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AMENDMENTS

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Strengthening rural areas in the EU through cohesion policy
(2024/2105(INI))

Amendment 1

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Andrzej Buła, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to its resolution of 27 June 2022 on EU border regions: living labs of European integration (2021/2202 (INI)),*

Or. en

Amendment 2

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Andrzej Buła, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to its report on the 9th report on economic and social cohesion (2024/2107(INI)),*

Or. en

Amendment 3

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Andrzej Buła, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the opinion of the European Committee of the Regions of 14 March 2023 entitled ‘Targets and tools for a smart rural Europe’^{1a},*

Amendment 4

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Andrzej Bula, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the opinion of the European Committee of the Regions on enhancing Cohesion Policy support for regions with geographic and demographic handicaps^{1a},*

1a OJ C 79, 2.3.2023

Amendment 5

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to Articles 39 *and 174* of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),

– having regard to Articles 39, *174 and 175* of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),

Amendment 6

Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano

Motion for a resolution

Citation 2

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to Articles 39 *and* 174 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),

Amendment

– having regard to Articles 39, 174 *and* 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),

Or. en

Amendment 7

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the Commission delegated regulation of 7 January 2014 on the European code of conduct on partnership in the framework of the European Structural and Investment Funds,*

Or. en

Amendment 8

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to Principle 20 of the European Pillar of Social Rights,*

Or. en

Amendment 9

Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions entitled "A long-term Vision for the EU's Rural Areas - Towards stronger, connected, resilient and prosperous rural areas by 2040" COM(2021) 345 final, of 30 June 2021,*

Or. en

Amendment 10
Cristina Guarda
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Commission communication of 19 February 2025 on a Vision for Agriculture and Food, Shaping together an attractive farming and agri-food sector (COM(2025)75),*

Or. en

Amendment 11
Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Communication from the Commission to*

the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions entitled "Putting people first, securing sustainable and inclusive growth, unlocking the potential of the EU's outermost regions" COM(2022) 198 final, of 3 may 2022,

Or. en

Amendment 12
Cristina Guarda
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the Commission communication on an Action plan for the development of organic production (COM(2021) 141),*

Or. en

Amendment 13
Cristina Guarda
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the Commission communication of 11 December 2019 on the European Green Deal (COM(2019)0640),*

Or. en

Amendment 14

Cristina Guarda
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Commission communication of 20 May 2020 entitled ‘A Farm to Fork Strategy for a fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food system’ (COM(2020)0381),*

Or. en

Amendment 15
Cristina Guarda
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Commission communication of 20 May 2020 entitled ‘EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 – Bringing nature back into our lives’ (COM(2020)0380),*

Or. en

Amendment 16
Cristina Guarda
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 15 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Commission communication of 17 November 2021 entitled ‘EU Soil Strategy for 2030 Reaping the benefits of healthy soils for*

*people, food, nature and climate’
(COM(2021)0699),*

Or. en

Amendment 17

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 15 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the Commission green paper of 27 January 2021 on ageing – fostering solidarity and responsibility between generations (COM(2021)0050,*

Or. en

Amendment 18

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to general recommendation No 34 (2016) of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on the rights of rural women, adopted on 7 March 2016,*

Or. en

Amendment 19

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to its resolution of 3 October 2018 on addressing the specific needs of rural, mountainous and remote areas,***

Or. en

Amendment 20

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to its resolution of 9 June 2021 on the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030: Bringing nature back into our lives,***

Or. en

Amendment 21

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions of 19 February 2025 entitled 'How post-27 LEADER and CLLD programming could contribute to better implementation of the long-term vision for the EU's rural areas',***

Or. en

Amendment 22
Daniel Buda, Dan-Ștefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Citation 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Commission communication of 19 February 2025 entitled ‘A Vision for Agriculture and Food - Shaping together an attractive farming and agri-food sector for future generations’^{1a},*

^{1a} COM(2025)75, 19.02.2025

Or. ro

Amendment 23
Cristina Guarda
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals,*

Or. en

Amendment 24
Maravillas Abadía Jover, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Elena Nevado del Campo, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution
Citation 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the Ninth Report on Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion,*

Or. en

Amendment 25

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 23 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the Paris Agreement reached at the 21st Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change,*

Or. en

Amendment 26

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 23 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to general recommendation No 34 (2016) of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on the rights of rural women, adopted on 7 March 2016,*

Or. en

Amendment 27

Maravillas Abadía Jover, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Elena Nevado del Campo, Christian Doleschal, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution
Citation 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to Enrico Letta’s report of April 2024 on the future of the single market,*

Or. en

Amendment 28
Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas, *nowadays*, rural areas *are home to 25 % of people in Europe and occupy around 83 % of the EU territory;*

A. whereas, *currently, 137 million European citizens—nearly one-third—live in rural areas, which account for approximately 83% of the EU’s territory;*

Or. en

Amendment 29
Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas, nowadays, rural areas are home to 25 % of people in Europe and occupy around 83 % of the EU territory;

A. whereas, nowadays, rural areas are home to 25 % of people in Europe and occupy around 83 % of the EU territory; *whereas one third of the population of rural regions, lives in a border region^{1a};*

^{1a} <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52021DC0345>

Amendment 30
Cristina Guarda
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A a. whereas since 1991, in rural areas the LEADER method, subsequently covered by the CLLD (community-led local development) policy instrument through Local Action Groups (LAGs), has demonstrated that it can mobilise and empower local actors around innovative and tailored strategies;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Andrzej Bula, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec, Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas rural areas are *a* cornerstone of the European economy *and* integral to its cultural diversity, as they are the cradle of food production and guardians of our heritage and landscapes;

B. whereas rural areas are *areas of the Future*, cornerstone of the European economy, *home to many “Hidden European Champions”*, integral to its cultural diversity, as they are the cradle of food production and guardians of our heritage and landscapes; *rural areas symbolise many of the aspects that make Europe attractive and livable;*

Or. en

Amendment 32

Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas rural areas are a cornerstone of the European economy and integral to its cultural diversity, as they are the cradle of food production and guardians of our heritage and landscapes;

Amendment

B. whereas rural areas are a cornerstone of the European economy and integral to its cultural diversity, as they are the cradle of food production and guardians of our heritage and landscapes ***and recognizing the need to acknowledge the role of rural areas in promoting the strategic autonomy of the European Union through the agricultural sector as a strategic priority of the Union;***

Or. en

Amendment 33

Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas rural areas are a cornerstone of the European economy and integral to its cultural diversity, as they are the cradle of food production and guardians of our heritage and landscapes;

Amendment

B. whereas rural areas are a cornerstone of the European economy and integral to its cultural diversity, as they are the cradle of food production, ***playing a determinant role in ensuring food security,*** and guardians of our heritage and landscapes;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas rural areas are a cornerstone of the European economy and integral to its cultural diversity, as they are the cradle of food production and guardians of our heritage and landscapes;

Amendment

B. whereas rural areas are a cornerstone of the European economy and integral to its cultural diversity, as they are the cradle of food production and guardians of our ***cultural*** heritage, ***traditions*** and landscapes;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Raquel García Hermida-Van Der Walle, Ciaran Mullooly

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas rural areas are a cornerstone of the European economy and integral to its cultural diversity, as they are the cradle of food production and guardians of our heritage and landscapes;

Amendment

B. whereas rural areas are a cornerstone of the European economy and integral to its cultural diversity, as they are the cradle of food production and guardians of our ***living rural*** heritage and landscapes;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas, in accordance with ***Article 174*** TFEU, the Union aims to reduce development gaps between the different regions, with a particular focus on rural areas;

Amendment

C. whereas, in accordance with ***Articles 174 and 349*** TFEU, the Union aims to reduce development gaps between the different regions, with a particular focus on rural areas ***and to the Outermost Regions, through the Cohesion Policy, which plays a fundamental role in promoting the harmonious development of all European regions by financing the***

construction of infrastructure, essential services such as education and healthcare, as well as innovation and digitalization. It is crucial to ensure, whenever possible, complementarity between Cohesion Funds and the funds of the Common Agricultural Policy to maximize investments in these areas and better address regional needs;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas, in accordance with Article 174 TFEU, the Union aims to reduce development gaps between the different regions, with a particular focus on rural areas;

Amendment

C. whereas, in accordance with Article 174 **and 175** TFEU, the Union aims to reduce development gaps between the different regions **and coordinate its policies including the use of the European Structural and Investment Funds to achieve this objective**, with a particular focus on rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza

Motion for a resolution

Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ca. whereas Article 175 TFEU requires, inter alia, Member States to coordinate their economic policies in such a way as to attain the objectives on economic, social and territorial cohesion set in Article 174 thereof;

Amendment

Amendment 39
Gabriella Gerzsenyi

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas rural areas are facing demographic challenges, such as ageing, population decline, brain drain, disparities with urban areas, structural changes in the agricultural and forestry sectors, a lack of services and infrastructure, falling employment and incomes, and a persistently large digital gap;

Amendment

D. whereas rural areas are facing demographic challenges, such as ageing, population decline, brain drain, **growing inequalities between men and women**, disparities with urban areas, structural changes in the agricultural and forestry sectors, a lack of services and infrastructure, falling employment and incomes, **lack of opportunities and assistance for vulnerable people such as persons with disabilities** and a persistently large digital gap;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Maravillas Abadía Jover

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas rural areas are facing demographic challenges, such as ageing, population decline, brain drain, disparities with urban areas, structural changes in the agricultural and forestry sectors, a lack of services and infrastructure, falling employment and incomes, and a persistently large digital gap;

Amendment

D. whereas rural areas are facing demographic challenges, such as ageing, population decline, brain drain, disparities with urban areas, structural changes in the agricultural and forestry sectors, a lack of services and infrastructure, **increasing transport and energy prices**, falling employment and incomes, and a persistently large digital gap;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Daniel Buda, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas rural areas are facing demographic challenges, such as ageing, population decline, brain drain, disparities with urban areas, structural changes in the agricultural and forestry sectors, a lack of services and infrastructure, falling employment and incomes, and a persistently large digital gap;

Amendment

D. whereas rural areas are facing demographic challenges, such as ageing, population decline, brain drain, disparities with urban areas, structural changes in the agricultural and forestry sectors, a lack of services and infrastructure, **increasingly frequent natural disasters**, falling employment and incomes, and a persistently large digital gap;

Or. ro

Amendment 42
Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas rural areas are facing demographic challenges, such as ageing, population decline, brain drain, disparities with urban areas, structural changes in the agricultural and forestry sectors, a lack of services and infrastructure, falling employment and incomes, and a persistently large digital gap;

Amendment

D. whereas rural areas **and Outermost Regions** are facing demographic challenges, such as ageing, population decline, brain drain, disparities with urban areas, structural changes in the agricultural and forestry sectors, a lack of services and infrastructure, falling employment and incomes, and a persistently large digital gap;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Andrzej Buła, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec, Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas rural areas are facing demographic challenges, such as ageing, population decline, brain drain, disparities with urban areas, structural changes in the agricultural and forestry sectors, a lack of services and infrastructure, falling employment and incomes, and a persistently large digital gap;

Amendment

D. whereas rural areas are **particularly** facing demographic challenges, such as ageing, population decline, brain drain, disparities with urban areas, structural changes in the agricultural and forestry sectors, a lack of services and infrastructure, falling employment and incomes, and a persistently large digital gap;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D a. whereas demographic challenges are particularly acute in the EU farming population, with the majority of farmers being over 50 years old;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Cristina Guarda
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D a. whereas the CAP alone cannot answer all the needs and challenges faced by the rural areas in the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Cristina Guarda
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D b. whereas the recently adopted Vision for Agriculture and Food refers to valuing food and fostering fair living and working conditions in vibrant rural areas and it commits the European Commission to enhancing generational renewal, ensuring greater synergies and complementarities between policies, reinforcing the Rural Pact, strengthening rural proofing and Leader/CLLD, updating the Rural Action Plan, and further developing the concept of Functional Rural Areas;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Cristina Guarda
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas Europe's rural areas have a crucial role to play in the climate transition;

E. whereas Europe's rural areas have a crucial role to play in the climate transition and are among the most affected by climate change both economically - due to income losses in key sectors such as agriculture, forestry, and tourism, which suffer from water scarcity and the increasing effects of floods - and socially, as climate change poses additional direct and indirect threats to the health and well-being of rural populations;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Krzysztof Hetman

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas Europe's rural areas *have* a crucial role *to play in the climate transition*;

Amendment

E. whereas Europe's rural areas *and European farmers already play* a crucial role *in the climate transition, and thanks to their efforts, the adverse impact of agriculture on the environment has been significantly reduced over the years; whereas the EU agricultural sector significantly reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 24%^{1a} between 1990 and 2021*;

^{1a} *Tackling climate change,*
https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/sustainability/environmental-sustainability/climate-change_en

Or. pl

Amendment 49
Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas Europe's rural areas have a crucial role to play in the climate transition;

Amendment

E. whereas Europe's rural areas have a crucial role to play in the climate transition, *since they are responsible for 72% of renewable energy production and hold 78% of the untapped potential*;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Daniel Buda, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas Europe's rural areas have a crucial role to play in the climate transition;

Amendment

E. whereas Europe's rural areas have a crucial role to play in the climate transition, ***while climate-associated risks are manifesting themselves asymmetrically in geographical terms;***

Or. ro

Amendment 51
Cristina Guarda
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E a. whereas the availability and quality of water play a critical role in ensuring equitable, sustainable, and productive rural livelihoods and the recently announced European Water Resilience Strategy presents an opportunity to address key challenges related to water quality, quantity, governance, and accessibility in rural areas also through a coherent use of European funds;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Elsi Katainen, Ciaran Mullooly

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E a. whereas there will be many new opportunities for rural areas in clean energy transition and diversification of the economy of rural areas, such as utilising agricultural and forest side streams for biogas generation;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Maravillas Abadía Jover, Elena Nevado del Campo, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution

Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E a. whereas rural areas, especially in the East and South of Europe are the most directly affected by energy poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E b. whereas rural areas are home to the majority of the EU's biodiversity, yet protected habitats and species remain in poor conservation status and continue to decline, while soil and water quality are also deteriorating, resulting in significant biodiversity loss and the degradation of natural resources;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Cristina Guarda
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital E c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E c. whereas biodiversity loss, like climate change, has severe economic consequences for the agricultural sector, in particular for pollinator-dependent crop producers, and negatively affects the attractiveness of rural tourism as well as the health and well-being, including mental health, of rural populations;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Cristina Guarda
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital E d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E d. whereas each region and Member State has to direct at least 30% of their ERDF allocation to PO2, that is, a greener, low-carbon transition towards a net-zero carbon economy and a resilient Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Krzysztof Hetman

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas demographic changes do not affect all countries and regions equally, but have a greater impact on ***regions that are already lagging behind***, as they exacerbate existing territorial and social imbalances;

F. whereas demographic changes do not affect all countries and regions equally, but have a greater impact on ***less developed regions***, as they exacerbate existing territorial and social imbalances; ***whereas solutions must be found for regional imbalances and for the uneven pace of convergence between regions, some of which remain stuck in a development trap; whereas less developed regions require particular attention and support;***

Or. pl

Amendment 58

Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas demographic changes do not affect all countries and regions equally, but have a greater impact on regions that are already lagging behind, as they exacerbate existing territorial and social imbalances;

Amendment

F. whereas demographic changes do not affect all countries and regions equally, but have a greater impact on regions that are already lagging behind, as they exacerbate existing territorial and social imbalances, ***as is the case with rural areas and the Outermost Regions;***

Or. en

Amendment 59

Maravillas Abadía Jover, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Elena Nevado del Campo, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F a. whereas the demographic change is expected to further exacerbate labour shortages and increase pressure on public budgets;

Amendment 60
Cristina Guarda
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G a. whereas, according to the Ninth Cohesion Report, the green energy transition and the expansion of renewable energy sources present significant opportunities for rural and less developed regions, allowing them to leverage their natural resources and geographic advantages, while most current renewable energy production is concentrated in more developed regions the greatest potential for future production lies in the rural areas of less developed regions;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Krzysztof Hetman

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G a. whereas in some Member States the percentage of the population living in rural areas is increasing, especially in the vicinity of towns and cities; whereas these areas are turning into ‘bedroom communities’ for larger towns and cities and, in order to fully exploit their potential and foster their development, it is vital for job creation to be stimulated and for investments to be made in providing access to basic services as well as transport and digital infrastructure;

Amendment 62
Valentina Palmisano

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G a. whereas rural areas in Southern and Mediterranean Europe face specific challenges related to desertification, climate change, water resource scarcity, and weak infrastructure, requiring a targeted approach within cohesion policy;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Maravillas Abadía Jover, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Elena Nevado del Campo

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G a. whereas average income in rural areas is 87.5 % of average income in urban areas^{1a};

^{1a} Urban-rural Europe - income and living conditions

Or. en

Amendment 64
Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Maravillas Abadía Jover

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H. whereas the lack of or poor access to healthcare, water services, transport, digital infrastructure, education, and recreational and cultural activities worsen the reputation of regions, and particularly rural, inland, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, as places to live and work;

H. whereas the lack of or poor access to healthcare, water services, transport, digital infrastructure, education, **financial services** and recreational and cultural activities worsen the reputation of regions, and particularly rural, inland, **cross-border**, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, as places to live and work; **whereas cross-border areas are particularly affected by the lack of regional connectivity in terms of transport infrastructure; whereas rural areas are strongly affected by the lack of employment opportunities, especially for young people;**

Or. en

Amendment 65

Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas the lack of or poor access to healthcare, water services, transport, digital infrastructure, education, and recreational and cultural activities worsen the reputation of regions, and particularly rural, inland, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, as places to live and work;

Amendment

H. whereas the lack of or poor access to healthcare, water services, **affordable housing**, transport, digital infrastructure, education, and recreational and cultural activities worsen the reputation of regions, and particularly rural, inland, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, as places to live and work;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Sérgio Gonçalves, Sabrina Repp, Hannes Heide, Raffaele Topo

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas the lack of or poor access

Amendment

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to healthcare, water services, transport, digital infrastructure, education, and recreational and cultural activities worsen the reputation of regions, and particularly rural, inland, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, as places to live and work;

to healthcare, water services, transport, digital infrastructure, education, **affordable housing**, and recreational and cultural activities worsen the reputation of regions, and particularly rural, inland, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, as places to live and work;

Or. en

Amendment 67

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Andrzej Buła, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec, Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas the lack of or poor access to healthcare, water services, transport, digital infrastructure, education, and recreational and cultural activities worsen the reputation of regions, and particularly rural, inland, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, as places to live and work;

Amendment

H. whereas the lack of or poor access to healthcare, water services, transport, digital infrastructure, education, and recreational and cultural activities worsen the reputation of regions, and particularly rural, **borderland**, inland, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, as places to live and work;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

H a. whereas the lack of or poor access to healthcare, water services, transport, digital infrastructure, education, and recreational and cultural activities worsen the reputation of regions, and particularly rural, inland, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, as places to live and

Amendment

work, especially for women, young people, ageing populations and minorities;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano

Motion for a resolution

Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H a. whereas the need to create conditions to make rural, inland, mountainous, insular, and outermost regions more attractive for retaining young and skilled populations, there is a call to ensure good infrastructure, affordable housing, and connectivity to and from these regions, particularly the Outermost Regions, through the creation of a POSEI-Transport;

Or. en

Amendment 70

Maravillas Abadía Jover, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Elena Nevado del Campo, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution

Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H a. whereas the EU faces significant climate-related risks, in particular drought, extreme heat and forest fires, with southern Europe being most affected. Droughts severely affect rural areas, in particular agriculture, leading to reduced crop yields, soil degradation and water scarcity, especially in the Mediterranean region;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H a. whereas the role of women entrepreneurs and self-employed women in rural economy should be recognised as a catalyst for economic growth, job creation and innovation potential; whereas women do not have sufficient access to public and private funds to develop their businesses;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Valentina Palmisano

Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H a. whereas universal access to quality healthcare, housing, education, and public services is a fundamental right, and the EU should ensure that rural areas have publicly funded, accessible, and affordable essential services;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution
Recital I

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I. whereas these areas bear the brunt

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of depopulation, and whereas it is mainly young people leaving them as a result of job shortages and dim career prospects, and this fuels the rural exodus, resulting in an increased share of older residents and a greater risk of social isolation;

of depopulation, and whereas it is mainly young people leaving them as a result of job shortages and dim career prospects, and this fuels the rural exodus ***and outmigration***, resulting in an increased share of older residents and a greater risk of social isolation; ***whereas throughout the Union, productive and working economic structures have considerably shifted from primary sector activities to tertiary sector activities; whereas in the tertiary sector emerging remote working methods are being developed and extended;***

Or. en

Amendment 74

Maravillas Abadía Jover, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Elena Nevado del Campo, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution

Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I a. whereas greater emphasis should be placed on preventive measures to strengthen the resilience of Europe's rural areas to natural disasters, an integrated approach to water resources management is essential both to prevent floods and to cope with droughts;

Or. en

Amendment 75

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec, Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution

Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I a. whereas there is still disparities in cohesion policy funding between urban

and rural areas. Urban areas still receive three times more cohesion funding than rural areas; ^{1a}

^{1a} *EU annual report 2024 on the state of regions and cities.*

Or. en

Amendment 76
Valentina Palmisano

Motion for a resolution
Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I a. whereas the lack of fair wages and stable employment opportunities in rural areas exacerbates inequalities and forces young people, particularly women, to migrate;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution
Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I a. whereas farming and family farms have been the pillar of rural society for decades, stabilising rural economies and strengthening social and cultural traditions;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu,

Maravillas Abadía Jover, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Andrzej Bula, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec

Motion for a resolution
Recital I b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I b. whereas the existing system of fund allocation and management by regional and local actors has proven to be highly successful;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Andrzej Bula, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec

Motion for a resolution
Recital I c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I c. whereas all regions, whether developed or less developed, must remain eligible for funding in future cohesion policy; even strong regions face significant transformation challenges; without fair funding, border regions and rural areas risk falling behind;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec

Motion for a resolution
Recital I d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I d. whereas it is deplored that a true bottom-up approach in European

cohesion Policy is still prevented by the fact that institutions and actors which are the closest to citizens, the European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation, are not entrusted with the independent management of funds from the Cohesion Policy Budget;

Or. en

Amendment 81

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Andrzej Bula, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec, Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution

Recital I e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I e. whereas regional actors have a deeper understanding of which projects should be prioritised for support through cohesion funds, ensuring that resources are allocated in a way that best meets the specific needs of their territories;

Or. en

Amendment 82

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Andrzej Buła, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec

Motion for a resolution

Recital I f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I f. whereas, as noted by the European Commission in its 9th Cohesion Report, border regions have high growth potential, where cultural and linguistic diversity fosters intense social and economic interaction, enabling many people to carry out their daily activities on both sides of the border. Cross-border

cooperation between cities and municipalities presents opportunities for multipolar growth and can also serve as a means to escape a development trap or counteract a demographic decline;

Or. en

Amendment 83

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ștefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution

Recital I g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I g. whereas, in some Member States, municipalities play a crucial role as drivers of regional economic development, benefiting from substantial tax revenues generated by their local economies. These revenues can motivate municipalities to invest EU cohesion funds in increasing their future tax base, promoting long-term local economic growth, securing long-term tax revenues;

Or. en

Amendment 84

Krzysztof Hetman

Motion for a resolution

Recital J

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

J. whereas 800 farms across Europe go out of business every day, and only one farm in twenty is managed by farmers below the age of 35¹⁴;

J. whereas 800 farms across Europe go out of business every day, and only one farm in twenty is managed by farmers below the age of 35¹⁴; *whereas the ambitious goals of the green transition entail risks for economic, social and territorial cohesion, as well as for European agriculture;*

¹⁴ EU annual report 2024 on the state of regions and cities.

¹⁴ EU annual report 2024 on the state of regions and cities.

Or. pl

Amendment 85

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza

Motion for a resolution

Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas **800** farms across Europe go out of business every day, and **only one farm in twenty is** managed by farmers below the age of 35¹⁴;

¹⁴ EU annual report 2024 on the state of regions and cities.

Amendment

J. whereas **farms, dairy farms, wine-growers and olive oil producers** across Europe go out of business every day, and **few businesses like these are** managed by farmers below the age of 35¹⁴;

¹⁴ EU annual report 2024 on the state of regions and cities.

Or. it

Amendment 86

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital J a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

J a. whereas in the Action Plan for the development of organic production, the European Commission commits to assisting Member States in designing measures for organic farming in rural areas that promote gender equality and youth farmers/employment, including the development and the implementation of “Bio districts”;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Gabriella Gerzsényi

Motion for a resolution
Recital J a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ja. whereas cohesion funds to rural areas should be further simplified with the objective of reducing administrative burden, not only for the relevant authorities but also for the final beneficiaries, thereby also contributing to increased absorption rates;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Daniel Buda, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Recital J a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ja. whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted a shift in perception among the public, who have recognised the potential of rural areas as a solution to the challenges arising from crises in providing a safer, sustainable and reliable living environment;

Or. ro

Amendment 89
Valentina Palmisano

Motion for a resolution
Recital J a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

J a. whereas industrial agriculture and land concentration contribute to the decline of small farms and local food systems, further threatening rural employment and biodiversity;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution
Recital J a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

J a. whereas generational renewal is one of the nine key objectives of the Common Agricultural Policy;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Daniel Buda, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Recital J b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Jb. whereas rural areas have the highest share (12.6 %) of young people aged 15-29 not in employment, education or training (NEETs)^{1a};

^{1a} The long-term Vision for the EU's rural areas: key achievements and ways forward

Or. ro

Amendment 92
Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Takes note of the 4 areas of action underpinning the rural vision and the **24** thematic actions making up the EU rural action plan; calls on the Commission and the Member States to place its implementation at the top of the agenda;

Amendment

2. Takes note of the 4 areas of action underpinning the rural vision and the **30** thematic actions making up the EU rural action plan; calls on the Commission and the Member States to place its implementation at the top of the agenda;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Marta Wcisło

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. Calls on the European Commission to implement rural proofing in all its policies and future legislation in order to ensure cohesion and competitive agricultural production in Europe as a structural part and condition for European strategic autonomy;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Stresses the key role rural areas have to play in shaping the economic models and the social and territorial organisation of the various Member States, **and** believes the EU has a duty to push for

3. Stresses the key role rural areas have to play in shaping the economic models and the social and territorial organisation of the various Member States, **particularly as the cradle of agricultural**

a true revival of these areas, going to extra lengths to endow our rural areas with the right tools to overcome the considerable long-term challenges which they find themselves facing and which are having an ever greater impact on regional competitiveness and social cohesion;

and food production, but also as custodians of an irreplaceable cultural and landscape heritage. Believes the EU has a duty to push for a true revival of these areas, going to extra lengths to endow our rural areas with the right tools to overcome the considerable long-term challenges which they find themselves facing and which are having an ever greater impact on regional competitiveness and social cohesion, ***in order to preserve European diversity and ensure that wider Union progress does not come at the expense of rural areas and people;***

Or. it

Amendment 95

Elena Nevado del Campo, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Stresses the key role rural areas have to play in shaping the economic models and the social and territorial organisation of the various Member States, and believes the EU has a duty to push for a true revival of these areas, going to extra lengths to endow our rural areas with the right tools to overcome the considerable long-term challenges which they find themselves facing and which are having an ever greater impact on regional competitiveness and social cohesion;

Amendment

3. Stresses the key role rural areas have to play in shaping the economic models and the social and territorial organisation of the various Member States, and believes the EU has a duty to push for a true revival of these areas, going to extra lengths to endow our rural areas with the right tools to overcome the considerable long-term challenges which they find themselves facing and which are having an ever greater impact on regional competitiveness and social cohesion; ***demands developing short supply chains and the use of labelling schemes to acknowledge the quality and variety of traditional products from rural areas;***

Or. en

Amendment 96

Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Elena Nevado del Campo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Stresses the key role rural areas have to play in shaping the economic models and the social and territorial organisation of the various Member States, and believes the EU has a duty to push for a true revival of these areas, going to extra lengths to endow our rural areas with the right tools to overcome the considerable long-term challenges which they find themselves facing and which are having an ever greater impact on regional competitiveness and social cohesion;

Amendment

3. Stresses the key role rural areas have to play in shaping the economic models and the social and territorial organisation of the various Member States, and believes the EU has a duty to push for a true ***economic revival and regeneration*** of these areas, going to extra lengths to endow our rural areas with the right tools to overcome the considerable long-term challenges which they find themselves facing and which are having an ever greater impact on regional competitiveness and social cohesion;

Or. es

Amendment 97

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere, Nora Mebarek, Sofie Eriksson, Rosa Serrano Sierra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. Recognizes the key role of small and medium-sized towns as development centers in rural regions and calls on the Commission and Member States to specifically strengthen their economic, social, and infrastructural functions, revitalize city centers, better utilize synergies between rural areas and large metropolitan regions, and ensure more balanced territorial development;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Valentina Palmisano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. Calls for the creation of an EU-wide minimum wage guarantee in agriculture, tourism, and rural services to ensure fair working conditions and economic security in rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 99

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere, Nora Mebarek, Sofie Eriksson, Rosa Serrano Sierra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 b. Calls for increased support for women in rural areas, particularly through measures to improve access to employment, education, healthcare, and social infrastructure, as well as protection from violence and violence prevention, to promote their economic and social participation; emphasizes that targeted programs should be created to support female entrepreneurs in rural regions in order to strengthen their economic independence;

Or. en

Amendment 100

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Klára Dobrev, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere, Nora Mebarek, Sofie Eriksson, Rosa Serrano Sierra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 c. Stresses the urgency of measures to combat poverty in rural areas by developing targeted strategies to improve social security, create economic opportunities, and support particularly vulnerable populations in order to break the cycle of poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 101

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere, Nora Mebarek, Sofie Eriksson, Rosa Serrano Sierra

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 d. Calls on the Commission to develop measures to promote the social and economic integration of migrants in rural regions to counter labour shortages and generate new economic momentum;

Or. en

Amendment 102

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere, Nora Mebarek, Sofie Eriksson, Rosa Serrano Sierra

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 e. Emphasizes the need for increased investment in research and innovation for rural areas, particularly in the fields of sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, digital transformation, and innovative mobility solutions, to enhance the competitiveness and resilience of rural regions and create new employment

opportunities;

Or. en

Amendment 103

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere, Nora Mebarek, Klára Dobrev, Sofie Eriksson

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 f. Calls for the expansion of renewable energy in rural areas with strong involvement of civil society and local communities; emphasizes the need for community-led projects, financial incentives, and simplified administrative processes to boost regional energy independence and sustainability;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Asks the Commission to implement **Article 174** TFEU in full and to see to it that all EU policies apply the ‘do no harm to cohesion’ principle, particularly in rural areas;

4. Asks the Commission to implement **Articles 174 and 175** TFEU in full and to see to it that all EU policies apply the ‘do no harm to cohesion’ principle, particularly in rural areas, **and to put in place a rural proofing mechanism for EU initiatives so as to assess their potential impact on rural areas through Territorial Impact Assesments; notes that rural proofing should also evaluate the cost of inaction for rural areas and rural stakeholders, and be closely linked to the Do No Significant Harm Principle; urges the**

Member States to promote the development and implementation of effective and participatory mechanisms for rural proofing at national level and calls on the Commission to assist them; underlines the importance, of involving local and regional authorities in the definition and implementation of rural proofing mechanisms, as well as in their governance at both European and national level;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Gabriella Gerzsényi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Asks the Commission to implement Article 174 TFEU in full and to see to it that all EU policies apply the ‘do no harm to cohesion’ principle, particularly in rural areas;

Amendment

4. Asks the Commission to implement Article 174 TFEU in full **via EU funds including ERDF, ESF and CAP** and to see to it that all EU policies apply the ‘do no harm to cohesion’ principle, particularly in rural areas; **calls on the Commission to align rural development strategies particularly with the CAP and calls on Member States to align the CAP with their national sectoral (agriculture, transport, housing, urban, environmental and climate) strategies;**

Or. en

Amendment 106
Krzysztof Hetman

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Asks the Commission to implement

Amendment

4. Asks the Commission to implement

Article 174 TFEU in full and to see to it that all EU policies apply the ‘do no harm to cohesion’ principle, particularly in rural areas;

Article 174 TFEU in full and to see to it that all EU policies *not only* apply the ‘do no harm to cohesion’ principle, *but also that they follow a more assertive ‘promote cohesion’ approach wherever possible*, particularly in rural areas, *and carry out a more thorough impact assessment of legislation in this respect*;

Or. pl

Amendment 107

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ștefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Andrzej Buła, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec, Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Asks the Commission to implement Article 174 TFEU in full and to see to it that all EU policies apply the ‘do no harm to cohesion’ principle, particularly in rural areas;

Amendment

4. Asks the Commission to implement Article 174 TFEU in full and to see to it that all EU policies apply the ‘do no harm to cohesion’ principle, particularly in rural areas *which are in particular affected by industrial transition, demographic developments such as northernmost regions, islands, cross-border and mountain regions*;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Francesco Ventola, Denis Nesci

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Asks the Commission to implement Article 174 TFEU in full and to see to it that all EU policies apply the ‘do no harm to cohesion’ principle, particularly in rural areas;

Amendment

4. Asks the Commission to implement Article 174 TFEU in full, *to close the infrastructure gap among regions*, and to see to it that all EU policies apply the ‘do no harm to cohesion’ principle, particularly in rural areas;

Amendment 109

Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Asks the Commission to implement Article 174 TFEU in full and to see to it that all EU policies apply the ‘do no harm to cohesion’ principle, particularly in rural areas;

Amendment

4. Asks the Commission to implement Article 174 **and 349** TFEU in full and to see to it that all EU policies apply the ‘do no harm to cohesion’ principle, particularly in rural areas **and Outermost Regions**;

Or. en

Amendment 110

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere, Nora Mebarek, Klára Dobrev, Rosa Serrano Sierra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Highlights the crucial role of Cohesion Policy for the development of rural areas as a powerful tool for economic and social development, allowing all parts of the union to reach its potential; underlines in this regard that cohesion policy should continue to be a key pillar of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) post 2027, with an allocation that is comparable to its current share, shaping a more resilient and competitive Europe that leaves no one behind; that the fundamental principles of cohesion policy such as partnership, multi-level-governance, place-based approach and shared management must be respected in order to foster development in rural areas;

Amendment 111

Cristina Guarda, Ana Miranda Paz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Welcomes the concept of Functional Rural Areas as an innovative approach to describe rural areas by integrating central market towns with their hinterland, thus allowing for a more harmonised comparison of socio-economic indicators; highlights that this approach can contribute to a better understanding of rural areas beyond existing typologies and administrative boundaries; considers it essential that this new EU concept is fully implemented to identify 'non-functional' areas or 'deserts of public functions/services,' particularly in remote areas and mountain regions;

Or. en

Amendment 112

Cristina Guarda
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 b. Notes with concern that rural areas and their specific needs are not sufficiently valued when allocating Cohesion Fund funds, which significantly contribute to maintaining the vitality of regions; calls, therefore, on the European Commission to explore the possibility of earmarking adequate resources for rural

and mountainous areas in the next Cohesion policy framework and of revising the current allocation methodology complementing GDP at regional level with other indicators that could better take into account growing intra-regional disparities on the ground;

Or. en

Amendment 113

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to devise a rural strategy for the post-2027 programming period;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to devise a rural strategy for the post-2027 programming period; *the next multiannual financial framework (MFF) represents a key opportunity to channel EU funds towards rural areas. The Commission, co-legislators and Member States need to work closely together to see to it that resources are allocated efficiently and that cohesion policies meet the specific needs of these areas, with a particular focus on tools supporting sustainable growth, and youth and female employment, including among victims of violence against women, in order to integrate them back into society through work. Achieving this hinges on service improvements and infrastructure upgrades;*

Or. it

Amendment 114

Daniel Buda, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to devise a rural strategy for the post-2027 programming period;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to devise a rural strategy for the post-2027 programming period; ***urges the Commission and the Member States to allocate specific resources to modernising agriculture, supporting rural SMEs and promoting short supply chains in order to make rural areas more competitive, resilient and attractive to young people and investors, thereby ensuring balanced and sustainable development in the long term;***

Or. ro

Amendment 115

Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Elena Nevado del Campo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to devise a rural strategy for the post-2027 programming period;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to devise a rural strategy for the post-2027 programming period, ***affording it a specific budget; urges the Commission to ensure that the strategy promotes the economic and social development of rural areas, guarantees the preservation of the principle of equality in the provision of public services and promotes the development of communications infrastructure;***

Or. es

Amendment 116

Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to devise a rural strategy for the post-2027 programming period;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to devise a rural strategy for the post-2027 programming period; ***asks the Commission to strongly consider the challenges faced by rural areas in the future Multiannual Financial Framework post-2027;***

Or. en

Amendment 117
Gabriella Gerzsenyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to devise a rural strategy for the post-2027 programming period;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to devise a rural strategy for the post-2027 programming period ***and use the approach of rural proofing to a greater extent in all relevant policies such as regional, environmental, health policies;***

Or. en

Amendment 118
Daniel Buda, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Emphasises the key importance of integrating the concept of smart villages into cohesion policy and of explicitly supporting the development of smart villages as an innovative tool for revitalising rural areas; considers this concept must become a pillar of the European strategy for territorial development, ensuring equal access to digital infrastructure, modern public

services and competitive economic opportunities; points out that the development of smart villages must be supported by dedicated, suitable and flexible funding, which may include multiple European funds to ensure an integrated approach;

Or. ro

Amendment 119
Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Stresses that the next EU budget for 2028-2034 must be strategically designed to strengthen the European economy, support industries, SMEs, and start-ups, and create local and rural jobs while enhancing the quality of life in rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Elena Nevado del Campo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Commission and the Council to raise the demographic challenge and the fight against depopulation to the highest priority in the European Union;

Or. es

Amendment 121
Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 b. Underscores that a robust Cohesion Policy and European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) are essential to guaranteeing the "right to stay" in rural areas, as highlighted in the Letta Report, by fostering economic stability and preventing depopulation through targeted investment in infrastructure, services, and innovation;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 c. Considers that the budgetary allocations for Cohesion Policy and European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) must be maintained at a minimum threshold equivalent to the current MFF 2021-2027 levels, ensuring their fundamental role in reducing regional disparities, strengthening economic, social, and territorial cohesion, and supporting rural development; emphasizes that any reduction in funding for these policies would undermine the Union's commitment to balanced and sustainable development, particularly in less developed, rural, and transitioning regions that heavily rely on cohesion and agricultural support;

Amendment 123

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza, Francesco Torselli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to ensure a strong focus on the development of rural areas in future cohesion policy;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to ensure a strong focus on the development of rural areas in future cohesion policy, ***in such a way that all policy initiatives are consistent with the goal of reducing territorial disparities; believes it is essential to devise long-term strategies to support rural areas, centred on the principles of cohesion and sustainability and providing the necessary tools to address demographic, social and economic challenges, in order to ensure that these areas do not become forgotten places, but rather key players in Europe's future without needing to continually depend on extraordinary measures; Calls, in this regard, on the Commission to ensure a significant development of rural areas in future cohesion policy, and to commit to setting up local infopoints to provide local authorities with effective support assisting with resource management and the implementation of development initiatives;***

Or. it

Amendment 124

Maravillas Abadía Jover, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Elena Nevado del Campo, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to ensure a strong focus on the development of rural areas in future cohesion policy;

6. Calls on the Commission to ensure a strong focus on the development of rural areas in future cohesion policy;
recognizing that while the economic transition often favors regions with greater capacity to attract investment and skilled labor, many rural and less developed areas hold significant potential for renewable energy production, such as wind and solar, as well as carbon capture and storage in natural ecosystems. Unlocking this potential would not only foster local development but also strengthen Europe's overall energy security;

Or. en

Amendment 125

Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to ensure a strong focus on the development of rural areas *in* future cohesion policy;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to ensure a strong focus on the development of rural areas, *the Outermost Regions, and cross-border regions as an integral and essential part of the European project in the future cohesion policy; highlights that the occupation and revitalization of rural, inland, mountainous, insular, and outermost regions are crucial for ensuring the defense and security of the European Union's territory, as they contribute to territorial cohesion, socioeconomic resilience, and the reduction of vulnerability to external crises;*

Or. en

Amendment 126

Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to ensure a strong focus on the development of rural areas in future cohesion policy;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to ensure a strong focus on the development of rural areas in future cohesion policy; ***highlights the key role common agricultural policy and cohesion policy funds play in promoting growth and development in rural areas; believes the Commission should strongly consider this role in the configuration of the future multiannual financial framework post-2027; considers that the inclusion of EAFRD within cohesion policy framework is in line with Commission's simplification objectives;***

Or. en

Amendment 127
Gabriella Gerzsenyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to ensure a strong focus on the development of rural areas in future cohesion policy;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to ensure a strong focus on the development of rural areas in future cohesion policy ***and provide a platform and financial support for Member States to exchange information and best practices, to engage in twinning projects and site visits in particular; calls on the Member States to set up an appropriate institutional system with clear responsibilities and ensure adequate collaboration of different actors harmonizing various interests;***

Or. en

Amendment 128

Valentina Palmisano

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6**

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to ensure a strong focus on the development of rural areas in future cohesion policy;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to ensure a strong focus on the development of rural areas in future cohesion policy, ***including by guaranteeing a strong rural development dimension, notably through the implementation of programmes such as the strategy to support “smart small villages”, in order to enable, promote and strengthen innovation in rural areas across Europe;***

Or. en

Amendment 129

Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Elena Nevado del Campo

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6**

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to ensure a strong focus on the development of rural areas in future cohesion policy;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to ensure a strong focus on the development of rural areas in future cohesion policy ***and to streamline the management of the associated funds, while including criteria relating to depopulation, dispersion and ageing among the parameters to be taken into account.***

Or. es

Amendment 130

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6**

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to ensure a strong focus on the development of rural areas in **future** cohesion policy;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to ensure a strong **and holistic** focus on the development of rural areas in **post-2027** Cohesion policy **by including specific EU-level regional targeting and earmarking for rural areas, with a minimum aid threshold in Partnership Agreements**;

Or. en

Amendment 131
Adrian-Dragoş Benea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Acknowledges the important role of Local Action Groups (LAGs) in implementing bottom-up approaches to rural development, primarily through the LEADER method under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP); although they do not serve as direct delivery mechanisms for cohesion policy, they contribute significantly to its objectives by fostering community-led local development; emphasizes that strengthening the synergy between cohesion policy and LEADER could potentially improve the effectiveness of rural development;

Or. en

Amendment 132
Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Recognizes that while some simplification measures have been introduced, many Managing Authorities and beneficiaries still face excessive administrative burdens; warns that complex bureaucratic requirements hinder access to funding, particularly for rural authorities with limited administrative capacity—those most in need of Cohesion Policy and support from European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD);

Or. en

Amendment 133
Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Takes note of the announced Strategy for Generational Renewal by the European Commission and highlights the important role of young farmers in modernising EU agriculture and in creating more opportunities in rural areas; calls on the Commission to prioritise focused investments and policy interventions to foster an effective generational renewal;

Or. en

Amendment 134
Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec, Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Calls on the Commission to review

the design of all European funding programmes when designing the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for the years 2028 to 2035 with regards to the needs of rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 135

Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to propose initiatives that promote living in rural areas through the new possibilities opened by the digital transition such as the expansion of remote working;

Or. en

Amendment 136

Elsi Katainen, Raquel García Hermida-Van Der Walle, Ciaran Mullooly

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Stresses that the right to stay principle requires action on many levels, such as considerable investment in digital infrastructure, education, electricity grids, water supply and roads;

Or. en

Amendment 137

Gabriella Gerzsenyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Calls on the Commission to unlock with higher ring-fencing guarantees the greater potential of bottom-up approaches such as CLLD and LEADER;

Or. en

Amendment 138
Jan Farský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Calls on the Commission to ensure the continuation of the support of just transition in the rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 b. Calls for the 2028-2034 framework to introduce further simplifications at both the EU and national levels, ensuring a harmonized set of rules across all funds to facilitate beneficiary access and maximize absorption rates; emphasizes that strong administrative capacity is crucial for the effective execution of Cohesion funds and European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), including for intermediary bodies, stakeholders, and project

beneficiaries;

Or. en

Amendment 140

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Andrzej Buła, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec, Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 b. Calls on the Commission to provide political guidelines for financing rural areas and outline options for further action based on the implementation of the EU Rural Action Plan. These guidelines should help to ensure that rural areas receive adequate funding and support, while addressing the specific challenges faced by these regions;

Or. en

Amendment 141

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec, Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 c. Suggests that all relevant Directorates-General of the European Commission conduct a territorial impact assessment of their respective policies at least twice per programming period. These evaluations would establish a more precise baseline and identify ways to integrate the characteristics of rural areas into European policies more effectively;

Or. en

Amendment 142

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Andrzej Bula, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec, Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 c. Underlines that cohesion policy funding must continue to be available for all regions (developed, transition and less developed) to tackle their specific challenges; regions should continue to be strongly involved in the allocation and management of cohesion funds, with the Partnership Principle as a core value;

Or. en

Amendment 143

Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Calls on the Member States to make full use of all measures supporting rural, inland, mountainous, insular and outermost areas to secure their future and prosperity;

7. Calls on the Member States to make full use of all measures supporting rural, inland, **cross-border**, mountainous, insular and outermost areas to secure their future and prosperity; **asks the Commission and the Member States to enhance the cooperation between cross-border regions to enable economies of scale when providing basic services and infrastructures in the rural areas affected;**

Or. en

Amendment 144

Marta Wcisło, Krzysztof Hetman

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the Member States to make full use of all measures supporting rural, inland, mountainous, insular and outermost areas to secure their future and prosperity;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Member States to make full use of all measures supporting rural, inland, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, ***as well as regions at the EU's external borders, including those bordering Russia, Belarus and Ukraine which are most affected by war***, to secure their future and prosperity;

Or. en

Amendment 145

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ștefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Andrzej Buła, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec, Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the Member States to make full use of all measures supporting rural, inland, mountainous, insular and outermost areas to secure their future and prosperity;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Member States to make full use of all measures supporting rural, inland, ***borderland***, mountainous, insular and outermost areas to secure their future and prosperity;

Or. en

Amendment 146

Dan-Ștefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Stresses the importance of enhanced support to regions and rural areas neighboring Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus, given the economic and social

impact of Russian aggression against Ukraine; calls on the Commission and Member States to introduce targeted financial and policy measures to mitigate economic disruptions, support local economies, and strengthen resilience in these areas;

Or. en

Amendment 147

Elsi Katainen, Raquel García Hermida-Van Der Walle

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Calls on the Commission to acknowledge and act on the pressure on the regions situated at the EU's external borders facing Russia. The Russian war against Ukraine has negatively affected these regions' vitality and well-being and compromised the security of the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 148

Gabriella Gerzsenyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to implement various cross-border cooperation programmes as cross-border cooperation plays an important role in bringing diverse rural areas together;

Or. en

Amendment 149

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the diversity of the EU's rural areas, ***for which the long-term vision calls for solutions that are devised with their needs and resources in mind and also with the involvement of local and regional authorities;***

Amendment

8. Stresses the diversity of the EU's rural areas ***and emphasizes that their effective development can only be achieved by adhering to the principles of shared management, multilevel governance, and a place-based approach;*** calls for solutions that are ***tailored to the needs and resources of rural areas while reinforcing long term strategies for sustainable and inclusive growth;*** ***underlines in this regard the need to fully involve local and regional authorities from the programming phase onwards, ensuring the respect of the subsidiary principle while fostering policy coherence and a balanced territorial development;***

Or. en

Amendment 150

Krzysztof Hetman

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the diversity of the EU's rural areas, for which the long-term vision calls for solutions that are devised with their needs and resources in mind and also with the involvement of local and regional authorities;

Amendment

8. Stresses the diversity of the EU's rural areas, for which the long-term vision calls for solutions that are devised with their needs and resources in mind and also with the involvement of local and regional authorities, ***which are best placed to identify current challenges and needs at the regional and local level; highlights the importance of maintaining a decentralised model for the programming and implementation of cohesion policy based on the principle of partnership and***

Amendment 151

Elsi Katainen, Raquel García Hermida-Van Der Walle, Ciaran Mullooly

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the diversity of the EU's rural areas, for which the long-term vision calls for solutions that are devised with their needs and resources in mind and also with the involvement of local and regional authorities;

Amendment

8. Stresses the diversity of the EU's rural areas, for which the long-term vision calls for solutions that are devised with their needs and resources in mind and also with the involvement of local and regional authorities; ***highlights that resilience is essential to enable local and regional levels to mitigate, adapt to, and to recover from sudden challenges, ensuring community well-being, security and long-term sustainability;***

Amendment 152

Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the diversity of the EU's rural areas, for which the long-term vision calls for solutions that are devised with their needs and resources in mind and also with the involvement of local and regional authorities;

Amendment

8. Stresses the diversity of the EU's rural areas, for which the long-term vision calls for solutions that are devised with their needs and resources in mind and also with the involvement of local and regional authorities; ***highlights the importance of bottom-up solutions as rural areas are very diverse, therefore responses and solutions should be tailor-made to fit the specific needs and possibilities of each territory;***

Amendment 153

Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the diversity of the EU's rural areas, for which the long-term vision calls for solutions that are devised with their needs and resources in mind and also with the involvement of local and regional authorities;

Amendment

8. Stresses the diversity of the EU's rural areas, for which the long-term vision calls for solutions that are devised with their needs and resources in mind and also with the involvement of local and regional authorities; ***highlights that the management approach to policies relevant for the development of rural areas needed to be coordinated, integrated and multi-sectoral in its implementation;***

Or. en

Amendment 154

Gabriella Gerzsenyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the diversity of the EU's rural areas, for which the long-term vision calls for solutions that are devised with their needs and resources in mind and also with the involvement of local and regional authorities;

Amendment

8. Stresses the diversity of the EU's rural areas, for which the long-term vision calls for solutions that are devised with their needs and resources in mind and also with the involvement of local and regional authorities ***promoting the principle of partnership, enhanced dialogue, ownership, responsibility and increase direct access to EU funding to final beneficiaries;***

Or. en

Amendment 155

Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the diversity of the EU's rural areas, for which the long-term vision calls for solutions that are devised with their needs and resources in mind and also with the involvement of local and regional authorities;

Amendment

8. Stresses the diversity of the EU's rural areas, for which the long-term vision calls for solutions that are devised with their needs and resources in mind and also with the involvement of local and regional authorities ***reinforcing a multi-level approach in line with the principle of subsidiarity, which is essential to ensure the success of the policies adopted;***

Or. en

Amendment 156

Lubica Karvašová

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the diversity of the EU's rural areas, for which the long-term vision calls for solutions that are devised with their needs and resources in mind and also with the involvement of local and regional authorities;

Amendment

8. Stresses the diversity of the EU's rural areas, for which the long-term vision calls for solutions that are devised with their needs and resources in mind and also with the involvement of local and regional authorities; ***therefore calls for ensuring a more direct access of local and regional authorities to cohesion policy funds;***

Or. en

Amendment 157

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ștefan Motreanu, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Andrzej Bula, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec, Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the diversity of the EU's rural areas, for which the long-term vision calls for solutions that are devised with their needs and resources in mind and **also** with the involvement of local and regional authorities;

Amendment

8. Stresses the diversity of the EU's rural areas, for which the long-term vision calls for solutions that are devised with their needs and resources in mind and with the **strong** involvement of local and regional authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 158

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the diversity of the EU's rural areas, for which the long-term vision calls for solutions that are devised with their needs and resources in mind and also with **the** involvement of local and regional authorities;

Amendment

8. Stresses the diversity of the EU's rural areas, for which the long-term vision calls for solutions that are devised with their needs and resources in mind and also with **greater** involvement of local and regional authorities;

Or. it

Amendment 159

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Highlights the need to adapt as much as possible to climate change, notably in the food and farming sector to ensure the continuity of food production and strengthen farmers' resilience; emphasises that Cohesion Policy must support a strong climate mainstreaming

in agriculture and food, related sectors, and ensure that all EU funding programmes and projects are embedded in strategies that support ambitious climate objectives; notes that the Cohesion Policy and Regional environmental strategies offer opportunities to support farmers and forest managers' sustainable investments in climate change adaptation, notably aiming at prevention against flood, drought and fire; suggests that these opportunities be highlighted in the future, in order to encourages Member States and regional authorities to make full use of these possibilities^{1a}; highlights the importance that regional environmental strategies be linked with ambitious climate targets, taking into account the potential contribution of the farming, food processing and forestry sectors;

^{1a} Gancheva, M., Geraci, M., Truc, M., & Tertre, L., 2024, Research for REGI Committee – Climate adaptation using Cohesion Policy: Fostering adaptation, regional resilience and economic sustainability, European Parliament, Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies, Brussels

Or. en

Amendment 160
Valentina Palmisano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Emphasizes the importance of protecting and promoting linguistic minorities in the rural areas of the European Union, recognizing them as an integral part of Europe's cultural heritage and as a driver of regional development; highlights that the promotion of minority

languages can enhance awareness of local specificities, increasing tourism attractiveness and fostering economic activities linked to culture, education, craftsmanship, and traditional products; therefore, calls on the Commission and Member States to allocate cohesion policy resources to support projects for linguistic promotion, training, cultural tourism, and local entrepreneurship connected to the linguistic and cultural traditions of the region;

Or. en

Amendment 161
Jessika Van Leeuwen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Notes that a recent European Court of Auditors report on errors in 2014-2020 EU cohesion spending found big differences regarding residual error rates between EU Member States when spending EU Structural Funds; proposes, to stimulate and reward good behaviour, to grant countries with consistently low residual error rates more beneficial co-financing conditions in the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF);

Or. en

Amendment 162
Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. *Warns that a shift toward centralized planning, governance, and investment decisions under the next EU budget could weaken the role of regional, local and rural governments; stresses that excessive centralization may lead to bureaucratic inefficiencies, delays, and challenges in fund absorption, ultimately reducing the effectiveness of EU investments in rural development;*

Or. en

Amendment 163

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. *Stresses that disproportionate burdens, such as the inherent structural disadvantages faced by rural areas in particular in border regions should be compensated with a separate regime for regional aid designed specifically for border regions;*

Or. en

Amendment 164

Daniel Buda, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. *Encourages initiatives that promote economic and social sustainability, including support for rural entrepreneurship, rural tourism and new business models based on innovation and digitalisation;*

Amendment 165
Cristina Guarda
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 b. Stresses that restoring biodiversity in rural areas is essential to safeguarding ecosystem services, enhancing climate resilience, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of rural economies; underlines that increasing the functionality and ecological connectivity of rural landscapes is key to reversing biodiversity loss and mitigating the degradation of natural resources; calls for stronger synergies between the Common Agricultural Policy and the Cohesion Policy to promote biodiversity restoration, improve habitat connectivity, and support nature-based solutions that enhance ecosystem functionality; emphasizes that better integration of these policies can provide rural communities with the financial and technical resources needed to implement sustainable land management practices, restore degraded ecosystems, and create green infrastructure that supports both biodiversity and rural development; highlights that restoring biodiversity not only limits economic losses linked to lower productivity but also presents economic opportunities for farmers and operators thanks to new income streams through payments for ecosystem services and eco-tourism;

Or. en

Amendment 166

Jessika Van Leeuwen

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 b. Stresses that in order to ensure the long-term prosperity of rural areas and the importance of a strong agricultural sector to maintain this prosperity in rural areas, it is essential to strengthen the synergies between EU Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) and Horizon Europe, the EU's flagship research and innovation programme, and the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) in the next Multiannual Financial Framework;

Or. en

**Amendment 167
Dan-Ştefan Motreanu**

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 b. Calls for a governance framework that ensures decision-making remains close to the territories concerned, reinforcing the principle of subsidiarity and empowering regional, local, and rural authorities in shaping and implementing policies that directly affect their communities;

Or. en

**Amendment 168
Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu,
Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Daniel Buda**

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 b. *Demands that 0.26 percent of the EU budget for Cohesion Policy shall be reserved exclusively for the development of border regions ('borderland-billion') at the beginning of every new programming period, starting with the period 2028-2034;*

Or. en

Amendment 169

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 c. *Stresses the opportunity to strengthen the economic and social fabric in rural areas, particularly for farmers, by harnessing the untapped potential of integrated renewable energy production while ensuring a balanced approach that safeguards agricultural and food production, protects biodiversity, and respects the needs of local communities; calls for the prioritization of renewable energy projects that integrate sustainably into the rural landscape, promote energy self-sufficiency for local economies and at farm level, and avoid negative impacts on food security, land availability and prices as well as on social cohesion;*

Or. en

Amendment 170

Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 c. Underlines the importance of effective participation of regional, local, and rural authorities in Cohesion Policy and European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) program from preparation and programming to implementation, delivery, and evaluation; stresses that this must be accompanied by a reinforced Partnership Principle, making it a fundamental requirement for all strategic investments and reforms;

Or. en

Amendment 171

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ștefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Daniel Buda

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 c. Suggests that the ‘borderland billion’ is to be entrusted directly to the European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs) or other similar structures, who are to be tasked with its independent management and distribution among projects;

Or. en

Amendment 172

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 d. Calls on the Commission and

Member States to prioritize in particular financial support for Renewable Energy Communities in rural areas, recognizing their potential to enhance energy democracy, strengthen local economies, alleviate energy poverty, increase ownership in local projects and contribute to climate resilience; stresses the importance of drawing on successful experiences both within and beyond Europe, particularly regarding the active involvement of farmers, in order to ensure fair access to renewable energy benefits, promote sustainable land use, and foster social and economic cohesion in rural; calls in this regard on the Commission to provide technical assistance to national, regional and local authorities, also following up on the positive experience of the Rural Energy Community Advisory Hub;

Or. en

Amendment 173

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ștefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 d. Calls on the Member States to remove existing obstacles and grant the EGTCs a higher degree of autonomy in selecting projects and using funds, in particular by designating EGTCs as managing authorities for Interreg programs pursuant to Article 45(4) of the Interreg Regulation, strengthening their institutional and financial capacity pursuant to Article 14(4) of the Interreg Regulation, or appointing them as beneficiaries to manage small project funds pursuant to Article 25(2) of the Interreg Regulation;

Amendment 174
Cristina Guarda
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 e. Calls on the European Commission to ensure that European Structural and Investment funds are aligned with the future Water Resilience Strategy and undergo a comprehensive water resilience proofing process; emphasizes that European public funding should actively support reduced water consumption and sustainable water management by prioritizing investments in freshwater ecosystem restoration, scaling up nature-based solutions for climate adaptation, and implementing preventive, cost-efficient, and low-regret measures; stresses the need to strengthen water governance to ensure long-term sustainability and resilience, particularly in rural and agricultural areas; highlights the importance of safeguarding water accessibility for all communities through participatory approaches while supporting both economic stability and environmental protection;

Or. en

Amendment 175
Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 e. Recommends that the Commission create incentives for Member States to adopt these options in order to grant EGTCs a more significant role in achieving Policy Objective 5 of the EU Cohesion Policy for 2021-2027, namely bringing Europe closer to its citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 176

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 f. Highlights the importance of upholding the Partnership Principle from preparation, programming and selection of the projects to their implementation and evaluation, as well as of setting up a strong cooperation between regional and local authorities NGOs and stakeholders, including farmers' organisations and environmental NGOs; stresses that this process should take into duly account the gender perspective;

Or. en

Amendment 177

Maravillas Abadía Jover, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Elena Nevado del Campo, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Highlights the need for these areas to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the public and to harness their strengths to achieve

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sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services;

sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services; ***stresses the important role of the social economy in delivering these essential services, fostering local employment, and ensuring inclusive and sustainable economic growth in rural and remote areas; emphasizes that cooperatives, mutual societies, social enterprises, and other social economy actors can play a key role in maintaining services where traditional market mechanisms are insufficient, promoting social cohesion and economic resilience; calls on the Commission and Member States to facilitate access to funding and tailored support measures for social economy initiatives that address local needs and contribute to regional development;***

Or. en

Amendment 178

Cristina Guarda, Ana Miranda Paz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

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9. Highlights the need for these areas to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the public and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking

Amendment

9. Highlights the need for these areas to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the public and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking

services;

services; *notes in particular the need to urgently develop access in rural areas to mental health services for farmers and to reproductive care for women and youth-friendly services tailored to the needs of teenagers, including accessible recreational spaces, youth centers, and targeted mental health support; stresses that ensuring access to a basic set of public goods and services for all citizens, regardless of where they live, is crucial to upholding the “Right to Stay” principle;*

Or. en

Amendment 179

Daniel Buda, Dan-Ștefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Highlights the need for these areas to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the **public** and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services;

Amendment

9. Highlights the need for these areas to be able to provide **inhabitants with** high-quality **public** services of general interest to the **population, while ensuring their equal access to these**, and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, **innovative mobility solutions, sustainable** transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services; **urges support for the development of a healthcare and education system tailored to the needs of rural communities, and vocational training;**

Or. ro

Amendment 180

Valentina Palmisano

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9**

Motion for a resolution

9. Highlights the need for these areas to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the public and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services;

Amendment

9. Highlights the need for these areas to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the public and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services; ***calls for these services to be primarily provided through publicly funded and community-led initiatives to ensure accessibility, affordability, and democratic control over essential services;***

Or. en

**Amendment 181
Gabriella Gerzsenyi**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9**

Motion for a resolution

9. Highlights the need for these areas to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the public and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide ***healthcare***, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services;

Amendment

9. Highlights the need for these areas to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the public and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services, ***as well as healthcare including medical spa services, which contains untapped potential for competitiveness and job***

creation, bridging the gap between rural and urban areas, as well as improving human health and quality of life;

Or. en

Amendment 182

Sérgio Gonçalves, Sabrina Repp, Hannes Heide, Raffaele Topo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Highlights the need for these areas to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the public and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services;

Amendment

9. Highlights the need for these areas to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the public and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services; ***calls for the reinforcement of financial instruments supporting rural entrepreneurship, cooperatives, and the development of local value chains, fostering economic diversification;***

Or. en

Amendment 183

Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Maravillas Abadía Jover

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Highlights the need for these areas to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the public and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable development, for which they

Amendment

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should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services;

should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services; ***believes the access to these public services and quality infrastructure is fundamental in guaranteeing proper living conditions in rural areas;***

Or. en

Amendment 184
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Highlights the need for these areas to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the public and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services;

Amendment

9. Highlights the need for these areas to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the public and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services; ***reminds that the needs of people with disabilities should be particularly taken into account;***

Or. en

Amendment 185
Jessika Van Leeuwen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Highlights the need for **these** areas to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the public and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services;

9. Highlights the need for **rural** areas to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the public **to improve their livelihood** and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable **economic and social** development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water **management and water** services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services;

Or. en

Amendment 186

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Andrzej Buła, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec, Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Highlights the need for **these** areas to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the public and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services;

Amendment

9. Highlights the need for **rural** areas, **including borderland regions**, to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the public and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services;

Or. en

Amendment 187

Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Elena Nevado del Campo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Highlights the need for these areas to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the public and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services;

Amendment

9. Highlights the need for these areas to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the public and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide **affordable housing**, healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services;

Or. en

Amendment 188

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Highlights the need for these areas to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the public and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services;

Amendment

9. Highlights the need for these areas to be able to provide high-quality services of general interest to the public and to harness their strengths to achieve sustainable development, for which they should receive sufficient financial support; underlines, to that end, the need to provide healthcare, transport and connectivity services, water services, education services, **training**, digital infrastructure, and other basic services such as postal and banking services;

Or. it

Amendment 189

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 – point a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

a. on healthcare, the Commission is called on to incorporate specific measures targeting areas identified as rural into its 'eHealth' strategy, in order to provide local healthcare units with practical support for technological upgrades, and is asked to promote an initiative designed to boost the services such units offer. Member States should also be offered a screening programme targeting rural areas. Administrative support should also be put in place to assist with the drawing up of plans and prevention registers. Member States are called on to take account of the particular characteristics of these areas and to encourage 'rural pharmacies' to be set up, in order to adapt pharmacy networks to all the criteria specific to a rural area, with specific coordination arrangements for the supply of medicines and medical devices. The aim of the above is to streamline and adapt the needs of healthcare units to the individual areas. Lastly, Member States are called on to continue to improve the provision of primary care and support services among these pharmacies termed 'rural' ;

Or. it

Amendment 190

Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Underlines that expanding Integrated Territorial Investment (ITI) plans and unlocking their full potential could establish them as a cornerstone for integrated regional, local, and rural

development; emphasizes that strengthening ITI's role in rural areas is essential to fostering territorial cohesion, enhancing connectivity, and driving inclusive economic growth by supporting key sectors such as agriculture, rural SMEs, tourism, and renewable energy;

Or. en

Amendment 191

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Member States and local authorities to safeguard essential services that are vital to the development of rural areas by refraining from imposing economic constraints on healthcare in rural areas, as this would lead to the closure, or a fall in the number, of first-aid facilities and basic hospital structures;

Or. it

Amendment 192

Valentina Palmisano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Notes that rural areas suffer from limited access to essential healthcare services, with a shortage of facilities and medical personnel; calls on the Commission and Member States to develop a plan for telemedicine, the strengthening of local healthcare facilities, and incentives for doctors

working in rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 193

Maravillas Abadía Jover, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Calls for additional projects and increased investment, in line with national and regional risk management strategies, to strengthen the preparedness and resilience of rural areas against extreme climate events, building on the support already provided by the cohesion policy;

Or. en

Amendment 194

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Highlights that while reversing rural depopulation is a valuable objective, the improvement of living conditions for all EU citizens should remain a priority, particularly through cohesion policy, ensuring that even the least populated areas benefit from targeted support;

Or. en

Amendment 195

Adrian-Dragoş Benea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Highlights the need for targeted measures to enhance healthcare access in rural areas, including mobile medical units, telemedicine services, and incentives to encourage healthcare professionals to work in remote regions;

Or. en

Amendment 196

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere, Nora Mebarek, Klára Dobrev, Sofie Eriksson, Rosa Serrano Sierra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Calls for improved access to quality healthcare in rural areas through strengthened medical services, pharmacies, community health nurses, and digital health solutions;

Or. en

Amendment 197

Maravillas Abadía Jover, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 b. Calls for cohesion policy, in order to tackle the growing climate risks particularly affecting southern Europe, to integrate water as a vector for cohesion between regions by supporting comprehensive and forward-looking

adaptation strategies at national, regional and local level, including water management, resilient infrastructure, disaster preparedness, and calls for water stress to be considered as a criterion for allocating cohesion funds;

Or. en

Amendment 198
Valentina Palmisano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 b. *Stresses the growing threat of desertification and water scarcity for many rural areas in Europe, particularly in the Mediterranean basin; calls on the Commission to promote investments in innovative water infrastructure, such as the reuse of treated wastewater, smart irrigation systems, and the construction of reservoirs for rainwater harvesting;*

Or. en

Amendment 199
Dan-Ștefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 b. *Calls for greater flexibility in ITI implementation, increased financial allocations, and reinforced synergies with other EU funding mechanisms, including LEADER and Community-Led Local Development (CLLD), to maximize impact;*

Or. en

Amendment 200
Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 c. Stresses the need to enhance the role of LEADER and CLLD as key instruments for fostering bottom-up, participatory rural development, ensuring local communities have a stronger voice in shaping territorial strategies and investment priorities; calls for increased funding and greater flexibility in multi-fund CLLD approaches to enhance synergies between LEADER, ITI, and other EU cohesion and rural development programs;

Or. en

Amendment 201
Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Highlights the key role that infrastructure development has to play in the economic and social growth of rural areas, given the need for transport systems with the capacity to improve connectivity and access to basic services, for energy networks and for suitable digital connectivity infrastructure;

10. Highlights the key role that infrastructure development has to play in the economic and social growth of rural areas, given the need for transport systems with the capacity to improve connectivity and access to basic services, for energy networks and for suitable digital connectivity infrastructure; ***In particular, the quality of transport and connectivity should be improved so that people have easy access to schools, hospitals, public services and job opportunities. Road and rail transport links need to be developed and upgraded to reduce the isolation of rural areas and facilitate the mobility of***

people and goods;

Or. it

Amendment 202

André Rougé

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Highlights the key role that infrastructure development has to play in the economic and social growth of rural areas, given the need for transport systems with the capacity to improve connectivity and access to basic services, for energy networks and for suitable digital connectivity infrastructure;

Amendment

10. Highlights the key role that infrastructure development has to play in the economic and social growth of rural areas, given the need for transport systems with the capacity to improve connectivity and access to basic services, for energy networks and for suitable digital connectivity infrastructure; ***takes into account the digital divide between urban and rural areas and calls in particular for rural areas to benefit from very fast broadband and 4G/5G mobile coverage by 2027, with a priority allocation of cohesion funds and special attention in this area to the outermost regions (ORs) of the European Union;***

Or. fr

Amendment 203

Jessika Van Leeuwen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Highlights the key role that infrastructure development has to play in the economic and social growth of rural areas, ***given the need for*** transport systems with the capacity to improve connectivity and access to basic services, ***for*** energy networks and ***for suitable*** digital

Amendment

10. Highlights the key role that infrastructure development has to play in the economic and social growth of rural areas, ***with a particular focus on public*** transport systems with the capacity to improve connectivity and access to basic services, energy networks and ***access to***

connectivity infrastructure;

high-speed internet, digital infrastructure and smart agricultural technologies; stresses that investments in broadband connectivity, digital farming solutions, and rural innovation hubs are crucial to enhancing productivity, supporting entrepreneurship, and ensuring that rural areas remain competitive in the digital age;

Or. en

Amendment 204

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Highlights the key role *that* infrastructure *development has to play* in the economic and social growth of rural areas, *given* the need for transport systems *with the capacity to improve* connectivity and access to *basic* services, for energy networks and for *suitable* digital connectivity infrastructure;

Amendment

10. Highlights the key role *of sustainable, inclusive, and climate-resilient* infrastructure in *fostering* the economic and social growth of rural areas; *stresses* the need for *green and accessible* transport systems *that reduce emissions while improving* connectivity and access to services, for *renewable and decentralized* energy networks and for *affordable, and community-driven* digital connectivity infrastructure *that prioritizes open-access broadband, and bridges the urban-rural digital divide to ensure equal opportunities for all citizens;*

Or. en

Amendment 205

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere, Nora Mebarek, Klára Dobrev, Sofie Eriksson, Rosa Serrano Sierra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Highlights the key role that infrastructure development has to play in the economic and social growth of rural areas, given the need for transport systems with the capacity to improve connectivity and access to *basic* services, for energy networks and for suitable digital connectivity infrastructure;

Amendment

10. Highlights the key role that infrastructure development has to play in the economic and social growth of rural areas, given the need for transport systems with the capacity to improve connectivity and access to ***high-quality public goods and*** services, for energy networks and for suitable digital connectivity infrastructure; ***concludes that the focus of rural development must be on expanding physical, digital and social infrastructure including investments in skills, capacities of local and regional administration;***

Or. en

Amendment 206
Valentina Palmisano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Highlights the ***key role that*** infrastructure development ***has to play*** in the economic and social growth of rural areas, ***given*** the need for ***transport systems with the capacity*** to improve ***connectivity*** and access to ***basic*** services, ***for energy networks and for suitable digital connectivity*** infrastructure;

Amendment

10. Highlights the ***central role of*** infrastructure development in the economic and social growth of rural areas, ***particularly in the most disadvantaged and peripheral regions of Southern Europe; underlines*** the need for ***targeted investments*** to improve ***railway, road, and maritime connections, also to ensure labor mobility*** and access to ***essential*** services; ***calls on the Commission to consider a European Strategic Investment Plan for Rural Infrastructure, with particular attention to regions at risk of depopulation.***

Or. en

Amendment 207
Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Highlights the key role that infrastructure development has to play in the economic and social growth of rural areas, given the need for transport systems with the capacity to improve connectivity and access to basic services, for energy networks and for suitable digital connectivity infrastructure;

Amendment

10. Highlights the key role that infrastructure development has to play in the economic and social growth of rural areas, given the need for transport systems with the capacity to improve connectivity and access to basic services, for energy networks and for suitable digital connectivity infrastructure; ***believes rural areas close or well connected to urban centres through quality transport connections would benefit from population increase;***

Or. en

Amendment 208
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Highlights the key role that infrastructure development has to play in the economic and social growth of rural areas, given the need for transport systems with the capacity to improve connectivity and access to basic services, for energy networks and for suitable digital connectivity infrastructure;

Amendment

10. Highlights the key role that infrastructure development has to play in the economic and social growth of rural areas, given the need for transport systems with the capacity to improve connectivity and access to basic services, for energy networks and for suitable digital connectivity infrastructure; ***underlines the need of improving digital connectivity and increasing the number of households having access to fast broadband internet;***

Or. en

Amendment 209
Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Elena Nevado del Campo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Highlights the key role that **infrastructure** development has to play in the economic and social growth of rural areas, given the need for transport systems with the capacity to improve connectivity and access to basic services, for energy networks and for suitable digital connectivity infrastructure;

Amendment

10. Highlights the key role that **the development of innovation and infrastructure-related projects** has to play in the economic and social growth of rural areas, **and especially of depopulated areas or areas at risk of depopulation**, given the need for transport systems with the capacity to improve connectivity and access to basic services, for energy networks and for suitable digital connectivity infrastructure;

Or. es

Amendment 210

Daniel Buda, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Highlights the **key role that infrastructure** development **has to play in** the economic and social growth of rural areas, given the need for transport systems with the capacity to improve connectivity and access to **basic** services, for energy networks and for suitable digital connectivity infrastructure;

Amendment

10. Highlights the **need for priority investments in the** development of **infrastructure vital to** the economic and social growth of rural areas, **and to narrow the gap between rural and urban regions**, given the need for transport systems with the capacity to improve connectivity and access to services, for energy networks and for suitable digital connectivity infrastructure;

Or. ro

Amendment 211

Rosa Serrano Sierra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Highlights the key role that infrastructure development has to play in the economic and social growth of rural areas, given the need for transport systems with the capacity to improve connectivity and access to basic services, for energy networks and for suitable digital connectivity infrastructure;

Amendment

10. Highlights the key role that infrastructure development has to play in the economic and social growth of rural areas, given the need for transport systems with the capacity to ***address transport poverty and to*** improve connectivity and access to basic services, for energy networks and for suitable digital connectivity infrastructure;

Or. en

Amendment 212

Daniel Buda, Dan-Ștefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Stresses that the digital divide between rural and urban areas remains significant, since fewer than 40 % of rural households benefit from fast internet (>30 Mbps), compared to around 63 % in urban areas^{1a} ; calls on the Commission and the Member States to accelerate investment in rural digital infrastructure and support the development of high-speed internet networks to facilitate education, telemedicine, e-commerce and teleworking opportunities; also draws attention to the need for digital literacy and vocational training initiatives to support the integration of digital technologies into the rural economy;

^{1a} Perpiña Castillo, C., Sulis, P., Juan Manuel, V.L. and Lavalle, C., Broadband accessibility and quality connection in Europe by urban-rural typology including remoteness, European Commission, 2021, JRC124456.

Or. ro

Amendment 213

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza, Francesco Torselli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Bridging the digital gap is also key. Boosting digital skills and providing access to reliable online services, such as high-speed internet connections and 5G, will make rural areas more competitive. This will help reduce emigration and digital literacy, by facilitating remote working, smart working and online teaching, thereby creating new opportunities; the need for transport systems with the capacity to enable improved physical and digital links is also highlighted, as is the need to build infrastructure where none exists, in order to improve the service network;

Or. it

Amendment 214

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere, Nora Mebarek, Klára Dobrev, Sofie Eriksson, Rosa Serrano Sierra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Calls for a comprehensive strategy to improve mobility in rural areas, with a strong focus on sustainability, the expansion of charging infrastructure, and the promotion of e-mobility; emphasizes the need for targeted investments in public transportation, shared mobility solutions, and alternative transport models to ensure accessibility and connectivity for rural populations; urges the Commission and Member States to

accelerate the development and transparency of charging networks for electric vehicles, particularly in remote areas, and to support incentives for the adoption of sustainable mobility solutions;

Or. en

Amendment 215
Francesco Ventola, Denis Nesci

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. *Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote the use of renewable energies, which can provide another form of income for residents, provided that business models produce and continue to produce tangible value in local communities; encouraging, in particular, the use of biomass as a solution to improve the sustainable management of forests and prevent forest fires, ensuring that biomass is gathered without harm to forest ecosystems;*

Or. it

Amendment 216
Maravillas Abadía Jover, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Elena Nevado del Campo, Christian Doleschal, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. *Calls on the Commission to ensure that the digital transition translates into tangible benefits for all regions, particularly rural and remote areas, by fostering business productivity,*

innovation, resilience, and improved access to essential services; stresses the need for continuous support to regions, especially those less prepared for this transformation, to guarantee that they can fully seize the opportunities of digitalisation and bridge existing technological and economic divides;

Or. en

Amendment 217

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Welcomes the acceleration of digital transformation in the agricultural sector and rural areas; draws attention to the exclusion of small farms and the outermost regions from these developments, and points to the need to take measures to ensure that the digital transformation and exploitation of farm data also benefits all; notes in particular that there is a need to manage risks of dependency and over- indebtedness for small farmers;

Or. en

Amendment 218

Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Reminds that rural areas are negatively impacted by population decline and ageing, which can lead to

depopulation; special measures should therefore be taken to attract young people to rural areas, which can include various work and training opportunities, quality rural employment with the prospect of a decent livelihood, and help with access to funding and land;

Or. en

Amendment 219

Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Stresses that digital connectivity and digital literacy are necessary to reduce the digital gap between rural and urban areas; asks for the extension of high and very-high speed broadband infrastructure to rural areas; stresses that broadband coverage, including 5G, is necessary for businesses and people to work remotely and demand e-services;

Or. en

Amendment 220

Antonella Sberna, Denis Nesci

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Highlights the need to include the maintenance of, and upgrades to, rural roads and farm tracks among the priorities in rural development programmes co-financed by the EU, in order to enhance the connectivity of farms, facilitate agri-food logistics and

improve access to services for the community;

Or. it

Amendment 221

Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Elena Nevado del Campo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Calls on the Commission to submit a specific housing plan for rural areas that promotes an equitable distribution of investment in housing, backed up by a study on living conditions in these areas, paying special attention to depopulated rural areas or those at risk of depopulation;

Or. es

Amendment 222

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec, Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Encourages the EU institutions, Member States, and regions to fully leverage the smart village concept as an innovative tool for European policy and rural development; emphasizes that digital and technological advancements create new opportunities to enhance the quality of life and services in rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 223

Elsi Katainen, Raquel García Hermida-Van Der Walle

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Stresses the importance and interconnectedness of military mobility, rural infrastructure development and regional security; underlines the overlap between the EU military mobility network and the TEN-T network;

Or. en

Amendment 224

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10b. Calls on the Commission, with a view to boosting the energy sector in rural areas, to systematise support for the use of energy sources derived from the local area or agri-food activities, or, more specifically, to provide support to individual SMEs to process clean energy, for example through the construction of new biomass-based thermal power plants or the development of existing structures, as such efforts could prove strategic for the long-term sustainable development of the local economic and environmental fabric;

Or. it

Amendment 225

Daniel Buda, Dan-Ștefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10b. *Stresses that rural areas are key players in mitigating the effects of climate change; would place the accent on investments in renewable energy sources by means of support for prosumers and local energy cooperatives, and through a dedicated financing mechanism for the installation of photovoltaic, wind and other renewable energy sources;*

Or. ro

Amendment 226

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere, Nora Mebarek, Klára Dobrev, Sofie Eriksson, Rosa Serrano Sierra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 b. *Calls for increased support to renovate older buildings, including sports halls and schools, in rural areas to improve energy efficiency, sustainability, and safety; urges investments in modernizing public infrastructure with renewable energy and eco-friendly materials while preserving historical structures where possible;*

Or. en

Amendment 227

Antonella Sberna, Denis Nesci

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10b. *Highlights the need to incorporate*

the topic of access to housing in the rural development strategies co-financed by the EU, promoting the renovation of the existing building stock and fostering urban regeneration in small villages through integrated programming tools;

Or. it

Amendment 228
Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10c. Notes the opportunities for harnessing the potential of rural areas as a solution for combating climate change by supporting regenerative agriculture, expanding renewable energy, restoring degraded agricultural and forest ecosystems, developing sustainable mobility and boosting the circular economy; through investment in carbon-capture farming practices, use of solar, wind and biomass energy, smart reforestation and sustainable economic models, rural regions can become pillars of the EU's transition to neutrality in reducing emissions and ensuring fair and resilient development;

Or. ro

Amendment 229
Antonella Sberna, Denis Nesci

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10c. Stresses the strategic importance of water resources for rural areas and

highlights the need to earmark specific resources, under cohesion policy and in rural development programmes, for maintaining and upgrading the water network; recommends, in particular, the inclusion of measures to combat leakage, improve the efficiency of supply systems and promote the sustainable use of water resources in rural areas;

Or. it

Amendment 230

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere, Nora Mebarek, Klára Dobrev, Sofie Eriksson, Rosa Serrano Sierra

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 c. Calls for strategies to address vacant buildings and promote alternative housing concepts in rural areas, including affordable housing, renovation projects, and intergenerational living; emphasizes the need for incentives to repurpose empty properties, support community-driven housing initiatives, and ensure sustainable, inclusive living spaces;

Or. en

Amendment 231

Valentina Palmisano

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Stresses the importance of promoting priority policies that support young people through targeted measures *designed to stem the demographic decline*

11. Stresses the importance of promoting priority policies that support young people through targeted measures *to foster housing autonomy* in rural areas;

in rural areas; emphasises the urgency of eliminating barriers and the significant disparities between young people in urban versus rural areas in terms of access to education, economic independence, social and political engagement, and social interaction, furnishing them with all the tools and resources they need to build a stable future in line with their aspirations, without needing to abandon their place of origin;

calls on the European Commission to strengthen the focus within cohesion policies, and their related funding programs, towards projects that offer incentives for the purchase and renovation of housing by young people in rural areas, particularly those at risk of depopulation; emphasises the urgency of eliminating barriers and the significant disparities between young people in urban versus rural areas in terms of access to education, economic independence, social and political engagement, and social interaction, furnishing them with all the tools and resources they need to build a stable future in line with their aspirations, without needing to abandon their place of origin;

Or. en

Amendment 232

Maravillas Abadía Jover, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Elena Nevado del Campo, Christian Doleschal, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses the importance of promoting priority policies that support young people through targeted measures designed to stem the demographic decline in rural areas; ***emphasises*** the urgency of eliminating barriers and the significant disparities between young people in urban versus rural areas in terms of access to education, economic independence, social and political engagement, and social interaction, furnishing them with all the tools and resources they need to build a stable future in line with their aspirations, without needing to abandon their place of origin;

Amendment

11. Stresses the importance of promoting priority policies that support young people ***and the "Right to Stay"*** through targeted measures designed to stem the demographic decline in rural areas; ***opportunities must be available for individuals who wish to contribute to the development of their local communities by emphasizing*** the urgency of eliminating barriers and the significant disparities between young people in urban versus rural areas in terms of access to education, economic independence, social and political engagement, and social interaction, furnishing them with all the tools and resources they need to build a stable future in line with their aspirations, without needing to abandon their place of

origin;

Or. en

Amendment 233

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses the importance of promoting priority policies that support young people through targeted measures designed to stem the demographic decline in rural areas; emphasises the urgency of eliminating barriers and the significant disparities between young people in urban versus rural areas in terms of access to education, economic independence, social and political engagement, and social interaction, furnishing them with all the tools and resources they need to build a stable future in line with their aspirations, without needing to abandon their place of origin;

Amendment

11. Stresses the importance of promoting priority policies that support young people, ***as the main protagonists of the rural exodus***, through targeted measures designed to stem the demographic decline in rural areas; emphasises the urgency of eliminating barriers and the significant disparities between young people in urban versus rural areas in terms of access to education, economic independence, social and political engagement, and ***intergenerational*** social interaction, furnishing them with all the tools and resources they need to ***help them access jobs and business opportunities and*** build a stable future in line with their aspirations, without needing to abandon their place of origin;

Or. it

Amendment 234

Rosa Serrano Sierra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses the importance of promoting priority policies that support young people through targeted measures designed to stem the demographic decline

Amendment

11. Stresses the importance of promoting priority policies that support young people through targeted measures designed to stem the demographic decline

in rural areas; emphasises the urgency of eliminating barriers and the significant disparities between young people in urban versus rural areas in terms of access to education, economic independence, social and political engagement, and social interaction, furnishing them with all the tools and resources they need to build a stable future in line with their aspirations, without needing to abandon their place of origin;

in rural areas; emphasises the urgency of eliminating barriers and the significant disparities between young people in urban versus rural areas in terms of access to education, economic independence, social and political engagement, and social interaction, furnishing them with all the tools and resources they need to build a stable future in line with their aspirations, without needing to abandon their place of origin; ***highlights the importance of boosting Vocational education and training as a tool for social cohesion and quality employment;***

Or. en

Amendment 235

Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses the importance of promoting priority policies that support young people through targeted measures designed to stem the demographic decline in rural areas; emphasises the urgency of eliminating barriers and the significant disparities between young people in urban versus rural areas in terms of access to education, economic independence, social and political engagement, and social interaction, furnishing them with all the tools and resources they need to build a stable future in line with their aspirations, without needing to abandon their place of origin;

Amendment

11. Stresses the importance of promoting priority policies that support young people through targeted measures designed to stem the demographic decline in rural areas; emphasises the urgency of eliminating barriers and the significant disparities between young people in urban versus rural areas in terms of access to education, economic independence, social and political engagement, and social interaction, furnishing them with all the tools and resources they need to build a stable future in line with their aspirations, without needing to abandon their place of origin; ***calls on the Commission to ensure young people an effective application of the right to stay;***

Or. en

Amendment 236
Francesco Ventola, Denis Nesci

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses the importance of promoting priority policies that support young people through targeted measures designed to stem the demographic decline in rural areas; emphasises the urgency of eliminating barriers and the significant disparities between young people in urban versus rural areas in terms of access to education, economic independence, social and political engagement, and social interaction, ***furnishing them with all the tools and resources they need to build a stable future in line with their aspirations, without needing to abandon their place of origin;***

Amendment

11. Stresses the importance of promoting priority policies that support young people through targeted measures designed to stem the demographic decline in rural areas; emphasises the urgency of eliminating barriers and the significant disparities between young people in urban versus rural areas in terms of access to education, economic independence, social and political engagement, and social interaction, ***developing incentive programmes for the return of young people in rural areas, promoting local start-ups and tax relief for rural companies and applying active smart working policies;***

Or. it

Amendment 237
Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Elena Nevado del Campo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses the importance of promoting priority policies that support young people through targeted measures designed to stem the demographic decline in rural areas; emphasises the urgency of eliminating barriers and the significant disparities between young people in urban versus rural areas in terms of access to education, economic independence, social and political engagement, and social interaction, ***furnishing them with all the tools and resources they need to build a stable future in line with their aspirations,***

Amendment

11. Stresses the importance of promoting priority policies that support young people through targeted measures designed to stem the demographic decline in rural areas ***and encourage talented people to remain there;*** emphasises the urgency of eliminating barriers and the significant disparities between young people in urban versus rural areas in terms of access to education, economic independence, social and political engagement, and social interaction, ***furnishing them with all the tools and***

without needing to abandon their place of origin;

resources they need to build a stable future in line with their aspirations, without needing to abandon their place of origin;

Or. es

Amendment 238

Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses the importance of promoting priority policies that support young people through targeted measures designed to stem the demographic decline in rural areas; emphasises the urgency of eliminating barriers and the significant disparities between young people in urban versus rural areas in terms of access to education, economic independence, social and political engagement, and social interaction, furnishing them with all the tools and resources they need to build a stable future in line with their aspirations, without needing to abandon their place of origin;

Amendment

11. Stresses the importance of promoting priority policies that support young people through targeted measures designed to stem the demographic decline in rural areas; emphasises the urgency of eliminating barriers and the significant disparities between young people in urban versus rural areas in terms of access to education, economic independence, social and political engagement, and social interaction, furnishing them with all the tools and resources they need to build a stable future in line with their aspirations, without needing to abandon their place of origin *enabling the "right to stay"*;

Or. en

Amendment 239

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. It is essential to safeguard young people in these areas in the light of the increasingly worrying data on early school leaving. To that end, the Commission is called on to fund a

campaign to lessen this problem in rural areas where close cooperation between all social actors involved, united by well-defined common objectives, is envisaged. Accordingly, national and local authorities are called on to make preparations for reorganising the school system so as to guarantee the right to education in their territories, bearing in mind the serious difficulties that rural areas are experiencing as a result of severe depopulation. Member States and local authorities are therefore urged not to merge existing school management structures in those areas;

Or. it

Amendment 240

Sérgio Gonçalves, Sabrina Repp, Hannes Heide, Raffaele Topo

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Highlights that the lack of affordable and adequate housing in rural areas is a growing barrier to demographic renewal, particularly for young people and families wishing to settle in these regions; stresses that rural housing shortages are often driven by low availability of rental properties, ageing housing stock in poor condition, and rising costs linked to second-home ownership; calls on the Commission and Member States to promote targeted policies that support the renovation and energy-efficient retrofitting of rural housing, financial incentives for first-time rural homebuyers, and the development of sustainable social housing projects adapted to the needs of local communities;

Or. en

Amendment 241
Adrian-Dragoş Benea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Calls on the Commission to strengthen and further develop initiatives to bridge the digital divide between urban and rural areas, ensuring universal access to affordable, high-speed internet for all rural residents and businesses; emphasizes the need for targeted investments in digital infrastructure and cybersecurity, the expansion of training programs to enhance digital literacy, and the implementation of tailored measures to accelerate the adoption of digital technologies by rural enterprises, thereby fostering innovation and economic resilience in these communities;

Or. en

Amendment 242
Antonella Sberna, Denis Nesci

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Draws attention to the need to strengthen European cohesion policies for rural areas, with a particular focus on actions to promote demography and combat depopulation, improving the economic attractiveness of those areas. In particular, it is recommended that rural development programmes incorporate measures to support the creation of job opportunities through digitisation, targeted vocational training and the upgrading of essential infrastructure for

local businesses;

Or. it

Amendment 243
Valentina Palmisano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Stresses the importance of incentivizing, through cohesion policies, the recovery and facilitated transformation of properties located in rural and inland areas at risk of depopulation, including the possibility of converting them into co-housing and co-working spaces. This conversion should be promoted in order to attract so-called digital nomads and remote workers, thereby contributing to revitalizing local economies and counteracting the phenomenon of depopulation;

Or. en

Amendment 244
Daniel Buda, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls for a package of concrete measures to attract, retain and support young people in rural areas through improved access to public services, educational and cultural facilities, easier access to agricultural land, dedicated funding for entrepreneurial initiatives, access to housing and tax incentives for people choosing to develop businesses in these areas;

Amendment 245

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere, Nora Mebarek, Klára Dobrev, Sofie Eriksson, Rosa Serrano Sierra

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Underlines the necessity of strengthening democratic participation in rural areas by promoting active civic engagement, improving local decision-making structures, and utilizing digital tools to enhance political participation; calls on the Commission to support initiatives that foster local democratic processes to improve cohesion between urban and rural regions.

Or. en

Amendment 246

Raquel García Hermida-Van Der Walle

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Laments the fact that rural regions are affected disproportionately by climate change, particularly affecting the lives of young people; stresses the need for urgent action and a just transition to mitigate and adapt to the impact of climate change on the environment, the economy, employment and well-being in rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 247

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Andrzej Buła, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec, Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Calls on the Commission to put forward a 'Brain-Gain'-Action plan, creating opportunities and incentives for young people to stay or return to their place of origin;

Or. en

Amendment 248

Daniel Buda, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. Draws attention to the ageing of the agricultural workforce and to the fact that only one farm in twenty is managed by farmers under the age of 35; in this context, stresses the need to increase the support granted to young farmers through the common agricultural policy, including installation grants, preferential access to land and low-interest loans; also highlights the importance of strengthening vocational training and mentoring programmes to ensure knowledge transfer and innovation in agriculture;

Or. ro

Amendment 249

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere, Nora Mebarek, Klára Dobrev, Sofie Eriksson, Rosa Serrano Sierra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 b. emphasizes the "right to stay" for young people in rural areas by implementing targeted measures that create high-quality education and employment opportunities, provide economic prospects, and expand social infrastructure, enabling young people to see a future in their home region; calls for targeted funding programs to support young entrepreneurs in rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 250
Valentina Palmisano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 b. Calls for direct financial support, land access programs, and grants to empower young farmers and cooperatives, ensuring generational renewal in rural economies;

Or. en

Amendment 251
Valentina Palmisano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 c. Calls on the Commission to establish a European Fund for Youth Entrepreneurship in Rural Areas, with a special focus on regions affected by high

youth unemployment and brain drain; the fund should support rural start-ups, innovative agriculture, sustainable tourism, and digitalization through dedicated financial instruments and tax incentives;

Or. en

Amendment 252
Daniel Buda, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11c. Draws attention to the need to extend mobility programmes for young people and professionals so that they can benefit from career opportunities without having to leave rural regions, thereby exercising their 'right to remain';

Or. ro

Amendment 253
Daniel Buda, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11d. Stresses the need for an integrated European strategy for the revitalisation of rural areas, targeting fiscal, economic and social measures to maintain the active population; also highlights the value of introducing incentives for the relocation of health, education and public administration professionals, as well as the importance of partnerships between local authorities and the private sector for the creation of new jobs;

Amendment 254
Daniel Buda, Dan-Ștefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11e. Emphasises the importance of regions and cities playing a key role in developing housing supply in their communities; in this context, considers that the development of sustainable and affordable housing in rural areas could be an effective solution for attracting and retaining young people, thus contributing to the revitalisation of these regions, meaning that local and regional authorities have to play a central role in stimulating investment for the development of sustainable housing in rural areas;

Or. ro

Amendment 255
Daniel Buda, Dan-Ștefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11f. Stresses the need for substantial investment in education and training in rural areas in order to encourage young people to become active in the labour market and develop skills adapted to the requirements of the local economy, and also to create educational and training opportunities that meet their needs and aspirations;

Or. ro

Amendment 256

Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Draws attention to the need for universal equal access to measures enabling everyone to develop the high-quality skills they need to achieve their professional goals, and to vocational and educational training; laments the fact that, in many fields, the work of women is currently not rewarded with equal opportunities and conditions, and emphasises the need to foster an environment conducive to female employment, with support for families factored in;

Amendment

12. Draws attention to the need for universal equal access to measures enabling everyone to develop the high-quality skills they need to achieve their professional goals, and to vocational and educational training; laments the fact that, in many fields, the work of women is currently not rewarded with equal opportunities and conditions, and emphasises the need to foster an environment conducive to female employment, with support for families factored in; ***stresses that support for women in rural areas is imperative for a variety of reasons, including promoting gender equality, fostering economic growth, advancing community development, reducing poverty, and ensuring environmental sustainability; highlights that women play a multilevel role in rural development, as workers, farmers and business owners, and stresses that their importance in rural areas and local economy is overlooked; stresses that special attention should be paid to women in rural areas when designing structural social support and regional development programmes; highlights that addressing these barriers is crucial for empowering women and unlocking their full potential in rural communities;***

Or. en

Amendment 257

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Draws attention to the need for universal equal access to measures enabling everyone to develop the high-quality skills they need to achieve their professional goals, and to vocational and educational training; laments the fact that, in many fields, the work of women is currently not rewarded with equal opportunities and conditions, and emphasises the need to foster an environment conducive to female employment, with support for families factored in;

Amendment

12. Draws attention to the need for universal equal access to measures enabling everyone to develop the high-quality skills they need to achieve their professional goals, and to vocational and educational training ***programs tailored to emerging sectors such as sustainable agriculture, renewable energy and rural tourism, while also fostering youth-led initiatives, promoting civic engagement, and strengthening social networks to enhance social cohesion and non-formal learning for youth people in rural areas***; laments the fact that, in many fields, the work of women is currently not rewarded with equal opportunities and conditions, and emphasises the need to foster an environment conducive to female employment, with support for ***all*** families factored in ***to ensure high quality early childhood education and care systems and parental support***;

Or. en

Amendment 258

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Draws attention to the need for universal equal access to measures enabling everyone to develop the high-quality skills they need to achieve their professional goals, and to vocational and educational training; laments the fact that, in many fields, the work of women is currently not rewarded with equal opportunities and conditions, ***and*** emphasises the need to foster an

Amendment

12. Draws attention to the need for universal equal access to measures enabling everyone to develop the high-quality skills they need to achieve their professional goals, and to vocational and educational training; laments the fact that, in many fields, the work of women is currently not rewarded with equal opportunities and conditions, ***as they often face extra challenges, including limited***

environment conducive to female employment, with support for families factored in;

access to job opportunities, a lack of adequate measures to help them juggle work and family, and the shortage of childcare facilities; emphasises the need to foster an environment conducive to female employment, with support for families factored in;

Or. it

Amendment 259
Gabriella Gerzsenyi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Draws attention to the need for universal equal access to measures enabling everyone to develop the high-quality skills they need to achieve their professional goals, and to vocational and educational training; laments the fact that, in many fields, the work of women is currently not rewarded with equal opportunities and conditions, and emphasises the need to foster an environment conducive to female employment, with support for families factored in;

Amendment

12. Draws attention to the need for universal equal access to measures enabling everyone to develop the high-quality skills they need to achieve their professional goals, and to vocational and educational training; laments the fact that, in many fields, the work of women is currently not rewarded with equal opportunities and conditions, and emphasises the need to foster an environment conducive to female employment, with support for families factored in; *stresses the need to develop equal opportunities for vulnerable people such as people with disabilities;*

Or. en

Amendment 260
Raquel García Hermida-Van Der Walle, Elsi Katainen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Draws attention to the need for universal equal access to measures

Amendment

12. Draws attention to the need for universal equal access to measures

enabling everyone to develop the high-quality skills they need to achieve their professional goals, and to vocational and educational training; laments the fact that, in many fields, the work of women is currently not rewarded with equal opportunities and conditions, and emphasises the need to foster an environment conducive to female employment, with support for families factored in;

enabling everyone to develop the high-quality skills they need to achieve their professional goals, and to vocational and educational training; laments the fact that, in many fields **and particularly in rural areas**, the work of women is currently not rewarded with equal opportunities and conditions, and emphasises the need to foster an environment conducive to female employment, with support for families **including childcare** factored in;

Or. en

Amendment 261
Daniel Buda, Dan-Ștefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Points out that it is necessary to implement policies and measures to support the increase in women's participation in the workforce in rural areas, which is still male-dominated, with women's participation standing at just 31.6 % in 2022 according to Eurostat statistics; draws attention to the need to support policies that facilitate women's access to resources essential to farm development, such as access to credit, agricultural subsidies and ongoing vocational training, in order to help reduce gender disparities in the sector by promoting a climate conducive to female entrepreneurship;

Or. ro

Amendment 262
Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. *Calls on the Member States and the Commission to boost awareness regarding existing and future EU funding possibilities for women entrepreneurs in rural areas and to and make it easier for them to access finance; encourages Member States and regional and local authorities to make use of the existing European structural and investment funds to promote women entrepreneurs;*

Or. en

Amendment 263

Marta Wcislo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. *Stresses the need to create better access to capital, grants and loans for agricultural enterprises, which are often seen as high-risk investments. For SMEs in particular, easier access to financial resources combined with private-public partnerships, off-balance sheet financing and a more flexible accounting system are prerequisites for development;*

Or. en

Amendment 264

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere, Nora Mebarek, Klára Dobrev, Sofie Eriksson, Rosa Serrano Sierra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. *Calls for targeted measures to*

promote a better work-life balance in rural areas, including flexible work models, digital work opportunities, improved leisure and education offerings, and the promotion of community-based care and support structures for families;

Or. en

Amendment 265

Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Draws attention to the need for supporting families and rural communities with extensive work-life balance schemes; acknowledges the importance of ensuring the necessary maternal health and childcare services to enable population growth in rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 266

Gabriella Gerzsenyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Highlights the key role of awareness raising and knowledge-sharing in rural areas by advancing various education campaign programmes, in particular for young people, and making it an integral part of school curricula;

Or. en

Amendment 267
Valentina Palmisano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Calls for gender-equal employment policies, including equal pay legislation, parental leave provisions, and financial support for female entrepreneurs in rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 268
André Rougé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Stresses the key role played by agriculture and the agri-food sector in food production and job creation – a role worth championing *since* as it *constitutes a mainstay of the local economy, and also* drives the growth and development of inland and rural areas, which often enjoy international recognition for their outstanding typical products; calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms and support incomes and competitiveness, in order to stem the desertion of these areas and encourage generational renewal;

13. Stresses the key role played by agriculture and the agri-food sector in food production and job creation – a role worth championing as it drives the growth and development of inland and rural areas, which often enjoy international recognition for their outstanding typical products; calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms and support incomes and competitiveness, in order to stem the desertion of these areas and encourage generational renewal; ***calls for a significant share of cohesion policy funding to be allocated to agricultural projects promoting food self-sufficiency, crop diversification and short consumption, production and recycling chains, based on a localist approach; calls, finally, for the introduction, in the European Union, of agricultural standards for the outermost regions (ORs) that are separate from those for continental Europe and are tailored to the***

prevailing tropical and subtropical climate realities of the ORs, which give rise to differences in sunshine and rainfall compared with the European continent;

Or. fr

Amendment 269

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses the key role played by agriculture and the agri-food sector in food production and job creation – a role worth championing since as it constitutes a mainstay of the local economy, and also drives the growth and development of inland and rural areas, which often enjoy international recognition for their outstanding typical products; calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms and support incomes and competitiveness, in order to stem the desertion of these areas and encourage generational renewal;

Amendment

13. Stresses the key role played by agriculture and the agri-food sector in food production and job creation – a role worth championing since as it constitutes a mainstay of the local economy **and is a key factor in ensuring sustainable land management**, and also drives the growth and development of inland and rural areas, which often enjoy international recognition for their outstanding typical products; **it is necessary to help farmers innovate and diversify, while at the same time fostering farm competitiveness. The transition to a more sustainable model requires a balanced approach: one that is mindful of local specificities and the economic needs of rural communities, without imposing changes liable to hinder their long-term development**; calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms and support incomes and competitiveness, in order to stem the desertion of these areas **and the reduction in total agricultural area** and encourage generational renewal;

Or. it

Amendment 270

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses the key role played by agriculture and the agri-food sector in food production and job creation – a role worth championing since as it constitutes a mainstay of the local economy, and also drives the growth and development of inland and rural areas, which often enjoy international recognition for their outstanding typical products; calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms and support incomes and competitiveness, in order to stem the desertion of these areas and encourage generational renewal;

Amendment

13. Stresses the key role played by agriculture and the agri-food sector in food production and job creation – a role worth championing since as it constitutes a mainstay of the local economy, and also drives the growth and development of inland and rural areas, which often enjoy international recognition for their outstanding typical products; calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms and support incomes and competitiveness, in order to stem the desertion of these areas and encourage generational renewal; ***calls on Member States and regions to prioritize, also in the Cohesion Policy Programmes of the current financial framework, investments that promote and enhance the safeguarding of existing jobs in the agri-food sector and the creation of quality jobs with adequate rights and stable and regulated pay and working conditions, as well as effectively and decisively combating poverty and social exclusion in rural areas;***

Or. en

Amendment 271

Jessika Van Leeuwen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses the key role played by agriculture and the agri-food sector in food production and job creation – a role worth

Amendment

13. Stresses the key role played by agriculture and the agri-food sector in food production and job creation – a role worth

championing since as it constitutes a mainstay of the local economy, and also drives the growth and development of inland and rural areas, which often enjoy international recognition for their outstanding typical products; calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms **and support incomes and competitiveness, in order to stem the desertion of these areas and encourage** generational renewal;

championing since as it constitutes a mainstay of the local economy, and also drives the growth and development of inland and rural areas, which often enjoy international recognition for their outstanding typical products; calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take **strong and targeted** action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms **by reducing excessive regulatory burdens, ensuring fair market conditions, and providing better access to innovation, investment and additional income sources; insists that supporting farmers' earning capacity and enhancing their position in the food chain is crucial to ensuring a vibrant rural economy and encouraging** generational renewal;

Or. en

Amendment 272
Sofie Eriksson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses the key role played by agriculture and the agri-food sector in food production and job creation – a role worth championing since as it constitutes a mainstay of the local economy, and also drives the growth and development of inland and rural areas, which often enjoy international recognition for their outstanding typical products; calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms and support incomes and competitiveness, in order to stem the desertion of these areas and encourage generational renewal;

Amendment

13. Stresses the key role played by agriculture and the agri-food sector in food production and job creation – a role worth championing since as it constitutes a mainstay of the local economy, and also drives the growth and development of inland and rural areas, which often enjoy international recognition for their outstanding typical products; calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms and support incomes and competitiveness, in order to stem the desertion of these areas and encourage generational renewal; **recognizes the potential of small industrial towns to lead in sustainable industrial development; calls for support for these regions to become hubs for**

Amendment 273

Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Elena Nevado del Campo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses the key role played by agriculture and the agri-food sector in food production and job creation – a role worth championing since as it constitutes a mainstay of the local economy, and also drives the growth and development of inland and rural areas, which often enjoy international recognition for their outstanding typical products; calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms *and* support incomes and competitiveness, in order to stem the desertion of these areas and encourage generational renewal;

Amendment

13. Stresses the key role played by agriculture and the agri-food sector in food production and job creation – a role worth championing since as it constitutes a mainstay of the local economy, and also drives the growth and development of inland and rural areas, which often enjoy international recognition for their outstanding typical products; calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms, support incomes and competitiveness, *and facilitate access to resources for young people who choose to train and work in the primary sector by means of tax exemptions and low-interest loans*, in order to stem the desertion of these areas and encourage generational renewal;

Amendment 274

Krzysztof Hetman

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses the key role played by agriculture and the agri-food sector in food production and job creation – a role worth championing *since as it constitutes a*

Amendment

13. Stresses the key role played by agriculture and the agri-food sector in food production, *ensuring food security in the EU* and job creation – a role worth

mainstay of the local economy, and also drives the growth and development of inland and rural areas, which often enjoy international recognition for their outstanding typical products; calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms and support incomes and competitiveness, in order to stem the desertion of these areas and encourage generational renewal;

championing *as this sector forms the bedrock* of the local economy, and also drives the growth and development of inland and rural areas, which often enjoy international recognition for their outstanding typical products; calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms and support incomes and competitiveness, in order to stem the desertion of these areas and encourage generational renewal;

Or. pl

Amendment 275

Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses the key role played by agriculture and the agri-food sector in food production and job creation – a role worth championing since as it constitutes a mainstay of the local economy, and also drives the growth and development of inland and rural areas, which often enjoy international recognition for their outstanding typical products; calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms and support incomes and competitiveness, in order to stem the desertion of these areas and encourage generational renewal;

Amendment

13. Stresses the key role played by agriculture and the agri-food sector in food production and job creation – a role worth championing since as it constitutes a mainstay of the local economy, and also drives the growth and development of inland and rural areas, which often enjoy international recognition for their outstanding typical products; calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms and support incomes and competitiveness, in order to stem the desertion of these areas and encourage generational renewal; *believes that smart specialisation and economic diversification strategies could promote more opportunities in these areas;*

Or. en

Amendment 276

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses the key role played by agriculture and the agri-food sector in food production and job creation – a role worth championing since as it constitutes a mainstay of the local economy, and also **drives** the growth and development of inland and rural areas, which often enjoy international recognition for their outstanding typical products; calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms and support **incomes and competitiveness**, in order to stem the desertion of these areas and encourage generational renewal;

Amendment

13. Stresses the key role played by agriculture and the agri-food sector in food production and job creation – a role worth championing since as it constitutes a mainstay of the local economy, and also **helps drive** the growth and development of inland and rural areas, which often enjoy international recognition for their outstanding typical products; calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms and support **sustainable agricultural practice**, in order to stem the desertion of these areas and encourage generational renewal;

Or. en

Amendment 277

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere, Nora Mebarek, Sofie Eriksson

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses the **key** role played by agriculture and the agri-food sector in food production and job creation – a role worth championing since as it constitutes a mainstay of the local economy, and also drives the growth and development of inland and rural areas, which often enjoy international recognition for their outstanding typical products; calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms and support incomes and competitiveness, in order to stem the desertion of these areas and

Amendment

13. Stresses the role played by agriculture and the agri-food sector in food production and job creation – a role worth championing since as it constitutes a mainstay of the local economy, and also drives the growth and development of inland and rural areas, which often enjoy international recognition for their outstanding typical products; calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms and support incomes and competitiveness, in order to stem the desertion of these areas and

encourage generational renewal;

encourage generational renewal;

Or. en

Amendment 278

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Recognizes that disparities in access to land, direct payments, and support, both among and within EU Member States, are key challenges that must be tackled to prevent regional decline, enable older farmers to retire with dignity, and encourage young people to enter the agricultural sector, thereby fostering the development of rural areas; calls for the Cohesion Policy to support projects aimed at improving access to land, particularly for young and new farmers, while ensuring that funding is not allocated to projects that contradict the principle of net zero land take, in order to promote sustainable land use and safeguard rural and agricultural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 279

Jessika Van Leeuwen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. The European Parliament urges the European Commission, also in the interest of strengthening the economic and social position of rural EU regions, to enforce strict equivalence of production

standards for agricultural products imported into the EU and underlines that European farmers should not face unfair competition from products that do not meet the same environmental, animal welfare, and food safety requirements; calls, in this regard, on the European Commission to ensure that trade agreements protect European agricultural standards and ensure a level playing field for EU farmers;

Or. en

Amendment 280
Krzysztof Hetman

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Acknowledges that the ambitious goals of the green transition entail risks for economic, social and territorial cohesion, as well as for European agriculture; emphasises that the number of farms in the EU decreased between 2005 and 2020 by about 37%^{1a} and calls, in this regard, on the Commission and Member States to take action to mitigate the decline in the number of farms and support their revenues and competitiveness, in order to stem the desertion of these areas and encourage generational renewal;

^{1a} Farms and farmland in the European Union - statistics, Eurostat, November 2022

Or. pl

Amendment 281
Rosa Serrano Sierra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Urges the Commission to adopt measures to protect the family farming model that underpins the rural territory, is more environmentally friendly and guarantees food security in the European Union; stresses the need for a EU system of incentives to limit the accumulation of agricultural land in private investment funds and the consequent increase in land prices; insists on the protection of small and medium-sized farms by strengthening the role of cooperatives and professional farmers in EU policies;

Or. en

Amendment 282
Denis Nesci

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Points to the need to simplify administrative procedures for accessing Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and cohesion policy funds by reducing red tape for farmers and small rural businesses and improving coordination between the institutional levels involved in the management of funds in order to ensure that resources are provided more efficiently and in a more timely manner;

Or. it

Amendment 283
Daniel Buda, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Stresses that family farms dominate EU agriculture, accounting for 94.8 % of all farms, and yet they face significant obstacles in accessing finance, infrastructure and markets; calls on the Commission and the Member States to implement concrete measures to support these farms by simplifying access to credit, modernising rural infrastructure and giving impetus to agricultural cooperatives;

Or. ro

Amendment 284
Valentina Palmisano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Calls for EU rural funding to be better linked with environmental sustainability and biodiversity protection to ensure a just transition towards a greener agricultural model; regrets that EAFRD is not any longer within cohesion policy and believes that the CAP needs to be greened in the future;

Or. en

Amendment 285
Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Ruggero Razza, Antonella Sberna

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Points also to the need to provide these areas, as well as businesses, and farm and forest holders, with sufficient financial support, including support for the purchase of equipment and for maintaining its serviceability, with a view to increased European competitiveness;

Or. it

Amendment 286

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere, Nora Mebarek, Sofie Eriksson

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Highlights that promoting agriculture can be a necessary but not sufficient component of a strategy for rural development, as not all people in rural areas are employed in the agricultural sector or live in agricultural structures;

Or. en

Amendment 287

Tamás Deutsch

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Is fully aware that rural areas play a key role in the green and digital transitions; underlines that the transitions have to be implemented gradually, along the lines of achievable goals;

Or. en

Amendment 288

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. Regards it as essential to place greater emphasis on preventive measures to enhance the resilience of Europe's rural areas in the face of natural disasters. An integrated approach to managing water resources is paramount in order to simultaneously prevent floods and tackle drought – two growing threats in many rural regions – both within agriculture and the food sector. Building dams and reservoirs or upgrading existing facilities must be a priority, not least because they can be a clean source of energy supply. Although cohesion policy already supports initiatives in this area, new projects and further investment are needed, in line with national and regional risk management strategies, to ensure that rural areas are better prepared for, and able to withstand, extreme climate events;

Or. it

Amendment 289

Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. Highlights the crucial role of rural areas in the Union's digital and competitiveness transition and stresses the need for suitable funding to promote innovative solutions, including precision farming, smart technologies and sustainable practices; points to the importance of compensatory measures for farmers and rural businesses affected by

the transition, so that this transition is fair and does not result in new socio-economic disparities; makes reminder of the importance of programmes and policies to support the training and retraining of workers in rural areas in order to meet the needs of the local market and stop them migrating to urban areas;

Or. ro

Amendment 290
Cristina Guarda
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 b. Highlights that multi-funding still appear difficult in some countries, also because of underlying criticalities in the current architecture of the 21-27 MFF; calls on the European Commission to explore different options for consolidating the Funds and to enhance synergies between the EAFRD and Cohesion Funds, including through reintegration of the EAFRD within the Common Provisions Regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 291
Krzysztof Hetman

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 b. Stresses the uneven impact of the trade in or export of Ukrainian agricultural products on farmers in individual EU Member States and regions

and the imbalances that arise as a consequence; highlights the need to support those farmers and those European regions that have been most adversely affected by the trade in or export of Ukrainian agricultural products;

Or. pl

Amendment 292

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere, Nora Mebarek, Klára Dobrev, Rosa Serrano Sierra

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 b. Therefore points out that funding for rural development should be flexibly combined with regional development funds, following the model of programs such as LEADER and CLLD, to significantly reduce administrative burdens for recipients and actively involve civil society;

Or. en

Amendment 293

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 c. Highlights the central role played by Community Led Local Development initiatives in keeping and restoring living and thriving local rural economies, and the need to keep a sufficient level of funding for LEADER; calls on the Member states to make full use of

LEADER's capacities; calls on the Commission to use the results of the 2024 evaluation report for the 2014-2020 programming period as well as results and experiences of the EAFRD LEADER implementation to support programmes for the period 2021-2027; suggests to explore different options for a mandatory allocation of a certain share of the Cohesion Policy Funds' budget to CLLD;

Or. en

Amendment 294

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13c. Welcomes the new EUR 3 billion loan financing package from the European Investment Bank Group (EIB Group) for agriculture, forestry and fisheries across Europe as a tangible initiative to close the funding gaps for SMEs in agriculture and the bioeconomy and facilitate financing for young farmers and women; calls on the EIB Group to explore new forms of support to provide liquidity for farmers and SMEs along agricultural and rural value chains;

Or. it

Amendment 295

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 d. Stresses the need to simplify the

access to Cohesion funds, in particular for local authorities of small or sparsely populated territories with limited financial resources; calls for the creation of a technical assistance programme endowed with a 100% EU financing rate specifically designed for smaller municipalities and cross-border, remote and rural areas that face new challenges such as the green transition and climate change; in this context, highlights that the allocation criteria should include the number of inhabitants and the needs and challenges of these areas and calls for the creation at local level of one-stop shops dealing with Cohesion funds in order to streamline access and information on EU funds;

Or. en

Amendment 296

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13d. Calls on the Commission and Member States to provide for new subsidised credit facilities that can support young entrepreneurs and women in their activities, including alternative forms of guarantees for access to credit;

Or. it

Amendment 297

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 e (new)

13 e. Proposes encouraging the use of pre-financing and advance schemes for small projects in rural areas and calls for the introduction of a mechanism to ensure the systematic payment of an advance representing 80% of the grant awarded as soon as the project has been approved^{1a};

^{1a} From the Opinion of the Committee of the Regions of 19 February 2025 entitled 'How post-27 LEADER and CLLD programming could contribute to better implementation of the long-term vision for the EU's rural areas'

Or. en

Amendment 298

Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Elena Nevado del Campo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

14. Recognises that tourism is frequently a source of income for rural, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, and for that reason believes that it should be supported within the rural economy, in synergy with the agricultural, fishing, food and cultural sectors;

14. Recognises that tourism is frequently a source of income for rural, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, and for that reason believes that it should be supported within the rural economy, in synergy with the agricultural, fishing, food and cultural sectors; ***urges the Commission and the Member States to boost tourism in rural and depopulated areas or areas at risk of depopulation, by establishing new green paths and other nature trails, as well as a label recognising outstanding environments in rural and nature tourism along similar lines to the 'blue flag' awarded to beaches;***

Or. es

Amendment 299
Jessika Van Leeuwen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recognises that tourism *is frequently a source* of income for rural, mountainous, insular and outermost *areas, and for that reason believes that it should be supported within the rural economy, in synergy with the agricultural, fishing, food and cultural* sectors;

Amendment

14. Recognises that *culture and tourism are often important sources* of income for rural, *coastal*, mountainous, insular, and outermost *regions; stresses that fishing and farming activities including livestock farming remain an equally essential pillar of rural economies and EU food security as well; insists that policy decisions affecting rural areas must recognize the essential role of fishing and farming activities including livestock farming in economic stability, environmental management and food production and insists that the EU should promote co-existence and further development of these* sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 300
Rosa Serrano Sierra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recognises that tourism is frequently a source of income for rural, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, and for that reason believes that it should be supported within the rural economy, in synergy with the agricultural, fishing, food and cultural sectors;

Amendment

14. Recognises that tourism is frequently a source of income for rural, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, and for that reason believes that it should be supported within the rural economy, in synergy with the agricultural, fishing, food and cultural sectors; *underlines the need to promote rural tourism in the future EU Sustainable tourism strategy as a more ecological and community-friendly option, in contrast to the mass tourism model and in line with the Palma Declaration of 31 October 2023 ‘The*

Amendment 301

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recognises that tourism is frequently a source of income for rural, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, **and** for that reason believes that it should be supported within the rural economy, in synergy with the agricultural, fishing, food and cultural sectors;

Amendment

14. Recognises that tourism is frequently a **major** source of income for rural, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, **with the potential to draw in growing numbers of visitors curious to discover their culture, nature and traditions through the unique experiences on offer**; for that reason, believes that it should be supported **through investment** within the rural economy, in synergy with the agricultural, fishing, food and cultural sectors;

Amendment 302

Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recognises that tourism is frequently a source of income for rural, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, and for that reason believes that it should be supported within the rural economy, in synergy with the agricultural, fishing, food and cultural sectors;

Amendment

14. Recognises that tourism is frequently a source of income for rural, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, and for that reason believes that it should be supported within the rural economy, in synergy with the agricultural, fishing, food and cultural sectors; **highlights the importance of a balanced tourism approach, optimising economic benefits for the rural areas while minimising**

potential negative impacts of tourism on these communities;

Or. en

Amendment 303

Valentina Palmisano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. *Recognises* that tourism is *frequently a source of income for rural, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, and for that reason believes that it should be supported within the rural economy, in synergy with the agricultural, fishing, food and cultural sectors;*

Amendment

14. *Recognizes* that tourism is *a strategic sector for many rural areas in Europe, particularly in Mediterranean regions; calls on the Commission to promote a support plan for sustainable tourism in rural areas, financing initiatives that enhance historic villages, traditional local products, and cultural heritage, while encouraging dispersed hospitality models and digitalization of the sector;*

Or. en

Amendment 304

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recognises that tourism is frequently a source of income for rural, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, and for that reason believes that it should be supported within the rural economy, in synergy with the agricultural, fishing, food and cultural sectors;

Amendment

14. Recognises that tourism is frequently a source of income for rural, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, and for that reason believes that it should be supported within the rural economy *in a way that is sustainable, community-led and* in synergy with the agricultural, fishing, food and cultural sectors, *ensuring it respects local ecosystems, traditions and social well-being;*

Amendment 305

Daniel Buda, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recognises that tourism *is* frequently a source of income for rural, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, and for that reason believes that *it* should be supported within the rural economy, in synergy with the agricultural, fishing, food and cultural sectors;

Amendment

14. Recognises that tourism, ***agri-tourism, traditional crafts and the promotion of local products are*** frequently a source of income for rural, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, and for that reason believes that ***they*** should be supported within the rural economy, in synergy with the agricultural, fishing, food and cultural sectors;

Or. ro

Amendment 306

Francesco Ventola, Denis Nesci

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recognises that tourism is frequently a source of income for rural, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, and for that reason believes that it should be supported within the rural economy, in synergy with the agricultural, fishing, ***food and cultural*** sectors;

Amendment

14. Recognises that tourism is frequently a source of income for rural, mountainous, insular and outermost areas, and for that reason believes that it should be supported within the rural economy, ***promoting cultural activities that showcase local heritage,*** in synergy with the agricultural, fishing ***and food*** sectors;

Or. it

Amendment 307

Cristina Guarda, Ana Miranda Paz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Calls on the European Commission and Member States to ensure a socially just policymaking in rural and mountain areas, especially in addressing demographic and climatic transitions; stresses the need for targeted support measures under the EU Just Transition Fund and the Social Climate Fund to assist sectors undergoing transformation, including those dependent on winter tourism, while fostering economic diversification towards sustainable alternatives; emphasizes the importance of developing inclusive and adaptive governance frameworks that support sustainable human-nature interactions through place-based and participatory approaches in shaping resilient rural communities; urges the Commission to integrate these approaches within the One Health framework, ensuring that socio-economic and environmental policies reflect the interdependence of human well-being, biodiversity, and ecosystem health;

Or. en

Amendment 308

Sérgio Gonçalves, Sabrina Repp, Hannes Heide, Raffaele Topo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Underlines the importance of promoting forms of tourism that respect the environmental and cultural integrity of rural areas, ensuring that local communities benefit directly from tourism-related economic activities; calls

for investment in ecotourism, agritourism, and heritage tourism initiatives that reinforce local identity and traditions, while minimising the ecological footprint of visitors; highlights the need for sustainable management of visitor flows to prevent overtourism, particularly in ecologically sensitive or historically significant areas;

Or. en

Amendment 309

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza, Francesco Torselli

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. That investment will make it possible to have improved accommodation facilities and a better supply of activities with which to showcase the local produce, culture and identity, but also fresh economic opportunities for local communities, encouraging job creation and entrepreneurship while keeping local traditions alive. Regards it also as appropriate to support the development and management of rural tourist amenities by making technology more accessible and rolling out digital services to rural areas;

Or. it

Amendment 310

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere, Nora Mebarek, Klára Dobrev, Sofie Eriksson, Rosa Serrano Sierra

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Calls for targeted measures to strengthen cultural and historical sites and activities in rural areas by promoting the preservation and restoration of cultural heritage, supporting local cultural initiatives, and fostering sustainable cultural tourism; emphasizes the need for financial support for cultural projects, creative industries, and local traditions to enhance regional identity, attract visitors, and create economic opportunities;

Or. en

Amendment 311

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Daniel Buda

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Invites the Commission and the Member States, in preparation for the future cohesion policy and with due regard to the principle of subsidiarity in fiscal matters, to initiate a dialogue on the potential benefits of sharing taxes on economic activities with municipalities, as this will encourage municipalities to invest EU cohesion funds in their own interest in long-term local economic growth to secure sustainable local tax revenues;

Or. en

Amendment 312

Daniel Buda, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. *Considers it necessary to promote measures to diversify the rural economy by harnessing local potential, including in areas outside agriculture and tourism, and to create quality jobs, including by establishing the necessary conditions for remote employment, in order to attract young people to rural areas and ensure they remain there;*

Or. ro

Amendment 313

Francesco Ventola, Denis Nesci

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. *Stresses the need to simplify access to European funds for rural areas, reducing bureaucratic complexity and shortening disbursement times, through more streamlined procedures, intuitive digital platforms and increased technical support for local beneficiaries;*

Or. it

Amendment 314

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 b. *Emphasizes the emerging opportunities for the revitalization of rural areas through the development of bio-districts and eco-regions, recognizing their potential to diversify the rural*

economy through organic farming, renewable energy production, shorter food supply chains also through sustainable public food procurement for local productions, eco-tourism in unique cultural landscapes, and payments for ecosystem services; stresses that bio-districts, as engines of social innovation, resilience, and sustainability, should be at the forefront of future territorial development strategies; highlights that their success depends on strong regional and territorial integration, the active involvement of local authorities, and localized management approaches to ensure long-term viability; calls on the Commission to actively promote funding opportunities within the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and cohesion policy to support the creation and long-term sustainability of bio-districts, ensuring their accessibility both in the current and post-2027 programming period;

Or. en

Amendment 315

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere, Nora Mebarek, Klára Dobrev, Sofie Eriksson, Rosa Serrano Sierra

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 b. *Calls for improved access to quality healthcare in rural areas through strengthened medical services, pharmacies, community health nurses, and digital health solutions;*

Or. en

Amendment 316

Daniel Buda, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs;

Amendment

15. ***Highlights the need to introduce tax incentive and financing mechanisms for SMEs, start-ups and local cooperatives in rural areas with a view to diversifying the local economy and developing a circular economy; emphasises also the importance of simplifying access to EU funds for farmers and entrepreneurs, and would encourage the development of short supply chains and local production in order to strengthen the economic resilience of these regions; to this end, calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs, while also establishing specific funds for the development of microenterprises in smart villages, providing financial and advisory support for the implementation of sustainable economic models based on local resources and innovation;***

Or. ro

Amendment 317

Elena Nevado del Campo, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs;

Amendment

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs; ***supports the reinforcement of a rural proofing***

mechanism to assess the anticipated impact of major EU legislative initiatives on rural areas; asks the Commission and Member States to avoid future overlapping for rural areas projects between EU financial instruments; calls for a one-stop shop platform for information on funding possibilities for rural communities as well as a single point of entry to access EU funding;

Or. en

Amendment 318

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly **SMEs**;

Amendment

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly **small and medium-sized enterprises; this will enable beneficiaries, especially SMEs and rural communities, to access funds more easily and efficiently. Optimising procedures, cutting red tape and enhancing transparency are vital to improving access to the available resources;**

Or. it

Amendment 319

Gabriella Gerzsenyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation

Amendment

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation

as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs;

as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs **and promote cost reduction, simplification of the application and evaluation process of EU funding; calls on the Commission to provide adequate technical assistance to managing authorities, thereby also contributing to increased absorption rates;**

Or. en

Amendment 320

Jessika Van Leeuwen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to ***promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs;***

Amendment

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to ***immediately take concrete steps to reduce the bureaucratic burden on farmers and rural businesses by simplifying CAP application procedures, minimizing redundant reporting requirements, and introducing digital tools to ease administrative processes; insists that excessive bureaucracy should not prevent farmers from focusing on sustainable food production and rural economic development;***

Or. en

Amendment 321

Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation

Amendment

15. ***Calls on the Commission to improve synergies and coordination***

as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs;

between EU funding instruments and national instruments, for successful rural development in the EU; calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs; calls for a strong rural dimension in future cohesion policy regulations;

Or. en

Amendment 322

André Rougé

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs;

Amendment

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs; ***stresses, in particular, that cohesion funding should be used to reduce the administrative and tax burdens on rural micro-enterprises, farmers and craftspeople;***

Or. fr

Amendment 323

Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Elena Nevado del Campo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs;

Amendment

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs, ***and to take***

measures to ensure the competitiveness of rural businesses and companies by fostering innovation, digitisation and worker training;

Or. es

Amendment 324
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs;

Amendment

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs; *reminds that after the recent reforms of cohesion policy and the CAP, farmers need stability and a predictable legal environment;*

Or. en

Amendment 325
Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec, Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs;

Amendment

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs, *while ensuring that "rural proofing" is systematically applied to assess and mitigate potential negative impacts on rural areas;*

Or. en

Amendment 326

Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, *particularly* SMEs;

Amendment

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, *enabling more direct access to Cohesion Policy funds not only by the competent authorities but also by beneficiaries, including* SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 327

Cristina Guarda

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce *the* bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs;

Amendment

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce *gold-plating and unnecessary* bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs, *as well as on cooperatives and citizen-led collectives*;

Or. en

Amendment 328

Maravillas Abadía Jover, Raúl de la Hoz Quintano, Elena Nevado del Campo, Christian Doleschal, Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority, in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs;

Amendment

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to promote better regulation as a matter of priority ***with the aim of simplifying*** in order to reduce the bureaucratic burden, on individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs ***and start-ups***;

Or. en

Amendment 329

Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna, Ruggero Razza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. SMEs are the backbone of the rural economy, making a significant contribution to job creation, economic diversification and social vitality in rural communities. Often active in traditional sectors such as agriculture, crafts or local services, SMEs are also integral to the resilience of rural areas, as they diversify income streams and decrease dependence on more vulnerable economic sectors. Supporting rural SMEs means providing them with access to the resources, technology and skills they need to grow and innovate. Policies need to be promoted which facilitate access to finance, improve digital infrastructure and foster cooperation, so as to boost their capacity to adapt to economic challenges and to contribute to sustainable economic development in rural areas;

Or. it

Amendment 330

Sabrina Repp, Sérgio Gonçalves, Matthias Ecke, Hannes Heide, Marcos Ros Sempere,

Nora Mebarek, Klára Dobrev, Sofie Eriksson, Rosa Serrano Sierra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Calls for further simplification of administrative procedures and improved access to funding for rural areas, particularly through strengthening of the single audit principle, adoption of beneficiary-friendly practises, better coordination and flexibility in using different financial sources, as well as targeted support measures for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and agricultural businesses in rural regions;

Or. en

Amendment 331
Cristina Guarda, Ana Miranda Paz
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Encourages Member States to establish 'Mountain Observatories' to increase the collection, sharing and dissemination of disaggregated data on economic, social, environmental and meteorological issues linking it to the recently announced EU Data Strategy, as well to the EU Rural Observatory under the LTVRA and the EU Agrifood Value Chain Observatory;

Or. en

Amendment 332
Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu,
Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Andrzej Buła, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec, Maria Walsh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Considers crucial the need to simplify access to EU funding and procedures under a coherent and flexible approach to territorial development, particularly for rural areas, while maintaining the principles of multi-level governance and partnerships;

Or. en

Amendment 333
Sofie Eriksson, Sabrina Repp

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Calls for a more integrated approach between EU industrial and cohesion policies, ensuring that regional development strategies are aligned with industrial transition efforts, particularly in northern sparsely populated areas;

Or. en

Amendment 334
Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Calls on the European Commission to systematically integrate rural areas into the design of the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) through comprehensive Territorial

Amendment 335
Valentina Palmisano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Calls for rural workers and communities to be directly involved in decision-making processes through participatory councils, ensuring democratic control over local economic development policies;

Or. en

Amendment 336
Cristina Guarda
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 b. Regrets that rural areas often suffer from insufficient policy coordination and are though faced with ongoing and multi-dimensional challenges, such as demographic change, digital transition, the need for sustainable agriculture producing affordable and high-quality food, and adapting to climate change; stresses that this lack of coordination leads to significant delays in democratic participation and access to basic services, infrastructure and jobs; calls therefore, in order to avoid the current fragmentation of EU funding for rural areas and to simplify and streamline

access to Funds, the creation of a lead fund under the Common Provisions Regulation whose management regulation would apply to contributions from the other mobilised funds such as (EAFRD), (ERDF), (ESF+) (JTF)^{3a};

^{3a} From the Opinion of the Committee of the Regions of 19 February 2025 entitled 'How post-27 LEADER and CLLD programming could contribute to better implementation of the long-term vision for the EU's rural areas'

Or. en

Amendment 337

Christian Doleschal, Alexandra Mehnert, Pascal Arimont, Dan-Ștefan Motreanu, Maravillas Abadía Jover, Gabriella Gerzsenyi, Daniel Buda, Isabelle Le Callennec, Maria Walsh

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 b. Calls on the Commission to consider the use of cohesion funds for the preservation and restoration and (where applicable) conversion of relevant historical buildings, including churches, as part of efforts to promote cultural heritage, improve local infrastructure and to further enhance the attractiveness of rural areas across the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 338

Dan-Ștefan Motreanu

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 b. *Stresses the importance of ensuring that the European Semester fully upholds the Partnership Principle by strengthening national consultation mechanisms; calls for enhanced consultation of rural authorities in the European Semester process, ensuring that investment and reform priorities effectively address rural needs;*

Or. en

Amendment 339
Valentina Palmisano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 b. *Highlights the crucial role of SMEs and local craftsmanship in rural areas for job creation and economic growth. It urges the Commission to allocate dedicated financial instruments to support and modernize rural micro-enterprises, particularly in the agri-food, manufacturing, and renewable energy sectors;*

Or. en

Amendment 340
Denis Nesci, Francesco Ventola, Antonella Sberna

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15b. *Urges the Commission to continue supporting advisory services and technical assistance under the next Multiannual Financial Framework so as to help*

regional authorities set up and manage financial instruments to increase competitiveness and promote resource efficiency;

Or. it

Amendment 341
Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 c. Stresses that National Contact Points (NCPs) currently operate in isolation from regional and rural development programs, leading to a lack of coordination between funding streams; calls for the integration of National Contact Points into cohesion and rural development programming to ensure synergies in capacity building;

Or. en

Amendment 342
Valentina Palmisano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 c. Emphasizes the importance of SMEs in technological sectors for rural digitalization and economic resilience. It calls on the Commission to ensure that public measures support local businesses and foster proximity-based economies, avoiding criteria that may disadvantage smaller enterprises.

Or. en

Amendment 343
Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 d. Welcomes the introduction of the European Rural Toolkit, designed to assist beneficiaries in identifying and accessing the most suitable funding programs for their region; calls on the Commission to further develop and promote such tools by ensuring they are user-friendly, regularly updated, and accessible to all rural stakeholders, including local authorities, SMEs, farmers, and civil society organizations;

Or. en

Amendment 344
Dan-Ştefan Motreanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 e. Stresses the need for better alignment between existing territorial development instruments and Structural Funds, including initiatives like Harnessing Talent and the Covenant of Mayors;

Or. en