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Ieke van den Burg

Financial services policy (2005-2010) – White Paper

Motion for a resolution

Amendment by Alain Lipietz and Heide Rühle

Amendment 1

Recital A a (new)

Aa. whereas long-term investments, which are crucial to attain the Lisbon-Göteborg objectives (i.e. to face the knowledge society, to tackle climate change and to implement energy policies) require long-term financing,

Or. en

Amendment by Alain Lipietz and Heide Rühle

Amendment 2

Recital B a (new)

Ba. whereas long-term investment in companies to strengthen global competitiveness becomes increasingly difficult to realise because of the desire for short-term financial gains,

Or. en

Amendment by Alain Lipietz and Heide Rühle

Amendment 3
Recital C a (new)

Ca. whereas corporate governance or good business management cannot be evaluated purely in terms of performance or financial management, but must take into account a company's human resources, employee participation and the pursuit of environmental and social goals,

Or. en

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 4
Paragraph 1

deleted

Or. de

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 5
Paragraph 2

deleted

Or. de

Amendment by Zsolt László Becsey

Amendment 6
Paragraph 3

3. Would welcome a more in-depth examination of the economic effects of the FSAP measures in the light of the Lisbon Agenda Strategy; asks the Commission to commission such studies together with its annual progress reports and implementation monitors; ***reiterates the need for Commission to carry out an in-depth inquiry into established FSAP measures with special reference to the countries benefiting from the implementation of the FSAP measures and to the magnitude of beneficiary countries' profits earned from the consolidation of the financial market;***

Or. en

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 7
Paragraph 3

3. Would welcome a more in-depth examination of the economic effects of the FSAP measures in the light of the Lisbon Agenda Strategy **and the financing needs of the real economy**; asks the Commission to commission such studies together with its annual progress reports and implementation monitors;

Or. fr

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 8
Paragraph 3 a (new)

- 3a. **Understands the magnitude of the continuing tax obstacles that are hampering integration of the European financial market;**

Or. fr

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 9
Paragraph 4

4. **(deletion)** Urges the Commission and national competition authorities carefully to enforce the EC competition rules **if any unlawful market concentration exists in financial services**; emphasises the need for accessible complaint and redress procedures; and asks the Commission to take due account of the users' perspective.

Or. en

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 10
Paragraph 4

4. Notes **an alarmingly** high market concentration in the top segment of financial services for large listed companies, notably audit firms, credit rating agencies (CRAs) and investment banks; urges the Commission and national competition authorities carefully to enforce the EC competition rules; emphasises the need for accessible complaint and redress procedures; and asks the Commission to take due account of the

users' perspective *and the interests of workers employed in this sector*;

Or. de

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 11

Paragraph 4

4. Notes a high market concentration in the top segment of financial services for large listed companies, notably audit firms, credit rating agencies (CRAs) and investment banks; urges the Commission and national competition authorities carefully to enforce the EC competition rules; emphasises the need for accessible complaint and redress procedures; and asks the Commission to take due account of the users' perspective; ***notes that high market concentration is not a problem in itself, but may lead to problems if the implementation of competition law is not as vigorous as it should be***;

Or. en

Amendment by Katerina Batzeli

Amendment 12

Paragraph 4

4. Notes a high market concentration in the top segment of financial services for large listed companies, notably audit firms, credit rating agencies (CRAs) and investment banks; urges the Commission and national competition authorities carefully to enforce the EC competition rules ***and to encourage the wider use of modern software solutions, thereby promoting disintermediated and direct market access by the end investor***; emphasises the need for accessible complaint and redress procedures; and asks the Commission to take due account of the users' perspective;

Or. en

Amendment by Antonis Samaras

Amendment 13

Paragraph 4

4. Notes a high market concentration in the top segment of financial services for large listed companies, notably audit firms, credit rating agencies (CRAs) and investment banks; urges the Commission and national competition authorities carefully to enforce the EC competition rules ***and to encourage the wider use of modern software solutions, thereby promoting disintermediated and direct market access by the end***

investor; emphasises the need for accessible complaint and redress procedures; and asks the Commission to take due account of the users' perspective;

Or. en

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 14
Paragraph 4

4. Notes a high market concentration in the top segment of financial services for large listed companies, notably audit firms, credit rating agencies (CRAs) and investment banks; urges the Commission and national competition authorities carefully to **apply** the EC competition rules to **these market players**; emphasises the need for accessible complaint and redress procedures; and asks the Commission to take due account of the users' perspective;

Or. fr

Amendment by Andrea Losco and Lapo Pistelli

Amendment 15
Paragraph 4 a (new)

- 4a. *Is pleased with the recent approval of the proposed directive on the reform of Article 19 of the recast Banking Directive and urges the Commission to continue its action towards the removal of the obstacles to cross-border mergers and acquisition, as identified in the 2005 consultation and in the following interim report;***

Or. en

Amendment by Gunnar Hökmark

Amendment 16
Paragraph 4 a (new)

- 4a. *Underlines the need to remove barriers for new entrants as well as the need to remove legislation favouring incumbents and current market structures where competition is limited;***

Or. en

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 17

Paragraph 5

5. Stresses the need among CRAs for transparency of fees and the *differentiation* of rating and *ancillary services*; emphasises that CRAs play a public role in, for example, the CRD and that they should thus meet high standards of accessibility, quality and reliability; urges the *International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO)* and the CESR *to continue* closely to monitor CRAs' *compliance with the IOSCO* code of conduct (*deletion*);

Or. en

Amendment by Alexander Radwan

Amendment 18

Paragraph 5

5. Stresses the need among CRAs for transparency of fees and the separation of rating and consulting activities and related costs; emphasises that CRAs play a public role in, for example, the CRD and that they should thus meet high standards of accessibility, *transparency*, quality and reliability, *as regulated businesses (e.g. banks) have to do*; urges the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the CESR closely to monitor CRAs on the basis of the code of conduct of the International Organization of Securities Commissions and to advise whether further regulatory steps are needed;

Or. de

Amendment by Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Amendment 19

Paragraph 5

5. Stresses the need among CRAs for transparency of fees and the separation of rating and consulting activities and related costs; *is convinced that assessment criteria and business models used by CRAs should be clarified*; emphasises that CRAs play a public role in, for example, the CRD and that they should thus meet high standards of accessibility, quality and reliability; urges the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the CESR closely to monitor CRAs on the basis of the code of conduct of the International Organization of Securities Commissions and to advise whether further regulatory steps are needed;

Or. en

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 20
Paragraph 5 a (new)

5a. Calls on European stakeholders to consider whether they should encourage the emergence of a specifically European player in the CRA sector;

Or. fr

Amendment by Antonis Samaras

Amendment 21
Paragraph 6

6. Following the implementation of Directive 2004/39/EC¹ on markets in financial instruments (MiFID), anticipates increased competition among trading platforms **and financial intermediaries**, but also increased consolidation **among or even between them**; believes that strong cross-Atlantic convergence of **financial market** rules and supervisory practices is needed; emphasises that good governance is imperative and that the influence of users should not be eroded with changing ownership;

Or. en

Amendment by Katerina Batzeli

Amendment 22
Paragraph 6

6. Following the implementation of Directive 2004/39/EC² on markets in financial instruments (MiFID), anticipates increased competition among trading platforms **and financial intermediaries**, but also increased consolidation **among or even between them**; believes that strong cross-Atlantic convergence of **financial market** rules and supervisory practices is needed; emphasises that good governance is imperative and that the influence of users should not be eroded with changing ownership;

Or. en

¹ OJ L 145, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

² OJ L 145, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 23

Paragraph 6

6. Following the implementation of Directive 2004/39/EC¹ on markets in financial instruments (MiFID), anticipates increased competition among trading platforms, but also increased consolidation of the large stock exchanges; believes that strong cross-Atlantic convergence of rules and supervisory practices is needed; emphasises that good governance is imperative and that the influence of users ***and the rights of workers employed in this sector must*** not be eroded with changing ownership;

Or. de

Amendment by Alexander Radwan

Amendment 24

Paragraph 6

6. Following the implementation of Directive 2004/39/EC² on markets in financial instruments (MiFID), anticipates increased competition among trading platforms, but also increased consolidation of the large stock exchanges; believes that ***stronger*** cross-Atlantic convergence of rules and supervisory practices is needed; emphasises that good governance is imperative and that the influence of users should not be eroded with changing ownership;

Or. de

Amendment by Gunnar Hökmark

Amendment 25

Paragraph 6

6. Following the implementation of Directive 2004/39/EC³ on markets in financial instruments (MiFID), anticipates increased competition among trading platforms, but also increased consolidation of the large stock exchanges; believes that strong cross-Atlantic convergence of rules and supervisory practices is needed, ***avoiding the imposition of extraterritorial rules***; emphasises that good governance is imperative and that the influence of users should not be eroded with changing ownership;

Or. en

¹ OJ L 145, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

² OJ L 145, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

³ OJ L 145, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

Amendment by Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Amendment 26
Paragraph 6

6. Following the implementation of Directive 2004/39/EC on markets in financial instruments (MiFID), anticipates increased competition among trading platforms, but also increased consolidation of the large stock exchanges; believes that strong cross-Atlantic convergence of rules and supervisory practices, ***without undermining the principle-based approach***, is needed; emphasises that good governance is imperative and that the influence of users should not be eroded with changing ownership;

Or. en

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 27
Paragraph 7

7. ***(deletion)*** Strongly reiterates the need to improve the post-trading infrastructure both with a view to price transparency and competition as to the public interest of settlement security; intends closely to scrutinise the developments surrounding the Code of Conduct and the TARGET2-Securities project in this context;

Or. de

Amendment by Zsolt László Becsey

Amendment 28
Paragraph 7

7. While calling for progress in removing the other barriers identified in the 2001 Giovannini Report, strongly reiterates the need to improve the post-trading infrastructure both with a view to price transparency and competition as to the public interest of settlement security; intends closely to scrutinise the developments surrounding the Code of Conduct and the TARGET2-Securities project in this context; ***additionally, calls for the Commission to ensure consistent enforcement of Article 34 of the MiFID, requiring stock exchanges to provide all their users with the option of designating the settlement system in which they want to settle their transactions in the event of cross-border share transactions; therefore would consider it welcome if the Commission were to produce guidance to urge Member States to put the provisions of Article 34 of the MiFID into effect;***

Or. en

Amendment by Alexander Radwan

Amendment 29

Paragraph 7

7. While calling for progress in removing the other barriers identified in the 2001 Giovannini Report, strongly reiterates the need to improve the post-trading infrastructure both with a view to price transparency and competition as to the public interest of settlement security; intends closely to scrutinise the developments surrounding the Code of Conduct and the TARGET2-Securities project in this context; ***is anxious above all to foster the governance needed to cope with the phenomenon in which the same parties are at once market players and market supervisors;***

Or. de

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 30

Paragraph 7

7. While calling for progress in removing the other barriers identified in the 2001 Giovannini Report, strongly reiterates the need to improve the post-trading infrastructure both with a view to price transparency and competition as to the public interest of settlement security; ***welcomes the Commission decision to rely first on soft law instruments, namely the Code of Conduct, and*** intends closely to scrutinise the developments surrounding the Code of Conduct ***as well as*** the TARGET2-Securities project in this context;

Or. en

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 31

Paragraph 7 a (new)

- 7a. ***Calls on the Commission to launch, without further delay, the legislative initiatives required to completely remove the obstacles identified in the Giovannini Report;***

Or. fr

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 32
Paragraph 8

deleted

Or. en

Amendment by Katerina Batzeli

Amendment 33
Paragraph 8

8. Points to the increasing influence of *the role of financial* intermediaries *as regards the safeguarding of consumers' tangible assets held through indirect holding systems*; asks the Commission *to present focused measures against the risks of market dominance, market abuse and conflicts of interest by such intermediaries, to closely* monitor the effects of the impending directive on the exercise of voting rights by shareholders of companies (COM(2005)0685), which facilitates proxy voting, *and to equally encourage the use of direct holding systems*;

Or. en

Amendment by Antonis Samaras

Amendment 34
Paragraph 8

8. Points to the increasing influence of *the role of financial* intermediaries *as regards the safeguarding of consumers' tangible assets held through indirect holding systems*; asks the Commission *to present focused measures against the risks of market dominance, market abuse and conflicts of interest by such intermediaries, to closely* monitor the effects of the impending directive on the exercise of voting rights by shareholders of companies (COM (2005) 0685), which facilitates proxy voting, *and to equally encourage the use of direct holding systems*;

Or. en

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 35
Paragraph 8 a (new)

8a. *Expresses its disquiet at the high proportion of financial service companies in the new Member States that are wholly or partly foreign owned, given firstly that this makes it difficult for the supervisory authorities in those countries to exercise effective supervision and control and, in addition, that the interests and needs of the new Member States' economies often play only a minor role in the strategies pursued by parent companies' foreign-based head offices;*

Or. de

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 36
Paragraph 9

9. **(deletion)** Strongly welcomes the increased vigilance of supervisors **in** plain cases of market manipulation, insider dealing or front-running **(deletion)**;

Or. en

Amendment by Andrea Losco

Amendment 37
Paragraph 9

9. **(deletion)** Strongly welcomes the increased vigilance of supervisors on plain cases of market manipulation, insider dealing or front-running **(deletion)**;

Or. en

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 38
Paragraph 9

9. **(deletion)** Strongly welcomes the increased vigilance of supervisors on plain cases of market manipulation, insider dealing or front-running **(deletion)**;

Or. en

Amendment by Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Amendment 39

Paragraph 9

9. **(deletion)** Strongly welcomes the increased vigilance of supervisors on plain cases of market manipulation, insider dealing or front-running; urges the Commission in cooperation with US regulators to initiate an in-depth sector inquiry to check whether internal codes of conduct and ‘Chinese walls’ are adequate to achieve an appropriate level of corporate governance and market transparency and to prevent conflicts of interest;

Or. en

Amendment by Katerina Batzeli

Amendment 40

Paragraph 9

9. Signals that a small number of large investment banks provide services to all top-level issuers and investors, including themselves; strongly welcomes the increased vigilance of supervisors on plain cases of market manipulation, insider dealing, **(deletion)** front-running, **inducement scrutiny and best execution**; urges the Commission in cooperation with US regulators to initiate an in-depth sector inquiry to check whether **the necessary safeguards, such as** internal codes of conduct, **(deletion)** ‘Chinese walls’ **and others**, are adequate to achieve an appropriate level of corporate governance and market transparency and to prevent conflicts of interest;

Or. en

Amendment by Antonis Samaras

Amendment 41

Paragraph 9

9. Signals that a small number of large investment banks provide services to all top-level issuers and investors, including themselves; strongly welcomes the increased vigilance of supervisors on plain cases of market manipulation, insider dealing, **(deletion)** front-running, **inducement scrutiny and best execution**; urges the Commission in cooperation with US regulators to initiate an in-depth sector inquiry to check whether **the necessary safeguards, such as** internal codes of conduct, **(deletion)** ‘Chinese walls’ **etc.**, are adequate to achieve an appropriate level of corporate governance and market transparency and to prevent conflicts of interest;

Amendment by Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Amendment 42
Paragraph 9 a (new)

9a. *Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of financial analysts and financial market data providers through transparent funding structures; urges the Commission to address the issues unresolved by MAD and MiFID with regard to the distinction between ‘financial analysis’ and ‘other information’;*

Or. en

Amendment by Alain Lipietz and Heide Rühle

Amendment 43
Paragraph 9 a (new)

9a. *Stresses the need to develop long-term financing in order to realise long-term investments to achieve the Lisbon-Göteborg Strategy; expresses its concern about the contradictions between the need for long-term investment in companies’ global competitiveness and the short-term orientation of the hedge fund industry;*

Or. en

Amendment by Alain Lipietz and Heide Rühle

Amendment 44
Paragraph 9 b (new)

9b. *Warns against the negative impacts of short-term strategy and highly risky forms of investments on the real economy, and especially on medium-sized and family-owned SMEs, on wages and working conditions; warns also against the negative effects on productivity, long-term efficiency and innovation of the firms and industries in which hedge funds invest;*

Or. en

Amendment by Alain Lipietz and Heide Rühle

Amendment 45
Paragraph 9 c (new)

9c. *Regrets that due to a lack of transparency and almost non-existent obligations of disclosure, it is generally difficult to gather information about the hedge fund industry; recalls that effective monitoring of financial markets is simply not possible without transparency;*

Or. en

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 46
Paragraph 10

10. Is fully aware of the rapid rise of alternative investment vehicles (hedge funds and private equity) that (*deletion*) give rise to systemic risk, increasingly high levels of leverage and debt ratios for companies, and high levels of exposure of other financial institutions; *expresses disquiet at the fact that these investment vehicles are deliberately designed to preclude all transparency, thus preventing other investors from obtaining information about their strategies;*

Or. de

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 47
Paragraph 10

10. Is fully aware of the rapid rise of alternative investment vehicles (hedge funds and private equity) that provide liquidity and diversification in the market, but may also give rise to systemic risk (*deletion*);

Or. en

Amendment by Sharon Bowles

Amendment 48
Paragraph 10

10. Is fully aware of the rapid rise of alternative investment vehicles (hedge funds and private equity) that provide liquidity and diversification in the market, *and of the concerns expressed by some that they* may also give rise to systemic risk, increasingly high levels of leverage and debt ratios for companies, and high levels of exposure of

other financial institutions;

Or. en

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 49

Paragraph 10

10. Is fully aware of the rapid rise of alternative investment vehicles (hedge funds and private equity) that provide liquidity and diversification in the market, but may also give rise to systemic risk, increasingly high levels of leverage and debt ratios for companies, and high levels of exposure of other financial institutions, ***and may channel liquid savings in directions entailing considerable social consequences;***

Or. fr

Amendment by Alain Lipietz and Heide Rühle

Amendment 50

Paragraph 10

10. Is fully aware of the rapid rise of alternative investment vehicles (hedge funds and private equity) that provide liquidity and diversification in the market, but may also give rise to systemic risk (***as demonstrated i.e. by the near collapse of LTCM in September 1998***), increasingly high levels of leverage and debt ratios for companies, and high levels of exposure of other financial institutions;

Or. en

Amendment by Alain Lipietz about Heide Rühle

Amendment 51

Paragraph 10 a (new)

- 10a. Shares the concerns expressed among others by the ECB and the World Bank about hedge funds;***

Or. en

Amendment by Alain Lipietz and Heide Rühle

Amendment 52
Paragraph 10 b (new)

10b. *Is of the view that given the systemic risks incurred by hedge funds (i.e. the risk of destabilisation of the financial markets, market abuse, potential market price manipulation, etc.), there is a strong case for demanding disclosure, transparency and regulation, as in the case of commercial banks and investment banks;*

Or. en

Amendment by Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Amendment 53
Paragraph 10 a (new)

10a. *Draws attention to the unprecedented structural challenges faced by the EU fund industry in the longer term; points out the necessity of further initiatives to stimulate debate on whether an EU-level response is required and on the form of possible measures;*

Or. en

Amendment by Sharon Bowles

Amendment 54
Paragraph 10 a (new)

10a. *Nevertheless recognises that in Europe there is already regulation of hedge fund managers;*

Or. en

Amendment by Sharon Bowles

Amendment 55
Paragraph 11

11. *Welcomes the Commission's recent studies on hedge funds and private equity but calls for further monitoring of sector-specific work of regulators of hedge fund managers within the context of CESR and IOSCO;*

Or. en

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 56
Paragraph 11

11. ***Emphasises the need for the Commission to continue to monitor the sector-specific work of regulators of such funds, including IOSCO and competent authorities in markets where such funds are common, and as part of the EU-US dialogue;***

Or. en

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 57
Paragraph 11

11. ***Invites the Commission to monitor any potential gaps in disclosure requirements with respect to corporate governance and investment policy (deletion);***

Or. en

Amendment by Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Amendment 58
Paragraph 11

11. ***Regrets that the Commission's studies so far have focused only on barriers to growth of such funds (deletion); asks for a broader and more critical approach with regard to the extent to which hedge funds pose a risk to financial stability and risks to objectives of preventing market abuse as well as the extent to which retail customers should be allowed to invest directly in hedge funds;***

Or. en

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 59
Paragraph 11

11. ***Regrets that the (deletion) studies financed by the Commission, in which the input has been confined to professionals from the market segment concerned, so far have***

focused only on barriers to growth of such funds, ***disregarding the viewpoints of stakeholders as a whole***, and not on gaps in disclosure requirements with respect to corporate governance and investment policy, or on the adaptation of rules for the level of leverage and risk management and diversification; asks for a ***more balanced*** and more critical approach;

Or. fr

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 60
Paragraph 11 a (new)

11a. Welcomes the fact that EU expert groups have begun work on directives on the efficient conduct of cross-border fund business, but considers the structure of those groups to be fundamentally flawed to the extent that the only outside representatives serving in them are lobbyists for the sector under consideration and hence there are no representatives of trade unions or their umbrella organisations to speak for the employees in the companies concerned; considers the brief given to these working parties to be inadequate in that it takes no account of the risks and disadvantages entailed in the operations in question, extending to serious economic and employment policy distortions;

Or. de

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 61
Paragraph 11 b (new)

11b. Believes that the directives on hedge funds and private equity need to incorporate the following provisions:

- minimum own capital requirements for such funds,***
- the full amount of capital gains should be taxable for income and profit tax purposes in the country of the management company concerned,***
- compulsory registration,***
- obligation to disclose the asset and ownership structure and ongoing transactions,***
- information about investment risks and strategies,***
- notification thresholds for the acquisition of substantial stakes in listed companies,***
- no lending-out of shares for a few days with a view to manipulating shareholders' general meetings and prices,***
- compulsory notification of share lending,***
- introduction of a double voting right for shareholders who have held their shares for at least two years;***

Or. de

Amendment by Alain Lipietz and Heide Rühle

Amendment 62
Paragraph 11 a (new)

11a. Underlines that the vast majority of hedge funds and private equities are established in offshore centres for reasons of ‘light regulation’ and tax-minimising reasons; considers it essential to address the problem of declining tax revenue; more broadly, urges the Commission to explore ways to tax speculative movements of financial groups, such as hedge funds or private equities, so as to avoid risks associated with their increasing role in the financial system;

Or. en

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 63
Paragraph 11 a (new)

11a. Invites the Commission to review the differences in Member States’ regimes for retail access to alternative investments, and in particular to determine the appropriate qualifications for distributors of such products to retail investors;

Or. en

Amendment by Gunnar Hökmark

Amendment 64
Paragraph 11 a (new)

11a. Underlines the need for a broader analysis regarding the risks and benefits of alternative investment vehicles, and to what extent these are marketed to private consumers;

Or. en

Amendment by Sharon Bowles

Amendment 65
Paragraph 12

deleted

Or. en

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 66

Paragraph 12

12. Urges the Commission to assess the quality of supervision in offshore locations and to step up cooperation (*deletion*);

Or. en

Amendment by Andrea Losco and Lapo Pistelli

Amendment 67

Paragraph 12

12. Urges the Commission to assess the quality of supervision in offshore locations and to step up cooperation; *welcomes the mandate given by the G7 countries to the Financial Stability Forum to update its 2000 report on the hedge fund industry; expects that the report will devote particular attention to the implications of alternative investment products for systemic stability and that, based on this analysis, appropriate policy recommendations may be made;*

Or. en

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 68

Paragraph 12

12. Urges the Commission to *address itself to the fact that there is no* supervision in offshore locations and to *compel* cooperation; recommends joining the United States in investigating compensatory measures such as taxes on particular financial transactions;

Or. fr

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 69

Paragraph 12 a (new)

12a. Welcomes the mandate given by the G7 countries to the Financial Stability Forum

to update its 2000 report on the hedge fund industry; expects that the report will devote particular attention to the implications of alternative investment products for systemic stability and that, based on this analysis, appropriate policy recommendations may be made;

Or. en

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 70
Paragraph 12 a (new)

12a. *Calls on the Commission, taking into account the rise of private equity, to take the initiatives required to develop shareholder loyalty and encourage employee share ownership;*

Or. fr

Amendment by Gunnar Hökmark

Amendment 71
Paragraph 13

13. *Takes the view that national consumer protection traditions must not be interpreted in such a way that new competitors are hindered on the domestic market; underlines the need for a well-functioning internal market for financial services; notes the importance of intermediaries in order to bring competition to the domestic European markets;*

Or. en

Amendment by Alexander Radwan

Amendment 72
Paragraph 13

13. *Notes that cross-border integration of EU retail financial markets remains scarce; points out that consumers continue to value physically present institutions and are increasingly making use of virtual ones, and notes that the orientation of the financing structure is predominantly domestic; warns against simply overhauling the national consumer protection traditions and legal systems by one-size-fits-all harmonisation;*

Amendment by Othmar Karas

Amendment 73

Paragraph 13

13. Notes that cross-border integration of EU retail financial markets ***is less common than in the wholesale area***; notes that consumers favour physically present institutions over virtual ones, resulting in a predominantly domestic financing structure; ***stresses the benefits of pluralistic structures in the European banking market to meet the different and shifting needs of consumers***; warns against simply overhauling the national consumer protection traditions and legal systems by one-size-fits-all harmonisation;

Or. en

Amendment by Andrea Losco and Lapo Pistelli

Amendment 74

Paragraph 13

13. Notes that cross-border integration of EU retail financial markets remains scarce; notes that consumers use physically present institutions ***and*** virtual ones; ***notes*** a predominantly domestic financing structure; warns against simply overhauling the national consumer protection traditions and legal systems by one-size-fits all harmonisation; ***favours targeted full harmonisation – i.e. full harmonisation of the key aspects of a given subject coupled where appropriate with mutual recognition for non-harmonised features***;

Or. en

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 75

Paragraph 13

13. Notes that cross-border integration of EU retail financial markets remains scarce; notes that consumers ***use*** physically present institutions ***more than*** virtual ones, resulting in a predominantly domestic financing structure; warns against simply overhauling the national consumer protection traditions and legal systems by one-size-fits-all harmonisation;

Amendment by Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Amendment 76

Paragraph 13

13. Notes that cross-border integration of EU retail financial markets remains scarce **and further regulatory initiatives are needed**; notes that consumers favour physically present institutions over virtual ones, resulting in a predominantly domestic financing structure; warns against simply overhauling the national consumer protection traditions and legal systems by one-size-fits-all harmonisation;

Or. en

Amendment by Zsolt László Becsey

Amendment 77

Paragraph 13 a (new)

- 13a. Notes that the current inability to promote non-harmonised investment vehicles (hedge funds, private equity funds and real estate funds) vis-à-vis institutional investors without local registration constitutes an unwarranted restriction on the integration of the single financial market; acknowledges that the single pan-European private placement regime for sophisticated investors could be a proper step forward;**

Or. en

Amendment by Andrea Losco

Amendment 78

Paragraph 14

14. Prefers a more focused approach directed towards the concrete barriers for mobile cross-border users; encourages the development of **carefully targeted examples of 28th Regimes**; invites the Commission to develop an appropriate framework of regulation, supervision and consumer protection, **in order to foster integration and cross-border activity**;

Or. en

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 79

Paragraph 14

14. Prefers, *as regards the use of financial products*, a more focused approach directed towards the concrete barriers for mobile cross-border users; **(deletion)** invites the Commission to develop an appropriate framework of regulation and supervision, contractual law and consumer protection for such products to be portable and mutually recognised within the European Union;

Or. de

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 80

Paragraph 14

14. Prefers a more focused approach directed *at* the concrete barriers *which impact on* mobile cross-border users; encourages *the financial industry to consider* the development of pilot pan-European financial products, such as pensions, mortgages *and* insurance products **(deletion)**, and invites the Commission to *consider the feasibility of* an appropriate framework of regulation and supervision, contractual law, *taxation* and consumer protection *so that* such products *can achieve portability and mutual recognition* within the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 81

Paragraph 14

14. Prefers a more focused approach directed towards the concrete barriers for mobile cross-border users; *recalls that fostering favourable conditions for labour mobility is essential for the development of the single market and* encourages the development of pilot pan-European financial products such as pensions, mortgages or insurance products by the financial industry and invites the Commission to develop an appropriate framework of regulation and supervision, contractual law and consumer protection for such products to be portable and mutually recognised within the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 82

Paragraph 14

14. Prefers a more focused approach directed towards the concrete barriers for mobile cross-border users; encourages the development of pilot pan-European financial products such as pensions, mortgages, **(deletion)** insurance products, **or consumer credit** by the financial industry and invites the Commission to develop an appropriate framework of regulation and supervision, contractual law and consumer protection for such products to be portable and mutually recognised within the European Union;

Or. fr

Amendment by Alexander Radwan

Amendment 83

Paragraph 14

14. Prefers a more focused approach directed towards the concrete barriers for mobile cross-border users; encourages the development of pilot pan-European financial products such as pensions, mortgages or insurance products by the financial industry **in order to gain customers**; invites the Commission to develop an appropriate framework of regulation and supervision, contractual law and consumer protection for such products to be portable and mutually recognised within the European Union;

Or. de

Amendment by Udo Bullmann

Amendment 84

Paragraph 14 a (new)

- 14a. Points to the need for the same risks to be matched by the same security on a common European market in financial products and for capital requirements to be couched accordingly; maintains that, to make for transparency and protect consumers, Member States must be prevented from engaging in competition based on the lowest supervision and security standards;**

Or. de

Amendment by Karsten Friedrich Hoppenstedt

Amendment 85

Paragraph 14 a (new)

14a. Shares the concern expressed in point 1.2.3 of the Annex to the Commission Green Paper on enhancement of the European framework for investment funds (COM(2005)0314) regarding the emergence in some Member States of guaranteed funds not backed by capital adequacy requirements, given that consumer protection in this area is insufficient; calls on the Commission, therefore, with a view to protecting consumers effectively, to close the European regulatory gap by laying down appropriate capital adequacy requirements for guaranteed funds, observing the principle that supervision requirements must be equal both from the qualitative point of view, in terms of risk management standards, and quantitatively, as regards capital requirements ('same risk, same capital'); considers that a European arrangement should be modelled on the existing life assurance rules;

Or. de

Amendment by Gunnar Hökmark

Amendment 86

Paragraph 15

15. Has taken due note of the sector inquiry into retail banking and payment cards systems that shows several areas for improvement, welcomes in this respect the Payment Services Directive that is expected to bring about better preconditions for competition in these fields;

Or. en

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 87

Paragraph 15

15. Has taken due note of the sector inquiry into retail banking and payment cards systems that shows several areas for improvement, but warns that opening up existing imperfect systems should not lead to a situation in which a high level of market concentration could serve to damage the overall structure of the European economy's financing system, the quality of local services, and the opportunities for SMEs to obtain financing suited to their needs, and could create new imperfections and price constraints;

Or. fr

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 88

Paragraph 15

15. Has taken due note of the sector inquiry into retail banking and payment card systems that shows several areas for improvement, but warns that opening up existing imperfect systems should not lead to a situation in which a high level of market concentration could create new imperfections and price constraints; ***has taken note of the need to open access to credit registers and payment systems and asks for further clarification on the concrete next steps to be taken in this respect;***

Or. en

Amendment by Andrea Losco

Amendment 89

Paragraph 15

15. Has taken due note of the sector inquiry into retail banking and payment card systems that shows several areas for improvement, but warns that opening up existing imperfect systems should not lead to a situation in which a high level of market concentration could create new imperfections and price constraints; ***has taken note of the need to open access to credit registers and payment systems and asks for further clarification on the concrete next steps to be taken in this respect;***

Or. en

Amendment by Zsolt László Becsey

Amendment 90

Paragraph 15 a (new)

- 15a. Stresses that the two building-blocks of the SEPA arrangement, namely credit transfers and direct debits, are going to come into effect in 2010; notes that the third pillar, the cards framework, is going to be put in place from 2008 onwards; notes that the soon to be adopted Payment Service Directive is expected to bring new service providers, such as retailers, money remitters and mobile operators into this business line; notes that as a consequence, the cost of cross-border retail payment transactions is likely to decline significantly;***

Or. en

Amendment by Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Amendment 91

Paragraph 15 a (new)

15a. *Is concerned that the consumer's choice often is limited to retail products of the financial groups operating domestically; signals the need to facilitate consumer access to third party products through the existing infrastructure of those groups; stresses the importance of unbundling of different services provided to consumers and calls for disclosure of value chain costs to the clients in order to introduce more transparency and ensure a level playing field for competition;*

Or. en

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 92

Paragraph 15 a (new)

15a. *Urges the Commission, in the light of the foregoing, to reactivate the initiative aimed at providing mutual societies with a European statute, as called for in Parliament's resolution of 16 May 2006 on the outcome of the screening of legislative proposals pending before the Legislator;*

Or. fr

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 93

Paragraph 15 b (new)

15b. *Calls on the Commission to consider, not least in the light of the current position regarding SWIFT, whether the Union might be able to set up its own banking card system;*

Or. fr

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 94

Paragraph 16

16. Acknowledges the challenge of ageing; emphasises the **importance** of collective second-pillar occupational pensions in addition to proper solidarity-based first-pillar

pension schemes (*deletion*);

Or. de

Amendment by Katerina Batzeli

Amendment 95

Paragraph 16

16. Acknowledges the challenge of ageing; emphasises the merits of collective second-pillar occupational pensions (*deletion*) and endorses Directive 2003/41/EC¹ on the activities and supervision of institutions for occupational retirement provision as the specific regulatory framework for pension funds; ***urges the Commission to explore, within the framework of better regulation, the needs for Community intervention, both for harmonising the basic investment principles and methods as regards these assets and for promoting supervisory convergence across the EU;***

Or. en

Amendment by Karsten Friedrich Hoppenstedt

Amendment 96

Paragraph 16

16. Acknowledges the challenge of ageing; emphasises the merits of collective second-pillar occupational pensions in addition to proper solidarity-based first-pillar pension schemes; ***maintains that, to prevent unequal treatment of market players and distortions of competition, supervision requirements must be equal both from the qualitative point of view, in terms of risk management standards, and quantitatively, as regards capital requirements ('same risk, same capital');*** ***is of the opinion that specific features of occupational retirement provision should be taken into account as and where necessary;***

Or. de

Amendment by Antonis Samaras

Amendment 97

Paragraph 16

16. Acknowledges the challenge of ageing; emphasises the merits of collective second-pillar occupational pensions in addition to proper solidarity-based first-pillar pension

¹ OJ L 235, 23.9.2003, p. 10.

schemes, and endorses Directive 2003/41/EC¹ on the activities and supervision of institutions for occupational retirement provision as the specific regulatory framework for pension funds; ***urges the Commission to explore, within the framework of better regulation, the needs for Community intervention, both for harmonising the basic investment principles and methods as regards these assets and for promoting supervisory convergence across the EU;***

Or. en

Amendment by Ieke van den Burg

Amendment 98

Paragraph 16

16. Acknowledges the challenge of ageing; emphasises the merits of collective second-pillar occupational pensions in addition to proper solidarity-based first-pillar pension schemes, and endorses Directive 2003/41/EC on the activities and supervision of institutions for occupational retirement provision as the specific regulatory framework for pension funds ***to be supplemented by an EU harmonised specific solvency framework for pension funds in line with the Solvency II approach, in order to provide for advanced risk management techniques and disincentives for regulatory arbitrage;***

Or. en

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 99

Paragraph 16

16. Acknowledges the challenge of ageing; emphasises the merits of collective second-pillar occupational pensions in addition to proper solidarity-based first-pillar pension schemes, and endorses Directive 2003/41/EC² on the activities and supervision of institutions for occupational retirement provision as the specific regulatory framework for pension funds; ***notes, however, that the legislative framework for second-pillar pensions needs to be supported with coordination of taxation, especially concentrating on the tax base, in this area;***

Or. en

¹ OJ L 235, 23.9.2003, p. 10.

² OJ L 235, 23.9.2003, p. 10.

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 100
Paragraph 17

17. **(deletion)** Asks the Commission to conduct a study into the accessibility of services such as bank accounts, cash machines, payment cards, and loans at low cost **(deletion)**;

Or. en

Amendment by Karsten Friedrich Hoppenstedt

Amendment 101
Paragraph 17

17. **(deletion)** Asks the Commission to conduct a study into the accessibility of services such as bank accounts, cash machines, payment cards, and loans at low cost; **suggests that the Member States and public and private (educational) institutions seek more actively than hitherto to foster financial literacy among citizens, make the necessary provision in their curricula, and put those measures into effect;**

Or. de

Amendment by Peter Skinner

Amendment 102
Paragraph 17

17. Notes that too many EU citizens are excluded from basic financial services; **supports the Commission's current work on studying** accessibility of services such as bank accounts, cash machines, payment cards, and loans at low cost **(deletion)**;

Or. en

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 103
Paragraph 17

17. Notes that too many EU citizens are excluded from basic financial services; asks the Commission to conduct a study into the accessibility of services such as bank accounts, cash machines, payment cards, and loans at low cost **(deletion)**;

Or. en

Amendment by Gunnar Hökmark

Amendment 104

Paragraph 17

17. ***Underlines the need for well-functioning basic financial services***; asks the Commission to conduct a study ***on the necessary preconditions for competition, in order to ensure the highest possible*** accessibility of services such as bank accounts, cash machines, payment cards, and loans at low cost; encourages envisaging universal service obligations on financial institutions to provide such basic services;

Or. en

Amendment by Othmar Karas

Amendment 105

Paragraph 17

17. Notes that too many EU citizens are excluded from basic financial services; ***concludes that basic financial services should remain available and affordable to every European citizen***; asks the Commission to conduct a study into the accessibility of services such as bank accounts, cash machines, payment cards, and loans at low cost ***and to encourage the promotion of best practices and experiences developed by*** financial institutions to provide such basic services;

Or. en

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 106

Paragraph 17 a (new)

- 17a. Supports the findings of the sector inquiry into retail banking that credit data sharing tends to have positive economic effects, increasing competition and benefiting new market entrants, by reducing the information asymmetry between the bank and customer, acting as a borrower discipline device, reducing the problems of adverse selection and promoting customer mobility; considers that granting access to both positive and negative credit data can play a key role in helping consumers to obtain access to credit and fight financial exclusion***;

Or. en

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 107

Paragraph 18

18. Signals the growth of specific financial service providers for migrant groups, which transfer remittances and develop *the banking system, including* Islamic banking; warns that requirements for these new niche players should be solid *but also such as* to prevent them from disappearing into a grey zone, where no oversight at all is possible; *calls on the Union, especially when pursuing its relations with the countries on the other shore of the Mediterranean, to work with the proper local economic and monetary authorities to ensure that the money thus transferred is channelled as efficiently as possible into productive investment;*

Or. fr

Amendment by Peter Skinner

Amendment 108

Paragraph 19

19. Welcomes the increasing attention to microcredit provision as a contribution to self-employment and start-ups; *(deletion)* urges the Commission to draw up an action plan for microfinancing, making use of best practices in and outside Europe;

Or. en

Amendment by Ieke van den Burg

Amendment 109

Paragraph 19

19. Welcomes the increasing attention to microcredit provision as a contribution to self-employment and start-ups, *e.g. in the activities of DG Regio and the JEREMIE programme of the EIB;* asks that the Basel rules be adapted for the purposes of microcredit portfolios and cap the often excessive costs on small loans; urges the Commission to draw up an action plan for microfinancing, *to coordinate the different policy measures and to make optimal* use of best practices in and outside Europe;

Or. en

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 110

Paragraph 19

19. Welcomes the increasing attention to microcredit provision as a contribution to self-employment and start-ups; asks that the Basel rules be adapted for the purposes of microcredit portfolios and cap the often excessive costs on small loans; urges the Commission, ***working in collaboration with its various directorates-general responsible for this sector***, to draw up an action plan for microfinancing, making use of best practices in and outside Europe;

Or. fr

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 111

Paragraph 19 a (new)

- 19a. Considers, given the traditionally strong national orientation of the markets and the modest scale of cross-border demand, that there is no need for a legislative initiative in the sphere of mortgage credit;***

Or. de

Amendment by Alexander Radwan

Amendment 112

Paragraph 19 a (new) (after sub-heading 'Financial literacy and users' input in policy-making')

- 19a. Calls on industry to play its part in consumer protection by producing readily comprehensible and usable products and succinct consumer-friendly information;***

Or. de

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 113

Paragraph 20

20. Believes that more is involved in the creation of a European integrated financial market than just providing consumers with more choice; underlines that promotion of financial literacy and access to proper information and unbiased investment advice is

essential; *takes the view that principles-based regulation, such as obligations to ensure best execution and to carry out suitability tests when providing investment services, is more effective than prescriptive regulation in this regard;*

Or. en

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 114
Paragraph 20 a (new)

20a. *Also considers that consumers' personal wealth and their life's ambitions need to be reflected accurately in investment and the marketing of financial products;*

Or. fr

Amendment by Alexander Radwan

Amendment 115
Paragraph 21

21. Strongly supports the Commission's initiatives to upgrade financial capability and invites the Commission and the Member States to increase their efforts to create specific programmes and websites, *in which the firms concerned should likewise be involved*, but also urges them to make it an integral part of basic school education;

Or. de

Amendment by Alexander Radwan

Amendment 116
Paragraph 23

23. Is fully committed to the aims of better regulation and professional impact assessments *(deletion)*;

Or. de

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 117

Paragraph 23

23. Is fully committed to the aims of better regulation ***based on the findings of careful, independent and professionally conducted*** impact assessments and underlines that ***policy decisions*** should not be ***made solely on the basis of*** financial aspects but take duly into account ***economic***, social, societal, environmental, cultural and other aspects ***of public interest***;

Or. en

Amendment by Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Amendment 118

Paragraph 23 a (new)

- 23a. Is concerned that current regulation imposes the same requirements for multinational financial entities operating cross-border and domestically operating smaller financial market players; believes that the regulatory framework can be cost optimised by taking into consideration the administrative capacity and resources of small market players;***

Or. en

Amendment by Peter Skinner

Amendment 119

Paragraph 24

24. Welcomes the comitology agreement and is committed to the adaptation of the involved instruments in the financial field; recommends similarly modifying the pre-Lamfalussy instruments (***deletion***);

Or. en

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 120

Paragraph 24

24. Welcomes the comitology agreement and is committed to the adaptation of the involved instruments in the financial field; recommends similarly modifying the

Lamfalussy instruments; insists that Parliament should be allowed observers in the level 2 (L2) committees;

Or. fr

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 121
Paragraph 24

24. Welcomes the comitology agreement and is committed to the adaptation of the involved instruments in the financial field; recommends similarly modifying the pre-Lamfalussy instruments; insists that Parliament should be allowed observers in the level 2 (L2) committees; ***notes the need to build well-established interinstitutional working methods through practice more than written rules or formal agreements; in this respect, the elaboration of level 2 implementing measures for MiFID could serve as a useful example;***

Or. en

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 122
Paragraph 25

25. ***(deletion)*** Warns that aiming for first reading ***legislative*** agreements should not hamper the quality of decision-making or impinge on the democratic process; suggests an evaluation of these processes and an elaboration of rules of procedure to guarantee transparency and democratic control;

Or. de

Amendment by Alexander Radwan

Amendment 123
Paragraph 25

25. Is committed to fast-track legislative procedures where possible, ***if they have proved their worth in practice***, but warns that aiming for first reading agreements should not hamper the quality of decision-making or impinge on the democratic process; suggests an evaluation of these processes and an elaboration of rules of procedure to guarantee transparency and democratic control;

Or. de

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 124
Paragraph 25

25. Is committed to fast-track legislative procedures where possible, but warns that aiming for first reading agreements should not hamper the quality of decision-making or impinge on the democratic process; suggests an evaluation of these processes and an elaboration of rules of procedure to guarantee **collective responsibility**, transparency, and democratic control;

Or. fr

Amendment by Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Amendment 125
Paragraph 25 a (new)

- 25a. *Considers that a variety of information requirements and/or duplicative existing provisions results in unnecessary costs and an excessive administrative burden and may also have adverse consequences in terms of legal certainty and therefore market integrity; stresses that there is a case where further benefits may be obtained by streamlining, simplifying and, when necessary, repealing inefficient existing provisions;***

Or. en

Amendment by Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Amendment 126
Paragraph 25 b (new)

- 25b. *Believes that the FSAP has contributed to filling many regulatory gaps in the area of financial services; however, is convinced that further coordination with competition rules enforcement could have a multiplicative effect on the overall functioning and efficiency of the regulatory framework; points out that new legislation should ensure a fair and competitive environment in line with competition policy;***

Or. en

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 127

Paragraph 26

26. Takes note of ***a range of new developments, which present both potential strengths and possible concerns, including*** innovative risk mitigation techniques, ***(deletion)*** credit derivatives, ***(deletion)*** pan-European financial groups, ***(deletion)*** hedge funds, and private equity;

Or. en

Amendment by Sharon Bowles

Amendment 128

Paragraph 26

26. Takes note of ***a range of new developments, including*** innovative risk mitigation techniques, the substantial growth of credit derivatives markets, the increased systemic importance of large pan-European financial groups, and the growing role of non-bank financial institutions ***including in mainstream lending as well as alternative investment vehicles***;

Or. en

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 129

Paragraph 26 a (new)

- 26a. Considers that large banks lack the proper ability to oversee the operation of hedge funds inasmuch as they can both judge and be judged;***

Or. fr

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 130

Paragraph 26 b (new)

- 26b. Considers that, in order to contain the risks entered into, the ECB must be in a position to supervise the leading large banks;***

Or. fr

Amendment by Sharon Bowles

Amendment 131
Paragraph 27

27. Points out that those market changes **may** change the nature, source and transfer of systemic risk, and **affect ex ante** risk mitigation tools; and calls for **evidence-based** identification and evaluation of **potential** sources of systemic risks and **their** underlying dynamics of financial crises (**deletion**);

Or. en

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 132
Paragraph 27

27. Points out that those market changes also **affect** the nature, source and transfer of systemic risk; and calls for **evidence-based** identification and evaluation of **the** sources of systemic risks and **the** underlying dynamics of financial crises in **this** context;

Or. en

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 133
Paragraph 27

27. Points out that those market changes also **affect** the nature, source and transfer of systemic risk (**deletion**); and calls for **evidence-based** identification and evaluation of sources of systemic risks and underlying dynamics of financial crises in the context of the changes described;

Or. en

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 134
Paragraph 28

28. Is concerned that the current **nationally based** supervisory framework **must be sufficiently well resourced and coordinated so that it can** keep pace with **European**

and global financial market dynamics and *be adequately responsive* in case of a major systemic *crisis* that *affects* more than one Member State;

Or. en

Amendment by Sharon Bowles

Amendment 135
Paragraph 28

28. *Asserts* that the current (*deletion*) supervisory framework *must* keep pace with the financial market dynamics *to be responsive* in cases of major systemic crises that affect more than one Member State;

Or. en

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 136
Paragraph 28

28. Is concerned that the current fragmented supervisory framework *may potentially fail to* keep pace with the financial market dynamics and may hamper adequate and quick responses in cases of major systemic crises that affect more than one Member State;

Or. en

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 137
Paragraph 29 a (new)

- 29a. Welcomes the recent report from the European Commission evaluating the Financial Collateral Arrangements Directive (2002/47/EC) (FCD); notes the Commission's comments on the importance of close-out netting for reduction of credit risk and increasing efficiency in financial markets, as well as more efficient allocation of regulatory capital, and encourages the Commission to formulate a proposal for improving the consistency of the acquis in relation to various EU instruments, including the Financial Collateral Directive, that contain provisions on netting and set-off, possibly by developing a single instrument setting out a set of common fundamental principles for each national legal regime for close-out netting;*

Or. en

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 138
Paragraph 30

30. Is impressed by the work performed by the European committees of regulators (the CESR, the Committee of European Banking Supervisors, and the Committee of European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Supervisors) in consulting the markets, advising the Commission and the Council L2 committees, and above all in progressing with convergence of regulatory and supervisory practices; ***considers, however, that it would be inadvisable for efforts to be centred on reduction of regulation costs;***

Or. de

Amendment by Katerina Batzeli

Amendment 139
Paragraph 30

30. Is impressed by the work performed by the European committees of regulators (the CESR, the Committee of European Banking Supervisors, and the Committee of European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Supervisors) in consulting the markets, advising the Commission and the Council L2 committees, and above all in progressing with convergence of regulatory and supervisory practices; ***is convinced that this effort must be encouraged and these committees should be adequately employed and resourced for the task which they have undertaken;***

Or. en

Amendment by Antonis Samaras

Amendment 140
Paragraph 30

30. Is impressed by the work performed by the European committees of regulators (the CESR, the Committee of European Banking Supervisors, and the Committee of European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Supervisors) in consulting the markets, advising the Commission and the Council L2 committees and above all in progressing with convergence of regulatory and supervisory practices; ***is convinced that this effort must be encouraged and these committees should be adequately employed and resourced for the task which they have undertaken;***

Or. en

Amendment by Katerina Batzeli

Amendment 141

Paragraph 31

31. Urges the three level 3 (L3) committees to improve cross-sectoral consistency in ***two areas: on one hand in*** prudential regulation and group supervision rules for large financial groups dealing with the same or similar products; ***underlines that in this respect, they should be able to*** give advice to the legislators to review the rules accordingly; ***on the other hand in ensuring that all financial institutions are equally supervised on a functional basis in all Member States; underlines that supervisory gaps and inconsistencies at the national level should be reported and discouraged;***

Or. en

Amendment by Antonis Samaras

Amendment 142

Paragraph 31

31. Urges the three level 3 (L3) committees to improve cross-sectoral consistency in ***two areas: on the one hand*** in prudential regulation and group supervision rules for large financial groups dealing with the same or similar products; ***in this respect, they should be able to*** give advice to the legislators to review the rules accordingly; ***and on the other hand in ensuring that all financial institutions are equally supervised on a functional basis in all Member States; considers that supervisory gaps and inconsistencies at the national level should be reported and discouraged;***

Or. en

Amendment by Alexander Radwan

Amendment 143

Paragraph 31

31. Urges the three level 3 (L3) committees to improve cross-sectoral consistency in prudential regulation and group supervision rules for large financial groups dealing with the same or similar products, and where necessary give advice to the legislators to review the rules accordingly, ***without, however, overstepping their remit or attempting to replace the legislators;***

Or. de

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 144

Paragraph 31

31. Urges the three level 3 (L3) committees to improve cross-sectoral consistency in prudential regulation and group supervision rules for large financial groups dealing with the same or similar products, and, ***following stakeholder consultation***, give advice to the legislators ***as to where it is necessary to review the rules***;

Or. en

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 145

Paragraph 31

31. Urges the three level 3 (L3) committees to improve cross-sectoral consistency in prudential regulation and group supervision rules for large financial groups dealing with the same or similar products, and where necessary give advice to the legislators to review the rules accordingly ***following due procedure and public consultation***;

Or. en

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 146

Paragraph 32

32. Calls on the L2 and L3 committees to ***contain*** national discretion and gold-plating ***in line with the basic L1 legislation***;

Or. en

Amendment by Astrid Lulling

Amendment 147

Paragraph 32

32. Calls on the L2 and L3 committees to restrict national discretion and gold-plating ***(deletion)***;

Or. fr

Amendment by Alexander Radwan

Amendment 148
Paragraph 32

32. Calls on the L2 and L3 committees to restrict national discretion and gold-plating *(deletion)*;

Or. de

Amendment by Sharon Bowles

Amendment 149
Paragraph 32

32. Calls on the L2 and L3 committees to restrict national discretion and gold-plating; *suggests a review of whether it would be helpful* if L3 committees *could* operate *more frequently* on the basis of decision-making by qualified majority voting;

Or. en

Amendment by Andrea Losco

Amendment 150
Paragraph 32

32. Calls on the L2 and L3 committees to restrict national discretion and gold-plating; believes that it may help *to start an open discussion, in the context of the work of the Inter-institutional Monitoring Group (IIMG), on the juridical status of the L3 committees, which should be changed in order to let them take, under the scope of their activities, binding decisions vis-à-vis their members, on the basis of qualified majority voting*;

Or. en

Amendment by Karsten Friedrich Hoppenstedt

Amendment 151
Paragraph 32

32. Calls on the L2 and L3 committees to *preserve* national discretion and *hence allow for national peculiarities and in particular the structural features of individual markets*,

since this latitude is essential not only for the quality of supervision, but also in view of the differing terms of competition applying in Europe; calls on the L2 and L3 committees to restrict gold-plating; believes that it may help if L3 committees can also operate increasingly on the basis of decision-making by qualified majority voting;

Or. de

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 152
Paragraph 32

32. *Calls on the L2 and L3 committees to restrict national discretion and gold-plating; believes that it may help if L3 committees can also operate increasingly on the basis of decision-making by qualified majority voting and draw on EU budgetary resources; suggests that L3 committees be given an annual mandate by the Council and the European Parliament to come up with concrete plans for cooperation and implementation of agreed measures, and that in the absence of tangible progress a report on the reasons for such shortcomings be delivered to the co-legislators with the latter thereby authorised to take legislative action;*

Or. en

Amendment by Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Amendment 153
Paragraph 32 a (new)

- 32a. *Considers that Lamfalussy level-2 and level-3 committees' powers and mandates should be defined more precisely and the consultation process with industry has to be streamlined in order to involve small and medium-sized enterprises and investors;*

Or. en

Amendment by Othmar Karas

Amendment 154
Paragraph 33

33. *Underlines the importance of cooperation among national supervisors within the EU, capable of securing the efficient supervision of (deletion) financial players and local entities rooted in national traditions; emphasises that all supervisors must take due account of those traditions in the way they execute their conduct of business*

supervision on the spot; *welcomes the increasing cooperation of the level 3 committees CEBS, CESR and CEIOPS and the fact that they now publish joint annual working programmes;*

Or. en

Amendment by Andrea Losco and Lapo Pistelli

Amendment 155
Paragraph 33

33. Underlines the importance of an integrated European system of cooperating supervisors, capable of securing the efficient supervision of both big financial players and local entities rooted in national traditions; emphasises that all parts of that system must take due account of those traditions in the way they execute their conduct of business supervision on the spot; *welcomes the increasing cooperation of the level 3 committees CEBS, CESR and CEIOPS and the fact that they now publish joint annual working programmes;*

Or. en

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 156
Paragraph 33

33. Underlines the importance of an integrated European system of cooperating supervisors, capable of securing the efficient supervision of both big financial players and local entities rooted in national traditions; emphasises that all parts of that system must take due account of those traditions in the way they execute their conduct of business supervision on the spot; *welcomes the increasing cooperation of the level 3 committees CEBS, CESR and CEIOPS and the fact that they now publish joint annual working programmes;*

Or. en

Amendment by Sharon Bowles

Amendment 157
Paragraph 34

deleted

Or. en

Amendment by Peter Skinner

Amendment 158
Paragraph 34

deleted

Or. en

Amendment by Karsten Friedrich Hoppenstedt

Amendment 159
Paragraph 34

34. Notes that for *(deletion)* oversight of the systemic and prudential risks of **large cross-border and cross-sector financial conglomerates**, the present system of cooperation **needs to be extended and improved so as to enable precautions to be taken under the existing cooperation arrangements involving national supervisory authorities and central banks with a view to forestalling any threats to financial stability which might arise when a cross-border institution runs into serious difficulties**;

Or. de

Amendment by Alexander Radwan

Amendment 160
Paragraph 34

34. Notes that for a real oversight of the systemic and prudential risks of the top players in the market, **in particular large cross-border and cross-sector financial conglomerates**, the present system of cooperation **needs to be improved**; encourages agreements and codes of conduct between Member States and central banks on the financial backing of such a top structure, with respect to bail-out and lender-of-last-resort obligations;

Or. de

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 161

Paragraph 34

34. Notes that for ***an effective*** oversight of the systemic and prudential risks of the top players in the market, the present system of cooperation ***may need to be strengthened***, and ***encourages greater coordination in particular with respect to the supervision of multi-jurisdictional and cross-sectoral entities and*** financial conglomerates; encourages ***the*** Member States and central banks ***to bring clarity, among others***, to bail-out and lender-of-last-resort obligations; ***invites the Commission to prepare an in-depth assessment of the feasibility of a well-equipped executive European prudential supervisory authority inside that system endowed with the appropriate competences; acknowledges, however, that a European Supervisory Authority is a long-term goal, for which several preconditions have to be met;***

Or. en

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 162

Paragraph 34

34. ***Considers that*** a well-equipped system, based on the lead supervisor principle, ***should be*** endowed with the appropriate competences for supervision of large cross-border and cross-sector financial conglomerates; encourages agreements and codes of conduct between Member States and central banks on the financial backing of such a top structure with respect to bail-out and lender-of-last-resort obligations; ***notes that, to judge whether the present system provides for a real oversight of the systemic and prudential risks of the top players in the market, it is necessary to give the relatively new L2 and L3 arrangements time to bed down;***

Or. en

Amendment by Astrid Lulling

Amendment 163

Paragraph 34

34. Notes that for a real oversight of the systemic and prudential risks of the top players in the market, the present system of cooperation ***works, but will need to be strengthened in order to establish a proper system based on a ‘college of supervisors’; considers that, at a later stage, once the need to do so has been laid down in a Commission report to Parliament and the Council,*** a well-equipped executive European prudential supervisory authority ***might be set up*** inside that system, endowed with the

appropriate competences for supervision of large cross-border and cross-sector financial conglomerates; **therefore** encourages agreements and codes of conduct between Member States and central banks on the financial backing of such a top structure, with respect to bail-out and lender-of-last-resort obligations;

Or. fr

Amendment by Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Amendment 164
Paragraph 34

34. Notes that for a real oversight of the systemic and prudential risks of the top players in the market, the present system of cooperation **may be improved, and suggests considering the need for** a well-equipped executive European prudential supervisory authority inside that system endowed with the appropriate competences for supervision of large cross-border and cross-sector financial conglomerates; encourages agreements and codes of conduct between Member States and central banks on the financial backing of such a top structure, with respect to bail-out and lender-of-last-resort obligations;

Or. en

Amendment by Ieke van den Burg

Amendment 165
Paragraph 34

34. Notes that **in addition to and building on the present system of cooperation of supervisors in particular** for oversight of the systemic and prudential risks of the top players in the market, a well-equipped executive European prudential supervisory authority **as part of that system should be conceived**, endowed with the appropriate competences for **prudential risk** supervision of large cross-border and cross-sector financial conglomerates; encourages agreements and codes of conduct between Member States and central banks on the financial backing of **this system of prudential supervision**, with respect to bail-out and lender-of-last-resort obligations **for cases where more Member States and more supervisors are involved**;

Or. en

Amendment by Jonathan Evans

Amendment 166

Paragraph 34

34. Notes that for a real oversight of the systemic and prudential risks of the top players in the market, the present system ***based on the lead supervisor principle should be*** endowed with the appropriate competences for supervision of large cross-border and cross-sector financial conglomerates; encourages agreements and codes of conduct between Member States and central banks on the financial backing of such a top structure, with respect to bail-out and lender-of-last-resort obligations;

Or. en

Amendment by Antonis Samaras

Amendment 167

Paragraph 34

34. Notes that, ***while the market monitoring may benefit from being conducted, provided supervisory convergence exists, at the local level*** for a real oversight of the systemic and prudential risks of the top players in the market, the present system of cooperation is too weak, and promotes a well-equipped executive European prudential supervisory authority inside that system endowed with the appropriate competences for supervision of large cross-border and cross-sector financial conglomerates; encourages agreements and codes of conduct between Member States and central banks on the financial backing of such a top structure, with respect to bail-out and lender-of-last-resort obligations;

Or. en

Amendment by Karsten Friedrich Hoppenstedt

Amendment 168

Paragraph 34 a (new)

- 34a. ***Given the need to ensure effective consumer protection, takes a highly critical view of the call to superimpose a European banking supervisory system on the existing cooperation model, since an additional central ‘superauthority’ of that kind would entail the danger of supervision arbitrage and have no legitimacy or recognisable supervisory machinery; likewise takes a critical view of ex ante agreements between Member States that would lead to interference in national budgetary sovereignty;***

Or. de

Amendment by Sharon Bowles

Amendment 169
Paragraph 35

deleted

Or. en

Amendment by Alexander Radwan

Amendment 170
Paragraph 35

35. Is aware that the hesitation in many Member States towards the transfer of competences to lead or home supervisors may also make them reluctant to accept such a superstructure; ***calls on the Member States to submit appropriate proposals without delay for an alternative structure;***

Or. de

Amendment by Karsten Friedrich Hoppenstedt

Amendment 171
Paragraph 35

35. Is aware that the hesitation in many Member States towards the transfer of competences to lead or ***central*** supervisors may also make them reluctant to accept such a superstructure; emphasises, ***therefore, that, in these circumstances, closer convergence in supervision and cooperation among supervisory authorities within the existing structures become matters of particular significance; advocates closer cooperation between home and host supervisors to help bring about a stable European financial market;***

Or. de

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 172
Paragraph 35

35. ***Understands why Member States wish to give the new arrangements time to be implemented and tested before considering any further moves towards convergence;*** emphasises, however, that participating in a ***system based on the lead supervisor***

principle and the use of tools such as delegation of responsibilities will increase the influence of the smaller regulators compared to the present situation in which they have to rely heavily on a few large national home supervisors; ***points out that, if progress is not made in this direction, pressure for consideration of a centralised supervisory arrangement may strengthen;***

Or. en

Amendment by Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Amendment 173

Paragraph 35

35. Is aware that the hesitation in many Member States towards the transfer of competences to lead or home supervisors may also make them reluctant to accept such a superstructure; emphasises ***the necessity of determining the allocation of responsibilities between the competent authorities of home and host countries and promotes a certain delegation of powers between supervisors in order to ensure the efficient and prudent supervision of large multinational financial entities;***

Or. en

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 174

Paragraph 35

35. Is aware that ***there is*** the situation in many Member States towards the transfer of competences to lead or home supervisors (***deletion***); emphasises, however, that participating in ***a potential*** central system ***would*** increase the influence of the smaller regulators compared to the present situation in which they have to rely heavily on a few large national home supervisors;

Or. en

Amendment by Ieke van den Burg

Amendment 175

Paragraph 35

35. Is aware ***about*** the hesitation in many Member States towards the transfer of competences to lead or home supervisors (***deletion***); emphasises, however, that participating in an ***integrated European*** system ***with executive cross-border competences at European level*** will increase the influence of the smaller regulators compared to the present situation in which they have to rely heavily on a few large national home supervisors;

Or. en

Amendment by Astrid Lulling

Amendment 176
Paragraph 35

35. Is aware that the hesitation in many Member States towards the transfer of competences to lead or home supervisors may also make them reluctant to accept *any* such *(deletion)* superstructure; emphasises, however, that *possible participation* in a central system will increase the influence of the smaller *supervisors* compared to the present situation in which they have to rely heavily on a few large *(deletion)* home supervisors;

Or. fr

Amendment by Jonathan Evans

Amendment 177
Paragraph 35

35. Is aware that the hesitation in many Member States towards the transfer of competences to lead or home supervisors may also make them reluctant to accept such a superstructure; emphasises, however, that participating in a *(deletion)* system *based on the lead supervisory principle* will increase the influence of the smaller regulators compared to the present situation in which they have to rely heavily on a few large national home supervisors;

Or. en

Amendment by Karsten Friedrich Hoppenstedt

Amendment 178
Paragraph 35 a (new)

- 35a. Calls on the Commission to consider to what extent Europe-wide standards could be laid down for the training of national supervisors in keeping with, and to promote, a common European supervision culture;*

Or. de

Amendment by Astrid Lulling

Amendment 179
Paragraph 36

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment by Alexander Radwan

Amendment 180
Paragraph 36

deleted

Or. de

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 181
Paragraph 36

36. Is positive about colleges of supervisors dealing with multi-jurisdictional *entities and* financial conglomerates; *but believes that* cooperation *among the supervisors involved in such cases must urgently resolve outstanding issues such as crisis management*;

Or. en

Amendment by Karsten Friedrich Hoppenstedt

Amendment 182
Paragraph 36

36. Is positive about colleges of supervisors dealing with multi-jurisdictional financial conglomerates; *welcomes the cooperation among national supervisory authorities aimed at putting supervision resources to better use, developing supervision practice, and lightening the burden that supervision imposes on the institutes; calls on the colleges of supervisors to foster a common European supervision culture and determine exactly where* the limits of such voluntary cooperation *lie* when real crisis situations appear;

Or. de

Amendment by Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Amendment 183
Paragraph 36

36. ***Considers that for multinational companies a college of supervisors can act as a lead supervisor***; is positive about colleges of supervisors dealing with multi-jurisdictional financial conglomerates; notes though that these colleges lack the national mandates to transfer competences, to accept majority decisions, or simply to put sufficient resources and expertise into the colleges' work; ***points out the necessity of defining a framework and national mandates of the colleges for cooperation in resolving such issues as crisis management***;

Or. en

Amendment by Sharon Bowles

Amendment 184
Paragraph 36

36. Is positive about colleges of supervisors dealing with multi-jurisdictional financial conglomerates; notes though that these colleges lack the national mandates to transfer competences, to accept majority decisions, or simply to put sufficient resources and expertise into the colleges' work; ***encourages monitoring and assessment of such voluntary cooperation***;

Or. en

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 185
Paragraph 36

36. Is positive about colleges of supervisors ***and CEBS's operational networking project*** dealing with multi-jurisdictional financial conglomerates; notes though that these colleges lack the national mandates to transfer competences, to accept majority decisions, or simply to put sufficient resources and expertise into the colleges' work; is concerned that here also the limits of such voluntary cooperation will become visible when real crisis situations appear; ***expects the colleges of supervisors and the operational networking project to provide necessary practical solutions (memoranda of understanding) for the supervision of cross-border groups within a short-term time-frame***;

Or. en

Amendment by Andrea Losco and Lapo Pistelli

Amendment 186
Paragraph 36

36. Is positive about colleges of supervisors **and CEBS's operational networking project** dealing with multi-jurisdictional financial conglomerates; notes though that these colleges lack the national mandates to transfer competences, to accept majority decisions, or simply to put sufficient resources and expertise into the colleges' work; is concerned that here also the limits of such voluntary cooperation will become visible when real crisis situations appear; **expects the colleges of supervisors and the operational networking project to provide necessary practical solutions (memoranda of understanding) for the supervision of cross-border groups within a short-term time-frame;**

Or. en

Amendment by Zsolt László Becsey

Amendment 187
Paragraph 36 a (new)

- 36a. Emphasises that home-host supervisory cooperation is the most significant building-block in the set-up of the single financial market; notes in particular that in the field of the supervisory approval process for M & A there is much to do to facilitate the creation of efficiently functioning financial conglomerates with wider economies of scale; maintains that the banking market landscape of the country where the acquired financial entity is domiciled must be taken into due consideration;**

Or. en

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 188
Paragraph 37

37. Considers that a more precise allocation of roles is desirable between the Council, the Commission, and the L3 committees; **highlights, however, that for now the biggest problems in terms of practical cooperation reside in the L3 committees;** considers also that for strong supervision (particularly where there is a clear link to competition issues) a high level of independence and neutrality is required, which cannot be well combined with an overly political profile; **suggests the creation of training programmes for financial market supervisors to this effect;**

Or. en

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 189

Paragraph 37

(Does not affect English version.)

Or. fr

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 190

Paragraph 38

38. Welcomes the decision of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council to set up a Financial Services Committee subgroup on long-term supervisory issues, which is due to report in October 2007; expects that group to give a fair assessment of the present situation ***by taking into account the final report of the Inter-institutional Monitoring Group (IIMG) expected in autumn 2007, which will provide useful feedback to this discussion by assessing the remaining challenges to the*** integration and effectiveness of the financial regulation and supervision architecture ***and make recommendations for further steps;***

Or. en

Amendment by Andrea Losco and Lapo Pistelli

Amendment 191

Paragraph 38

38. Welcomes the decision of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council to set up a Financial Services Committee subgroup on long-term supervisory issues, which is due to report in October 2007; expects that group to give a fair assessment of the present situation; ***considers that the final report of the Inter-institutional Monitoring Group (IIMG) expected in autumn 2007 will provide useful feedback to this discussion by assessing the remaining challenges to*** the integration and effectiveness of the financial regulation and supervision architecture ***and make recommendations for further steps;***

Or. en

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 192

Paragraph 38

38. Welcomes the decision of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council to set up a Financial Services Committee subgroup on long-term supervisory issues, which is due to report in October 2007; expects that group to give a fair assessment of the present situation; ***considers that the Final Report of the Inter-institutional Monitoring Group (IIMG) expected in autumn 2007 will provide useful feedback to this discussion by assessing the remaining challenges to the integration and effectiveness of the financial regulation and supervision architecture and make recommendations for further steps;***

Or. en

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 193

Paragraph 38

38. Welcomes the decision of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council to set up a Financial Services Committee subgroup on long-term supervisory issues, which is due to report in October 2007; expects that group to give a fair assessment of the present situation; and reiterates its proposal to establish a ***(deletion)*** interinstitutional wise person group ***in due course*** to give impetus to concrete further steps for the integration and effectiveness of the financial regulation, ***(deletion)*** supervision, ***and control*** architecture;

Or. fr

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 194

Paragraph 38 a (new)

- 38a. Points out to the Council at this stage that, whatever the future architecture of financial market supervision, Member States will need to be encouraged to converge the powers of national supervisors, especially where penalties are concerned;***

Or. fr

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 195
Paragraph 38 b (new)

38b. *Considers that greater convergence among supervisors should in addition facilitate the business of companies now subject to more than one regulator because their activities extend across borders or straddle several sectors;*

Or. fr

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 196
Paragraph 38 c (new)

38c. *Firmly believes that convergence of supervision practices could encourage the emergence of a European retail financial market;*

Or. fr

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 197
Paragraph 39

39. Invites the Inter-institutional Monitoring Group *to take a broad perspective on the challenges and opportunities facing the European system of supervision* in its final conclusions in the autumn;

Or. en

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 198
Paragraph 39

39. Invites the Inter-institutional Monitoring Group *to take a broad perspective on the challenges and opportunities facing the European system of supervision* in its final conclusions in the autumn;

Or. en

Amendment by Peter Skinner

Amendment 199

Paragraph 40

40. Believes that ***an EU counterbalance to US dominance is necessary***; hopes that it will also be possible to bring the IMF back on track as a real global monetary authority and actor to prevent crises and restore global imbalances;

Or. en

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 200

Paragraph 40

40. Believes that ***the more the European approach is coordinated through the level 2 and 3 committees, the more it is likely to*** reinforce the influence of the European Union ***and Member States*** globally;

Or. en

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 201

Paragraph 40

40. Believes that ***the more the European approach is coordinated through the level 2 and 3 committees, the more it is likely to*** reinforce the influence of the European Union ***and Member States*** globally and counterbalance ***any excessive influence by other countries*** in self-regulatory bodies such as the IAS Board;

Or. en

Amendment by Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Amendment 202

Paragraph 40

40. Believes that ***a coordinated European approach*** could reinforce the influence of the European Union globally and counterbalance US dominance in self-regulatory bodies such as the IAS Board; ***is convinced that the funding model and accountability framework of self-regulatory bodies should be clarified***; hopes that it will also be possible to bring the IMF back on track as a real global monetary authority and actor

to prevent crises and restore global imbalances;

Or. en

Amendment by Karsten Friedrich Hoppenstedt

Amendment 203

Paragraph 40

40. Believes that *further intensification of cooperation within the existing supervision architecture*, with a *common supervision culture informed by the same aims and values*, could reinforce the influence of the European Union globally and counterbalance US dominance in self-regulatory bodies such as the IAS Board; hopes that it will also be possible to bring the IMF back on track as a real global monetary authority and actor to prevent crises and restore global imbalances;

Or. de

Amendment by Alexander Radwan

Amendment 204

Paragraph 40

40. Believes that a *European* supervisory architecture (*deletion*) could reinforce the influence of the European Union globally and counterbalance US dominance in self-regulatory bodies such as the IAS Board; hopes that it will also be possible to bring the IMF back on track as a real global monetary authority and actor to prevent crises and restore global imbalances;

Or. de

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 205

Paragraph 40

40. Believes that a supervisory architecture with a European level top segment could reinforce the influence of the European Union globally and counterbalance US dominance *in relation to the authority of the SEC or* in self-regulatory bodies such as the IAS Board; hopes that it will also be possible to bring the IMF back on track as a real global monetary authority and actor to prevent crises, *guarantee financial stability*, and restore global imbalances;

Or. fr

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 206
Paragraph 40 a (new)

40a. Considers that the EU's approach, calling for world financial services markets to be opened up unconditionally, poses a problem to the extent that, given the differing levels of development of individual economies, a degree of protection is often a sine qua non for development;

Or. de

Amendment by Sharon Bowles

Amendment 207
Paragraph 41

41. Highlights the importance of the implementation of Basel II by the US authorities as well as mutual recognition of *EU and US* accounting standards (*deletion*) and calls for more cooperation between the European Union and the United States; *however, recognises that there is limited regulation of hedge fund managers in the US, in contrast to Europe's fully regulated market;*

Or. en

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 208
Paragraph 41

41. Highlights the importance of the implementation of Basel II by the US authorities as well as mutual recognition of *EU and US* accounting standards (*deletion*) and calls for *the Commission to continue to monitor the sector-specific work of regulators of alternative investment vehicles such as hedge funds, including with IOSCO and the competent authorities in markets where such funds are common and as part of the EU-US dialogue.*

Or. en

Amendment by Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Amendment 209

Paragraph 41

41. ***Believes that the transatlantic partnership should be developed and strengthened by enhancing regulatory coordination;*** highlights the importance of the implementation of Basel II by the US authorities as well as mutual recognition of accounting standards by the SEC and calls for more cooperation between the European Union and the United States in supervising highly leveraged investment vehicles such as hedge funds;

Or. en

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 210

Paragraph 41

41. Highlights the importance of the implementation of Basel II by the US authorities as well as mutual recognition of accounting standards by the SEC and calls for more ***democratically controlled*** cooperation between the European Union and the United States in supervising highly leveraged investment vehicles such as hedge funds;

Or. fr

Amendment by Karsten Friedrich Hoppenstedt

Amendment 211

Paragraph 41 a (new)

- 41a. Supports the German Council Presidency's Transatlantic Economic Partnership (TEP) initiative, aimed at fostering transatlantic regulatory coordination and averting needless overlapping, and possibly even inconsistencies, in the rules applying to financial market players;***

Or. de

Amendment by Piia-Noora Kauppi

Amendment 212

Paragraph 41 a (new)

- 41a. Supports the Transatlantic Economic Partnership (TEP) initiative by the German***

EU Presidency to enhance regulatory coordination across the Atlantic in order to avoid unnecessary duplication or even contradiction of rules for financial market participants;

Or. en

Amendment by Andrea Losco and Lapo Pistelli

Amendment 213
Paragraph 41 a (new)

41a. Supports the Transatlantic Economic Partnership (TEP) initiative by the German EU Presidency to enhance regulatory coordination across the Atlantic in order to avoid unnecessary duplication or even contradiction of rules for financial market participants;

Or. en

Amendment by Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Amendment 214
Paragraph 41 a (new)

41a. Believes that comparable regulatory responses in the main financial marketplaces are appropriate in the face of some new global challenges and risks; is aware that EU regulation has an impact on relations with third countries; urges the Commission to maintain intense dialogue and technical cooperation between the EU and developing countries for ensuring efficiency and quality of global legal and regulatory financial services frameworks;

Or. en

Amendment by Alexander Radwan

Amendment 215
Paragraph 41 a (new)

41a. Calls on the Commission to launch a debate on hedge funds so as to be prepared for international and European discussions;

Or. de

Amendment by Karsten Friedrich Hoppenstedt

Amendment 216

Paragraph 42 a (new)

42a. Believes that the Union should take a constructive, open-minded attitude to the economic rise of south-east Asia, and especially of India, China, and South Korea, and refrain from imposing any protectionist measures at European or national level; supports initiatives to devise common global standards for financial services such as, for example, the annual meetings of the EU-China Round Table on Financial Services and Regulation;

Or. de

Amendment by Pervenche Berès

Amendment 217

Paragraph 43

43. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, *(deletion)* the Commission, *the ECB, the CESR, the CEBS, and the CEIOPS.*

Or. fr