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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft report**  
**Daniel Buda**  
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Current and future challenges regarding cross-border cooperation with  
neighbouring countries  
((2023/2076(INI))



**Amendment 1**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the report on the role of Cohesion Policy in addressing multidimensional environmental challenges in the Mediterranean basin (2022/2059(INI))*

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the study “EU lagging regions: state of play and future challenges” of September 2020 (PE 652.215),*

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 13 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the UN IPCC report on Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change,*

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 13 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- ***having regard to the agreement adopted at the 21st Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21) in Paris on 12 December 2015 (the Paris Agreement),***

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 13 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- ***having regard to the Council conclusions of 19 April 2021 on a renewed Partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood - A new agenda for the Mediterranean,***

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- ***having in regards Committee of the Regions opinion on Missing transport links in border regions of 8th February 2017 (CDR 4294/2016)***

**Amendment 7**  
**Niyazi Kizilyürek**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

– *having regard to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) special report on global warming of 1,5 °C, its special report on climate change and land, and its special report on the ocean and cryosphere in a changing climate,*

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Aa. whereas cross-border cooperation with neighbouring countries, whether at land or sea borders, is a key part of the EU policy;*

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

C. whereas cross-border cooperation contributes to sustainable development along the EU's external borders and addresses common challenges;

C. whereas cross-border cooperation contributes to sustainable development along the EU's external borders, ***support economic and social development of the border areas, including in environment protection, public health services, safety and security measures***, and addresses common challenges;

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C**

*Motion for a resolution*

C. whereas cross-border cooperation contributes to sustainable development along the EU's external borders and addresses common challenges;

*Amendment*

C. whereas cross-border cooperation contributes to ***peace and*** sustainable development along the EU's external borders and addresses common challenges, ***preventing consequently future wars and conflicts; such as PEACE+ programme for example***;

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C**

*Motion for a resolution*

C. whereas cross-border cooperation contributes to sustainable development along the EU's external borders ***and*** addresses common challenges;

*Amendment*

C. whereas cross-border cooperation contributes to sustainable development along the EU's external borders, addresses common challenges ***and helps to promote mutual understanding and trust***;

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**François Alfonsi**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ca. whereas the implications of climate change can have the biggest impact on all European regions, bringing more drastic changes to the life of people and livelihood of regions especially in less developed and border areas, mainly located in the southern and eastern parts of Europe; whereas climate change thus is the biggest external threat to Europe's cohesion in the future;***

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ca. whereas cross-border cooperation is an essential step in the EU pre-accession process of candidate countries;***

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoș Benea, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**D. whereas the current geopolitical situation shows the importance of stability in the *regions* at the EU's external borders;**

**D. whereas the current geopolitical situation shows the importance of stability in the *countries* at the EU's external**

borders;

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Stanislav Polčák**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Motion for a resolution*

D. whereas the current geopolitical situation ***shows*** the importance of stability in the regions at the EU's external borders;

*Amendment*

D. whereas the current geopolitical situation ***reaffirms*** the importance of stability in the regions at the EU's external borders;

Or. cs

**Amendment 16**  
**Stanislav Polčák**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital E**

*Motion for a resolution*

E. whereas the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's aggression against Ukraine have had a profound effect on all cross-border cooperation programmes supported by the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI-CBC) which include Russia and Belarus, with a major impact on half of the programmes proposed for the period 2021-2027;

*Amendment*

E. whereas the COVID-19 pandemic and, ***in particular***, Russia's aggression against Ukraine have had a profound effect on all cross-border cooperation programmes supported by the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI-CBC) which include Russia and Belarus, with a major impact on half of the programmes proposed for the period 2021-2027;

Or. cs

**Amendment 17**  
**François Alfonsi**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ea.    whereas Cohesion Policy can help in an emergency manner to respond effectively to asymmetric shocks such as the Russian invasion of Ukraine or COVID-19 pandemic; this emergency help should however not undermine or threaten the strategic approach of the Cohesion Policy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital E b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Eb.    whereas brain drain disproportionately affects less developed and border regions and if left unaddressed, the phenomenon will have long-term and permanent effects on the future of the European Union;***

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital E c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ec.    whereas mass departures from border regions, especially on the part of young people and skilled labour, illustrates the lack of economic development in such regions. Cross-border cooperation can help to create new opportunities of employment and***

*sustainable economic development;*

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Niyazi Kizilyürek**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F**

*Motion for a resolution*

F. whereas the fragile political and security situation in North Africa and the migration crisis highlight the need for cooperation in the Mediterranean basin;

*Amendment*

F. whereas the fragile political and security situation in North Africa and the migration crisis highlight the need for cooperation in the Mediterranean basin ***in order to ensure a good inclusion of migrants within the EU;***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F**

*Motion for a resolution*

F. whereas the fragile political and security situation in North Africa and the migration crisis highlight the need for cooperation in the Mediterranean basin;

*Amendment*

F. whereas the fragile political, ***economic*** and security situation in North Africa and the migration crisis highlight the need for cooperation in the Mediterranean basin;

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Niyazi Kizilyürek**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Fa. Highlights the increasing number of severe and destructive natural disasters in and outside Europe; underlines that due to climate change extreme weather events are going to further intensify and multiply; stresses that the EUSF is only a curative instrument and that climate change primarily requires a preventive policy in line with the Union's international commitments and the Green Deal;***

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Fa. G. whereas cross-border cooperation promotes cultural, educational, and economic exchange between border regions, contributing to an improved quality of life and increased opportunities for residents in these areas;***

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Fb. H. whereas the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and cross-border cooperation initiatives have played a crucial role in supporting democratic reforms and economic development in***

*neighbouring countries, thereby  
strengthening European values in these  
regions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Fc. I. whereas in the context of climate  
change and natural resource  
management, cross-border cooperation  
plays a crucial role in the sustainable  
management of the environment and  
ecosystems in border areas;*

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Fd. J. whereas border regions are  
often sensitive to conflicts and tensions,  
cross-border cooperation and regional  
diplomacy have a positive impact on  
preventing and resolving disputes and  
potential crises.*

Or. en

**Amendment 27**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**

## Paragraph 1

### *Motion for a resolution*

1. Welcomes the alignment of Interreg NEXT programmes with Interreg programmes as this has the potential to simplify procedures, enhance synergies between programmes and increase the effectiveness of European investments;

### *Amendment*

1. Welcomes the alignment of Interreg NEXT programmes with Interreg programmes as this has the potential to simplify procedures, enhance synergies between programmes and increase the effectiveness of European investments; ***highlights, however, the need for more simplified procedures in both the evaluation phase and in the implementation of the projects with a higher focus on the quantifiable results and the overall impact on the development of the regions and citizens life;***

Or. en

## Amendment 28 François Alfonsi

### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point 1 (new)

### *Motion for a resolution*

### *Amendment*

***(1) Emphasises the importance of small-scale and cross-border projects in bringing people together and in that way opening new potentials for sustainable local development and cross-border cooperation; stresses the importance of cross-border investments to enhance innovations, technology transfer, common solutions and synergies and that way increase territorial cohesion beyond administrative borders and strengthen European solidarity;***

Or. en

## Amendment 29 Vlad-Marius Botoș

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**1a.** *Stresses that the future accession of countries to the EU should aim at strengthening and expanding cross-border cooperation, underlines that the new Member States at the time of accession should already be prepared to actively participate in EU cross-border cooperation programs and projects;*

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

2. Stresses the importance of financial strengthening of the European Union; welcomes the greater accountability of third countries for recoveries from private sector beneficiaries;

2. Stresses the importance of financial strengthening of the European Union; welcomes the greater accountability of third countries for recoveries from private sector beneficiaries; ***emphasises the importance of the rule of law and a level playing field for all the beneficiaries, whether public or private, and underlines the need to encourage the involvement of private investors in the sustainable development of the border regions and third countries, by making more funds available for the private sector;***

Or. en

**Amendment 31**  
**Rovana Plumb, Adrian-Dragoș Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Stresses the importance of financial strengthening of ***the European Union***; ***welcomes*** the greater accountability of third countries for recoveries from private sector beneficiaries;

*Amendment*

2. Stresses ***that the allocation of €1.1 billion for the period of 2021-2027 for 260 million people is far from optimal and consequently underlines*** the importance of financial strengthening of ***these programmes***; ***approves of*** the greater accountability of third countries for recoveries from private sector beneficiaries;

Or. en

**Amendment 32**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2 – point 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***(1) Underlines that local and regional authorities play a key role in cross-border cooperation with neighbouring countries through knowledge of the geographical, cultural, linguistic and social situation, opportunities, constraints and shared challenges; calls on the Member States to provide them with the tools and resources they need to foster ambitious cross-border cooperation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

3. Welcomes the possibility for managing authorities to transmit data

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electronically to the Commission, but at the same time points out that more frequent data transmission can increase bureaucratisation;

electronically to the Commission, but at the same time points out that more frequent data transmission can increase bureaucratisation; ***stresses therefore the importance of the interoperable systems that could automatically send data into a common database and encourages the Commission to further develop the cooperation with third countries in this sector;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 34**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 3**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

3. Welcomes the possibility for managing authorities to transmit data electronically to the Commission, but at the same time points out that more frequent data transmission ***can*** increase bureaucratisation;

###### *Amendment*

3. Welcomes the possibility for managing authorities to transmit data electronically to the Commission, but at the same time points out that more frequent data transmission ***should not lead to an*** increase ***of*** bureaucratisation;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 35**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 3 a (new)**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

###### *Amendment*

***3a. Points out that the programmes' strategies are defined in such a way as to reach the EU objectives for smarter, greener, more connected, more social EU and Neighbourhood, as well as at addressing the regional needs regarding***

*good cooperation governance and more  
secure borders;*

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***3a. Stresses the need for common agreements with third countries on the green and digital transformation of the economy of the European Unions and underlines the need of common projects in the digital infrastructure;***

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Elżbieta Kruk**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4. Expresses its concern that large infrastructure projects will no longer be subject to approval by the Commission;***

*deleted*

Or. pl

**Amendment 38**  
**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoș Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Expresses its concern that large infrastructure projects will no longer be subject to **approval** by the Commission;

*Amendment*

4. Expresses its concern that large infrastructure projects will no longer be subject to **scrutiny** by the Commission;

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Welcomes the removal of the limit on EU funding for large infrastructure projects and believes that infrastructure development contributes to socio-economic growth in cross-border regions;

*Amendment*

5. Welcomes the removal of the limit on EU funding for large infrastructure projects and believes that infrastructure development contributes to socio-economic growth in cross-border regions; ***underlines, at the same time, the necessity of involving the private sector which could lead to more innovation and development of infrastructures related to the energy sector, transport, communication and digitalisation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 40**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Welcomes the removal of the limit on EU funding for large infrastructure projects and believes that infrastructure development contributes to socio-economic growth in cross-border regions;

*Amendment*

5. Welcomes the removal of the limit on EU funding for large infrastructure projects and believes that ***sustainable*** infrastructure development contributes to socio-economic growth in cross-border regions;

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5 – point 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(1) Stresses the importance of more sustainable mobility solutions throughout the cross-border areas, including the TEN-T policy; calls on the Commission to promote smart and green mobility; is of the position that smart and sustainable mobility solutions should be prioritized for EU funding;**

Or. en

**Amendment 42**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5 – point 2 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(2) Underlines that creating additional cross-border transportation infrastructure, while being costly and environmentally challenging, might not always be a single best solution. Programs must boost and promote cross-border transportation links provided by soft measures, inclusive planning and tailor-made innovations. Cross-border local and regional authorities must have sufficient autonomy to pursue common goals;**

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Welcomes the suspension of cross-border cooperation with Russia and Belarus, as well as the re-routing of funds to Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova;

*Amendment*

6. Welcomes the suspension of cross-border cooperation with Russia and Belarus ***as a consequence of Russia's military aggression against Ukraine***, as well as the re-routing of funds to Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova;

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6a. Draws attention to the difficult situation of regions sharing a border with Russia and Belarus after the suspension of cross-border cooperation programmes and encourages the Commission to closely work with the affected Member States for finding sustainable solutions to address the social and economic challenges in these regions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Daniel Buda**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Calls for funding from cross-border programmes to be used to develop transport infrastructure, including railway connections with Ukraine, in order to

*Amendment*

7. Calls for funding from cross-border programmes to be used to develop transport infrastructure, including railway connections with Ukraine, ***and for the***

streamline the flow of goods and grain so as to ensure food security;

***construction of storage facilities near the border***, in order to streamline the flow of goods and grain so as to ensure food security ***and help frontline Member States and Ukraine address these challenges.***

Or. ro

**Amendment 46**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Calls for funding from cross-border programmes to be used to develop transport infrastructure, including railway connections with Ukraine, in order to streamline the flow of goods and grain so as to ensure ***food security***;

*Amendment*

7. Calls for funding from cross-border programmes to be used to develop transport infrastructure, including railway connections with Ukraine ***and Republic of Moldova***, in order to streamline the flow of goods and grain so as to ensure ***a sustainable economy for both countries***;

Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**François Alfonsi**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Calls for funding from cross-border programmes to be used to develop transport infrastructure, including railway connections with Ukraine, in order to streamline the flow of goods and grain so as to ensure food security;

*Amendment*

7. Calls for funding from cross-border programmes to be used to develop ***sustainable and green*** transport infrastructure, including railway connections with Ukraine, in order to streamline the flow of goods and grain so as to ensure food security;

Or. en

**Amendment 48**  
**Elżbieta Kruk**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Calls for funding from cross-border programmes to be used to develop transport infrastructure, including railway connections with Ukraine, in order to streamline the flow of goods **and grain** so as to ensure food security;

*Amendment*

7. Calls for funding from cross-border programmes to be used to develop transport infrastructure, including railway connections with Ukraine, in order to streamline the flow of goods so as to ensure food security;

Or. pl

**Amendment 49**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7 – point 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

**(1) *Emphasize that cross-border cooperation is an essential step in EU pre-accession processes, which encourages candidate countries to share experience and learn on how the EU functions within;***

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**7a. *Underlines that, although it is not in an open war with Russia, the Republic of Moldova too is having conflict zones supported by Russia, and due to the***

*courageous stand of the neighbouring republic and the welcoming of a big number of Ukrainian refugees, the economic and social situation of Moldova was deeply affected putting a stop to their commercial relations with the big neighbour, therefore solid investments and an opened market is highly needed and common projects are more that welcome in the area in all economic and social fields;*

Or. en

**Amendment 51**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Recognises the importance of promoting local culture and *of* heritage conservation; calls, *however, for more* infrastructure projects that contribute to the connectivity of the regions to be encouraged;

*Amendment*

8. Recognises the importance of promoting local culture and heritage conservation; *underlines the importance of an inclusive education in the democratic values* calls, *therefore for* infrastructure projects that contribute to the connectivity of the regions to be encouraged *along with projects addressing both the need for infrastructure and increased quality in the field of education;*

Or. en

**Amendment 52**  
**Elżbieta Kruk**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Recognises the importance of promoting local culture and of heritage conservation; calls, however, for more

*Amendment*

8. Recognises the importance of promoting local culture and of heritage conservation; calls, however, for more

infrastructure projects that contribute to the connectivity of the regions to be encouraged;

infrastructure projects that contribute to ***improving*** the connectivity ***and mobility*** of the regions to be encouraged;

Or. pl

**Amendment 53**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Recognises the importance of promoting local culture and of heritage conservation; calls, however, for more infrastructure projects that contribute to the connectivity of the regions to be encouraged;

*Amendment*

8. Recognises the importance of promoting local culture and of heritage conservation; calls, however, for more ***sustainable*** infrastructure projects that contribute to the connectivity of the regions to be encouraged;

Or. en

**Amendment 54**  
**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Recognises the importance of promoting local culture and of heritage conservation; calls, however, for more infrastructure projects that contribute to the connectivity of the regions to be encouraged;

*Amendment*

8. Recognises the importance of promoting local ***and regional*** culture and of heritage conservation; calls, however, for more infrastructure projects that contribute to the connectivity of the regions to be encouraged;

Or. en

**Amendment 55**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 – point 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(1) Stresses as well that all European regions have to play a decisive role in tackling climate change challenges, in coordinated actions with their surrounding regions;**

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 – point 2 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(2) Points out that the climate change has a serious effect on the border regions including but not limited to the need to search for a common cross-border tailor-made solutions to such natural disasters as forest fires and floods;**

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 – point 3 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(3) Calls for more cooperation in the field of promotion and implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the cross-border context;**

Or. en

**Amendment 58**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 – point 4 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(4) Underlines the potential of cross-border cooperation and especially sparser inhabited cross-border areas in such fields as renewable energy, circular economy and environment protection and calls to make better use of existing opportunities;**

Or. en

**Amendment 59**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 – point 5 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(5) Emphasize the potential of the less inhabited border areas to develop sustainable and green economy thus making an added value to the local development in opening new green jobs;**

Or. en

**Amendment 60**  
**Daniel Buda**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**8a. Recognises the immense efforts made by national governments, local authorities and civil society in the EU**

*Member States neighbouring Ukraine, as well as the efforts of the Republic of Moldova, to host displaced Ukrainians and address all the challenges arising from the Russian invasion, including the matter of grain from Ukraine and the lack of transport infrastructure; calls in this regard for appropriate support to be given, including through cross-border cooperation programmes, to meet emerging needs.*

Or. ro

**Amendment 61**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**8a.** *Deplores the increase of the influence of Russia in the neighbouring countries especially by using manipulation and disinformation both on classic media and on-line social media, and underlines the importance of enhancing the cooperation with those countries, especially in education and cultural sectors in order to keep the citizens informed and educated in the democratic values;*

Or. en

**Amendment 62**  
**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoș Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

9. Deplores the destruction of homes

9. Deplores the **human losses**,

and infrastructure in Ukraine; stresses the active role that cross-border cooperation programmes and the New European Bauhaus should play in sustainable post-war reconstruction;

destruction of homes and infrastructure in Ukraine; stresses the active role that cross-border cooperation programmes and the New European Bauhaus should play in sustainable post-war reconstruction;

Or. en

**Amendment 63**  
**Stanislav Polčák**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. **Deplores** the destruction of homes and infrastructure in Ukraine; stresses the active role that cross-border cooperation programmes and the New European Bauhaus should play in sustainable post-war reconstruction;

*Amendment*

9. **Is outraged by** the destruction of homes and infrastructure in Ukraine; stresses the active role that cross-border cooperation programmes and the New European Bauhaus should play in sustainable post-war reconstruction;

Or. cs

**Amendment 64**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Deplores the use of energy sources as a means of exerting political pressure; calls for more funding to bolster energy efficiency and reduce dependence on Russia;

*Amendment*

10. Deplores the use of energy sources as a means of exerting political **and economic** pressure; calls for **swift inquiries regarding the increased economic cooperation in the energy sector of some member states with Russia along with** more funding to bolster energy efficiency and reduce dependence on Russia **in the countries that drastically decreased the cooperation with the aggressor and were indeed affected by the sanctions, including the third countries like Republic of Moldova;**

**Amendment 65**  
**François Alfonsi**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Deplores the use of energy sources as a means of exerting political pressure; calls for more funding to bolster energy efficiency and reduce dependence on Russia;

*Amendment*

10. Deplores the use of energy sources as a means of exerting political pressure; calls for more funding to bolster **renewables and** energy efficiency and reduce dependence on Russia;

Or. en

**Amendment 66**  
**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Deplores **the use of** energy sources as a means of exerting political pressure; calls for **more funding** to bolster energy efficiency and reduce dependence on Russia;

*Amendment*

10. Deplores **that Russia uses its** energy sources as a means of exerting political pressure; calls for **further action** to bolster energy efficiency and reduce dependence on Russia;

Or. en

**Amendment 67**  
**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Welcomes the **procedures** for

*Amendment*

11. Welcomes the **initiative** for

including Ukraine in the URBACT European Territorial Cooperation programme and the accession of Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova as observer members in the European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion (ESPON);

including Ukraine in the URBACT European Territorial Cooperation programme and the accession of Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova as observer members in the European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion (ESPON);

Or. en

**Amendment 68**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Raises the issue that major challenges of the European Union can only be met by promoting cross-border cooperation between neighbouring regions (e.g. sustainable future of the Mediterranean, the Black Sea, the Baltic Sea and other maritime basins; sustainable future for the Alps, the Pyrenees, the Carpathians and other mountain ranges; sustainable future for the large river basins of the Rhine basin, the Danube, the Meuse, etc.).***

Or. en

**Amendment 69**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

12. Stresses the importance of increased financial support being granted, given the security challenges in the Black Sea;

12. Stresses the importance of increased financial support being granted, given the security challenges in the Black Sea ***due to the Russian bombardment of maritime and Danubian ports aimed at***

*impeding the grain shipments crucial to the Ukrainian economy; highlights the security risk these bombardments pose to the states bordering Ukraine;*

Or. ro

#### **Amendment 70**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 12**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

12. Stresses the importance of increased financial support being granted, given the security challenges in the Black Sea;

###### *Amendment*

12. Stresses the importance of increased financial support being granted *to the programme*, given the security challenges in the Black Sea;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 71**

**Vlad-Marius Botoş**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 13**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

13. Highlights the potential of Black Sea energy sources, which are capable of contributing to a sustainable energy future in the European Union;

###### *Amendment*

13. Highlights the potential of Black Sea energy sources, which are capable of contributing to a sustainable energy future in the European Union; *stresses that, despite their potential, renewable energy resources remain largely untapped;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 72**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Highlights the potential of Black Sea energy sources, which are capable of contributing to a sustainable energy future in the European Union;

*Amendment*

13. Highlights the potential of Black Sea energy sources, which are capable of contributing to a sustainable energy future ***also*** in the European Union;

Or. en

**Amendment 73**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***14a. Emphasizes the importance of sustainable tourism development in Black Sea coastal regions and advocates for a responsible approach to environmental protection;***

Or. en

**Amendment 74**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

15. Calls for Black Sea ports and related infrastructure ***to be upgraded, expanded and connected*** to existing transport hubs, and in particular ***for their connection*** to TEN-T corridors;

15. Calls for ***a real focus on the*** Black Sea ***encouraging projects for the upgrade of the*** ports and related infrastructure, ***and for increased connections*** to existing transport hubs, and in particular ***connections*** to TEN-T corridors;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 75**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 15**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

15. Calls for Black Sea ports and related infrastructure to be upgraded, expanded and connected to existing transport hubs, and in particular for their connection to TEN-T corridors;

###### *Amendment*

15. Calls for Black Sea ports and related infrastructure to be upgraded, expanded and connected to existing transport hubs, and ***calls*** in particular for their connection to TEN-T corridors;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 76**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 16**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

16. ***Calls for*** a cohesive strategy to be adopted for the Black Sea area and for synergies with the Danube Programme 2021-2027;

###### *Amendment*

16. ***Insists on*** a cohesive strategy to be adopted for the Black Sea area and for synergies with the Danube Programme 2021-2027;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 77**

**Vlad-Marius Botoş**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 16 a (new)**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

###### *Amendment*

***16a. Recommends enhancing regional cooperation within the Black Sea basin to address security issues, including those related to regional conflicts and energy security;***

**Amendment 78**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

17. Welcomes the fact that the number of countries participating in Interreg **MED** programmes ***is expected to increase***;

*Amendment*

17. ***Underlines the importance of strong economic and social partnerships with the third countries from the Mediterranean basin***, welcomes the fact that the number of countries participating in ***2021-2027 Interreg Euro-MED*** programmes ***has increased***;

Or. en

**Amendment 79**  
**Rovana Plumb, Adrian-Dragoș Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

17. Welcomes the fact that the number of countries participating in Interreg MED programmes is ***expected to increase***;

*Amendment*

17. Welcomes the fact that the number of countries participating in Interreg MED programmes is ***on the rise***;

Or. en

**Amendment 80**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17 – point 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***(1) Deplores the continuous degradation of the environment in the***

*entire Mediterranean basin, the loss of biodiversity and the increasing air and marine pollution; and is concerned about the increasing pollution by plastic and domestic waste and calls for a historic effort to limit and manage them by promoting the circular economy;*

Or. en

**Amendment 81**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Proposes a more coordinated and efficient use of existing funds in order to increase the competitiveness of the Mediterranean basin, while ***respecting environmental rules***;

*Amendment*

18. Proposes a more coordinated and efficient use of existing funds in order to increase the competitiveness of the Mediterranean basin, ***to promote and protect the maritime ecosystem, while fostering the potential of renewable energy***;

Or. en

**Amendment 82**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Proposes a more coordinated and efficient use of existing funds in order to increase the competitiveness of the Mediterranean basin, while respecting environmental rules;

*Amendment*

18. Proposes a more coordinated and efficient use of existing funds in order to increase the competitiveness of the Mediterranean basin, while respecting ***climate and*** environmental rules;

Or. en

**Amendment 83**  
**Niyazi Kizilyürek**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Proposes a more coordinated and efficient use of existing funds in order to increase the competitiveness of the Mediterranean basin, while respecting environmental rules;

*Amendment*

18. Proposes a more coordinated and efficient use of existing funds in order to increase the competitiveness of the Mediterranean basin, while respecting **social and** environmental rules;

Or. en

**Amendment 84**  
**Rovana Plumb, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

18. **Proposes** a more coordinated and efficient use of existing funds in order to increase the competitiveness of the Mediterranean basin, while respecting environmental rules;

*Amendment*

18. **Asks for** a more coordinated and efficient use of existing funds in order to increase the competitiveness of the Mediterranean basin, while respecting **current** environmental rules;

Or. en

**Amendment 85**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18 – point 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(1) Highlights the potential of all the Mediterranean regions for the development of renewable energy sources and for a just and inclusive ecological transition;**

**Amendment 86**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Considers that cross-border programmes must play an active role in managing migration flows **and** fostering inclusiveness on both sides of the Mediterranean;

*Amendment*

19. Considers that cross-border programmes must play an active role in ***decreasing and better*** managing migration flows, ***in funding projects aiming to receive, care for and train the immigrants for a competitive economic environment, for understanding and adopting European values while*** fostering inclusiveness on both sides of the Mediterranean;

**Amendment 87**  
**Niyazi Kizilyürek**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Considers that cross-border programmes must play an active role in ***managing migration flows and*** fostering inclusiveness on both sides of the Mediterranean;

*Amendment*

19. Considers that cross-border programmes must play an active role in fostering inclusiveness on both sides of the Mediterranean;

**Amendment 88**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**19a. Encourages the establishment of a Mediterranean-wide cooperation framework to address common security challenges, including issues related to illegal immigration, human trafficking, maritime security, and regional stability;**

Or. en

**Amendment 89**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Recognises the crucial role of research and innovation in natural disaster risk prevention, sustainable water management and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction;

*Amendment*

20. Recognises the crucial role of research and innovation in natural disaster risk prevention, sustainable water management and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction **and underlines the need to prioritise the projects that have both economic and environmental quantifiable objectives;**

Or. en

**Amendment 90**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Motion for a resolution*

21. Stresses that, despite their potential, renewable energy resources remain largely untapped;

*Amendment*

21. **Highlights the potential of Mediterranean regions for the development of onshore and offshore renewable energy sources;** stresses that, despite their potential, renewable energy resources remain largely untapped;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 91**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 21**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

21. Stresses that, despite their potential, renewable energy resources remain largely untapped;

###### *Amendment*

21. Stresses that, despite their potential, renewable energy resources remain largely untapped ***and this potential should be stimulated, also by involving SMEs and midcaps;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 92**

**François Alfonsi**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 21 – point 1 (new)**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

###### *Amendment*

***(1) Welcomes the WestMed sea basin strategy in the Western Mediterranean and Interreg programmes such as MARITTIMO, as good examples of direct and diversified cooperation, including at regional level, with shared objectives;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 93**

**François Alfonsi**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 21 – point 2 (new)**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

###### *Amendment*

***(2) Welcomes the progress of the Adriatic-Ionian macro-regional strategy (EUSAIR) which has mobilised the***

*member countries and their regions, third countries and their local authorities; considers EUSAIR a successful example where the Union proved to be a driving force and a vector of openness; maintains that these same principles and a similar common approach must be applied to the other areas of the Mediterranean;*

Or. en

**Amendment 94**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21 – point 3 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*(3) Calls on the Commission to provide support for a macro-regional strategy in the Mediterranean taking account of its ‘new agenda for the Mediterranean’, in particular its point five on the ‘ecological transition, climate resilience, energy and the environment’;*

Or. en

**Amendment 95**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21 – point 4 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*(4) Invites the European Council to submit to the Commission a detailed macro-regional strategy for the Mediterranean;*

Or. en

**Amendment 96**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Cooperation within the PEACE PLUS programme***

***21a. Welcomes the UK Government's continued commitment to the PEACE programme, which plays a key role for cooperation between the border regions of Ireland and Northern Ireland;***

***21b. Underlines the vital role of the PEACE PLUS programme maintaining good neighbourly relations in the regions and ensuring its socio-economic development;***

Or. en

**Amendment 97**  
**Maria Angela Danzi, Sabrina Pignedoli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 22**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

22. Notes that the existence of different legal and institutional frameworks creates additional obstacles to project implementation;

22. Notes that the existence of different legal and institutional frameworks creates additional obstacles to project implementation; ***recalls that administrative procedures can be complex and time-consuming, a fact which can discourage local and regional authorities from participating in territorial cooperation; calls on the Commission to simplify these procedures, thereby making them more accessible and transparent;***

Or. it

**Amendment 98**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González,  
Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 22**

*Motion for a resolution*

22. Notes that the existence of different legal and institutional frameworks creates additional obstacles to project implementation;

*Amendment*

22. Notes that the existence of different legal and institutional frameworks creates additional obstacles to project implementation ***and makes therefore the implementation of projects a challenge;***

Or. en

**Amendment 99  
Vlad-Marius Botoş**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***22a. Recommends the development of a common legal framework among participating countries to facilitate the harmonization of legislation and regulations in relevant areas for cross-border cooperation, thus reducing obstacles related to different regulations;***

Or. en

**Amendment 100  
Vlad-Marius Botoş**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. Notes that language barriers increase the administrative burden;

*Amendment*

23. Notes that language barriers ***as well as the cultural differences*** increase the ***hardship of communication and may lead to*** administrative burden;

**Amendment 101**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. Notes that language barriers increase the administrative burden;

*Amendment*

23. Notes that language barriers, ***which deem to*** increase the administrative burden, ***should be overcome through adequate measures;***

**Amendment 102**

**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 23 – point 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***(1) Points out the specific challenges of maritime borders and the need of recognizing them as specific borders with their own needs, especially due to language and cultural differences, administrative and legal burdens, socio-economic disparities and environmental issues;***

**Amendment 103**

**Vlad-Marius Botoş**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 23 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**23a. Underlines the importance of establishing a short and medium-term intercultural exchange system, promoting the learning of common languages, a deeper understanding of regional cultures, and facilitating collaboration among cross-border communities. This system should also include entrepreneurial and administrative aspects to stimulate economic and administrative development;**

Or. en

#### **Amendment 104**

**Rovana Plumb, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**24. Stresses that incompatibilities exist between states when it comes to the competences of authorities, as well as frequent changes in regional authorities, which can cause delays;**

**deleted**

Or. en

#### **Amendment 105**

**Maria Angela Danzi, Sabrina Pignedoli**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**24. Stresses that incompatibilities exist between states when it comes to the competences of authorities, as well as frequent changes in regional authorities, which can cause delays;**

**24. Stresses that incompatibilities exist between states when it comes to the competences of authorities, as well as frequent changes in regional authorities, which can cause delays; *believes that dialogue between local authorities should be encouraged and the participation of civil society in territorial-cooperation***

*projects should be fostered, involving non-governmental organisations, social enterprises and other stakeholders;*

Or. it

**Amendment 106**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24 – point 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*(1) Considers that mutual trust, political will and a flexible approach among multi-level stakeholders, including civil society, are vital to overcoming the abovementioned persistent obstacles and boosting sustainable growth and development in border regions; calls, therefore, for better coordination, dialogue and a further exchange of best practices among authorities; urges the Commission and the Member States to enhance such cooperation; and also calls for the Member States to ensure adequate functional and financial autonomy of respective local and regional authorities;*

Or. en

**Amendment 107**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*24a. Stresses the necessity of the development of long-term exchange and entrepreneurial collaboration programs between institutions and businesses in cross-border regions to promote sustainable economic development and to*

*enhance administrative coordination  
among participating states;*

Or. en

**Amendment 108**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González,  
Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

25. *Notes* that adapting the programme to the individual needs and specifics of each participating *state may call* for further efforts to be made;

*Amendment*

25. *States* that adapting the programme to the individual needs and specifics of each participating *country/region calls* for further efforts to be made;

Or. en

**Amendment 109**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González,  
Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 26 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**26a. *Points out that the lack of adequate transport infrastructure and networks, particularly when it comes to maritime and island cross-border cooperation, hampers trade and mobility and complicates cooperation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 110**

**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

27. Stresses that cross-border cooperation with neighbouring countries underscores the need to invest in the resilience of states and societies;

*Amendment*

27. Stresses that cross-border cooperation with neighbouring countries underscores the need to invest in the resilience of states and societies;  
***partnership priorities should help substantially improve living conditions on both sides of the border, in particular by ensuring inclusive sustainable development, social justice, employment opportunities and economic prosperity;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 111**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

27. Stresses that cross-border cooperation with neighbouring countries underscores the need to invest in the resilience of ***states*** and societies;

*Amendment*

27. Stresses that, ***in view of multiple crisis and conflicts***, cross-border cooperation with neighbouring countries underscores the need to invest in the resilience of ***countries*** and societies;

Or. en

**Amendment 112**

**Vlad-Marius Botoş**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

27. Stresses that cross-border cooperation with neighbouring countries ***underscores the need to invest*** in the resilience of states and societies;

*Amendment*

27. Stresses that cross-border cooperation with neighbouring countries ***requires investment*** in the resilience of states and societies;

**Amendment 113**

**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. Considers that this contributes significantly to strengthening local democracy and the administrative capacities of partner countries;

*Amendment*

28. Considers that this contributes significantly to strengthening local democracy and the administrative capacities of partner countries; ***highlights the importance of the European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC) when it comes to facilitating and promoting territorial cooperation, and in particular the management of cross-border transport services and hospitals, the implementation and management of cross-border development projects and the exchange of knowledge and best practices; stresses that the lack of adequate transport infrastructure and networks hampers good cooperation;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 114**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. Considers that ***this*** contributes significantly to strengthening local democracy and the administrative capacities of partner countries;

*Amendment*

28. Considers that ***the CBC*** contributes significantly to strengthening local ***and regional*** democracy and the administrative capacities of partner countries;

Or. en

**Amendment 115**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. Considers that this ***contributes*** significantly to strengthening local democracy and the administrative capacities of partner countries;

*Amendment*

28. Considers that this ***may contribute*** significantly to strengthening local democracy and the administrative capacities of partner countries;

Or. en

**Amendment 116**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28 – point 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***(1) Highlights the importance of EU cross-border programmes to include culture as an important indicator of regional development, in particular in border areas sharing the same minority people, to ensure lively regions and increase their attractiveness, to increase cultural exchange and promote diversity and solidarity beyond EU;***

Or. en

**Amendment 117**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 29**

*Motion for a resolution*

29. Highlights the fact that the programmes offer opportunities for dialogue with a range of stakeholders: civil

*Amendment*

29. Highlights the fact that the programmes offer opportunities for dialogue with a range of stakeholders: civil

society, local authorities and the private sector;

society, local authorities and the private sector; ***stresses in particular the importance of cross-border programmes for EU candidate countries, as these provide local and national authorities with the opportunity of familiarising themselves with European rules;***

Or. ro

#### **Amendment 118**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 29**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

29. Highlights the fact that the programmes offer opportunities for dialogue with a range of stakeholders: civil society, local authorities and the private sector;

##### *Amendment*

29. Highlights the fact that the programmes offer opportunities for ***an in-depth*** dialogue with a range of stakeholders: civil society, local, ***regional*** authorities, ***academia*** and the private sector;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 119**

**Elżbieta Kruk**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 29**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

29. Highlights the fact that the programmes offer opportunities for dialogue with a range of stakeholders: civil society, local authorities and the private sector;

##### *Amendment*

29. Highlights the fact that the programmes offer opportunities for dialogue with a range of stakeholders, ***including*** civil society, local authorities and the private sector;

Or. pl

**Amendment 120**

**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 29 – point 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(1) Considers that local and regional authorities as well as citizens and NGOs must be more included in the decision-making and funding process to ensure that needs are addressed properly;**

Or. en

**Amendment 121**

**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 29 – point 2 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(2) Highlights the importance of upholding the Partnership Principle in all programming, implementation and monitoring of EU projects in order to set up a strong cooperation between regional and local authorities, NGOs and stakeholders, including environmental NGOs; stresses that this process should take into account the gender perspective as well; reminds therefore that the European code of conduct on partnership fully applies to all cross-border projects within the Interreg programmes equally;**

Or. en

**Amendment 122**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Notes that CBC contributes to reducing regional disparities **and** promoting territorial cohesion, **as well as** to mobility and connectivity;

*Amendment*

30. Notes that CBC contributes to reducing regional disparities **while** promoting **economic and social development and** territorial cohesion, **also through** to mobility and connectivity;

Or. en

**Amendment 123**

**Elżbieta Kruk**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Notes that CBC contributes to reducing regional disparities and promoting territorial cohesion, as well as to mobility and connectivity;

*Amendment*

30. Notes that CBC contributes to reducing regional disparities and promoting territorial cohesion, as well as to **improving the** mobility and connectivity **of the regions**;

Or. pl

**Amendment 124**

**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Notes that CBC **contributes** to reducing regional disparities and promoting territorial cohesion, as well as to mobility and connectivity;

*Amendment*

30. Notes that CBC **may contribute further** to reducing regional disparities and promoting territorial cohesion, as well as to mobility and connectivity;

Or. en

**Amendment 125**

**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30 – point 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(1) Stresses the crucial role that investments in high quality public services have on building social resilience and coping with economic, health and social crises;**

Or. en

**Amendment 126**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**30a. Recommends strengthening cross-border cooperation by promoting the exchange of best practices and experience in managing shared resources, ecosystems and sustainable development in border regions;**

Or. en

**Amendment 127**  
**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoș Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**30a. Stresses the importance of allowing emergency services (ambulance, fire brigade) to provide services across borders;**

Or. en

**Amendment 128**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 30 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**30b. Stresses that the EU and the Member States should guarantee the access to basic healthcare with neighbouring countries and enhance SMEs and mid-caps' capacity to operate across borders;**

Or. en

**Amendment 129**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 30 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**30c. Considers that problems with cross-border cooperation persist in many areas, such as in transport sector, but also in economic areas such as employment and trade, and social policies like culture, languages and social inclusion;**

Or. en

**Amendment 130**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 30 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**30d. Highlights the necessity of cross-border cultural cooperation between citizens in order to strengthen mutual understanding of the neighbours' customs, and creating important motivations for multilingual education;**

Or. en

**Amendment 131**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 30 e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**30e. States that public educational and cultural services should be open, accessible and affordable to citizens from both sides of the borders;**

Or. en

**Amendment 132**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 30 f (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**30f. Stresses the importance of the cross-border cooperation on digitalisation, especially the digitalisation of public services, in order to provide a coherent and efficient public sector focused on the needs of all;**

Or. en

**Amendment 133**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González,  
Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 30 g (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**30g. Emphasizes the importance of  
developing local and regional plans for  
climate change adaptation measures  
across borders;**

Or. en

**Amendment 134**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González,  
Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 30 h (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**30h. Calls on the Commission to  
continue integrating the SDGs into the  
future cross-border cooperation action's  
plans, so that no place and no one is left  
behind;**

Or. en

**Amendment 135**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González,  
Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 30 i (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**30i. Stresses that on climate change  
and the environment, all entities should  
undertake possible measures in cross-  
border planning related to environment,  
biodiversity and food security that have an**

*economic and social benefit;*

Or. en

**Amendment 136**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 30 j (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**30j. Stresses the importance of networking and benchmarking in eliminating obstacles to cross-border cooperation; that should enable better use of tools, such as European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs), the Integrated Territorial Investment (ITI) tool, or the Community-Led Local Development strategy (CLLD);**

Or. en

**Amendment 137**

**Rovana Plumb, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 31**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

31. Highlights both the intangible benefits, such as ***institutional capacity building, and the tangible benefits*** linked to infrastructure development;

31. Highlights both the intangible benefits, such as ***the ones*** linked to infrastructure development;

Or. en

**Amendment 138**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 31 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**31a.** *Notes that cross-border cooperation is an essential step in the EU pre-accession through mutual learning and good neighbouring relations; this helps to bring EU initiatives and objectives closer to candidate countries, share experiences and begin the economic and social convergence process;*

Or. en

**Amendment 139**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 31 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**31b.** *Notes that local and regional players need to be helped to grasp the current cooperation opportunities in order to be able to navigate and understand its complexity;*

Or. en

**Amendment 140**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 31 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**31c.** *Considers that the creation of joint cross-border local government councils, such as the one established between Romania and Moldova to help develop*

*joint projects of mutual interest, could be an example to be followed;*

Or. en

**Amendment 141**  
**François Alfonsi**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Calls for the urgent need to support LRAs in the Ukraine reconstruction process while continuing to support neighbouring regions and encouraging increased cooperation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 142**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 32**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

32. Recommends greater complementarity between projects and stresses the need for **synergy** with other **policies** which overlap geographically and thematically, in order to avoid any double funding;

32. Recommends greater complementarity between projects and stresses the need for **synergies** with other **EU funding tools** which overlap geographically and thematically, in order to avoid any double funding;

Or. en

**Amendment 143**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 32 – point 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(1) Considers that the role of the EU macro-regional strategies in addressing challenges related to the border regions should be further enhanced;**

Or. en

**Amendment 144**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 32 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**32a. Emphasises the necessity for the targeted programmes, during the programming period 2021- 2027, to clearly identify the requirements and priorities that are common to the regions along the EU's external borders and complement other EU funded initiatives, not overlap them;**

Or. en

**Amendment 145**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 32 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**32b. Recommends that representatives of civil society are involved in the programmes from the outset, as such involvement would be useful for fostering local/regional ownership of programmes and ensuring their relevance and consistency with the regions' development strategies;**

**Amendment 146**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 32 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**32c. Recommends, in the area of cross-border governance, the need to develop a fully integrated infrastructure strategy (road, rail, water), taking into account the cross-border region as a whole;**

Or. en

**Amendment 147**

**Elżbieta Kruk**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 33**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

33. Recommends promoting European Union financial instruments with added social value, in order to raise the level of awareness of the benefits of Europe;

33. Recommends promoting European Union financial instruments with added social **and economic** value, in order to raise the level of awareness of the benefits of Europe;

Or. pl

**Amendment 148**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 33**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

33. Recommends **promoting European**

33. Recommends **to promote EU**

**Union** financial instruments with added social value, in order to raise the level of awareness of the benefits of **Europe**;

financial instruments with added social value, in order to raise the level of awareness of the benefits of **the European Union**;

Or. en

**Amendment 149**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 33 – point 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(1) Recalls the importance of a stronger gender mainstreaming in all EU funding programmes and highlights the specific role of women, in particular in border areas, as they play a major role in civil society and sustainable economic growth and at the same time face difficulties in accessing the labour market, as well as equal pay, public services such as health and childcare;**

Or. en

**Amendment 150**  
**Niyazi Kizilyürek**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 33 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**33a. urges the Union to strengthen its efforts to tackle climate change both in the Union and globally; calls in that regard for a revision of regulations (EC) No 2012/2002 and (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093 to better identify the allocations dedicated to the Member States and those dedicated to the third countries due to the limited amount of EUSF resources;**

## Amendment 151

Daniel Buda

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 34

##### *Motion for a resolution*

34. Calls on the Commission to simplify procedures considerably and stresses that these should be flexible enough to meet the real needs of cross-border areas;

##### *Amendment*

34. Calls on the Commission to simplify procedures considerably and stresses that these should be flexible enough to meet the real needs of cross-border areas; ***stresses that sustainable and inclusive development requires action at all levels; explicitly recognises the importance of paying attention to rural areas in cross-border regions, which mainly face challenges of a demographic nature;***

Or. ro

## Amendment 152

Vlad-Marius Botoș

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 34

##### *Motion for a resolution*

34. Calls on the Commission to simplify procedures considerably and stresses that these should be flexible enough to meet the real needs of cross-border areas;

##### *Amendment*

34. Calls on the Commission ***to reduce bureaucratic burden and*** to simplify procedures considerably and stresses that these should be flexible enough to meet the real needs of cross-border areas;

Or. en

## Amendment 153

Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoș Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke

## Motion for a resolution

### Paragraph 34

#### *Motion for a resolution*

34. Calls on the Commission to simplify procedures ***considerably*** and stresses that these should ***be flexible enough*** to meet the real needs of cross-border areas;

#### *Amendment*

34. Calls on the Commission to ***considerably*** simplify procedures and stresses that these should ***enable*** to meet the real needs of cross-border areas;

Or. en

## Amendment 154

François Alfonsi

## Motion for a resolution

### Paragraph 34 – point 1 (new)

#### *Motion for a resolution*

#### *Amendment*

***(1) Recalls that the climate change highly effects cross-border areas; therefore highlights the need to increase efforts to fight climate change and enhance climate mitigation particularly in those regions; emphasize that Cohesion policy must support a strong climate mainstreaming in all sectors and ensure that all EU funding programmes and projects are embedded in strategies that support ambitious climate objectives; highlights the importance that regional environmental strategies are linked with ambitious climate targets that go beyond the overall target of achieving a climate neutral EU by 2050;***

Or. en

## Amendment 155

François Alfonsi

## Motion for a resolution

### Paragraph 34 – point 2 (new)

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(2) Calls for a better access to funding for cross-border regions to enable investments in the local energy transition, including energy efficiency, decentralised distribution of energy and a strong focus on renewable energy and sustainable circular economy;**

Or. en

**Amendment 156**

**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 34 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**34a. Encourages bringing partner countries closer to the EU and stimulating internal reform and capacity building at local and regional level, promoting local democracy, multi-level governance and decentralised cooperation, including through cooperation in the framework of Euronest and CORLEAP for the Eastern Neighbourhood or ARLEM and the PA-UfM Parliamentary Assembly for the Southern Neighbourhood;**

Or. ro

**Amendment 157**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 34 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**34a. Recommends to setting up sustainable functional structures for the regional and local cross-border**

*cooperation and networks;*

Or. en

**Amendment 158**

**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 34 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**34b. Stresses the need to step up efforts and allocate greater resources in respect of cross-border projects aimed at developing IT infrastructure and expanding access to broadband networks so as to support economic and social cooperation between cross-border regions; highlights the key role that technology and innovations brought about by artificial intelligence can play in strengthening links, promoting sustainable development and improving and simplifying administrative procedures;**

Or. ro

**Amendment 159**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 34 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**34b. Emphasises the role of funds for small projects, like people-to-people projects in establishing ties across national borders;**

Or. en

#### **Amendment 160**

**Maria Angela Danzi, Sabrina Pignedoli**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 35**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

35. Stresses that the regional and local authorities should be involved in the implementation of projects; calls also for guidelines to be drawn up in this regard;

###### *Amendment*

35. Stresses that the regional and local authorities should be involved in the implementation of projects; ***invites the Commission to consider providing local and regional authorities in neighbouring countries with technical and institutional support to help them develop and implement territorial-cooperation projects***; calls also for guidelines to be drawn up in this regard;

Or. it

#### **Amendment 161**

**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 35**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

35. Stresses that the regional and local authorities should be involved in the implementation of projects; calls also for guidelines to be drawn up in this regard;

###### *Amendment*

35. Stresses that the regional and local authorities should be involved in the ***preparation and*** implementation of projects ***from the start***; calls also for guidelines to be drawn up in this regard;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 162**

**Vlad-Marius Botoş**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 35**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

###### *Amendment*

35. Stresses that the regional and local authorities should be involved in the implementation of projects; calls also for guidelines to be drawn up in this regard;

35. Stresses that the regional and local authorities ***as well as the private sector*** should be involved in the implementation of projects; calls also for guidelines to be drawn up in this regard;

Or. en

**Amendment 163**  
**Stanislav Polčák**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 35**

*Motion for a resolution*

35. Stresses that the regional and local authorities should be involved in the implementation of projects; calls also for guidelines to be drawn up in this regard;

*Amendment*

35. Stresses that the regional and local authorities should be involved ***to the greatest extent possible*** in the implementation of projects; calls also for guidelines to be drawn up in this regard;

Or. cs

**Amendment 164**  
**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 35**

*Motion for a resolution*

35. Stresses that the regional and local authorities should be involved in the implementation of projects; calls also for guidelines to be drawn up in this regard;

*Amendment*

35. Stresses that the regional and local authorities should be involved in the ***preparation and*** implementation of projects; calls also for guidelines to be drawn up in this regard;

Or. en

**Amendment 165**  
**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 35 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**35a. Underlines that exchange of good practices among regions and countries and learning from each other through a platform like INTERREG Europe, is very useful;**

Or. en

**Amendment 166**  
**Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 36**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

36. Calls on the Commission to improve the capacity of partner state authorities to access European funding;

36. Calls on the Commission to **further cooperate with partner states to promote the cross-border cooperation offering, where necessary, the know-how in order to help** improve the capacity of partner state authorities **and private sector** to access European funding;

Or. en

**Amendment 167**  
**Rovana Plumb, Isabel Carvalhais, Adrian-Dragoș Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 36**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

36. Calls on the Commission to improve the **capacity of partner state** authorities to access **European** funding;

36. Calls on the Commission to improve the **information towards counterpart** authorities **in partner countries concerning the procedures and conditions** to access **to EU** funding;

**Amendment 168**

**François Alfonsi**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 36 – point 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(1) Calls for the overall budget for cross-border territorial cooperation to be increased;**

**Amendment 169**

**Rovana Plumb, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Mónica Silvana González, Nora Mebarek, Matthias Ecke**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 36 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**36a. As Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has fundamentally changed the European security architecture, emphasizes cooperation on security policy aiming at reaching common goals of a reliable collective deterrence and defence in the framework of cross border cooperation;**

**Amendment 170**

**Vlad-Marius Botoş**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 36 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***36a. Emphasizes the importance of identifying and avoiding project overlaps and unnecessary expenditures between different European programs and initiatives;***

Or. en

**Amendment 171  
Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 36 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***36b. Recommends conducting periodic impact assessments of cross-border cooperation projects to ensure the efficient use of European financial resources;***

Or. en