme to fund some of these projects, such as the Tales of EUkraine initiative;

Or. en

Amendment 128
Rob Rookien on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Calls on the Member States to support the sector in its green transition, and especially SMEs, in particular through direct funding and by promoting research into more environmentally friendly and sustainable methods of producing printed books;

Or. en

Amendment 129
Emmanuel Maurel, Niyazi Kizilyürek, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Calls on the Member States to put
tight restrictions on the right to pulp books, which should be limited to cases where stocks are very large and the cost of storage is considerable or where the physical state of the books makes them unsuitable for sale; stresses that for environmental and economic reasons, and at a time of paper shortages, pulping books in order to give collections a ‘makeover’ should no longer be permitted;

Amendment 130
Emmanuel Maurel, Niyazi Kizilyürek, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

17b. Calls on the Commission to create a ‘Printed in Europe’ label;

Amendment

Or. fr

Amendment 131
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domèneç Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerervert, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the sector’s efforts to produce printed books in a greener and more sustainable manner through the widespread use of certified and recycled paper, as well as various related initiatives, such as CO2 calculators and green labels;

Amendment

18. Recognises that calculating the carbon footprint of printing activities and its products is crucial to help consumers understand the environmental impact of their activities; in this regard, welcomes the sector’s efforts to produce printed books in a greener and more sustainable manner through the widespread use of certified and recycled paper, as well as various related initiatives, such as CO2...
calculators and green labels;

Amendment 132
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Encourages the Commission and Member States to promote the acceleration of the transformation of the publishing sector by fostering policies of collaboration between the actors involved in the process including authors, publishers, booksellers, and readers; Calls to move towards a publishing process based on environmentally-friendly criteria following principles of proximity and sustainability, minimising and communicating the environmental impacts of publications;

Amendment 133
Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou, Ilana Cicurel, Tomasz Frankowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Encourages the Member States to further support the green transition of the book sector through financial incentives or other measures, for the whole supply chain, including the usage of raw materials, sustainable packaging and transport needed for the production and distribution of printed books;
Amendment 134
Emmanuel Maurel, Tomasz Frankowski, Niyazi Kizilyürek, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

18a. Calls on the Commission to support print-on-demand programmes that make it possible to legally republish books that are out of print and not scheduled to be reprinted;

Or. fr

Amendment 135
Emmanuel Maurel, Tomasz Frankowski, Niyazi Kizilyürek, Massimiliano Smeriglio, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

18b. Calls on the Member States to exercise greater vigilance over paper and ink production capacities, and to explore providing support to this link in the book chain;

Or. fr

Amendment 136
Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou, Ilana Cicurel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

18b. Calls on the Member States, together with the stakeholders, to create plans for disposal of excess and defective book copies as a part of the sectors’ green
Amendment 137
Emmanuel Maurel, Niyazi Kizilyürek, Massimiliano Smeriglio, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18c. Calls on the Commission to establish clear guidelines on applying the Deforestation Regulation, taking into account the specific characteristics of the book sector and the enormous complexity of its value chain so as to ensure that the due diligence obligations of the various publishing actors are clear while also remaining proportionate and feasible;

Or. fr

Amendment 138
Emmanuel Maurel, Tomasz Frankowski, Niyazi Kizilyürek, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18d. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to support the development of industrial capacities in Europe (paper and ink production and printing houses) so that books for young people and children can be printed here and thus reduce their carbon footprint;

Or. fr

Amendment 139
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

19. Acknowledges the potential benefits for the sector of the use of artificial intelligence (AI), such as automated text analysis, metadata tagging, online discoverability and professional translation automation tools; underlines certain challenges for the sector in this regard, such as the lack of transparency in relation to AI training;

Amendment

19. Acknowledges the potential changes for the sector due to the use of artificial intelligence (AI), such as automated text analysis, metadata tagging, online discoverability and professional translation automation tools; underlines certain challenges for the sector in this regard, such as the lack of transparency in relation to AI training;

Or. en

Amendment 140
Emmanuel Maurel, Niyazi Kizilyürek, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

19. Acknowledges the potential benefits for the sector of the use of artificial intelligence (AI), such as automated text analysis, metadata tagging, online discoverability and professional translation automation tools; underlines certain challenges for the sector in this regard, such as the lack of transparency in relation to AI training;

Amendment

19. Acknowledges the potential developments for the sector from the use of artificial intelligence (AI), such as automated text analysis, metadata tagging, online discoverability and professional translation automation tools; underlines certain challenges for the sector in this regard, such as the lack of transparency in relation to AI training;

Or. fr

Amendment 141
François-Xavier Bellamy, Emmanuel Maurel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)
19a. Underlines the risks presented by Generative Artificial Intelligence for the book market, including that number of training datasets have been shown to include illegally copied books and that AI-generated books may flood the market and lead to unfair competition with authors whose styles are copied;

Amendment 142
Diana Riba i Giner

19a. Encourages the Member States and the Commission to impulse training policies for actors such as authors, translators and publishers so they can be equipped with the knowledge and skills to adapt successfully to the transformations of the sector as a consequence of the artificial intelligence (AI);

Amendment 143
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Michaela Šojdrová, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Asim Ademov

19a. Calls on the Commission to support research and innovation projects on the use of AI, in order to enhance the efficiency of the sector, notably with
regard to environmental sustainability and accessibility for instance through Horizon Europe;

Amendment 144
François-Xavier Bellamy, Emmanuel Maurel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

19b. Stresses the importance of transparency regarding the training data, including regarding the works that have been collected and from which sources, and use of Generative Artificial Intelligence;

Amendment 145
Massimiliano Smerigli, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerervert, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the Commission to support national initiatives on data sharing and standardisation, and to collect data on the European book sector as a whole, so as to further optimise production, distribution and sustainability efforts;

Amendment

20. Calls on the Commission to support national initiatives on data sharing and standardisation, and to collect data on the European book sector as a whole, so as to better understand the challenges the sector is facing and further support it, optimising production, distribution and sustainability efforts;

Amendment 146
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

20a. Calls on the Commission to create a database of published books that is easily accessible to all and that contains bibliographic data (title and elements of the title, authors, role of the author, biography, language of the text, languages in translation, reading age, type of book, etc.), ISBN, availability, price and marketing data (excerpt, front cover, back cover, blurb, table of contents, etc.);

Amendment 147
Tomasz Frankowski, Sabine Verheyen, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Irena Joveva, Emmanuel Maurel, Diana Riba i Giner, Michaela Šojdrová, Loucas Fourlas, Peter Pollák, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver, Željana Zovko, Asim Ademov, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

20a. Underlines the importance of collecting data from publishers in order to display the origins of all parts of the book through the entire production chain, including information on paper certification and place of production;

Amendment 148
Diana Riba i Giner
Motion for a resolution

20a. Stresses the importance of having up to date and comparable data on reading habits and literacy competences, especially for children; Recalls Eurostat has not updated its data on reading habits since 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Petra Kammerervert

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

21a. Stresses that there are statutory or contractual retail price maintenance schemes for books and similar products in many EU Member States, and calls for those schemes to continue to be recognised and safeguarded as an instrument of Member States' cultural policies;

Or. de

Amendment 150
Massimiliano Smeriglio, João Albuquerque, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Hannes Heide, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Petra Kammerervert, Ibán García Del Blanco, Tomasz Frankowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Stresses the need for fair competition in the book market in order to guarantee consumer choice and cultural diversity; underlines the unfair practices by certain dominant online players that abuse
their position to the detriment of other actors in the value chain; in this regard, calls on the Commission and the Member States to monitor the effective implementation and compliance with the obligations of the Digital Markets Act (DMA) by dominant online market players to ensure fair competition;

Amendment 151
François-Xavier Bellamy, Emmanuel Maurel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. Recalls the decisive role played by the charges consumers pay for the delivery of books they buy online and the importance of fair competition in the market, particularly between independent bookshops and online sales platforms; highlights the anticompetitive practices of some actors by making physical delivery almost free in order to attract consumers; welcomes the initiatives taken by some Member States to regulate delivery charges and calls on the Commission to support them;

Amendment 152
Emmanuel Maurel, Tomasz Frankowski, Niyazi Kizilyürek, François-Xavier Bellamy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. Calls on the Commission to support national initiatives that help protect SMEs, micro-enterprises and
independent structures in the book sector from unfair competition from the large platforms;

Amendment 153
Emmanuel Maurel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Highlights the importance of national legislative measures aimed at putting a framework around fixed book price systems in light of the development of online sales;

Amendment 154
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Calls on the Member States to put in place transparency measures on ownership concentration of publishing houses, which would help safeguard pluralism and freedom of expression, along with helping readers make informed decisions;

Amendment 155
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Calls for an initiative designed to support authors and the book sector to adapt to the digital transformation and increase the revenue performances in a new digital age by offering specific and accessible training, including through EU funding;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25b. Urges the Commission to work closely with the Member States in stimulating reading and increasing literacy levels across the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 157
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25c. Stresses the need to support more libraries and reading rooms across the Union in order to become spaces that can encourage people to read;

Or. en