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AMENDMENTS

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Amendment 1

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Ondřej Kovařík, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the regulation on promoting fairness and transparency for business users of online intermediations services (2019/1150) of June 2019;*

Or. en

Amendment 2

Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár

Motion for a resolution

Citation 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Preliminary Opinion of the European Data Protection Supervisor of 26 March 2014 on ‘Privacy and competitiveness in the age of big data: The interplay between data protection, competition law and consumer protection in the Digital Economy’ and the Opinion 8/2016 of the European Data Protection Opinion of 23 September 2016 on ‘Coherent enforcement of fundamental rights in the age of big data’;*

Or. en

Amendment 3

Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár

Motion for a resolution

Citation 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the Statement of the European Data Protection Board of 29 August 2018 on the data protection impacts of economic concentration;***

Or. en

Amendment 4
Stefan Berger

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the 2019 report by the European Consumers' Organisation (BEUC) on 'The Role of Competition Policy in Protecting Consumers' Wellbeing in the Digital Era',*** ***deleted***

Or. de

Amendment 5
Andreas Schwab, Stefan Berger, Eva Maydell

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the 2019 report by the European Consumers' Organisation (BEUC) on 'The Role of Competition Policy in Protecting Consumers' Wellbeing in the Digital Era',*** ***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 6

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Ondřej Kovařík, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution
Citation 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the « Strengthening strategic value chains for a future-ready EU industry » report of the Strategic Forum for Important Projects of Common European Interest;*

Or. en

Amendment 7
Monica Semedo

Motion for a resolution
Citation 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the European Commission's decision of 7 January 2019 to prolong seven sets of EU state aid rules (State Aid modernisation initiative for 2014-2020) until the end of 2022 and to launch evaluations in the meantime;*

Or. en

Amendment 8
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas competition policy must benefit *the* consumer while defending European businesses, in particular SMEs, against unfair competition outside Europe;

A. whereas competition policy must benefit *all EU citizens, especially those in a weak* consumer *position*, while *also* defending European businesses, in particular SMEs, against unfair

competition *practices, both from within as well from* outside Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Billy Kelleher, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Monica Semedo

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas competition policy must benefit the consumer ***while defending European*** businesses, in particular SMEs, ***against unfair competition outside Europe***;

Amendment

A. whereas competition policy must benefit the consumer ***whilst promoting healthy competition amongst*** businesses ***operating in the Single Market***, in particular ***by ensuring*** SMEs ***are afforded the opportunity to compete on a fair basis***;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Frances Fitzgerald

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas competition policy must benefit the consumer while defending European businesses, in particular SMEs, against unfair competition ***outside Europe***;

Amendment

A. whereas competition policy must benefit the consumer while defending European businesses, in particular SMEs, against unfair competition ***and by encouraging innovation and competitiveness***;

Or. en

Amendment 11

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas competition policy **must benefit** the consumer **while defending European businesses, in particular SMEs, against unfair competition outside Europe**;

Amendment

A. whereas competition **and effective enforcement of competition** policy **ultimately benefits** the consumer;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Andreas Schwab, Eva Maydell

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas competition policy must benefit the consumer while **defending** European businesses, in particular SMEs, **against unfair competition outside Europe**;

Amendment

A. whereas competition policy must benefit the consumer while **promoting** European businesses, in particular SMEs, **by encouraging innovation and competitiveness**;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas competition policy must benefit **the consumer** while defending European businesses, in particular SMEs, against unfair competition **outside Europe**;

Amendment

A. whereas competition policy must benefit **consumers** while defending European businesses, in particular SMEs, against unfair competition **practices**;

Or. en

Amendment 14

**Raffaele Fitto, Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Johan Van Overtveldt,
Bogdan Rzońca, Eugen Jurzyca**

**Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A a. whereas a competition policy aimed at ensuring a level playing field in all sectors is a cornerstone of the European social market economy, and a key factor in guaranteeing the proper functioning of the internal market;

Or. en

**Amendment 15
Jessica Polfjärd**

**Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A a. whereas a stringently enforced European competition policy has contributed to increased growth and competitiveness, in particular after the entry into force of the Maastricht Treaty;

Or. en

**Amendment 16
Billy Kelleher, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Monica Semedo**

**Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A a. whereas, private investment, including from third-country undertakings, is crucial to the success of the European Green Deal;

Amendment 17

Raffaele Fitto, Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Johan Van Overtveldt, Bogdan Rzońca, Eugen Jurzyca

Motion for a resolution

Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A b. whereas global cooperation on competition enforcement helps to avoid inconsistencies in remedies and outcomes of enforcement actions and helps businesses to reduce their costs of compliance;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Raffaele Fitto, Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Johan Van Overtveldt, Bogdan Rzońca, Eugen Jurzyca

Motion for a resolution

Recital A c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A c. whereas the application of competition rules to mergers must be evaluated from the perspective of the entire internal market;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. *whereas competition policy must be tailored to tackle digital, ecological, industrial and social challenges, in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement;* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 20

Raffaele Fitto, Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Johan Van Overtveldt, Bogdan Rzońca, Eugen Jurzyca

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. *whereas competition policy must be tailored to tackle digital, ecological, industrial and social challenges, in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement;* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 21

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. *whereas competition policy must be **tailored** to tackle digital, ecological, industrial and social challenges, in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement;*

B. *whereas competition policy must be **adapted** to tackle digital, ecological, industrial and social challenges, **and must be** in line with **the EU's climate commitments and** the objectives of the Paris Agreement; **whereas the application of EU competition law should address all market distortions, including those created by negative social and environmental externalities;***

Or. en

Amendment 22

Carmen Avram, Alfred Sant, Aurore Lalucq, Jonás Fernández, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas competition policy must be tailored to tackle digital, ecological, industrial and social challenges, in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement;

Amendment

B. whereas competition policy must be tailored to tackle digital, ecological, industrial and social challenges, in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement **and the EU green deal priority**;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Andreas Schwab, Eva Maydell

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas competition policy must be tailored to tackle digital, ecological, industrial and social challenges, in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement;

Amendment

B. whereas competition policy must be tailored to tackle digital, ecological, **geopolitical**, industrial and social challenges, in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Carmen Avram, Csaba Molnár

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas in fast-moving digital markets competition policy could in some cases be excessively slow, and therefore at risk of being ineffective, in remedying

systemic market failures and reinstate competition, and complementary ex-ante regulation and monitoring could prove beneficial to ensure a more effective oversight;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq, Jonás Fernández, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B b. whereas European competition authorities should be equally attentive to avoid under-enforcement in digital markets as they are wary of over-enforcement;

Or. en

Amendment 26

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas a more sustainable and solidarity-based economy is important;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 27

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas a more sustainable and solidarity-based economy is important;

Amendment

C. whereas a more sustainable and solidarity-based economy is important; ***whereas competition policy should contribute to achieve the European Union's aims as defined in Article 3 TFEU, which are based in particular on the Sustainable Development Goals and a social market economy;***

Or. en

Amendment 28
Monica Semedo

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas a more sustainable and solidarity-based economy is important;

Amendment

C. whereas a more sustainable and solidarity-based economy, ***which takes into account new types of enterprises in the Single Market such as social economy enterprises (SEEs)***, is important;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Billy Kelleher, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Monica Semedo

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas, the primary objective of European competition policy is to prevent the distortion of competition in order to preserve the integrity of the internal market and protect consumers;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Francesca Donato, Marco Zanni, Valentino Grant, Antonio Maria Rinaldi, Herve Juvin

Motion for a resolution

Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas the advancing challenge of competition with a deeply subsidised big economy like the Chinese one submits a necessary revaluation of EU economy model;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

The role of competition policy in ***globalisation***

The role of competition policy in ***globalised markets***

Or. en

Amendment 32

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission to develop the influence of competition policy in the world, in particular by stepping up cooperation with ***the USA and China;***

1. ***Points out that in a globalised world, international cooperation is crucial to ensure effective competition enforcement;*** calls on the Commission to develop the influence of competition policy in the world, in particular by stepping up cooperation with ***third countries via 2nd generation cooperation agreements that***

allow for a more effective exchange of information between competition authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Caroline Nagtegaal, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Commission to develop the influence of competition policy in the world, in particular by stepping up cooperation with the USA and China;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission to develop the influence of competition policy in the world, in particular by stepping up cooperation with the USA and China ***and by always seeking the inclusion of competition rules in EU free trade agreements and in the WTO; alerts the Commission on the paralysis it is facing as a result of being deprived of its Dispute Settlement Body;***

Or. en

Amendment 34

Raffaele Fitto, Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Johan Van Overtveldt, Bogdan Rzońca, Eugen Jurzyca

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Commission to develop the influence of competition policy in the world, in particular by stepping up cooperation with the USA and China;

Amendment

1. ***Highlights the importance of global cooperation on competition enforcement;*** calls on the Commission to develop the influence of competition policy in the world, in particular by stepping up cooperation with the USA and China; ***supports an active participation of the Commission and the national competition authorities in the International***

Amendment 35
Monica Semedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Commission to develop the influence of competition policy in the world, in particular by stepping up cooperation with the USA and China;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission to develop the influence of **EU** competition policy in the world, in particular by stepping up cooperation with the USA and China, **and by leveraging the EU's economic power to incorporate state aid rules into FTAs with the aim to ensure a level playing field;**

Amendment 36
Eero Heinäluoma

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Commission to develop the influence of competition policy in the world, in particular by stepping up cooperation with the USA and China;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission to develop the influence of competition policy in the world, in particular by stepping up cooperation with the USA and China; **calls on the Commission to ensure that every trade agreement it negotiates is based on a mutual respect for fair competition;**

Amendment 37
Enikő Győri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Commission to develop the influence of competition policy in the world, in particular by stepping up cooperation with the USA and China;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission to develop the influence of competition policy in the world, in particular by stepping up cooperation with the USA and China, ***as a global level playing field in a rule-based multilateral trading system is key for European companies;***

Or. en

Amendment 38

Francesca Donato, Gunnar Beck, Marco Zanni, Valentino Grant, Antonio Maria Rinaldi, Herve Juvin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Commission to develop the influence of competition policy in the world, in particular by stepping up cooperation with the USA and China;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission to develop the influence of competition policy in the world, in particular by stepping up cooperation with the USA and China ***and by adopting measures to strengthen EU companies facing non Eu competitors;***

Or. en

Amendment 39

Jessica Polfjärd

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Commission to ***develop the influence of*** competition policy ***in the world, in particular by stepping up cooperation with the USA and China;***

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission to ***promote international cooperation on*** competition policy;

Amendment 40

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Commission to develop ***the influence of*** competition policy ***in the world***, in particular by stepping up cooperation with the USA and China;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission to ***further*** develop ***its*** competition policy ***towards third countries***, in particular by stepping up cooperation with the USA and China;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Commission to ***develop the influence of*** competition policy ***in the world, in particular by stepping up cooperation*** with the USA ***and China***;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission to ***enhance global cooperation on*** competition ***matters and to continue pertinent dialogue*** with the USA, ***Japan and other partners***;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Manon Aubry

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Commission to develop ***the influence of competition***

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission to develop ***trade relations founded on***

policy in the world, in particular by stepping up cooperation with the USA and China;

cooperation and joint development rather than economic war and free trade;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq, Jonás Fernández, Paul Tang, Nicola Danti, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Draws the Commission's attention to companies benefitting from favourable treatment in their home market entering European markets, thus distorting competition in those various markets; Calls on the Commission to increase scrutiny of investments by entrants from countries granting advantages not available to European operators to combat unfair practices;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to monitor foreign direct investment and not to limit itself to the screening mechanism;

2. Stresses that the Union should remain open to foreign direct investments; recalls that foreign direct investments should comply with the Union's company law framework and respect European social and environmental standards; welcomes the Commission's intention to strengthen the foreign direct investment screening mechanism; calls on the

Commission to perform screening of third countries foreign direct investments in the EU under the aspect of security and protection of access to key future technologies;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Billy Kelleher, Ondřej Kovařík, Caroline Nagtegaal, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Commission to monitor foreign direct investment and ***not to limit itself to*** the screening mechanism;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to monitor foreign direct investment and ***ensure a rapid implementation of*** the screening ***for foreign direct investments*** mechanism ***and to propose a tool to strengthen the current mechanism, whilst ensuring that the European Union remains an attractive destination for investment;***

Or. en

Amendment 46

Bogdan Rzońca

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Commission to monitor foreign direct investment and not to limit itself to the screening mechanism;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to monitor foreign direct investment and not to limit itself to the screening mechanism; ***foreign direct investment from countries obeying rules opposite to the principals of the free market economy should be monitored with special diligence.***

Or. en

Amendment 47
Eero Heinäluoma

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Commission to monitor foreign direct investment and not to limit itself to the screening mechanism;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to monitor foreign direct investment and not to limit itself to the screening mechanism; ***calls on the Commission to report on this monitoring exercise on a regular basis towards the EP;***

Or. en

Amendment 48
Christophe Hansen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Commission to ***monitor foreign*** direct investment ***and not to limit itself to the screening mechanism;***

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to ***further develop the tools for monitoring*** direct investment ***from third countries so that they are effective in all Member States;***

Or. de

Amendment 49
Esther de Lange

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Commission to ***monitor*** foreign direct investment and not to limit itself to the screening mechanism;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to ***strengthen the monitoring of*** foreign direct investment and not to limit itself to the screening mechanism;

Amendment 50
Stefan Berger, Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Commission to ***monitor foreign direct investment and not to limit itself to the screening mechanism;***

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to ***develop tools to facilitate better monitoring of foreign direct investment;***

Or. de

Amendment 51
Jessica Polfjärd

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Commission to ***monitor foreign direct investment and not to limit itself to the screening mechanism;***

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to ***actively pursue its obligations under the Regulation on investment screening;***

Or. en

Amendment 52
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. Reiterates its call to the Commission and Member states to adopt reinforced trade defence instruments to combat unfair trade practices; calls, therefore, for unfair trading practices to be addressed effectively by making full

*use of the available instruments,
including taking into account social and
environmental dumping and developing
new effective tools to tackle the distortive
effects of foreign state ownership and
subsidies in the internal market;*

Or. en

Amendment 53
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*2 b. Regrets that the Commission only
welcomed but did not implement
Parliament's call to ensure that any
future trade agreements provide a level
playing field, particularly as regards
competition and State aid;*

Or. en

Amendment 54
Manon Aubry

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to ensure reciprocity with third countries in public procurement and in investment policy;

3. Calls on the Commission to ensure reciprocity with third countries in public procurement and in investment policy; *stresses reciprocity in public procurement should not prevent member states from ensuring their public procurement legislation and practices respects high environmental, social and human rights standards; considered reciprocity should not encourage European companies to engage in third countries in activities that*

violate human rights and are contradictory with EU environmental and human rights obligations; calls on the Commission to investigate whether the existing European and national public procurement legislations and practices are aligned with the environmental and human rights obligations of the EU and its Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 55

Stefan Berger, Christophe Hansen, Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to ensure reciprocity with third countries in public procurement and in investment policy;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to ensure reciprocity with third countries in public procurement and in investment policy; *furthermore, with a view to the need to open up public procurement markets in third countries to which access does not yet exist, urges the Commission to work towards the accession of key third countries, such as China, to the WTO Government Procurement Agreement with an acceptable initial offer; stresses that planned EU instruments to improve international market opening, such as the International Procurement Instrument, must be designed in such a way as to avoid adverse effects on EU companies, such as additional bureaucracy and new market distortions;*

Or. de

Amendment 56

Carmen Avram, Alfred Sant, Aurore Lalucq, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to ensure reciprocity with third countries in public procurement and *in* investment policy;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to ensure reciprocity with third countries in public procurement, *state aid, data protection* and investment policy; *all while paying particular attention to those least developed countries, which should not be harmed due to their inability to fulfil the reciprocity requirements;*

Or. en

Amendment 57

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to ensure reciprocity with third countries in public procurement and in investment policy;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission *to better coordinate with the Member States* to ensure reciprocity with third countries in public procurement and in investment policy; *calls on the Member States to reach an agreement rapidly on the International Procurement Instrument first proposed by the Commission in 2012;*

Or. en

Amendment 58

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to ensure reciprocity with third countries in public

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to ensure reciprocity with third countries, *including*

procurement and in investment policy;

in the respect of social and environmental standards, in public procurement and in investment policy; calls for the finalization of the EU's international procurement instrument by 2021;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Francesca Donato, Marco Zanni, Valentino Grant, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to ensure reciprocity with third countries in public procurement **and** in investment policy;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to ensure reciprocity with third countries in public procurement, in investment policy **and in free trade agreements in order to secure the respect of EU standards in public health, labour rights and environment;**

Or. en

Amendment 60

Jessica Polfjärd

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to **ensure reciprocity with third countries in** public procurement **and in investment policy;**

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to **negotiate for market access on** public procurement **so to ensure a level playing field in relation to third countries;**

Or. en

Amendment 61

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. *Recalls that, in order to help SMEs cope with the greater challenges of entering new markets and enable them to compete on their own merits, EU trade and competition policy should contribute to an SME-friendly trade environment;*

Or. en

Amendment 62

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Ondřej Kovařík, Caroline Nagtegaal, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. *Invites the Commission to continue its efforts to identify subsidies distributed by our main trading partners in cooperation with Member States and stakeholders, building on the recent proposal of the Dutch government;*

Or. en

Amendment 63

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Caroline Nagtegaal, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 b. *Calls on the Commission to guarantee a fair competition between the European Union and the United Kingdom after the Brexit in order to ensure a level playing field and avoid any dumping;*

Amendment 64
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to promote major projects of common European interest in disruptive technologies, to simplify the relevant provisions and to streamline its requirements so that smaller industrial research projects are also approved;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 65
Bogdan Rzońca

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to promote major projects of common European interest in disruptive technologies, to simplify the relevant provisions and to streamline its requirements so that smaller industrial research projects are also approved;

4. Calls on the Commission to promote major projects of common European interest in disruptive technologies, to **close the gap between EU economies**, simplify the relevant provisions and to streamline its requirements so that smaller industrial research projects are also approved;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Carmen Avram

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. *Acknowledges that consumer welfare is a centre piece of competition law enforcement in the EU and that it is manifested not only on price outputs but also on consumers benefiting from wider choices and product quality in the Single Market; calls on the Commission to continue enforcing competition laws in benefit of consumers by ensuring that intervention is designed to protect the interest of consumers in Europe's social market economy;*

Or. en

Amendment 67

Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq, Jonás Fernández, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár, Nicola Danti, Joachim Schuster

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 b. *Calls the Commission to strictly safeguard fair competition, level playing field and equal treatment by the dominant platforms operating and making huge profits in the EU 500 million consumers digital single market;*

Or. en

**Amendment 68
Markus Ferber**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. *Calls on the Commission to ensure the balanced application of State aid control to European operators in order to*

deleted

avoid asymmetries with their foreign competitors, who are not subject to it;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Esther de Lange

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure the balanced application of State aid control to European operators in order to avoid asymmetries with their foreign competitors, who are not subject to it;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure the balanced application of State aid control to European operators in order to avoid asymmetries with their foreign competitors, who are not subject to it; ***urges the Commission to investigate the option to add a pillar to EU competition law, giving the Commission appropriate investigative tools in case a company is deemed to engage in “distortionary” behaviour due to government subsidies or to make excessive profits based on a dominant market position in its home country, for example by introducing a state aid check on companies from third countries in EU public procurement rules;***

Or. en

Amendment 70
Francesca Donato, Marco Zanni, Valentino Grant, Antonio Maria Rinaldi, Herve Juvin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure the balanced application of State aid control to European operators in order to avoid asymmetries with their foreign competitors, who are not subject to it;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure the balanced application of State aid control to European operators in order to avoid asymmetries with their foreign competitors, who are not subject to it, ***and***

to provide express exemptions to State aid constraints for specific areas, such as islands, in consideration of their structural competitive disadvantage, or for regions interested by decreasing population;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Bogdan Rzońca

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure the balanced application of State aid control to European operators in order to avoid asymmetries with their foreign competitors, who are not subject to it;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure the balanced application of State aid control to European operators in order to avoid asymmetries with their foreign competitors, who are not subject to it; ***urges the Commission to evaluate existing rules against modern market challenges, increasing administrative burdens and effectiveness of the current policies;***

Or. en

Amendment 72
Billy Kelleher, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Monica Semedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure the balanced application of State aid control to European operators in order to avoid asymmetries with their foreign competitors, who are not subject to it;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure the balanced application of State aid control to European operators in order to avoid asymmetries with their foreign competitors, who are not subject to it, ***whilst ensuring that the internal market is not undermined and that application and enforcement of EU competition law is not weakened;***

Amendment 73
Jessica Polfjärd

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to **ensure the balanced application of State aid control to European operators in order to avoid asymmetries with their foreign competitors, who are not subject to it;**

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to **fully implement current legislation on State aid control;**

Or. en

Amendment 74
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to **ensure the balanced application of State aid control to European operators in order to avoid asymmetries with their foreign competitors, who are not subject to it;**

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to **pay more attention to the role of foreign-based state-owned enterprises that are supported and subsidised by their governments in ways that the EU single market rules prohibit for EU entities;**

Or. en

Amendment 75
Carmen Avram, Alfred Sant, Aurore Lalucq, Paul Tang, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure

the balanced application of State aid control to European operators in order to avoid asymmetries with their foreign competitors, who are not subject to it;

that state aid control is applied equally to European and non-European operators and to prevent distortion of competition by firms receiving government subsidies abroad;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Carmen Avram, Andreas Schwab, Csaba Molnár

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Highlights that in order to become more effective and to foster innovation, EU competition rules should provide a frame facilitating and encouraging the creation of European Projects;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Manon Aubry

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Reiterates its request for the Commission to examine whether possible distortions of competition arise from the CSPP especially between SMEs and multinational corporations;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Paul Tang, Costas Mavrides

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to adopt a more favourable approach to industrial cooperation in order to foster the emergence of European leaders that are globally competitive;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 79

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to adopt a more favourable approach to industrial cooperation in order to foster the emergence of European leaders that are globally competitive;

6. Stresses that functioning competition in the internal market enables businesses to be competitive at the global level and considers that SMEs could stand to benefit from rigorous application of competition rules, particularly in the digital sphere; calls on the Commission to narrowly define exemptions for areas achieving common interest objectives enshrined in the Treaty;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Enikő Győri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to adopt a more favourable approach to industrial cooperation in order to foster the emergence of European leaders that are

6. Calls on the Commission to adopt a more favourable approach to industrial cooperation in order to foster the emergence of European leaders that are

globally competitive;

globally competitive; ***the strengthening of European industry should not include the relaxation of competition and should not be to the detriment of SMEs that are the major source of the European GDP; competition is the guarantor of a level playing field for our companies, i.e. that companies can grow on the basis of their merits;***

Or. en

Amendment 81

Carmen Avram, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár, Nicola Danti

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to adopt a more favourable approach to ***industrial*** cooperation in order to foster the emergence of European leaders that are globally competitive;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to adopt a more favourable approach to ***business*** cooperation in order to foster the emergence of European leaders that are globally competitive; ***notes however that clear rules are needed in this regard so that this does not come at the expense of EU citizens' financial or consumer interests, so that start-ups, newcomers and innovation have a level playing field to enter the market and that this does not trigger any dominant or market abuse position;***

Or. en

Amendment 82

Esther de Lange, Stefan Berger, Eva Maydell

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to adopt a more favourable approach to industrial

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to adopt a more favourable approach to industrial

cooperation in order to foster the emergence of European leaders that are globally competitive;

cooperation in order to foster the emergence of European leaders that are globally competitive; ***especially urges the Commission to promote European companies that invest in technologies enabling the transition to a green economy, and to ensure a level playing field compared to third-country companies;***

Or. en

Amendment 83

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to adopt a more favourable approach to industrial cooperation in order to foster the emergence of European leaders that are globally competitive;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to adopt a more favourable approach to industrial cooperation in order to foster the emergence of European leaders that are globally competitive; ***stresses however that such drive should not come at the detriment of small and medium size actors that form the backbone of the European economy;***

Or. en

Amendment 84

José Manuel García-Margallo y Marfil

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to adopt a more favourable approach to industrial cooperation in order to foster the emergence of European leaders that are globally competitive;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to adopt a more favourable approach to industrial cooperation in order to foster the emergence of European leaders that are globally competitive ***in particular in key areas for Europe's leadership in the***

digital space such as deployment of 5G networks;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Manon Aubry

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to adopt a more favourable approach to industrial cooperation in order to foster the emergence of European leaders *that are globally competitive*;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to adopt a more favourable approach to industrial cooperation in order to foster the emergence of European leaders; *considers that shifting to a sustainable industry should be a cornerstone of European industrial cooperation*;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Eero Heinäluoma

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to adopt a more favourable approach to industrial cooperation in order to foster the emergence of European leaders that are globally competitive;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to adopt a more favourable approach to industrial cooperation in order to foster the emergence of European leaders that are globally competitive, *whilst fully taking into account what is best for the European end customer*;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to adopt a more favourable approach to industrial cooperation in order to *foster* the emergence of European leaders that are globally competitive;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to adopt a more favourable approach to industrial cooperation in *competitive global markets in* order to *allow for* the emergence of European leaders that are globally competitive;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Stefan Berger, Christophe Hansen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to *adopt a more favourable approach to industrial cooperation* in order to foster the emergence of European leaders that are globally competitive;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to *consider adopting higher thresholds in the field of merger control* in order to foster the emergence of European leaders that are globally competitive;

Or. de

Amendment 89
Marek Belka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Calls on the Commission, in the context of the New Green Deal, to step up its efforts in creating an ambitious Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism which does not undermine the WTO rules yet provides a level playing field for European companies which have to subordinate to stricter and "greener"

*rules that the Commission has proposed
and will propose;*

Or. en

Amendment 90

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. *Calls for the Commission in the context of the current revision of the Horizontal Cooperation Guidelines to create a more flexible framework and provide legal certainty with adhoc guidance letters, in due course, in individual cases to maximize the beneficial outcome of collaboration;*

Or. en

Amendment 91

Esther de Lange, Stefan Berger, Eva Maydell

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. *Underlines in this regard that in order for the European Green Deal to be successful European producers of sustainable products and services need to see the advantages of it and not face unfair competition from companies in third countries;*

Or. en

Amendment 92

Andreas Schwab, Stefan Berger, Carmen Avram, Eva Maydell

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Believes that to strengthen EU digital markets further cooperation and standardization with regard to data sharing should be enabled to ensure that full potential of the data economy in Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Jessica Polfjärd

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Underlines the role of a transparent and actively enforced competition policy in fostering competitiveness of European companies globally;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Ondřej Kovařík, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 b. Underlines the importance of infrastructure sharing for future networks, in particular 5G, which will be one of the key drivers for the Digital Single Market, and therefore calls on competition policy to not obstruct but

rather support network sharing which not only generates consumer welfare such as faster roll-out and better quality, but also allows for a more efficient use of resources and environmental benefits;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Andreas Schwab, Stefan Berger, Eva Maydell

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 b. Underlines the importance of cooperation for digital infrastructure, in particular 5G, one of the key drivers for the Digital Single Market strategy, and therefore calls on competition policy to facilitate infrastructure sharing which not only enhances consumer welfare such as faster roll-out and potential better quality but also could allow a more efficient use of resources and environmental benefits;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 c. Calls on the Commission for more guidance and legal certainty for cooperation, in particular, the option to receive certainty regarding cooperation projects that have a certain magnitude and raise novel questions in a voluntary fast-track notification procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. ***Calls for a review of*** the definition of ***the*** relevant market so as to ***move towards*** a longer-term vision encompassing the global dimension and potential future competition;

Amendment

7. ***Welcomes the Commission's commitment to review the 1997 Commission Notice 97/C 372/03 on*** the definition of relevant market so as to ***take into consideration*** a longer-term vision encompassing the global dimension and potential future competition; ***in particular, calls the Commission to review the definition of relevant market by taking into account longer-term timing on the market in order to allow easier European companies to merge, and, finally, carefully and on case-by-case based, to widen the scope of the definition of "relevant market" itself so as to get broader market picture of a merger impact;***

Or. en

Amendment 98
Eva Maydell

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls for a review of the definition of the relevant market so as to ***move towards a longer-term*** vision encompassing the global dimension and potential future competition;

Amendment

7. Calls for a review of the definition of the relevant market so as to, ***on a case-by-case basis, take into consideration a longer-term*** vision encompassing the global dimension and potential future competition; ***Given the importance of sound competition decisions in shaping the economy, the Commission must continue to rely on sound economic and legal principles in its investigations,***

following proportionality principles and due process, when looking into new types of markets.

Or. en

Amendment 99

Carmen Avram, Jonás Fernández, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár, Nicola Danti

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. ***Calls for*** a review of the definition of the relevant market so as to move towards a longer-term vision encompassing the global dimension and potential future competition;

Amendment

7. ***Welcomes the Commission launch of*** a review of the definition of the relevant market ***in the Commission's merger and antitrust enforcement (Market Definition Notice)***, so as to move towards a longer-term vision encompassing the global dimension, ***digital markets*** and potential future competition; ***highlights the need for particular attention to be given to zero price markets and multi-sided markets;***

Or. en

Amendment 100

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls for a review of the definition of the relevant market ***so as to move*** towards a longer-term vision encompassing the global dimension and potential future competition;

Amendment

7. Calls for a review of the definition of the relevant market ***by considering in more detail whether or not companies are competing in European or truly global markets; points out that this might help moving*** towards a longer-term vision encompassing the global dimension and potential future competition;

Or. en

Amendment 101

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Ondřej Kovařík, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls for a review of the definition of the relevant market so as to move towards a longer-term vision encompassing the global dimension and potential future competition;

Amendment

7. Calls for a review of ***the 1997 communication on*** the definition of the relevant market (***97/C 372/03***) so as to move towards a longer-term vision encompassing the global dimension and potential future competition; ***takes note of the Commission's announced intention in this respect;***

Or. en

Amendment 102

Eero Heinäluoma

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. ***Calls for a*** review ***of*** the definition of the relevant market so as to move towards a longer-term vision encompassing the global dimension and potential future competition;

Amendment

7. ***Welcomes the recent announcement by VP Vestager to*** review the definition of the relevant market so as to move towards a longer-term vision encompassing the global dimension and potential future competition; ***calls the Commission to involve the EP fully in this review process;***

Or. en

Amendment 103

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. ***Calls for*** a review of the definition of the relevant market so as to move towards a longer-term vision encompassing the global dimension and potential future competition;

Amendment

7. ***Welcomes the announcement by the Commission of*** a review of the definition of the relevant market so as to move towards a longer-term vision encompassing the global dimension and potential future competition;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Stefan Berger, Christophe Hansen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. ***Calls for a review of the definition of the relevant market so as to move towards a longer-term vision encompassing the global dimension and potential future competition;***

Amendment

7. ***Calls, particularly in merger decisions, for an even greater focus on global competition from non-European undertakings than hitherto, depending on the individual case; calls for potential competition to be considered on a longer time scale and for greater account to be taken of efficiency considerations;***

Or. de

Amendment 105

José Manuel García-Margallo y Marfil

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. ***Calls for*** a review of the definition of the relevant market so as to move towards a longer-term vision encompassing the global dimension and potential future competition;

Amendment

7. ***Calls for a review of the Notice on*** the definition of the relevant market so as to move towards a longer-term vision encompassing the global dimension, ***digitisation, convergence of technologies and services*** and potential future

competition;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Andreas Schwab, Carmen Avram

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Calls on the Commission to review the notion of "abuse of dominance" and the "essential facilities" doctrine to ensure they are fit for the purpose in the digital age; in particular the concept of dominance should be examined with specific reference to online Platforms given that market power itself may present in a different manner compare to a more traditional market; recalls to the Commission indeed that an online platform may not be dominant in terms of value/turnover but may have access to data on an unprecedented scale, as well as large numbers of users; therefore, an online platform may not be dominant in accordance with the current dominance definition settled in the case law of the ECJ but it may lead to a significant asymmetry in contractual relations/negotiations, especially when dealing with SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Stresses that the concept of a 'fair price' should not be equated with the lowest consumer price possible, but instead should be reasonable and enable the fair remuneration of all actors; considers that a focus on lowest-possible consumer prices ignores the negative externalities associated with certain types of production; stresses that consumers have interests beyond low prices alone, such as environmental sustainability or quality and nutritional value of food;

Or. en

**Amendment 108
Esther de Lange**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Calls on the Commission to thoroughly scrutinize the concept of 'state-owned enterprises', as this not only includes companies that are legally owned by the state, but could also be private companies that are effectively controlled by the state, and serve strategic goals of the country;

Or. en

**Amendment 109
Paul Tang, Carmen Avram, Rovana Plumb, Jonás Fernández, Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Reiterates the importance of social objectives in our competition policy; believes that where suppliers of goods or services lack market power vis-a-vis

purchasers, as is the case with many self-employed contractors, this can be remedied by coordinated pricing;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Stefan Berger, Christophe Hansen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Calls on the Commission, given the market power of some specific digital mega-platforms, to formulate a tailor-made regulatory framework that ensures non-discriminatory access to, and fair competition on, these platforms;

Or. de

Amendment 111
Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Johan Van Overtveldt, Bogdan Rzońca, Eugen Jurzyca

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Emphasises that neither an unacceptable trend towards protectionism, nor, on their own, measures to ensure fair competition can guarantee the competitiveness of the EU economy;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Requests the Commission to carry out a preliminary study on the concentration of media ownership in Europe, also in the context of MNCs buying out European Mediaproviders;

Or. en

Amendment 113

Francesca Donato, Gunnar Beck, Marco Zanni, Valentino Grant, Antonio Maria Rinaldi, Herve Juvin

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Calls for the recognition of a golden share to the EU Member States, to allow them to secure important strategic national assets;

Or. en

Amendment 114

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Competition rules supporting the European Green Deal

Or. en

Amendment 115

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 b. *Welcomes the Communication on the European Green Deal presented on 11th December 2019 and the commitment to revise by 2021 state aid guidelines, in order to reflect the policy objectives of the European Green Deal, which supports a cost-effective transition to climate neutrality by 2050 and should include the obligation to quickly phase out fossil fuels, therefore ensuring a level-playing field in the internal market; states that such changes are an opportunity for European businesses to take the lead in implementing the green transition and operate in a competitive market for sustainable development;*

Or. en

Amendment 116
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 c. *Notes that mobilising investments at the scale needed to meet the 2030 emission targets will require in certain appropriate cases the provision of state aid as recognised by the Commission; calls therefore on the Commission to align state aid rules with EU's efforts towards decarbonisation in particular for the energy transition;*

Or. en

Amendment 117
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 d. Calls on the Commission, as part of its upcoming revision of the Guidelines on State aid for environmental protection and energy to include nuclear energy fossil fuels and subject aid granted to them to strict necessity tests; calls furthermore on the Commission to provide for greater flexibility for aid granted to citizen-generated renewable energy in line with the EU's climate commitments, notably concerning thresholds and technology neutrality for tendering procedures; underlines that further guidance is needed on repowering, hybrid projects and electricity storage;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 e. Underlines the existing market failures to trigger the necessary investments in energy efficiency and savings, especially in the building sector; notes that renovation models such as those proposed by energy service companies (ESCOs) have proven successful in achieving benefits; deplores however that the General Block Exemption Regulation and existing guidelines provide little guidance on state

aid in this context; calls therefore on the Commission to provide further guidance and an enabling framework for further investments in energy efficiency and building renovation;

Or. en

Amendment 119

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 f. Calls on the Commission to review its guidelines on state aid for airports and airlines, in order to align them with EU's climate commitments and the Paris Agreement; calls on the Commission to exclude from the scope of the General Block Exemptions Regulation aid granted to airports and ports;

Or. en

Amendment 120

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 g. Calls on the Commission to check whether the kerosene tax exemption amounts to a distortion of competition benefiting the aviation sector, based on an incorrect interpretation of the Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation;

Or. en

Amendment 121

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 h. Recalls the need for a roadmap for better-targeted state aid especially for the delivery of services of general economic interest including energy, transport or telecommunications;

Or. en

Amendment 122

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 i. Calls on the Commission to continue its in-depth analysis on the extent and effect of buying alliances on the economic functioning of the agricultural and food supply chain, taking particular account of the effects on small suppliers;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 j (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 j. *Expresses concern for unsustainable downward pressure on farm prices resulting from excessive processor or buyer power downstream in agricultural supply chains; encourages the Commission to revise its approach in assessing the abuse of dominant market positions, to include cases which place unsustainable downward pressure on farm prices, whether or not they result in higher consumer prices;*

Or. en

Amendment 124
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 k (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 k. *Considers that competition policy should better integrate the value of public good in food pricing in light of the growing demand for more sustainable food systems; calls for EU competition policy to consider broader consumers' interests, beyond the factor of price alone; calls on the Commission to provide, in the context of the revision of the horizontal guidelines, legal certainty for horizontal and vertical cooperation initiatives with the aim of improving factors such as sustainability and fair labour standards in the food supply chain on the conditions under which such arrangements are admissible;*

Or. en

Amendment 125
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 71 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

71. Reiterates its call for coal regions to be identified as assisted areas in accordance with Article 107(3) (a) and (c) of the TFEU and for EU aid rules for these special regions to be adapted so as to enable measures to be taken to deal with structural change; insists that coal mining companies and coal power plant operators having received and still receiving public support for mining and burning coal must not be subject to a privileged state-aid treatment, including for traditional corporate responsibility activities such as ground water restoration, landscape refurbishment or other cleaning-up sites related activities; calls on the Commission to provide clear guidance and conditionality in line with EU climate commitments;

Or. en

Amendment 126
Enikő Győri

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission that in order to help SMEs cope with the greater challenges of entering new markets and enable them to compete on their own merits, EU trade and competition policy should contribute to an SME-friendly trade environment;

Or. en

Amendment 127

Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to review merger *rules* and strengthen antitrust action, *taking* into account the effects of *market and network power associated with both* personal and financial data; proposes that every merger in the market for such data should be subject to prior monitoring, regardless of thresholds;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to review *the* Merger **Regulation** and strengthen antitrust action, *in order to take* into account the effects of *access to* personal and financial data *when assessing market and network power; calls on the Commission to adjudge the control of such data as a proxy for the existence of market power under its Guidance on Article 102 TFEU and to require interoperability between online platforms and social network providers*; proposes that every merger in the market for such data should be subject to prior monitoring, regardless of thresholds , *i.e. whether merging data and customer information during a merger distorts competition and weakens data protection, and whether an enterprise's access to exclusive analytical methods and patents excludes competitors*;

Or. en

Amendment 128
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to review merger rules and *strengthen* antitrust action, taking into account the effects of market and network power associated with both personal and financial data; *proposes that every merger in the market for such data should be subject to prior monitoring, regardless of thresholds*;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to review merger *and acquisition* rules and antitrust action, taking into account the effects of market and network power associated with both personal and financial data;

Amendment 129

Stefan Berger, Christophe Hansen, Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to review merger rules ***and strengthen antitrust action***, taking into account the effects of market and network power associated with both personal and financial data; ***proposes that every merger in the market for such data should be subject to prior monitoring, regardless of thresholds;***

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to review merger rules, taking into account the effects of market and network power associated with both personal and financial data;

Or. de

Amendment 130

Andreas Schwab, Carmen Avram

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to review merger rules and strengthen antitrust action, taking into account the effects of market and network power associated with both personal and financial data; proposes that every merger in the market for such data should be subject to prior monitoring, regardless of thresholds;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to review merger rules and strengthen antitrust action, taking into account the effects of market and network power associated with both personal and financial data; proposes that every merger in the market for such data should be subject to prior monitoring, regardless of thresholds; ***suggests a broader analysis of market power in connection to conglomerate and gatekeeper effects in digital markets, focusing on entry barriers and network effects of multi-sided platforms, to fight the abuse of dominance of a few large platform operators and create a competitive digital market in Europe;***

Amendment 131

Raffaele Fitto, Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Johan Van Overtveldt, Bogdan Rzońca

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to review merger rules and strengthen antitrust action, taking into account the effects of market and network power associated with both personal and financial data; proposes that every merger in the market for such data should be subject to prior monitoring, regardless of thresholds;

Amendment

8. ***Welcomes the attention being paid to network effects and to data accumulation and analysis in identifying market power on digital markets; takes the view that data play a major role in the digital economy and should therefore be taken into account in assessment under competition rules;*** calls on the Commission to review merger rules and strengthen antitrust action, taking into account the effects of market and network power associated with both personal and financial data; proposes that every merger in the market for such data should be subject to prior monitoring, regardless of thresholds;

Amendment 132

José Manuel García-Margallo y Marfil

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to review merger rules and strengthen antitrust action, taking into account ***the effects of*** market and network ***power*** associated with both personal and financial data; proposes that every merger in the market for such data should be subject to prior monitoring, regardless of thresholds;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to review merger rules and strengthen antitrust action, taking into account market ***power based on vertical and conglomeral integration*** and network ***effects***, associated with both personal and financial data; proposes that every merger in the market for such data ***and leveraging of that***

market power in adjacent markets; should be subject to prior monitoring, regardless of thresholds;

Or. en

Amendment 133

Carmen Avram, Alfred Sant, Aurore Lalucq, Jonás Fernández, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to review merger rules and strengthen antitrust action, taking into account the effects of market and network power associated with both personal and financial data; proposes that every merger in the market for such data should be subject to prior monitoring, regardless of thresholds;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to review merger rules and strengthen antitrust action, taking into account the effects of market and network power *on individuals, society and democratic values* associated with both personal and financial data; proposes that every merger in the market for such data should be subject to prior monitoring, regardless of thresholds;

Or. en

Amendment 134

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to review merger rules and strengthen antitrust action, taking into account the effects of market and network power associated with both personal and financial data; proposes that every merger in the market for such data should be subject to prior *monitoring*, regardless of thresholds;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to review merger rules and strengthen antitrust action, taking into account the effects of market and network power associated with both personal and financial data; proposes that every merger in the market for such data should be subject to prior *informal declaration*, regardless of thresholds;

Or. en

Amendment 135

Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq, Andreas Schwab, Paul Tang

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Stresses that EU Competition rule should be reviewed in order to look into data concentration, aggregation and utilisation; when assessing digital antitrust and mergers, data utilisation^{1a} by dominant platforms should also be looked at understanding potential negative affects on competition for new companies trying to enter and compete on a specific market; notes that the Commission should learn lessons from the past for example when they approved Facebook What's-App^{2a} acquisition and adapt their tools and criteria accordingly;

^{1a} https://edps.europa.eu/press-publications/press-news/blog/sharing-caring-depends_en

^{2a}

https://ec.europa.eu/competition/mergers/cases/decisions/m7217_20141003_20310_3962132_EN.pdf

Or. en

Amendment 136

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Calls on the Commission to consider revising the thresholds for a merger review in order to include, among

others, factors such as the number of consumers impacted and the value of the related transactions as part of its ongoing evaluation of the Merger Regulation; calls on the Commission to also assess higher levels of concentration due to horizontal ownership by large asset management companies in its ongoing evaluation of the Merger Regulation and consider providing guidelines on the use of Articles 101 and 102 of the TFEU in this respect;

Or. en

Amendment 137

Paul Tang, Carmen Avram, Rovana Plumb, Jonás Fernández, Costas Mavrides, Joachim Schuster

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Stresses that, by enabling personalised micro-targeted advertisements personal and behavioural data provide an important source of revenue for platforms; considers that such micro-targeting puts market power in the hands of the few platforms holding most personal data and, when it concerns political advertisements, endangers the functioning of our democracy by strengthening echo chambers and; calls on the Commission to draft legislation that severely constrains personalized and behavioural targeted advertisement;

Or. en

Amendment 138

Stefan Berger, Christophe Hansen, Andreas Schwab

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. *Recognises the limitations of current competition law when it comes to network effects and abuse of dominant positions by some multinational mega-platforms that give preferential treatment to their own services; calls, therefore, on the Commission to propose new sector-specific regulation for certain digital intermediaries with particularly powerful market positions in order to promote competition so as to prevent market abuse, which should include a ban on preferential treatment of an undertaking's own services;*

Or. de

Amendment 139

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Luis Garicano

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. *Notes that in several specific markets for financial data (e.g. equity trading, ratings, benchmarks), oligopolistic concentration may lead to abuses of dominant positions by suppliers vis-à-vis investors and consumers of financial data; calls on the Commission to take resolute action against such abuses of dominant positions which are harmful to the fluidity of financial markets, particularly in the interests of sustainable development;*

Or. en

Amendment 140

Andreas Schwab, Carmen Avram, Eva Maydell

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Recognises the need to further develop a better understanding of different business models and dynamics within the digital economy in order to accelerate the identification of competition issues; calls on the Commission to carry out a stakeholder consultation to reflect the evolution of the digital economy, including the multi-sided nature of digital markets;

Or. en

Amendment 141
Raffaele Fitto, Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Johan Van Overtveldt, Bogdan Rzońca, Eugen Jurzyca

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Calls on the Commission to take ambitious steps to eliminate illegitimate obstacles to online competition;

Or. en

Amendment 142
Raffaele Fitto, Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Johan Van Overtveldt, Bogdan Rzońca, Eugen Jurzyca

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 b. Asks the Commission to examine the viability in the digital era of existing competition law instruments and

concepts;

Or. en

Amendment 143

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. ***Stresses*** that the buying-out of start-ups by dominant players ***dries up*** innovation and ***threatens sovereignty, and calls on the Commission to reverse the burden of proof with regard to such buy-outs;***

Amendment

9. ***Notes*** that the buying-out of start-ups by dominant players ***might dry up*** innovation and ***eventually competition;***

Or. en

Amendment 144

Enikő Győri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that ***the buying-out of start-ups by dominant players dries up*** innovation ***and threatens sovereignty, and calls on the Commission to reverse*** the burden of proof ***with regard to such buy-outs;***

Amendment

9. Stresses that ***while the concern over killer acquisitions is to be taken seriously, it may not be forgotten that the majority of startups are founded with the hope of an exit (acquisition by a larger firm). Serial entrepreneurship and exit strategy create a drive for*** innovation, ***therefore hindering such acquisitions may ultimately not achieve its desired effect.*** The burden of proof ***shall always lie with the competition authority.***

Or. en

Amendment 145

Carmen Avram, Alfred Sant, Aurore Lalucq

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that the buying-out of start-ups by dominant players dries up innovation and threatens sovereignty, and calls on the Commission to reverse the burden of proof with regard to such buy-outs;

Amendment

9. Stresses that the buying-out of start-ups by dominant players ***operating according to business models, involving constant tracking, profiling and targeting of individuals which are incompatible with core European values and fundamental rights***, dries up innovation and threatens sovereignty, and calls on the Commission to reverse the burden of proof with regard to such buy-outs;

Or. en

Amendment 146

José Manuel García-Margallo y Marfil

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that the buying-out of start-ups by dominant players dries up innovation and threatens sovereignty, and calls on the Commission to ***reverse the burden of proof with regard to*** such buy-outs;

Amendment

9. Stresses that the buying-out of start-ups by ***big-tech*** dominant players dries up innovation and threatens sovereignty, and calls on the Commission to ***enhance the scrutiny of*** such buy-outs; ***calls on the Commission to introduce new thresholds to capture such acquisitions under the EU Merger Control Review, such as the value of transaction;***

Or. en

Amendment 147

Carmen Avram, Jonás Fernández, Paul Tang

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that the buying-out of start-ups by dominant players dries up innovation and threatens sovereignty, and calls on the Commission to reverse the burden of proof with regard to such buy-outs;

Amendment

9. Stresses that the buying-out of start-ups by dominant players dries up innovation and threatens sovereignty, and calls on the Commission to reverse the burden of proof with regard to such buy-outs ***and to take into account transaction value as part of merger thresholds***;

Or. en

Amendment 148

Stefan Berger, Andreas Schwab, Eva Maydell

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9**

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that the buying-out of start-ups by dominant players ***dries up*** innovation ***and threatens sovereignty***, and calls on the Commission to ***reverse the burden of proof with regard to such buy-outs***;

Amendment

9. Stresses that the buying-out of start-ups by dominant players ***can jeopardise*** innovation, and calls on the Commission to ***investigate systematic acquisitions and their effects on competition over a relatively long period of time in order to gather robust information***;

Or. de

Amendment 149

Frances Fitzgerald

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9**

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that the buying-out of start-ups by dominant players ***dries up*** innovation and ***threatens*** sovereignty, and calls on the Commission to reverse the burden of proof with regard to such buy-outs;

Amendment

9. Stresses that the buying-out of start-ups by dominant players ***may dry up*** innovation and ***threaten*** sovereignty, and calls on the Commission to reverse the burden of proof with regard to such buy-outs ***in specific circumstances***;

Or. en

Amendment 150

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that the buying-out of start-ups by dominant players **dries** up innovation and **threatens** sovereignty, and calls on the Commission to reverse the burden of proof with regard to **such buy-outs**;

Amendment

9. Stresses that the buying-out of start-ups by dominant players **might dry** up innovation and **threaten** sovereignty, and calls on the Commission to reverse the burden of proof with regard to **killer acquisitions**;

Or. en

Amendment 151

Jessica Polfjärd

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that the buying-out of start-ups by dominant players **dries** up innovation and threatens sovereignty, **and calls on the Commission to reverse the burden of proof with regard to such buy-outs**;

Amendment

9. Stresses that the buying-out of start-ups by dominant players **could under certain circumstances contribute to drying** up innovation and **potentially** threatens sovereignty;

Or. en

Amendment 152

Paul Tang, Carmen Avram, Rovana Plumb, Jonás Fernández, Costas Mavrides, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. *Recalls that abuse of market power can take place even when products or services are supplied for free; believes that the passing on of private data to third parties for marketing or commercial purposes is frequently done without the consumer's proper consent, as alternatives to sharing data are often not provided; considers that in the digital economy, the concentration of data in a small number of companies leads to market failures, excessive rent extraction and a blocking of new entrants; calls on the Commission to consider the structural unbundling of digital monopolies to restore competition and a level playing field in the European digital market;*

Or. en

Amendment 153

Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár, Nicola Danti, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. *Asks the Commission to assess how more demanding regimes of data access, including data interoperability, can be imposed in particular where data access opens up secondary markets for complementary services or when data is confined to dominant firms;*

Or. en

Amendment 154

Francesca Donato, Gunnar Beck, Marco Zanni, Valentino Grant, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt appropriate measures to facilitate start-ups and SMEs' access to private and public funding for their business and growth;*

Or. en

Amendment 155

Carmen Avram, Alfred Sant, Aurore Lalucq, Jonás Fernández, Paul Tang, Nicola Danti, Joachim Schuster

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 b. *Stresses that concentration in digital markets for example for social media in favour of a few non-European companies has contributed to the dissemination of misinformation, online manipulation and the undermining of social cohesion and trust in democratic institutions;*

Or. en

Amendment 156

Jonás Fernández, Carmen Avram

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Stresses that some entities, benefiting from dual status as both platforms and suppliers, abuse their position to impose unfair terms on competitors; calls on the Commission to ***penalise them***;

10. Stresses that some entities, benefiting from dual status as both platforms and suppliers, abuse their position to ***discriminate in favour of their own products and services*** and impose unfair terms on competitors; calls on the Commission to ***assess the possibility to impose ex-ante regulatory obligations***

where competition law is not enough to ensure contestability in digital markets avoiding competitors' foreclosure and ensuring that emerging bottlenecks are not perpetuated by the monopolization of future innovation;

Or. en

Amendment 157

José Manuel García-Margallo y Marfil

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that some entities, benefiting from dual status as both platforms and suppliers, abuse their position to impose unfair terms on competitors; calls on the Commission to **penalise them**;

Amendment

10. Stresses that some entities, benefiting from dual status as both platforms and suppliers, abuse their position to **discriminate in favour of their own products and services and** impose unfair terms on **users and** competitors; calls on the Commission to **impose asymmetric ex-ante regulatory obligations where competition law is not enough to ensure contestability in digital markets avoiding competitors' foreclosure and ensuring that emerging bottlenecks are not perpetuated by the monopolization of future innovation**;

Or. en

Amendment 158

Frances Fitzgerald

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that some entities, benefiting from dual status as both platforms and suppliers, abuse their position to impose unfair terms on

Amendment

10. Stresses that some entities, benefiting from dual status as both platforms and suppliers, **may be dominant and may** abuse their position to impose

competitors; calls on the Commission to penalise them;

unfair terms on competitors; calls on the Commission to *closely analyses the effect of upcoming EU rules introducing more transparency in how platforms treat their own vertical integration offerings and, should companies in dominant position abuse such status, to penalise them;*

Or. en

Amendment 159
Eva Maydell

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that some entities, benefiting from dual status as both platforms and suppliers, abuse their position to impose unfair terms on competitors; calls on the Commission to *penalise them;*

Amendment

10. Stresses that some entities, benefiting from dual status as both platforms and suppliers, *may be dominant, and may* abuse their position to impose unfair terms on competitors; calls on the Commission to *closely analyse the impact of the application of Regulation (EU) 2019/1150, and, if needed, consider further legislation in order to tackle proven systemic harmful practices;*

Or. en

Amendment 160
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. *Stresses that some entities,* benefiting from dual status as both platforms and suppliers, *abuse their position to impose unfair terms on competitors;* calls on the Commission to *penalise them;*

Amendment

10. *Calls on the Commission to take ad hoc measures on companies which abuse their position to impose anticompetitive terms on competitors by* benefiting from dual status as both platforms and suppliers; calls on the Commission to *consider the effects of the*

unfair terms and practices on innovation, sustainability and competition overall and act in a timely manner;

Or. en

Amendment 161

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Billy Kelleher, Ondřej Kovařík, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that some entities, benefiting from dual status as both platforms and suppliers, abuse their position to impose unfair terms on competitors; calls on the Commission to **penalise them**;

Amendment

10. Stresses that some entities, benefiting from dual status as both platforms and suppliers, **being at the same time "player and referee"**, abuse their position to impose unfair terms on competitors; calls on the Commission to **enforce the necessary laws and make use of the necessary instruments to prevent these abuses**;

Or. en

Amendment 162

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that some entities, benefiting from dual status as both platforms and suppliers, abuse their position to impose unfair terms on competitors; calls on the Commission to **penalise them**;

Amendment

10. Stresses that some entities, benefiting from dual status as both platforms and suppliers, abuse their position to impose unfair terms **and conditions** on competitors; calls on the Commission to **investigate them and to evaluate the potential negative impact on consumers' choices**;

Or. en

Amendment 163

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that some entities, benefiting from dual status as both platforms and suppliers, abuse their position to impose unfair terms on competitors; calls on the Commission to ***penalise them***;

Amendment

10. Stresses that some entities, benefiting from dual status as both platforms and suppliers, abuse their position to impose unfair terms on competitors; calls on the Commission to ***look into this issue of self-preferencing***;

Or. en

Amendment 164

Francesca Donato, Gunnar Beck, Marco Zanni, Valentino Grant, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that some entities, benefiting from dual status as both platforms and suppliers, abuse their position to impose unfair terms on competitors; ***calls on the Commission to penalise them***;

Amendment

10. Stresses that some entities, benefiting from dual status as both platforms and suppliers, abuse their position to impose unfair terms on competitors;

Or. en

Amendment 165

Andreas Schwab, Carmen Avram

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Calls on the Commission to assess the long term effects of concentration

especially in the case of platforms, intermediaries and retailers, online or offline; as stressed above, one of the key features of these markets is the dual status as both platforms, suppliers, and competitors to their users; increased concentration in these areas can lead to abuse and imposed unfair terms on competitors;

Or. en

Amendment 166

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Recalls the importance of monitoring price caps in sectors such as online platforms for accommodation and tourism because of high fees usually applied by these stakeholders, taking away revenue from small businesses, particularly in remote areas; notes the need for consumers to have cross-border access to a broad range of online goods and services at competitive prices;

Or. en

Amendment 167

Carmen Avram

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Recalls that some entities, benefiting from dual status as both search engines and search service suppliers abuse their position and distort the market

by granting unjustified advantage to their own search functionalities;

Or. en

Amendment 168

Francesca Donato, Gunnar Beck, Marco Zanni, Valentino Grant, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Calls on the Commission to suggest solutions to prevent and prohibit the simultaneous ownership of complementary platforms by the same players;

Or. en

Amendment 169

Markus Ferber

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Calls on the Commission to introduce a centralised ex ante market monitoring system, to provide national authorities with the necessary means to gather data anonymously, and to introduce targeted regulation when practices become systemic;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 170

Andreas Schwab, Carmen Avram

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Commission to **introduce a centralised ex ante market monitoring system, to provide national authorities with the necessary means to gather data anonymously, and to introduce targeted regulation when practices become systemic;**

Amendment

11. Calls on the Commission to **consider a possible introduction of ex-ante regulatory measures and market monitoring only if competition law turns out to be too slow and ineffective to remedy systemic and far-reaching distortions of competition; in particular, an ex-ante regulatory regime might be targeted to digital markets when companies holding a dominant position exercise a fundamental gatekeeper role in closed ecosystems and large online marketplaces;**

Or. en

Amendment 171

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Commission to introduce a centralised ex ante market monitoring system, **to** provide national authorities with the necessary means to gather data anonymously, and to introduce targeted regulation when practices become systemic;

Amendment

11. Calls on the Commission to introduce a centralised ex ante market monitoring system, **in order to have at its disposal and** provide national authorities with the necessary means to gather data anonymously, **to be able to better detect cases of restrictive agreements or abuses of dominant position** and to introduce targeted regulation when practices become systemic;

Or. en

Amendment 172

Stefan Berger, Christophe Hansen, Eva Maydell

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Commission **to introduce** a centralised ex ante market **monitoring** system, to provide national authorities with the necessary means to gather data anonymously, **and to introduce** targeted **regulation when** practices become systemic;

Amendment

11. Calls on the Commission, **as part of an impact assessment, to discuss the extent to which the introduction of** a centralised ex ante market **surveillance** system to provide national authorities with the necessary means to gather data anonymously **is appropriate and, if necessary, to draft a targeted regulatory proposal when such** practices become systemic;

Or. de

Amendment 173

José Manuel García-Margallo y Marfil

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Commission to introduce a centralised ex ante market monitoring system, to provide national authorities with the necessary means to gather data anonymously, and to **introduce** targeted regulation when practices become systemic;

Amendment

11. Calls on the Commission to introduce a centralised ex ante market monitoring system, to provide national authorities with the necessary means to gather data anonymously, and to **propose** targeted regulation when practices become systemic;

Or. en

Amendment 174

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Invites the Commission, to this end, to identify the key digital players and

establish a set of indicators to define their "systemic" nature; the following indicators could be considered: existence of massive networks, control of a significant volume of non-replicable data, unavoidable situation on a multifaceted market or ability of the player to define market rules himself, ability of the player to place the regulator in a strong position of information asymmetry;

Or. en

Amendment 175

Paul Tang, Carmen Avram, Rovana Plumb, Jonás Fernández, Costas Mavrides, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Draws the Commission's attention to recent acquisitions by foreign monopolies of digital operators of health data and the privacy risks involved, over and above the damaging effects of these transactions on competition;

Amendment

12. Draws the Commission's attention to recent acquisitions by foreign monopolies of digital operators of health ***and educational*** data and the privacy risks involved, over and above the damaging effects of these transactions on competition ***and calls on the Commission to prevent competition amongst companies to gather personal health and educational data;***

Or. en

Amendment 176

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Ondřej Kovařík, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Draws the Commission's attention to recent acquisitions by foreign monopolies of digital operators of health

Amendment

12. Draws the Commission's attention to recent acquisitions by foreign monopolies of digital operators of health

data and the privacy risks involved, over and above the damaging effects of these transactions on competition;

data and the privacy risks involved, over and above the damaging effects of these transactions on competition; ***calls on the Commission to take those aspects into account regarding the upcoming European strategy on data;***

Or. en

Amendment 177

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Draws the Commission's attention to recent acquisitions by foreign monopolies of digital operators of ***health*** data and the privacy risks involved, over and above the damaging effects of these transactions on competition;

Amendment

12. Draws the Commission's attention to recent acquisitions by foreign monopolies of digital operators of data and the privacy risks involved, over and above the damaging effects of these transactions on competition;

Or. en

Amendment 178

Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq, Jonás Fernández, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Calls on the Commission to work out European best practice "data ethics guidelines" for companies and businesses to apply and implement into their business model; underlines that such data ethics would be complementary to data protection rules, and would increase consumer safety and trust; proposes that these EU data ethics guidelines include as key principles amongst others:

a) Transparency

- The consumer is fully informed about and co-controls which data is being used and whether these are correct

- Transparency as to whether the company shares data with public authorities or any business partners

b) Data safety

- Consumers must be reassured that data kept remain safe; therefore cooperation across the board on data safety needs to be prioritised

- A clause on not selling data to third parties should likewise form a key element

Or. en

Amendment 179

Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq, Jonás Fernández, Nicola Danti

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 b. Notes that European citizens have now realised that there is no such thing as “free services” offered by platforms; European consumers pay a high price for these online services with their personal data^{1a}; underlines that some recent scandals have shown how personal data is being collected, used, sold to third parties and misused by platforms;

^{1a} https://edps.europa.eu/press-publications/press-news/blog/sharing-caring-depends_en

Or. en

Amendment 180

Carmen Avram

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 c. Recalls that certain online intermediary service providers continue to engage in preferencing their own services and products, and invites the Commission to actively investigate new cases in which platforms engage in self-preferencing;

Or. en

Amendment 181
Carmen Avram

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 d. Calls the Commission to actively investigate cross-usage of data, in cases where data originating from one service offered by a platform is used to expand the platforms' offering to new services;

Or. en

Amendment 182
Carmen Avram, Jonás Fernández, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár, Nicola Danti, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play a major role in access to consumers for online services, some abuse their privileged position by acting as gatekeepers; calls on the Commission to conclude its preliminary investigation into

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play a major role in access to consumers for online services, some abuse their privileged position by acting as gatekeepers; calls on the Commission to conclude its preliminary investigation into

Spotify's complaint about Apple's anticompetitive practices and to launch a formal procedure as soon as possible;

Spotify's complaint about Apple's anticompetitive practices and to launch a formal procedure as soon as possible; ***moreover notes that the behaviour of powerful digital platforms is jeopardising competition law in that they often act as bottlenecks for third-party services and favour their own services, preventing consumers from benefiting from unfettered competition and innovation; notes furthermore that the Commission has received a series of complaints that big digital platforms prevent their direct competitors from offering consumers their best deals and from directly communicating with their customers, and make it difficult for consumers to use rival services; expects the Commission to act urgently to stop these discriminatory practices;***

Or. en

Amendment 183

Billy Kelleher, Monica Semedo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play a major role in access to consumers for online services, some abuse their privileged position ***by acting as gatekeepers; calls on the Commission to conclude its preliminary investigation into Spotify's complaint about Apple's anticompetitive practices and to launch a formal procedure as soon as possible;***

Amendment

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play a major role in access to consumers for online services, some abuse their privileged position ***which is ultimately to the detriment of the consumer;***

Or. en

Amendment 184

Enikő Győri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play a major role in access to consumers for online services, some abuse their privileged position by acting as gatekeepers; calls on the Commission to conclude its ***preliminary investigation into Spotify's complaint about Apple's anticompetitive practices and to launch a formal procedure as soon as possible***;

Amendment

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play a major role in access to consumers for online services, some abuse their privileged position by acting as gatekeepers; calls on the Commission to conclude its ***ongoing investigations***;

Or. en

Amendment 185
Paul Tang, Carmen Avram, Jonás Fernández, Costas Mavrides

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play a major role in access to consumers for online services, some abuse their privileged position by acting as gatekeepers; calls on the Commission to conclude its preliminary investigation into Spotify's complaint about Apple's anticompetitive practices and to launch a formal procedure as soon as possible;

Amendment

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play a major role in access to consumers for online services, some abuse their privileged position by acting as gatekeepers; calls on the Commission to ***give explicit attention in its competition policy to these gatekeepers and to*** conclude its preliminary investigation into Spotify's complaint about Apple's anticompetitive practices and to launch a formal procedure as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 186
Stefan Berger

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play a major role in access to consumers for online services, some abuse their privileged position by acting as gatekeepers; calls on the Commission to conclude its preliminary investigation into Spotify's complaint about *Apple's anticompetitive practices and to launch a formal procedure as soon as possible*;

Amendment

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play a major role in access to consumers for online services, some abuse their privileged position by acting as gatekeepers; calls on the Commission to conclude its preliminary investigation into Spotify's complaint about *Apple*;

Or. de

Amendment 187

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play a major role in access to consumers for online services, some abuse their privileged position by acting as gatekeepers; calls on the Commission to *conclude its preliminary investigation into Spotify's complaint about Apple's anticompetitive practices and to launch a formal procedure as soon as possible*;

Amendment

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play a major role in access to consumers for online services, some abuse their privileged position by acting as gatekeepers; calls on the Commission to *look into the issue of self-preferencing by vertically integrated digital platforms*;

Or. en

Amendment 188

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play a major role in access to consumers for online services, some abuse

Amendment

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play a major role in access to consumers for online services, some abuse

their privileged position by acting as gatekeepers; calls on the Commission to conclude its preliminary investigation into Spotify's complaint about Apple's anticompetitive practices **and** to launch a formal procedure **as soon as possible**;

their privileged position by acting as gatekeepers; calls on the Commission to conclude its preliminary investigation into Spotify's complaint about Apple's anticompetitive practices, to launch a formal procedure **when necessary and to investigate other similar cases**;

Or. en

Amendment 189

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play a major role in access to consumers for online services, some abuse their privileged position by acting as gatekeepers; calls on the Commission to conclude its preliminary investigation into Spotify's complaint about Apple's anticompetitive practices and to launch a formal procedure as soon as possible;

Amendment

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play a major role in access to consumers for online services, some abuse their privileged position by acting as gatekeepers; calls on the Commission to conclude its preliminary investigation into Spotify's complaint about Apple's **potential** anticompetitive practices and to launch a formal procedure as soon as possible **where applicable**;

Or. en

Amendment 190

Frances Fitzgerald

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play a major role in access to consumers for online services, some abuse their privileged position **by acting as gatekeepers**; calls on the Commission to **conclude its preliminary investigation into Spotify's complaint about Apple's**

Amendment

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play a major role in access to consumers for online services, some abuse their privileged position; calls on the Commission to **pay particular attention to such** practices and to **conclude its existing investigations and probes in this area** as

anticompetitive practices and to **launch a formal procedure** as soon as possible;

soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 191

Andreas Schwab, Eva Maydell

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play **a** major role in access to consumers for online services, some abuse their privileged position **by acting as gatekeepers; calls on** the Commission to **conclude its preliminary investigation into Spotify's complaint about Apple's anticompetitive practices and to launch a formal procedure as soon as possible;**

Amendment

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms **can** play major **gatekeeper** role in access to consumers for online services, some **may** abuse their privileged position; **in these cases invites** the Commission to **determine on a case-by-case basis whether a platform has a gatekeeper role and whether prompt and proportionate actions would maintain competition on the market;**

Or. en

Amendment 192

Raffaele Fitto, Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Johan Van Overtveldt, Bogdan Rzońca

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play a major role in access to consumers for online services, some abuse their privileged position by acting as gatekeepers; calls on the Commission to conclude its preliminary investigation into **Spotify's complaint** about **Apple's** anticompetitive practices **and to launch a formal procedure** as soon as possible;

Amendment

13. Stresses that, while intermediation platforms play a major role in access to consumers for online services, some **may** abuse their privileged position by acting as gatekeepers; calls on the Commission to conclude its preliminary investigation into **complaints** about **potentially** anticompetitive practices as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 193

Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq, Jonás Fernández, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár, Nicola Danti, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Notes that some dominant platforms have become gatekeepers of the Internet^{1a}; addressing and solving urgently the abuses that certain dominant digital platforms exercise over smaller direct competitors is essential for the future of the European digital single market and most importantly in the interest of European consumers; platforms self-preferencing their own services over others or discriminating direct competitors such as competing Apps should be carefully assessed by competition authorities;

1a

https://ec.europa.eu/information_society/newsroom/image/document/2016-7/uclouvain_et_universit_saint_louis_14044.pdf

Or. en

Amendment 194

Carmen Avram, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 b. Recalls that the online search market is of particular importance in ensuring competitive conditions within the digital single market; regrets that one search engine with over 92% of market

share in the online search market in most European Member States has become a gatekeeper of the Internet; calls for the input from all stakeholders, from the past 9 years of antitrust history, to be used to urgently assess if remedies proposed truly benefit consumers, internet users and online businesses in the long run; calls also on the Commission to consider a proposal aimed at unbundling search engines^{1a} from their commercial services to end the status quo and as one potential long-term means of achieving fair and effective competition in the European digital market;

1a

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-8-2014-0071_EN.html

Or. en

Amendment 195
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Encourages the Commission to increase freedom of choice for consumers and to set up a European consumer protection authority;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 196
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. **Encourages** the Commission to increase freedom of choice for consumers and **to set up** a European consumer protection authority;

Amendment

14. **Urges** the Commission to increase freedom of choice for consumers and **present a proposal for** a European consumer protection authority; **encourages the Commission to also present a proposal for an EU Digital Supervisor to monitor big digital stakeholders operating in the internal market with a view to protecting competition, data protection and democracy as well as fight discriminatory practices;**

Or. en

Amendment 197

Francesca Donato, Gunnar Beck, Marco Zanni, Valentino Grant, Antonio Maria Rinaldi, Herve Juvin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Encourages the Commission to increase freedom of choice for consumers **and to set up a European consumer protection authority;**

Amendment

14. Encourages the Commission to increase freedom of choice for consumers **by promoting tools that ensure the biggest transparency about the composition of products that impact on the consumers' health, in order to secure conscious choices and consumption;**

Or. en

Amendment 198

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Encourages the Commission to **increase** freedom of choice for consumers and to set up a European consumer

Amendment

14. Encourages the Commission to **continue with its work towards protecting** freedom of choice for consumers and to set

protection authority;

up a European consumer protection authority *with the aim to strengthen and expand the role of the European Consumer Network*;

Or. en

Amendment 199

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Encourages the Commission to increase freedom of choice for consumers *and to set up a European consumer protection authority*;

Amendment

14. Encourages the Commission *to set up a proper European consumer protection authority encompassing the Consumer Protection Cooperation network in order* to increase freedom of choice for consumers;

Or. en

Amendment 200

Stefan Berger, Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Encourages the Commission to increase freedom of choice for consumers and to *set up a European consumer protection authority*;

Amendment

14. Encourages the Commission to increase freedom of choice for consumers and to *strengthen the role of the ECC Network*;

Or. de

Amendment 201

Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. *Stresses that competition policy is about consumer welfare and consumer welfare is about innovation, quality, variety and price; however, competition law enforcement seems to be concentrated towards prices only and unable to deal with the new intermediaries (online and offline platforms) and their dual role and the impact of their practices on innovation, quality and variety; calls on the Commission to reassess competition policy and to identify the current loopholes;*

Or. en

Amendment 202

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Caroline Nagtegaal

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. *Stresses that it is in the interest of the European Union to have pan-European payment systems; calls on the Commission to support initiatives which meet this objective, recognising that their success depends both on the innovative nature of the system for consumers and businesses and on the viability of the economic model on which it is based;*

Or. en

Amendment 203

Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 b. *Takes note that the existence of a risk threshold or tipping point above which offline supermarkets own brands market shares in a product category, might turn their nowadays positive effects in to negative effects for the competitiveness of the EU agro-food Industrial system, for consumers and for the entire society as a whole;*

Or. en

Amendment 204

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. *Points out the need for the Commission to have adequate resources to be able to effectively enforce EU competition rules; notes the need to ensure specific expertise especially on growing issues such as dominant positions of online platforms;*

Or. en

Amendment 205

Stefan Berger, Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. *Points out that the heavy fines imposed are often discounted in advance by businesses and ultimately passed on to consumers;*

deleted

Amendment 206

Manon Aubry

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Points out that the heavy fines imposed are often discounted in advance by businesses and ultimately passed on to consumers;

Amendment

15. Points out that the heavy fines imposed are often discounted in advance by businesses and ultimately passed on to consumers; ***stresses that the fines are not sufficient to fight the practices of several Member States to grant indirect state aid to companies with tax rulings; notes that Member States together with companies are attacking those fines before the European Court of Justice; notes that the Court confirmed the violation of competition rules by HSBC but decided to annul the fines, considering the Commission did not sufficiently explain how it was calculated; calls on the Commission to present a precise and transparent methodology on how it calculate fines;***

Or. en

Amendment 207

Paul Tang, Carmen Avram, Rovana Plumb, Costas Mavrides, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Points out that the heavy fines imposed are often discounted in advance by businesses and ultimately passed on to consumers;

Amendment

15. Points out that the heavy fines imposed are often discounted in advance by businesses and ultimately passed on to consumers; ***calls on the Commission to impose a new framework for fines, including the possibility of data fines which obliges companies to open source a***

*specific percentage of their raw
anonymised data in order to generate
more competition;*

Or. en

Amendment 208

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Points out that the heavy fines imposed are often *discounted in advance* by businesses and ultimately passed on to consumers;

Amendment

15. Points out that the heavy fines imposed are often *not of big impact on* businesses and *may* ultimately *be* passed on to consumers; *calls on the Commission to look at alternative behavioural and structural remedies including the full structural unbundling of entities in order to fully ensure the effectiveness of EU competition policy;*

Or. en

Amendment 209

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Ondřej Kovařík, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Points out that the heavy fines imposed are often discounted in advance by businesses and ultimately passed on to consumers;

Amendment

15. *Stresses the role of fines on the reputation of the companies penalised;* points out that the heavy fines imposed are *not deterrent enough*, often discounted in advance by businesses and ultimately passed on to consumers; *calls on the Commission to make use of all existing remedies;*

Or. en

Amendment 210
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Points out that the heavy fines imposed are often discounted in advance by businesses and ultimately passed on to consumers;

Amendment

15. Points out that the heavy fines imposed are often discounted in advance by businesses and ultimately passed on to consumers; ***stresses that behavioural as well as structural remedies might therefore be more effective in certain cases;***

Or. en

Amendment 211
Stefan Berger, Christophe Hansen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

15a. Calls on the Commission to create a fair trading environment for all stakeholders to support innovation in the EU, value creation, choice and quality for consumers, and, in addition, to carry out a comprehensive analysis of the need to adapt EU competition policy to current market developments in the retail sector, including concentration and abusive practices;

Or. de

Amendment 212
Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq, Jonás Fernández, Andreas Schwab, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. *Notes also that in lengthy antitrust digital cases, fines have proven their limits in putting an end to certain discriminatory practices; underlines that fines are simply a calculated cost of doing business for dominant technology companies that see the European single market as a market worth paying for; urges the Commission to urgently look at alternative behavioural and structural remedies; in particular the cease-and-desist order should be much more prescriptive in upcoming remedies;*

Or. en

Amendment 213

Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq, Jonás Fernández, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár, Nicola Danti, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 b. *Welcomes the initiative of Commissioner Vestager to review the market definition concept; recalls that digitisation has indeed created new challenges; stresses that it can be difficult for consumers to switch from one ecosystem to another despite a specific ecosystem is not dominant apparently, however the ecosystems can leave consumers locked in, interoperability reduced and therefore consumer choices limited^{1a};*

^{1a}

<https://ec.europa.eu/competition/publications/reports/kd0419345enn.pdf>

Or. en

Amendment 214

Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq, Jonás Fernández, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár, Nicola Danti, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 c. Calls on the Commission to take a particularly careful look at closed ecosystems, where the same providers control different layers of the market, such as operating systems, intermediation services and vertical services, as also underlined in the report “Competition policy for the digital era”^{1a};

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<https://ec.europa.eu/competition/publications/reports/kd0419345enn.pdf>

Or. en

Amendment 215

Carmen Avram

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 d. Calls on the Commission to take into consideration anti-competitive practices in the digital travel and transport sector harming consumer choice and to tackle them effectively in the ongoing evaluation of the Code of Conduct for CRS^{1a} and the Regulation on Air Service^{1b};

^{1a} Regulation (EC) No 80/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 January 2009 on a Code of Conduct for computerised reservation systems and

repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 2299/89

^{1b} Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 September 2008 on common rules for the operation of air services in the Community

Or. en

Amendment 216

Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq, Paul Tang

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses the slowness of the application of antitrust rules; stresses the financial and structural risk to which some actors are exposed if they initiate lengthy and costly proceedings; calls on the Commission to consider setting deadlines which take into account the economic timeframe of businesses;

Amendment

16. Stresses the slowness of the application of antitrust rules; stresses the financial and structural risk to which some actors are exposed if they initiate lengthy and costly proceedings; calls on the Commission to consider setting deadlines which take into account the economic timeframe of businesses; ***recalls that for example the antitrust investigation into the Google Shopping began in 2010^{1a}, while fully guaranteeing the right of defence, clearly competition authorities need to act faster if we want to avoid further Regulations;***

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https://ec.europa.eu/competition/publications/annual_report/2017/part1_en.pdf

Or. en

Amendment 217

Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses the slowness of the application of antitrust rules; stresses the financial and structural risk to which some actors are exposed if they initiate lengthy and costly proceedings; calls on the Commission to ***consider setting deadlines which take into account the economic timeframe of businesses;***

Amendment

16. Stresses the slowness of the application of antitrust rules; stresses the financial and structural risk to which some actors are exposed if they initiate lengthy and costly proceedings; calls on the Commission to ***find new incentives that can make companies more collaborative and proceedings faster as well it already did to track down cartels across Europe by introducing the Leniency Programme;***

Or. en

Amendment 218
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses the slowness of the application of antitrust rules; stresses the financial and structural risk to which some actors are exposed if they initiate lengthy and costly proceedings; calls on the Commission to consider setting deadlines which take into account the economic timeframe of businesses;

Amendment

16. Stresses the slowness of the application of antitrust rules, ***which are particularly poor fit for fast-moving digital markets;*** stresses the financial and structural risk to which some actors are exposed if they initiate lengthy and costly proceedings; calls on the Commission to consider setting deadlines which take into account the economic timeframe of businesses;

Or. en

Amendment 219
Billy Kelleher, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Monica Semedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses the slowness of the application of antitrust rules; stresses the

Amendment

16. Stresses the slowness of the application of antitrust rules; stresses the

financial and structural risk to which some actors are exposed if they initiate lengthy and costly proceedings; calls on the Commission to consider setting deadlines which take into account the economic timeframe of businesses;

financial and structural risk to which some actors are exposed if they initiate lengthy and costly proceedings; calls on the Commission to consider setting deadlines which take into account the economic timeframe of businesses; ***stresses, however, that due process must be observed;***

Or. en

Amendment 220

José Manuel García-Margallo y Marfil

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses the slowness of the application of antitrust rules; stresses the financial and structural risk to which some actors are exposed if they initiate lengthy and costly proceedings; calls on the Commission to consider setting deadlines which take into account the economic timeframe of businesses;

Amendment

16. Stresses the slowness of the application of antitrust rules; stresses the financial and structural risk to which some actors are exposed if they initiate lengthy and costly proceedings; calls on the Commission to consider setting deadlines which take into account the economic timeframe of businesses ***in order to speed up antitrust procedures;***

Or. en

Amendment 221

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses the ***slowness of the application*** of antitrust ***rules***; stresses the financial and structural ***risk*** to which some actors are exposed if they initiate lengthy and costly proceedings; calls on the Commission to consider setting deadlines

Amendment

16. Stresses the ***long time needed by the Commission between the opening and closing*** of antitrust ***cases***; stresses the financial and structural ***risks*** to which some actors are exposed if they initiate lengthy and costly proceedings; calls on

which take into account the economic timeframe of businesses;

the Commission to consider setting deadlines which take into account the economic timeframe of businesses;

Or. en

Amendment 222

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses the slowness of the application of antitrust rules; stresses the financial and structural risk to which some actors are exposed if they initiate lengthy and costly proceedings; calls on the Commission to consider setting deadlines which take into account the economic timeframe of businesses;

Amendment

16. Stresses ***the damaging effect resulting from*** the slowness of the application of antitrust rules; stresses the financial and structural risk to which some actors are exposed if they initiate lengthy and costly proceedings; calls on the Commission to consider setting deadlines which take into account the economic timeframe of businesses;

Or. en

Amendment 223

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Ondřej Kovařík, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses the slowness of the application of antitrust rules; stresses the financial and structural risk to which some actors are exposed if they initiate lengthy and costly proceedings; calls on the Commission to consider setting deadlines which take into account the economic timeframe of businesses;

Amendment

16. Stresses the slowness of the application of antitrust rules; stresses the financial and structural risk to which some actors are exposed if they initiate lengthy and costly proceedings; calls on the Commission to consider setting deadlines ***and fast track procedures*** which take into account the economic timeframe of businesses;

Or. en

Amendment 224
Andreas Schwab, Carmen Avram

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Stresses the urgent need to **adopt precautionary measures to adapt to the rapid development of new markets and to stop any practice which would seriously harm** competition; calls on the Commission to relax the criteria for these measures in order to avoid any irreversible damage;

Amendment

17. Stresses the urgent need to **re-evaluate an use more frequently of specific measures such as interim measures as well as other structural and behavioural remedies, in addition to fines to prevent irreversible distortions of competition capable of irrevocably destroying the competition on the market, by harming competing European companies and in particular SMEs, and resulting in consumer detriment**; calls on the Commission to relax the criteria for these measures in order to avoid any irreversible damage; **calls on the Commission to revise the Notice on Remedies (2008/C 267/01) by taking into account the developments and evolution of the digital sector over the last years**;

Or. en

Amendment 225
Stefan Berger, Christophe Hansen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Stresses the urgent need to adopt precautionary measures to adapt to the rapid development of new markets and to stop any practice which would seriously harm competition; calls on the Commission to relax the criteria for these measures in order to avoid any irreversible damage;

Amendment

17. Stresses the urgent need to adopt precautionary measures to adapt to the rapid development of new markets and to stop any practice which would seriously harm competition; calls on the Commission to relax the criteria for these measures, **while respecting the rule of law**, in order to avoid any irreversible damage;

Amendment 226

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Stresses the urgent need to adopt precautionary measures to adapt to the rapid development of new markets and to stop any practice which would seriously harm competition; calls on the Commission to relax the criteria for these measures in order to avoid any irreversible damage;

Amendment

17. Stresses the urgent need to adopt precautionary measures to adapt to the rapid development of new markets and to stop any practice which would seriously harm competition; calls on the Commission to relax the criteria for these measures, ***especially on the burden of proof***, in order to avoid any irreversible damage;

Or. en

Amendment 227

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Stresses the ***urgent*** need to ***adopt*** precautionary measures to adapt to the rapid development of new markets and to stop any practice which would seriously harm competition; ***calls on the Commission to relax the criteria for these measures in order to avoid any irreversible damage;***

Amendment

17. Stresses the need to ***look into the possibility of making more frequent use of*** precautionary measures to adapt to the rapid development of new markets and to stop any practice which would seriously harm competition;

Or. en

Amendment 228

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Ondřej Kovařík, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Stresses the urgent need to adopt **precautionary** measures to adapt to the rapid development of new markets and to stop any practice which would seriously harm competition; calls on the Commission to relax the criteria for these measures in order to avoid any irreversible damage;

Amendment

17. Stresses the urgent need to adopt **interim** measures to adapt to the rapid development of new markets and to stop any practice which would seriously harm competition; calls on the Commission to relax the criteria for these measures in order to avoid any irreversible damage;

Or. en

Amendment 229

Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq, Jonás Fernández, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. Urges the Commission to be more attentive to the phenomenon of companies grabbing significant market shares through questionable practices; whilst antitrust rules cannot stop companies from exploiting workers, operating without the required licenses, ignoring data privacy regulations, or circumventing taxes, any position built on violating the law or fundamental rights should be considered illegitimate;

Or. en

Amendment 230
Monica Semedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. Relatives however that such precautionary measures need to be conducted on a case by case basis and cannot become a general policy as it would compromise the attractiveness of the Single Market;

Or. en

Amendment 231

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Deplores the fact that, despite repeated requests, the Commission has still not completed the investigation into Google Shopping which began in 2010; stresses that, in the absence of targeted and effective behavioural remedies that have been tested in advance with the undertaking which is the victim, a complete structural separation of general and specialised research services may be necessary;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 232

Billy Kelleher

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Deplores the fact that, despite repeated requests, the Commission has still not completed the investigation into Google Shopping which began in 2010; stresses that, in the absence of targeted

deleted

and effective behavioural remedies that have been tested in advance with the undertaking which is the victim, a complete structural separation of general and specialised research services may be necessary;

Or. en

Amendment 233

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. *Deplores the fact that, despite repeated requests, the Commission has still not completed the investigation into Google Shopping which began in 2010; stresses that, in the absence of targeted and effective behavioural remedies that have been tested in advance with the undertaking which is the victim, a complete structural separation of general and specialised research services **may be** necessary;*

Amendment

18. *Welcomes the European Commission's continued efforts to address abusive behavior by large platforms; calls on the Commission to revisit cases where the remedies offered have clearly been ineffective in restoring competition to the market, as has been the case in Google Shopping; stresses that, in the absence of targeted and effective behavioural remedies that have been tested in advance with the undertaking which is the victim, a complete structural separation of general and specialised research services **maybe** necessary; **underlines that compared with structural remedies, behavioral remedies could offer a time-efficient solution, mitigating the possibility that competitors are forced out of the market during prolonged discussions on divestiture;***

Or. en

Amendment 234

Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq, Paul Tang

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Deplores the fact that, despite repeated requests, the Commission has still not completed the investigation into Google Shopping which began in 2010; stresses that, in the absence of targeted and effective behavioural remedies that have been tested in advance with the undertaking which is the victim, a complete structural separation of general and specialised research services may be necessary;

Amendment

18. Deplores the fact that, despite repeated requests, the Commission has still not completed the investigation into Google Shopping which began in 2010; stresses that, in the absence of targeted and effective behavioural remedies that have been tested in advance with the undertaking which is the victim, a complete structural separation of general and specialised research services may be necessary; ***Given the limits of "cease and desist" orders; encourages the Commission to prescribe an effective behavioural remedy to address the abuse in Google Shopping^{1a} and restore competition to the comparison shopping services market;***

1a

https://ec.europa.eu/competition/publications/annual_report/2017/part1_en.pdf

Or. en

Amendment 235
Carmen Avram

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Deplores the fact that, despite repeated requests, the Commission has still not completed the investigation into Google Shopping which began in 2010; stresses that, in the absence of targeted and effective behavioural remedies that have been tested in advance with the undertaking which is the victim, a complete structural separation of general and specialised research services may be necessary;

Amendment

18. Deplores the fact that, despite repeated requests, the Commission has still not completed the investigation into Google Shopping which began in 2010; stresses that, in the absence of targeted and effective behavioural remedies that have been tested in advance with the undertaking which is the victim, a complete structural separation of general and specialised research services may be necessary; ***calls on the Commission to launch a formal procedure against***

Google for abuse of dominance in other specialised search services, including local search;

Or. en

Amendment 236

Andreas Schwab, Carmen Avram

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Deplores the fact that, despite repeated requests, the Commission has still not ***completed the investigation into Google Shopping which began in 2010***; stresses that, in the absence of targeted and effective behavioural remedies that have been tested in advance with the undertaking which is the victim, a complete structural separation of general and specialised research services may be necessary;

Amendment

18. Deplores the fact that, despite repeated requests, the Commission has still not ***achieved proper remedies in some case reported (Google Shopping case^{1a})***; stresses that, in the absence of targeted and effective behavioural remedies that have been tested in advance with the undertaking which is the victim, a complete structural separation of general and specialised research services may be necessary;

1a

https://ec.europa.eu/competition/publications/annual_report/2017/part1_en.pdf

Or. en

Amendment 237

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. ***Deplores*** the fact that, ***despite repeated requests***, the Commission ***has still not*** completed the investigation into Google Shopping which began in 2010;

Amendment

18. ***Notes*** the fact that the Commission completed ***in June 2017*** the investigation into Google Shopping which began in 2010; stresses that, in the absence of

stresses that, in the absence of targeted and effective behavioural remedies that have been tested in advance with the undertaking *which is the victim*, a complete structural separation of general and specialised research services may be necessary;

targeted and effective behavioural remedies that have been tested in advance with the *affected* undertaking, a complete structural separation of general and specialised research services may be necessary;

Or. en

Amendment 238

Raffaele Fitto, Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Johan Van Overtveldt, Bogdan Rzońca, Eugen Jurzyca

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. *Deplores the fact that, despite repeated requests*, the Commission has *still not* completed *the* investigation into Google Shopping which began in 2010; stresses that, in the absence of targeted and effective behavioural remedies that have been tested in advance with the undertaking which is the victim, a complete structural separation of general and specialised research services may be necessary;

Amendment

18. *Notes that* the Commission has completed *its* investigation into Google Shopping which began in 2010 *but that Google is still appealing the decision*; stresses that, in the absence of targeted and effective behavioural remedies that have been tested in advance with the undertaking which is the victim, a complete structural separation of general and specialised research services may be necessary;

Or. en

Amendment 239

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. *Calls on the Commission to issue guidance on the interpretation of “Significant Impediment to effective Competition” under the Merger*

Regulation so that in cases of merger, the Commission does not only look at prices, output and innovation but also pay attention to the social and environmental costs of such transactions in light of the TFEU principles including environmental protection;

Or. en

Amendment 240
Andreas Schwab, Carmen Avram, Nicola Danti

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. Calls on the Commission to inquire about this new checking account service that will be provided to consumers by some of the world's biggest tech companies in forthcoming years; in particular their entry into this new digital financial market and the huge amount of data they will gather from their consumers and the potential use of it;

Or. en

Amendment 241
Manon Aubry

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. Considers that access to the EU internal market must depend on compliance with sanitary, phytosanitary and environmental standards; calls on the Commission to ensure the EU trade and competition policy doesn't undermine the respect of EU social and ecological standards or undermine the development

of more ambition standards;

Or. en

Amendment 242

**Carmen Avram, Jonás Fernández, Andreas Schwab, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár,
Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. Calls on the European Commission to revise its policy when it comes to commitments and remedies in digital antitrust cases; calls for the cease-and-desist order to be revised, become much more prescriptive and include obligations and indications in order to change discriminatory conducts;

Or. en

Amendment 243

Markus Ferber

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. Invites the European Commission to complement the concept of dominance with concept such as dependency and/or relative market power;

Or. en

Amendment 244

Manon Aubry

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 b. Welcomes the modernization of trade defence instruments and the development of new instruments to protect European companies from unfair competition arising from difference of social and environmental standards with third countries; points out, however, inconsistency between these defence instruments and the EU trade Policy, especially the signature by the Commission of a free trade agreement with Japan even though it has not ratified 2 of the 8 ILO conventions; calls on the Commission to examine whether the trade defence instruments are consistent with the EU trade policy, especially free trade agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 245

Carmen Avram, Alfred Sant, Aurore Lalucq, Jonás Fernández, Andreas Schwab, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár, Joachim Schuster

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 b. Reaffirms the need for the EC Directorate General for Competition to be fully equipped also with experts on artificial intelligence and tech engineer's specialists in order to fully understand and evaluate the remedies that are presented by the dominant technology companies with the aim to ensure fair competition in the digital sector;

Or. en

**Amendment 246
Manon Aubry**

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 c. Points out that disparities in labour law within the internal market, especially minimum wages, result in unfair competition between companies displacing their workforce and companies that do not; considers that the EU should address market distortions created by social dumping; acknowledges the commitment of the Commission to propose in the 100 first days of the mandate a legal instrument to ensure European workers receive a decent minimum wage; stresses, however, that setting a minimum wage by country will not be sufficient to guarantee a decent remuneration to all European workers and to put an end to unfair competition arising from disparities in labour law; calls on the Commission to propose a legal instrument toward a common decent European minimum wage;

Or. en

Amendment 247
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Sectoral policies

Other sectoral policies

Or. en

Amendment 248
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission to make more systematic use of investigations in sectors that are essential to the everyday life of citizens, such as transport and the media, in the digital age;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to make more systematic use of investigations in sectors that are essential to the everyday life of citizens, such as transport and the media, in the digital age, ***if there is evidence for abuse of dominant market positions***;

Or. en

Amendment 249

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Billy Kelleher, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission to make more systematic use of investigations in sectors that are essential to the everyday life of citizens, such as transport and the media, in the digital age;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to make more systematic use of investigations in sectors that are essential to the everyday life of citizens, such as ***urban*** transport, ***online advertising, financial services*** and the media, in the digital age;

Or. en

Amendment 250

José Manuel García-Margallo y Marfil

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission to make more systematic use of investigations in sectors that are essential to the everyday life of citizens, such as transport and the

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to make more systematic use of investigations in sectors that are essential to the everyday life of citizens, such as ***digital***

media, in the digital age;

services, transport and the media, in the digital age;

Or. en

Amendment 251
Stefan Berger, Christophe Hansen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission to make more systematic use of investigations in sectors that are essential to the everyday life of citizens, such as transport *and the media*, in the digital age;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to make more systematic use of investigations in sectors that are essential to the everyday life of citizens, such as transport, *the media and payment systems*, in the digital age;

Or. de

Amendment 252
Carmen Avram

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission to make more systematic use of investigations in sectors that are essential to the everyday life of citizens, such as transport and the media, in the digital age;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to make more systematic use of investigations in sectors that are essential to the everyday life of citizens, such as *digital travel*, transport, and the media, in the digital age;

Or. en

Amendment 253
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission to make more systematic use of investigations in sectors that are essential to the everyday life of citizens, such as transport **and** the media, in the digital age;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to make more systematic use of investigations in sectors that are essential to the everyday life of citizens, such as transport, the media **and culture** in the digital age;

Or. en

Amendment 254

Esther de Lange

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. Underlines in that regard the importance of the health sector to European citizens and urges the European Commission to carefully analyse whether increased competition, for example the obligation in certain Member States to use public tenders in the field of the provision of health and social care, might have unintended negative consequences on the quality of this care and how this can be addressed;

Or. en

Amendment 255

Francesca Donato, Marco Zanni, Alessandra Basso

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. Calls on the Commission to include in the State Aid refit work the necessary Guidelines that concern all the sectors which shall be directly impacted by the European Green Deal, such as, for instance, the maritime and river transport

one;

Or. en

Amendment 256

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. Reiterates its alarm at the concentration in the European food supply chain and emphasises that European consumers and small-scale farmers are those most negatively affected through a concentrated food market structure;

Or. en

Amendment 257

Billy Kelleher

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. Calls on the Commission to take note of the presence of national monopolies and oligopolies as a potential signal of the existence of weaknesses in the Single Market or barriers to fair competition;

Or. en

Amendment 258

Carmen Avram

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. Stresses the importance of metasearch comparison platforms in digital travel and tourism as drivers of competition which lead to an informed marketplace by offering transparency and more choices to European consumers;

Or. en

Amendment 259
Carmen Avram

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 b. Calls on the Commission to implement measures that effectively tackle anti-competitive practices by dominant players that may undermine European consumers' ability to make informed choices using a variety of online channels, including metasearch comparison services and online travel agents;

Or. en

Amendment 260
Manon Aubry

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Reiterates that taxation is *sometimes* used to grant indirect State aid, creating an uneven playing field in the internal market;

20. Reiterates that taxation is used *by several Member States* to grant indirect State aid, creating an uneven playing field in the internal market *between SMEs, new entrants and multinational corporations, since aggressive tax planning is only*

available to them; deplores that very few progress have been made to end this unfair competition and stop the race to the bottom on corporate tax levels; deplores that several relevant legislative proposals are blocked by the Council; urges the Council to adopt the proposal on the CCCTB and the public country-by-country reporting; urges the Commission and the Council to tackle harmful tax practices of Member States and set a credible list of non-cooperative jurisdictions;

Or. en

Amendment 261

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Reiterates that taxation is sometimes used to grant indirect State aid, creating an uneven playing field in the internal market;

Amendment

20. Reiterates that taxation is sometimes used to grant indirect State aid, creating an uneven playing field in the internal market; *welcomes the judgments of the General Court on the validity of the European Commission's decision on aid granted by Luxembourg to Fiat Chrysler Finance Europe which confirms that a selective advantage through a tax ruling may constitute state aid that is unlawful and incompatible with the internal market and that the examination by the Commission of a tax ruling from the point of view of state aid rules does not constitute "tax harmonisation";*

Or. en

Amendment 262

Marek Belka

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Reiterates that taxation is sometimes used to grant indirect State aid, creating an uneven playing field in the internal market;

Amendment

20. Reiterates that taxation is sometimes used to grant indirect State aid, creating an uneven playing field in the internal market; ***therefore, concerning investigations of tax deals or benefits for large multinational companies which may disturb the competition amongst enterprises in the EU, calls on the Commission to show relevant devotion and strictness;***

Or. en

Amendment 263

Paul Tang, Carmen Avram, Rovana Plumb, Costas Mavrides, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Reiterates that taxation is sometimes used to grant indirect State aid, creating an uneven playing field in the internal market;

Amendment

20. Reiterates that taxation is sometimes used to grant indirect State aid, creating an uneven playing field in the internal market; ***and promulgating a race to the bottom in corporate taxation levels; calls upon the Commission to be particularly strict in investigating tax benefits to multinational corporations;***

Or. en

Amendment 264

Jessica Polfjärd

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Reiterates that taxation is

Amendment

20. Reiterates that taxation, ***while being***

sometimes used to grant indirect State aid, creating an uneven playing field in the internal market;

a national competence, is sometimes used to grant indirect State aid, creating an uneven playing field in the internal market;

Or. en

Amendment 265

Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq, Jonás Fernández, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. *Reiterates that taxation is sometimes used* to grant indirect State aid, creating an uneven playing field in the internal market;

Amendment

20. *Deplores the usage of tax rulings and advanced pricing arrangements* to grant indirect State aid, creating an uneven playing field in the internal market;

Or. en

Amendment 266

Eero Heinäluoma

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Reiterates that taxation is *sometimes* used to grant indirect State aid, creating an uneven playing field in the internal market;

Amendment

20. Reiterates that taxation is *far too often* used to grant indirect State aid, creating an uneven playing field in the internal market;

Or. en

Amendment 267

Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq, Jonás Fernández, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár, Nicola Danti, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 a. *Stresses that in order to achieve a more coherent EU economic policy; fair tax policy should be implemented at the European level in particular with regard to digital businesses; recalls the principle that companies should be taxed where their profits are generated should be applied; supports the commitment of the Commission President to propose an EU solution for a fair taxation in a digitalised and globalised economy, should an international deal not be reached by the end of 2020, on the condition that this EU solution is not limited to digital businesses; understands that such solution would strengthen the Single Market through the establishment of a minimum level of tax that would prevent unilateral measures;*

Or. en

Amendment 268

Monica Semedo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 a. *Recalls that a number of State aid rules adopted as part of the State Aid Modernisation are due to expire by the end of 2020; the evaluation which has been launched in January 2019 should also take into account long-term considerations of the new European Commission as well as the view of the newly elected European Parliament;*

Or. en

Amendment 269

Derk Jan Eppink, Johan Van Overtveldt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 a. *Emphasises that the notion of selectivity in State aid is an essential criterion that needs to be investigated thoroughly; notes that this concept is not free from discussion, especially not in tax cases; believes that an exception from a tax system is not selective if it is a priori open to all tax payers;*

Or. en

Amendment 270
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 a. *Calls on the Commission to update its existing guidelines on the notion of state aid to ensure that Member States do not grant state aid in the form of a tax advantage; calls on the Commission to look into the possibility to fine countries found in breach of EU state aid rules;*

Or. en

Amendment 271
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 a. *Points out that the European Commission should be granted access to*

the information that is being regularly exchanged between national tax authorities in order to be able to detect violations of competition rules;

Or. en

Amendment 272
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 b. Welcomes the European Commission's vigilance in enforcing state-aid rules in the area of taxation; points out that Commission rulings are often challenged in court and therefore need to be thoroughly prepared;

Or. en

Amendment 273
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Calls on the Commission to fully mobilise the state aid modernisation strategy, in particular for the energy transition;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 274
Eero Heinäluoma

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the Commission to fully mobilise the state aid modernisation strategy, in particular for the energy transition;

Amendment

21. Calls on the Commission to fully mobilise the state aid modernisation strategy, in particular for the energy transition; ***calls further on the Commission to follow the example of the UK Competition and market authority to investigate thoroughly and to propose further measures to address the quasi monopoly of the big four accountancy companies auditing the largest listed companies; highlights in this respect the recommendations of the UK Competition and market authority recommending for the separation of audit from consulting services, as well as the set up of mandatory 'joint audit' to enable firms outside the Big 4 to develop the capacity needed to review the biggest companies;***

Or. en

Amendment 275

Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq, Paul Tang

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the Commission to fully mobilise the state aid modernisation strategy, in particular for the energy transition;

Amendment

21. Calls on the Commission to fully mobilise the state aid modernisation strategy ***and apply flexibility when Member States will want to give state aid to companies for green sustainable projects trying to achieve EU green deal targets***, in particular for the energy transition ***and taking into account the EU Green Deal; stresses the need for the Commission to also monitor potential negative side-effects where certain big companies will go "green" but then use public aid for other objectives such as reinforcing its dominant position in a given sector;***

Amendment 276

Manon Aubry

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the Commission to fully mobilise the state aid modernisation strategy, in particular for the energy transition;

Amendment

21. Calls on the Commission to fully mobilise the state aid modernisation strategy, in particular for the energy transition, ***rail transport, refurbishment of buildings; calls on the Commission to evaluate and review the rules for services of general economic interest and the General block exemption regulation to ensure full consistency with the European Green Deal; considers this evaluation as well as the ongoing evaluation of other State aid rules should include impact assessment on inequalities and environment;***

Amendment 277

Monica Semedo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the Commission to fully mobilise the state aid modernisation strategy, in particular for the energy transition;

Amendment

21. Calls on the Commission to fully mobilise ***and reform*** the state aid modernisation strategy, in particular for the energy transition ***as the upcoming requirements of the New Green Deal for EU companies will be higher in comparison to the EU 2020 strategy which focused on creating the conditions for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth;***

Amendment 278

Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the Commission to fully mobilise the state aid modernisation strategy, in particular *for the energy transition*;

Amendment

21. Calls on the Commission to fully mobilise the state aid modernisation strategy; in particular *supports the Commission to review the state aid guidelines by taking into account the new European Green Deal in order to allow national governments to directly support investments in clean energy*;

Or. en

Amendment 279

Raffaele Fitto, Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Johan Van Overtveldt, Bogdan Rzońca, Eugen Jurzyca

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the Commission to fully mobilise the state aid modernisation strategy, *in particular for the energy transition*;

Amendment

21. Calls on the Commission to fully mobilise the state aid modernisation strategy; *notes that the definition of the energy mix of Member States remains a national competence; considers that the high diversification of energy mixes across the EU contributes to the EU's energy security*;

Or. en

Amendment 280

Francesca Donato, Marco Zanni, Valentino Grant, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the Commission to fully mobilise the state aid modernisation strategy, in particular for the energy transition;

Amendment

21. Calls on the Commission to fully mobilise the state aid modernisation strategy, in particular for the energy transition ***and to fix the infrastructural gaps between regions which affect negatively on competitiveness;***

Or. en

Amendment 281
Stefan Berger, Christophe Hansen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the Commission to fully mobilise the state aid modernisation strategy, in particular for the energy transition;

Amendment

21. Calls on the Commission to fully mobilise the State aid modernisation strategy ***and to apply the ‘just transition’ principles,*** in particular for the energy transition;

Or. de

Amendment 282
Monica Semedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. Calls on the Commission to recognise the challenges for micro and small enterprises throughout the sectors when it comes to the requirements based on the Paris Agreement and the upcoming New Green Deal; urges therefore to review the de minimis regulation, in particularly the ceiling of 200.000 € per

undertaking over a three year period; a reduction of the three year period or a higher ceiling is needed to support SMEs which neither hold the technological know-how nor the funding to go through a sustainable and viable transition in the next 20 to 30 years;

Or. en

Amendment 283

Carmen Avram, Alfred Sant, Aurore Lalucq, Jonás Fernández, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. With regard to the food sector, calls on the Commission to guarantee fair competition and greater transparency in supermarket and hypermarkets chains commercial practices; European farmers should receive a fair price for their products; stresses the need for the Commission to look at hypermarkets powers in the distribution chain and commercial practices in placing competing products on the shelves;

Or. en

Amendment 284

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. Calls on the Commission to continue to pay particular attention to the provision of services of general economic interest (SGEI) when applying EU State aid rules; notes certain difficulties in

applying the rules of the Almunia package for certain SGEIs, such as the postal sector, whose public service missions may, in accordance with European law, be defined and organised at national level by law;

Or. en

Amendment 285
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. Repeats its calls on the Commission to give particular attention to the delivery of services of general economic interest (SGEI) including energy, transport and telecommunication, when applying EU state aid rules, especially in the context of state support dedicated to isolated, remote or peripheral regions in the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 286
Carmen Avram, Alfred Sant, Aurore Lalucq

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 b. Calls on the Commission to devote special attention to supermarkets and hypermarkets bargaining powers with their clients and suppliers; notes that supermarkets and hypermarkets actions often serve their own interests and not necessarily those of their customers; in particular, hypermarkets sovereignty may permit deliberate damage to brand value,

restrict product choice, cut corners on their own brands quality, limit price comparability, restrict innovation and allow for the manipulation of prices to distort category price architectures in their favour;

Or. en

Amendment 287

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Ondřej Kovařík, Luis Garicano

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 b. Calls on the Commission to include in the REFIT exercise all State Aid Guidelines that concern sectors which will be directly impacted by the Green Deal in order to check their effectiveness, relevance and that they do not have distortive effects on other sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 288

Carmen Avram

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 c (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 c. Regarding State Aid in the aviation sector; Regrets that the Alitalia EUR 900 millions rescue loan case^{1a} is taking so long for the Commission to decide on given that the violation of the EU rescue rules seem evident; underlines that this case raises some legitimate questions regarding the application of EU Rescue and restructuring aid rules; notes that Italy has just approved a further EUR

400 million loan to the national airline despite no restructuring has been approved, this EUR 400 million aid has not been notified the Commission; stresses that this case is a bad precedent for other companies “in difficulty” that might copy the Alitalia example and raise doubts on the uniform application of EU rules;

1a

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_18_3501

Or. en

Amendment 289
Carmen Avram

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 d. Welcomes the recent announcement to revise the Energy Taxation Directive in the Communication on the European Green Deal; calls on the Commission examine whether the current tax exemptions, notably on kerosene for the aviation and maritime sectors, provide for unfair cross-sector competition conditions; asks that the Commission includes legal instruments to remedy any such distortion in its review of the EU competition rules in order to swiftly close any identified loopholes;

Or. en

Amendment 290
Manon Aubry

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Calls on the Commission to examine the discrepancies between the rules on State aid in the area of liquidation aid and the resolution regime under the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive, and following that to revise its 2013 Banking Communication accordingly;

Amendment

22. Calls on the Commission to examine the discrepancies between the rules on State aid in the area of liquidation aid and the resolution regime under the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive, and following that to revise its 2013 Banking Communication accordingly; ***reiterates its request for the Commission to examine whether banking institutions have, since the onset of the crisis, benefited from implicit subsidies and State aid through the provision of liquidity support from central banks;***

Or. en

Amendment 291

Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Johan Van Overtveldt, Bogdan Rzońca, Eugen Jurzyca

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Calls on the Commission to examine the discrepancies between the rules on State aid in the area of liquidation aid and the resolution regime under the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive, and following that to revise its 2013 Banking Communication accordingly;

Amendment

22. ***Considers that it is a priority to ensure that State aid rules are strictly and impartially adhered to when dealing with future banking crises, so that taxpayers are protected against the burden of bank rescues;*** calls ***in this regard*** on the Commission to examine the discrepancies between the rules on State aid in the area of liquidation aid and the resolution regime under the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive, and following that to revise its 2013 Banking Communication accordingly;

Or. en

Amendment 292

Eero Heinäluoma

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Calls on the Commission to examine the discrepancies between the rules on State aid in the area of liquidation aid and the resolution regime under the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive, and following that to revise its 2013 Banking Communication accordingly;

Amendment

22. ***In order to enhance coherence with existing legislation*** calls on the Commission to examine ***urgently*** the discrepancies between the rules on State aid in the area of liquidation aid and the resolution regime under the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive, and following that to revise ***urgently*** its 2013 Banking Communication accordingly ***to ensure that tax payers do not have to pick up the bill of failing banks;***

Or. en

Amendment 293
Paul Tang, Carmen Avram, Costas Mavrides

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Calls on the Commission to examine the discrepancies between the rules on State aid in the area of liquidation aid and the resolution regime under the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive, and following that to revise its 2013 Banking Communication accordingly;

Amendment

22. Calls on the Commission to examine the discrepancies between the rules on State aid in the area of liquidation aid and the resolution regime under the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive, and following that to revise its 2013 Banking Communication accordingly; ***taking into account the need to allow for the orderly resolutions for struggling, systemically important banks;***

Or. en

Amendment 294
Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Stéphane Séjourné, Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Calls on the Commission to examine the discrepancies between the rules on State aid in the area of liquidation aid and the resolution regime under the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive, **and following that to revise its 2013 Banking Communication accordingly;**

Amendment

22. Calls on the Commission to **revise its 2013 Banking Communication and** examine the discrepancies between the rules on State aid in the area of liquidation aid and the resolution regime under the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive, **in light of the recent cases;**

Or. en

Amendment 295

Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 a. Calls the Commission to have a close look at the banking sector in Romania where consumers face high interest rates and lack of transparency when it comes to loans because of potential bank cartels tendencies when it comes to deceptive selling practices of credit; notes that Romanian banks have the highest margin between deposit interest rates and loans interest rates in the EU, this is twice the European average as stated by the European Banking Authority in its 2018 report^{1a};

^{1a}

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2019-002931_EN.html

Or. en

Amendment 296

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 a. Calls on the Commission to have a close look at the banking sector, especially in countries like Romania where consumers face high interest rates and a lack of transparency when it comes to loans because of a concentration of ownership in the banking market, leading to unfavorable loan conditions and a lack of choice for consumers; notes, for example, that Romanian banks have the highest margin between deposit interest rates and loans interest rates in the EU, which is twice the European average;

Or. en

Amendment 297
Monica Semedo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**22 a. Recalls that Social economy enterprises and organisations are run according to shared features, values and principles such as the primacy of the individual and the social objective over capital;
calls the European Commission to better recognize SEEs and to include them on the basis of studies in their reviews of competition rules, including state aid rules;**

Or. en

Amendment 298
Francesca Donato, Gunnar Beck, Marco Zanni, Valentino Grant, Antonio Maria

Rinaldi, Herve Juvin

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 a. Calls on the Commission and other EU Institutions to introduce appropriate mechanisms to improve transparency in banking activity, such as full compulsory disclosure of confidential documents to the ECA and ECJ and complete access for the Members of the European Parliament to all operations and data managed by the ECB, the SRB and the EIB;

Or. en

Amendment 299

Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Johan Van Overtveldt, Bogdan Rzońca

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 a. Recalls that according to the Deposit Guarantee Schemes Directive, the use of deposit guarantee schemes to prevent the failure of a credit institution should be carried out within a clearly defined framework and should in any event comply with State aid rules;

Or. en

Amendment 300

Carmen Avram, Alfred Sant, Aurore Lalucq, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár, Nicola Danti, Joachim Schuster

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 b. *Calls on the Commission to bring forward a proposal requiring competition, data protection and consumer authorities to cooperate proactively with each other, including in enforcement cases raising questions of compliance with more than one area of law; in particular, the competition authorities should carefully assess antitrust and merger cases where there may be negative impact on both the interests of consumers and the democratic rights of citizens;*

Or. en

Amendment 301

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 b. *Welcomes that the Commission has included in its targeted review of the General Block Exemption Regulation the extension of this scheme to European Territorial Cooperation projects (also called Interreg);*

Or. en

Amendment 302

Derk Jan Eppink, Johan Van Overtveldt, Eugen Jurzyca

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 b. *Calls on the Commission to re-evaluate on an annual basis whether the requirements for the application of*

Article 107(3)(b) TFEU in the financial sector continue to be fulfilled;

Or. en

Amendment 303

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 c. Is concerned about asymmetric treatment of EU-funded operations depending on whether they are supported on EU side by cohesion policy resources or other EU funds or programmes such as Horizon2020/Horizon Europe or EFSI2.0/ InvestEU as proposed by the Commission in its GBER review; believes that a level playing field should be maintained for projects which are similar in nature, but different in financing sources as this would privilege certain funding schemes while crowding out others;

Or. en

Amendment 304

Stefan Berger, Christophe Hansen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Calls, without Treaty change, for regular use of the ordinary legislative procedure in competition policy, by analogy with the procedure for the ‘non-life insurance’ *and ‘ECN+’ directives;*

23. Calls, without Treaty change, for regular use of the ordinary legislative procedure in competition policy, by analogy with the procedure for the ‘non-life insurance’ *directive and Directive (EU) 2019/1 to empower the competition authorities of the Member States to be*

more effective enforcers;

Or. de

Amendment 305
Frances Fitzgerald

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Calls, without Treaty change, for **regular** use of the ordinary legislative procedure in competition policy, by analogy with the procedure for the ‘non-life insurance’ and ‘ECN+’ directives;

Amendment

23. Calls, without Treaty change, for **the** use of the ordinary legislative procedure in competition policy **in specific circumstances**, by analogy with the procedure for the ‘non-life insurance’ and ‘ECN+’ directives;

Or. en

Amendment 306
Raffaele Fitto, Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Johan Van Overtveldt, Bogdan Rzońca, Eugen Jurzyca

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Calls, without Treaty change, for regular use of the ordinary legislative procedure in competition policy, by analogy with the procedure for the ‘**non-life insurance**’ and ‘ECN+’ directives;

Amendment

23. Calls, without Treaty change, for regular use of the ordinary legislative procedure in competition policy, by analogy with the procedure for the ‘**Antitrust Damages Actions**’ and ‘ECN+’ directives;

Or. en

Amendment 307
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Calls, without Treaty change, for regular use of the ordinary legislative procedure in competition policy, by analogy with the procedure for the '*non-life insurance*' and 'ECN+' directives;

Amendment

23. Calls, without Treaty change, for regular use of the ordinary legislative procedure in competition policy, by analogy with the procedure for the "*Damages*" and 'ECN+' directives;

Or. en

Amendment 308

Paul Tang, Carmen Avram, Costas Mavrides

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Calls on the Commission to report regularly to Parliament on the implementation and monitoring of cooperation agreements with reference to competition and to involve it in its international activity;

Amendment

24. Calls on the Commission to report regularly to Parliament *and on its website* on the implementation and monitoring of cooperation agreements with reference to competition and to involve it in its international activity;

Or. en

Amendment 309

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Calls on the Commission to report regularly to Parliament on the implementation and monitoring of cooperation agreements with reference to competition *and to involve it in its international activity*;

Amendment

24. Calls on the Commission to report regularly to Parliament on the implementation and monitoring of cooperation agreements with reference to competition;

Or. en

Amendment 310

Carmen Avram, Alfred Sant, Aurore Lalucq, Jonás Fernández, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 a. Insists on a more regular and transparent exchange with Directorate General for competition and its responsible Commissioner beside the existing structural dialogue inter-institutional agreement; notes that the Economic committee competition working group could be an appropriate place for a deeper and more detailed cooperation; stresses that the European Parliament representing directly the 500 million EU citizens should be considered a privilege partner for the Commission, precisely because competition has consumers at its heart;

Or. en

Amendment 311

Monica Semedo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 a. Stresses the importance for a geopolitical European Commission to achieve an international standard setting by EU competition policy which shall contribute to improve the EU's international competitiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 312

Raffaele Fitto, Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Johan Van Overtveldt,

Bogdan Rzońca, Eugen Jurzyca

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 a. Respects the independence of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Competition in the execution of competition policy enforcement;

Or. en

**Amendment 313
Enikő Győri**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Stresses the desire for a greater role for Parliament in determining and developing competition policy, ***along the lines of that played by the US Congress, which even has the power to launch investigations;***

25. Stresses the desire for a greater role for Parliament in determining and developing competition policy.

Or. en

**Amendment 314
Jessica Polfjärd**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Stresses the desire for a greater role for Parliament in determining and developing competition policy, ***along the lines of that played by the US Congress, which even has the power to launch investigations;***

25. Stresses the desire for a greater role for Parliament in determining and developing competition policy;

Amendment 315

Andreas Schwab, Eva Maydell

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Stresses the desire for a greater role for Parliament in determining and developing competition policy, ***along the lines of that played by the US Congress, which even has the power to launch investigations;***

Amendment

25. Stresses the desire for a greater role for Parliament in determining and developing competition policy;

Amendment 316

Paul Tang, Andreas Schwab, Costas Mavrides

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Stresses the desire for a greater role for Parliament in determining and developing competition policy, ***along the lines of that played by the US Congress, which even has the power to launch investigations;***

Amendment

25. Stresses the desire for a greater role for Parliament in determining and developing competition policy;

Amendment 317

Stefan Berger, Andreas Schwab, Eva Maydell

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Stresses the desire for a greater role

Amendment

25. Stresses the desire for a greater role

for Parliament in determining and developing competition policy, *along the lines of that played by the US Congress, which even has the power to launch investigations*;

for Parliament in determining and developing competition policy;

Or. de

Amendment 318
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Stresses the desire for a greater role for Parliament in determining and developing competition policy, *along the lines of that played by the US Congress, which even has the power to launch investigations*;

Amendment

25. Stresses the desire for a greater role for Parliament in determining and developing *the framework for* competition policy;

Or. en

Amendment 319
Raffaele Fitto, Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Johan Van Overtveldt, Bogdan Rzońca, Eugen Jurzyca

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Stresses the desire for a greater role for Parliament in determining and developing competition policy, *along the lines of that played by the US Congress, which even has the power to launch investigations*;

Amendment

25. Stresses the desire for a greater role for Parliament in determining and developing *the general* competition policy *framework*;

Or. en

Amendment 320

Stefan Berger

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Calls on the Commission to systematically involve it in the work of working parties and expert groups, particularly when devising soft-law instruments;

deleted

Or. de

**Amendment 321
Markus Ferber**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Calls on the Commission to systematically involve it in the work of working parties and expert groups, particularly when devising soft-law instruments;

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 322
Raffaele Fitto, Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Johan Van Oortveldt,
Bogdan Rzońca, Eugen Jurzyca**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Calls on the Commission to systematically involve it in the work of working parties and expert groups, particularly when devising soft-law instruments;

26. Calls on the Commission to maintain high transparency standards, including with regard to the work of working parties and expert groups, particularly when devising soft-law instruments;

Amendment 323

Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Calls on the Commission to **systematically** involve it in the work of working parties and expert groups, particularly when devising soft-law instruments;

Amendment

26. Calls on the Commission to **more** involve it in the work of working parties and expert groups, particularly when devising soft-law instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 324

Carmen Avram, Aurore Lalucq, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Calls on the Commission to organise multisectoral and interinstitutional forums involving national regulators and national consumer groups and to decompartmentalise competition policy;

Amendment

27. Calls on the Commission to organise multisectoral and interinstitutional forums involving national regulators **including data protection authorities** and national consumer **groups and civil liberties** groups and to decompartmentalise competition policy;

Or. en

Amendment 325

Paul Tang, Costas Mavrides

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Calls on the Commission to

Amendment

27. Calls on the Commission to

organise multisectoral and interinstitutional forums involving national regulators and national consumer groups and to decompartmentalise competition policy;

organise multisectoral and interinstitutional forums involving national regulators and national consumer groups and **mediators of individual data (such as union-like organizations)** to decompartmentalise competition policy;

Or. en

Amendment 326

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Calls on the Commission to organise multisectoral and interinstitutional forums involving national regulators and national consumer groups **and to decompartmentalise competition policy**;

Amendment

27. Calls on the Commission to organise multisectoral and interinstitutional forums involving national regulators, **industry** and national consumer groups;

Or. en

Amendment 327

Paul Tang, Carmen Avram, Rovana Plumb, Jonás Fernández, Costas Mavrides, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 a. Stresses that the current complaint form for state aid cases asks for many specific details on when state aid has been accorded, which ordinary citizens can't possibly know and therefore calls on the Commission to simplify the complaint form, in order to give ordinary citizens the possibility to send in complaints;

Or. en

Amendment 328

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 a. Points out that political independence of competition authorities is of utmost importance to ensure the impartiality and credibility of competition policy;

Or. en

Amendment 329

Paul Tang, Carmen Avram, Costas Mavrides

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 b. Regrets the lack of information provided during the Commission's investigation of submitted complaints; calls on the Commission to give the complainant a confirmation of receipt as well as a notification upon the launch of the investigation, including an expectation of the length of the investigation;

Or. en

Amendment 330

Andreas Schwab, Stefan Berger, Eva Maydell

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28. Recalls the importance of coordination with national competition

28. Recalls the importance of coordination with national competition

authorities and calls on the Commission to present to Parliament an assessment of the conditions for the implementation of the ‘ECN+ Directive’;

authorities and calls on the Commission to present to Parliament an assessment of the conditions for the implementation of the ‘ECN+ Directive’; ***reminds that in the annex of the ECN+ Directive the Commission identified "interim measures" as "a key tool for competition authorities to ensure that competition is not harmed while an investigation is on-going"^{1b}; reminds to assess whether there are means to simplify the adoption of interim measures within the European Competition Network within two years from the date of transposition of this Directive in order to enabling competition authorities to deal more effectively with developments in fast-moving markets;***

^{1b} <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32019L0001&from=EN>

Or. en

Amendment 331

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Recalls the importance of coordination with national competition authorities and calls on the Commission to present to Parliament an assessment of the ***conditions for the*** implementation of the ‘ECN+ Directive’;

Amendment

28. Recalls the importance of coordination with national competition authorities and calls on the Commission to present to Parliament an assessment of the implementation of the ‘ECN+ Directive’;

Or. en

Amendment 332

Carmen Avram, Alfred Sant, Aurore Lalucq, Jonás Fernández, Paul Tang, Csaba Molnár

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28 a. Recognizes that preventing distortion of competition as the paramount objective of EU competition policy requires a measure of political independence for the Commission and public scrutiny of lobbying efforts in all EU institutions, reiterates calls for an enhanced Transparency Register;

Or. en

Amendment 333

Raffaele Fitto, Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Johan Van Overtveldt, Bogdan Rzońca, Eugen Jurzyca

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28 a. Considers that resources for the Commission's Directorate General for Competition should be made adequate to its workload and range of tasks by shifting away resources from other Directorates with less European added value;

Or. en

Amendment 334

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28 a. Calls on the Executive Vice-President in charge of competition to stay in close contact with the European

*Parliament's competent Committee and its
working group on competition issues;*

Or. en

Amendment 335

**Raffaele Fitto, Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Johan Van Overtveldt,
Bogdan Rzońca, Eugen Jurzyca**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***28 b. Recalls the commitment made by
the Executive Vice-President of the
European Commission for Europe Fit for
the Digital Age during her confirmation
hearing on 8 October 2019 to keep her
digital policy and competition portfolios
strictly separate;***

Or. en