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## **AMENDMENTS 1 - 117**

**Draft report**  
**Michl Ebner**  
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on the situation and outlook for hill and mountain farming  
(2008/2066(INI))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Bernadette Bourzai**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**- having regard to the Committee of the Regions own-initiative opinion entitled 'For a Green Paper – Towards a European Union policy for upland regions: a European vision for upland regions',**

Or. fr

**Amendment 2**  
**Ioannis Gklavakis**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**Aa. whereas mountain areas cover more than 50% of the territory of some Member States, such as Austria, Greece, Portugal, Italy and Spain, and the farming community remains a significant element in those areas,,**

Or. el

**Amendment 3**  
**Elisabeth Jeggle**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

B. whereas mountain areas are cultural landscapes that reflect the harmonious

B. whereas mountain areas **and highland regions** are cultural landscapes that reflect

interaction between humans and biosystems and form part of our natural heritage,

the harmonious interaction between humans and biosystems and form part of our natural heritage,

Or. de

**Amendment 4**  
**Ioannis Gklavakis**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ba. whereas mountain areas suffer intensely from the effects of climate change and extreme weather phenomena, such as drought, fires, etc.,***

Or. el

**Amendment 5**  
**Michl Ebner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

C. whereas they have specific features (gradient, height differences, inaccessibility, growth, weather conditions) which make them different from other landscapes in the European Union and they are in many respects 'disadvantaged',

C. whereas they have specific features (gradient, height differences, inaccessibility, growth, ***shorter natural growing periods, low soil class index,*** weather conditions) which make them different from other landscapes in the European Union and they are in many respects 'disadvantaged',

Or. de

**Amendment 6**  
**Bernadette Bourzai**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

C. whereas they have specific features (gradient, height differences, inaccessibility, growth, weather conditions) which make them different from other landscapes in the European Union and they ***are in many respects 'disadvantaged'***,

*Amendment*

C. whereas they have specific features (gradient, height differences, inaccessibility, growth, weather conditions) which make them different from other landscapes in the European Union and they ***have permanent natural handicaps,***

Or. fr

**Amendment 7**  
**Véronique Mathieu**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

C. C. whereas they have specific features (gradient, height differences, inaccessibility, growth, weather conditions) which make them different from other landscapes in the European Union and they are in many respects 'disadvantaged',

*Amendment*

C. whereas they have specific features (gradient, height differences, inaccessibility, growth, weather ***and climatic*** conditions) which make them different from other landscapes in the European Union and they are in many respects 'disadvantaged',

Or. fr

**Amendment 8**  
**Ioannis Gklavakis**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

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*Amendment*

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inaccessibility, growth, weather conditions) which make them different from other landscapes in the European Union and they are in many respects 'disadvantaged', ***which results in their gradual desertification and declining agricultural production in those areas,***

Or. el

**Amendment 9**  
**Elisabeth Jeggle**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

D. whereas mountain areas have the potential or could be a model for high-quality products, services and recreational areas, that can only be sustainably developed through the integrated and long-term use of resources and traditions,

*Amendment*

D. whereas mountain areas, ***including highland regions,*** have the potential or could be a model for high-quality products, services and recreational areas, that can only be sustainably developed through the integrated and long-term use of resources and traditions,

Or. de

**Amendment 10**  
**Katerina Batzeli**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

***Da. whereas stockfarming products of particular quality are produced in mountain areas and whereas their production process makes integrated and sustainable use of natural resources, pastureland and specially adapted varieties of grazing crops as well as traditional technology,***

*Amendment*

Or. el

**Amendment 11**  
**Elisabeth Jeggle**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

E. whereas mountains are 'multifunctional' habitats, in which the (agricultural) economy is closely tied to social, cultural and ecological issues,

*Amendment*

E. whereas mountains, ***including highland regions***, are 'multifunctional' habitats, in which the (agricultural) economy is closely tied to social, cultural and ecological issues,

Or. de

**Amendment 12**  
**Véronique Mathieu**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

E. whereas mountains are 'multifunctional' habitats, in which the (agricultural) economy is closely tied to social, cultural and ecological issues,

*Amendment*

E. whereas mountains are 'multifunctional' habitats, in which the (agricultural) economy is closely tied to social, cultural and ecological issues, ***and whereas such areas should therefore be given support in the form of appropriate funding***,

Or. fr

**Amendment 13**  
**Michl Ebner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ea. whereas the economy of mountain areas is particularly sensitive to fluctuations in the economic cycle, because of permanent structural shortcomings, and, in the long term, is dependent on diversification and specialisation of production processes,***

Or. de

**Amendment 14**

**Michl Ebner**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital F a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Fa. whereas there are already European legal instruments for the protection of a number of mountain areas - the Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention - which, accordingly, are important instruments for an integrated policy on mountain areas, though they have not been fully ratified and implemented,***

Or. de

**Amendment 15**

**Maria Petre**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ea. whereas the agro-sylvo-pastoral economies of mountain areas, which often engage in multiple activities, are an example of environmental balance that***

*cannot be overlooked,*

Or. ro

**Amendment 16**

**Maria Petre**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Eb. whereas the majority of farms in mountain areas are family farms with high financial risk,***

Or. ro

**Amendment 17**

**Elisabeth Jeggle**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

1. points out the vast differences in the actions taken by Member States on mountain areas which are based on purely sectoral rather than integral development, and that there is no integrated EU framework (as is the case for maritime areas<sup>1</sup>);

1. points out the vast differences in the actions taken by Member States on mountain ***and highland*** areas which are based on purely sectoral rather than integral development, and that there is no integrated EU framework (as is the case for maritime areas<sup>1</sup>);

Or. de

**Amendment 18**

**Agnes Schierhuber**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2**

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<sup>1</sup> COM (2007)0574.

*Motion for a resolution*

2. welcomes the Green Paper on territorial cohesion as a method of dealing with the different areas of the European Union;

*Amendment*

2. welcomes the Green Paper on territorial cohesion as a method of dealing with the different areas of the European Union ***and calls in this connection for a common agricultural policy with a first and second pillar so that in the European Union, with regard to the international challenges, the economic environment can be effectively influenced accordingly with a view to making multifunctional mountain and hill farming viable, for which production-linked instruments, including as regards milk transport, are also necessary;***

Or. de

**Amendment 19**  
**Richard Seeber**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

2. welcomes the Green Paper on territorial cohesion as a method of dealing with the different areas of the European Union;

*Amendment*

2. welcomes the Green Paper on territorial cohesion as a method of dealing with the different areas of the European Union ***and calls in this connection for a common agricultural policy with a first and second pillar so that in the European Union, with regard to the international challenges, the economic environment can be effectively influenced accordingly with a view to making multifunctional mountain and hill farming viable, for which production-linked instruments as regards milk dairy transport, are also necessary;***

Or. de

**Amendment 20**  
**Bernadette Bourzai**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

3. at the same time, urges the Commission to **develop**, within its remit, a specific, integrated strategy for the sustainable development and use of resources in mountain areas within six months; also calls for national action programmes containing specific implementation measures to be drawn up on this basis;

*Amendment*

3. at the same time, urges the Commission to **draw up**, within its remit, **a Green Paper on mountain areas setting out** a specific, integrated strategy for the sustainable development and use of resources in mountain areas within six months; also calls for national action programmes containing specific implementation measures to be drawn up on this basis;

Or. fr

**Amendment 21**  
**Michl Ebner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

3. at the same time, urges the Commission to develop, within its remit, a specific, integrated strategy for the sustainable development and use of resources in mountain areas within six months; also calls for national action programmes containing specific implementation measures to be drawn up on this basis;

*Amendment*

3. at the same time, urges the Commission to develop, within its remit, a specific, integrated strategy for the sustainable development and use of resources in mountain areas within six months; also calls for national action programmes containing specific implementation measures to be drawn up on this basis **by arrangement with regional authorities and civil society representatives familiar with and defending local interests and needs on the spot (e.g. as regards the different types of massif), with account to be taken accordingly of existing regional initiatives<sup>1</sup>**;

**Amendment 22**  
**Michl Ebner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

***4. emphasises the need for a European definition of mountain areas based on scientific criteria, that can also be used in re-assessing 'Less Favoured Areas' and in reforming the CAP;***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

**Amendment 23**  
**Agnes Schierhuber**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

**4. emphasises the need for a European definition of mountain areas based on scientific criteria, that can also be used in re-assessing 'Less Favoured Areas' and in reforming the CAP;**

*Amendment*

**4. emphasises the *importance of demarcating mountain areas as a prerequisite for targeted measures, such as, in particular, for mountain and hill farming, and the need for those areas to be properly classified by degree of natural disadvantage, which should be monitored to a greater extent by Member States on the basis of the current eligible-area map;***

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<sup>1</sup> 'ZukunftsraumTirol' initiative of the state of Tyrol in Austria.

**Amendment 24**  
**Richard Seeber**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

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*Amendment*

4. emphasises the ***importance of demarcating mountain areas as a prerequisite for targeted measures, such as, in particular, for mountain and hill farming, and the need for those areas to be properly classified by degree of natural disadvantage, which should be monitored to a greater extent by Member States on the basis of the current eligible-area map;***

Or. de

**Amendment 25**  
**Katerina Batzeli**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

4. emphasises the need for a European definition of mountain areas based on scientific criteria, ***that can also be used in re-assessing 'Less Favoured Areas' and in reforming the CAP;***

*Amendment*

4. emphasises the need for a European definition of mountain areas based on scientific criteria, ***while recognising the difficulty of the undertaking owing to the diversity of mountain areas in Europe; stresses, however, that the re-assessment of 'Less Favoured Areas' under the CAP should be carried out with particular caution in order to avoid generalisations which may result in exclusions and, subsequently, in injustices at both Community and national level;***

Or. el

**Amendment 26**  
**Véronique Mathieu**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

4. emphasises the need for a European definition of mountain areas based on scientific criteria, that can also be used in re-assessing 'Less Favoured Areas' and in reforming the CAP;

*Amendment*

4. emphasises the need for a **broad** European definition of mountain areas based on scientific criteria, that can also be used in re-assessing 'Less Favoured Areas' and in reforming the CAP **and that distinguishes between mountain areas and less favoured areas**;

Or. fr

**Amendment 27**  
**Elisabeth Jeggle**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

4. emphasises the need for a European definition of mountain areas based on scientific criteria, that can also be used in re-assessing 'Less Favoured Areas' and in reforming the CAP;

*Amendment*

4. emphasises the need for a European definition of mountain areas, **including highland regions**, based on scientific criteria, that can also be used in re-assessing 'Less Favoured Areas' and in reforming the CAP;

Or. de

**Amendment 28**  
**Michl Ebner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

5. calls **for** an overview of programmes and projects funded on topics of relevance

*Amendment*

5. calls **on the Commission to produce** an overview of programmes and projects

to mountain areas for the purpose of transferring knowledge and promoting innovation;

funded on topics of relevance to mountain areas for the purpose of transferring knowledge and promoting innovation;

Or. de

**Amendment 29**  
**Agnes Schierhuber**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

6. emphasises the role played by hill and mountain farming **in** production **and** the **cross-sectoral** maintenance and utilisation of landscapes, and as a multifunctional basis for other sectors of the economy and characteristic feature of traditional cultural landscapes and social fabrics;

*Amendment*

6. emphasises the role played by hill and mountain farming **with an entrepreneurial** production **function for** the cross-sectoral maintenance and utilisation of landscapes, and as a multifunctional basis for other sectors of the economy and characteristic feature of traditional cultural landscapes and social fabrics;

Or. de

**Amendment 30**  
**Véronique Mathieu**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

6. emphasises the role played by hill and mountain farming in production and the cross-sectoral maintenance and utilisation of landscapes, and as a multifunctional basis for other sectors of the economy and characteristic feature of traditional cultural landscapes and social fabrics;

*Amendment*

6. emphasises the role played by hill and mountain farming in production and the cross-sectoral maintenance and utilisation of landscapes, and as a multifunctional basis for other sectors of the economy and characteristic feature of traditional cultural landscapes and social fabrics; **points, accordingly, to the need to support hill and mountain farming by providing appropriate funding;**

**Amendment 31**

**Maria Petre**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. emphasises the role played by hill and mountain farming in production and the cross-sectoral maintenance and utilisation of landscapes, and as a multifunctional basis for other sectors of the economy and characteristic feature of traditional cultural landscapes and social fabrics;

*Amendment*

6. Emphasises the role played by hill and mountain farming in production and the cross-sectoral maintenance and utilisation of landscapes, and as a multifunctional basis for other sectors of the economy and *a* characteristic feature of traditional cultural landscapes and social fabrics, ***as well as in providing job security to people living and working in those areas;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 32**

**Czesław Adam Siekierski**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***6a. Points out that many mountain areas are having to face up to urban pressures caused by their attractiveness to tourists, and, at the same time, to protect traditional landscapes that are becoming less agricultural and losing their beauty as well as qualities of essential importance to the ecosystem;***

*Amendment*

Or. pl

**Amendment 33**  
**Michl Ebner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

7. notes that farming in mountain regions **involves** greater effort (e.g. labour intensity) and higher costs due to natural conditions;

*Amendment*

7. notes that farming in mountain regions **and therefore the degree of husbandry needed for multifunctionality involve** greater effort (e.g. labour intensity, **manual labour**) and higher costs (**e.g. special machinery, cost of transporting products into and out of valleys**) due to natural conditions;

Or. de

**Amendment 34**  
**Elisabeth Jeggle**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

7. notes that farming in mountain regions involves greater effort (e.g. labour intensity) and higher costs due to natural conditions;

*Amendment*

7. notes that farming in mountain regions **and highland areas** involves greater effort (e.g. labour intensity) and higher costs due to natural conditions;

Or. de

**Amendment 35**  
**Maria Petre**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

7. notes that farming in mountain regions involves greater effort (e.g. labour intensity) and higher costs due to natural

*Amendment*

7. Notes that farming in mountain regions involves greater effort (e.g. labour intensity) and higher costs, *owing to*

conditions;

natural conditions *and risks*;

Or. ro

## **Amendment 36**

**Michl Ebner**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*7a. Calls for specific and greater account to be taken of the multifunctionality of mountain and hill farming in future CAP reforms by bringing the framework directives for rural development and national programmes into line with the role of mountain and hill farmers not only as producers but also as economic forerunners for other sectors and that scope be created for synergetic collaboration (e.g. funding for ecotourism programmes, marketing for high-quality products; points in particular to the need for charges to be made for mountain farming's ecological benefits;*

Or. de

## **Amendment 37**

**Michl Ebner**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

8. pays tribute to the work carried out by mountain farmers; notes that the framework conditions for mountain farming (*particularly* as regards supplementary jobs *or* combined wage models) should not be complicated by red

8. pays tribute to the work carried out by mountain farmers; notes that the framework conditions for mountain farming (*above all* as regards supplementary jobs, combined wage models, *reconciling family and work and*

tape, but should be improved through the fusion of sectoral policies;

*starting a family*) should not be complicated by red tape, but should be improved through the fusion of sectoral policies; ***calls on the Commission and the competent committees (comitology) to review existing and prospective rules (above all on compulsory registers) in keeping with the 'better regulation' initiative and/or to make them less complicated with a view to comprehensive simplification of administrative procedures;***

Or. de

**Amendment 38**  
**Agnes Schierhuber**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

8. pays tribute to the work carried out by mountain farmers; notes that the framework conditions for mountain farming (particularly as regards supplementary jobs ***or combined wage models***) should not be complicated by red tape, but should be improved through the fusion of sectoral policies;

*Amendment*

8. pays tribute to the work carried out by mountain farmers; notes that the framework conditions for mountain farming (particularly as regards supplementary jobs) should not be complicated by red tape, but should be improved through the fusion of sectoral policies;

Or. de

**Amendment 39**  
**Agnes Schierhuber**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

9. emphasises that compensatory ***payments in*** mountain areas ***are also justified in the***

*Amendment*

9. emphasises that ***the*** compensatory ***allowance for*** mountain areas ***and other***

*longer term due to the lack of alternative production and that full decoupling would lead to a systematic reduction in activity affecting all sectors;*

*less favoured areas should continue in future to be geared exclusively towards offsetting permanent natural disadvantages; stresses further that, with regard to implementation, Member States have latitude so that they can take account of regional requirements;*

Or. de

**Amendment 40**  
**Richard Seeber**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

9. emphasises that compensatory *payments in* mountain areas *are also justified in the longer term due to the lack of alternative production and that full decoupling would lead to a systematic reduction in activity affecting all sectors;*

*Amendment*

9. emphasises that *the* compensatory *allowance for* mountain areas *and other disadvantaged areas should continue in future to be geared exclusively towards offsetting permanent natural disadvantages; stresses further that, with regard to implementation, Member States have latitude so that they can take account of regional requirements;*

Or. de

**Amendment 41**  
**Michl Ebner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

9. emphasises that compensatory payments in mountain areas are also justified in the longer term due to the lack of alternative production and that full decoupling would lead to a systematic reduction in activity affecting all sectors;

*Amendment*

9. emphasises that compensatory payments in mountain areas are also justified in the longer term due to the lack of alternative production, *that mountain areas' needs cannot be covered solely from rural-development funding* and that full

decoupling would lead to a systematic reduction in activity affecting all sectors;

Or. de

**Amendment 42**  
**Véronique Mathieu**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

9. emphasises that compensatory payments in mountain areas are also justified in the longer term due to the lack of alternative production and that full decoupling would lead to a systematic reduction in activity affecting all sectors;

*Amendment*

9. emphasises that compensatory payments ***for natural disadvantages and for additional costs as a result of farming difficulties*** in mountain areas are also justified in the longer term due to the lack of alternative production and that full decoupling would lead to a systematic reduction in activity affecting all sectors;

Or. fr

**Amendment 43**  
**Véronique Mathieu**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

9. emphasises that compensatory payments in mountain areas are also justified in the longer term due to the lack of alternative production and that full decoupling would lead to a systematic reduction in activity affecting all sectors;

*Amendment*

9. emphasises that compensatory payments ***earmarked primarily for producers and processors*** in mountain areas are also justified in the longer term due to the lack of alternative production and that full decoupling would lead to a systematic reduction in activity affecting all sectors;

Or. fr

**Amendment 44**  
**Elisabeth Jeggle**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

9. emphasises that compensatory payments in mountain areas are also justified in the longer term due to the lack of alternative production and that full decoupling would lead to a systematic reduction in activity affecting all sectors;

*Amendment*

9. emphasises that compensatory payments in mountain **and highland** areas (**upland farming**) are also justified in the longer term due to the lack of alternative production and that full decoupling would lead to a systematic reduction in activity affecting all sectors;

Or. de

**Amendment 45**  
**Michl Ebner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

10. calls for more assistance for young farmers and equal opportunities for men and women (particularly through family-friendly measures and rules on part-time working) as vital factors;

*Amendment*

10. calls for more assistance for young farmers and equal opportunities for men and women (particularly through family-friendly measures and rules on **full-time and** part-time working, **combined-wage models, supplementary-jobs models, reconciling family and work, starting a family**) as vital factors; **calls on the Commission to devise approaches, with stakeholder involvement, as part of 'flexicurity' discussions and projects;**

Or. de

**Amendment 46**  
**Agnes Schierhuber**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

10. calls for more assistance for young farmers and equal opportunities for **men** and **women** (particularly through family-friendly measures and rules on part-time working) as vital factors;

*Amendment*

10. calls for more assistance for young farmers and equal opportunities for **women** and **men** (particularly through family-friendly measures and rules on part-time working) as vital factors;

Or. de

**Amendment 47**  
**Maria Petre**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

10. calls for more assistance for young farmers and equal opportunities for men and women (particularly through family-friendly measures and rules on part-time working) as vital factors;

*Amendment*

10. Calls for more assistance for young farmers and equal opportunities **and income** for men and women (particularly through family-friendly measures and rules on part-time working);

Or. ro

**Amendment 48**  
**Maria Petre**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**10a. Calls for demographic balance to be maintained in those areas, which often face problems arising from urban migration;**

**Amendment 49**

**Friedrich-Wilhelm Graefe zu Baringdorf, Alyn Smith**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Emphasises that producer associations make an important contribution to the stability and security of agricultural production and should be given greater support;

*Amendment*

11. Emphasises that producer associations, ***collective farmers marketing initiatives and inter-sectoral partnerships that create added value in the region through an integrated development approach ( for example LEADER-groups)***, make an important contribution to the stability and security of agricultural production and should be given greater support;

Or. en

**Amendment 50**

**Agnes Schierhuber**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. emphasises that producer associations make an important contribution to the stability and security of agricultural production and should be given greater support;

*Amendment*

11. emphasises that producer associations ***and farming cooperatives*** make an important contribution to the stability and ***income positioning*** of agricultural production ***on markets*** and should be given greater support ***accordingly***;

Or. de

**Amendment 51**  
**Véronique Mathieu**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

11. emphasises that producer associations make an important contribution to the stability and security of agricultural production and should be given greater support;

*Amendment*

11. emphasises that producer associations ***in the broad sense of the term (economic interest groupings, milk groups, processing cooperatives, SMEs, etc.)*** make an important contribution to the stability and security of agricultural production and should be given greater support;

Or. fr

**Amendment 52**  
**Michl Ebner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

11. emphasises that producer associations make an important contribution to the stability and security of agricultural production and should be given greater support;

*Amendment*

11. emphasises that producer associations make an important contribution to the stability and security of agricultural production and should be given greater support ***in keeping with sustainable farming strategies;***

Or. de

**Amendment 53**  
**Michl Ebner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

12. calls for special financial assistance for the dairy sector which plays a key role in

*Amendment*

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mountain areas given the lack of alternative production; calls for a "soft landing" strategy to be adopted for mountain areas during the milk quota reform, and for additional measures to reduce any negative impact;

mountain areas given the lack of alternative production; calls for a "soft landing" strategy to be adopted for mountain areas during the milk quota reform, and for additional measures *(compensatory payments in particular)* to reduce any negative impact, *leaving necessary leeway for the adjustment processes introduced and preserving the basis for comprehensive farming, with additional funds to be made available under the first pillar*;

Or. de

**Amendment 54**  
**Agnes Schierhuber**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

12. calls for special financial assistance for the dairy sector which plays a key role in mountain areas given the lack of alternative production; calls for a *"soft landing"* strategy to be adopted *for mountain areas* during the milk quota reform, *and for additional measures to reduce any negative impact*;

*Amendment*

12. calls for special financial assistance for the dairy sector which plays a key role in mountain areas given the lack of alternative production; calls for a strategy to be adopted, during the milk quota reform, *to secure this livelihood-securing production area sustainably, in particular accompanying instruments such as, for instance, a dairy cow premium*;

Or. de

**Amendment 55**  
**Richard Seeber**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

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12. calls for special financial assistance for

the dairy sector which plays a key role in mountain areas given the lack of alternative production; calls for a **"soft landing"** strategy to be adopted **for mountain areas** during the milk quota reform, **and for additional measures to reduce any negative impact**;

the dairy sector which plays a key role in mountain areas given the lack of alternative production; calls for a strategy to be adopted, during the milk quota reform, **to secure this vital production area sustainably, in particular accompanying instruments such as, for instance, a dairy cow premium**;

Or. de

**Amendment 56**  
**Elisabeth Jeggle**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

12. calls for special financial assistance for the dairy sector which plays a key role in mountain areas given the lack of alternative production; calls for a "soft landing" strategy to be adopted for mountain areas during the milk quota reform, and for additional measures to reduce any negative impact;

*Amendment*

12. calls for special financial assistance for the dairy sector which plays a key role in mountain areas, **highland regions and areas with natural and geographic disadvantages**, given the lack of alternative production; calls for a "soft landing" strategy to be adopted for mountain areas **and other less favoured areas** during the milk quota reform, and for additional measures to reduce any negative impact;

Or. de

**Amendment 57**  
**Véronique Mathieu**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

12. calls for special financial assistance for the dairy sector which plays a key role in mountain areas given the lack of alternative production; calls for a "soft

*Amendment*

12. calls for special financial assistance for the dairy sector (**dairy farmers and processors**) which plays a key role in mountain areas given the lack of

landing" strategy to be adopted for mountain areas during the milk quota reform, and for additional measures to reduce any negative impact;

alternative production; calls for a "soft landing" strategy to be adopted for mountain areas during the milk quota reform, and for additional measures to reduce any negative impact;

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 58**

**Friedrich-Wilhelm Graefe zu Baringdorf, Alyn Smith**

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

#### **Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12a. Calls on the Member States to establish, with an emphasis on support for a sustainable and adapted agriculture in mountainous regions, additional per-hectare payments for organic farming and extensive grazing as well as support for investments in livestock facilities appropriate to the species;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 59**

**Véronique Mathieu**

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

#### **Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

13. points out that ***SMEs*** in mountain areas produce high quality products by making new use of traditional know-how and manufacturing procedures, and play a key role in the field of employment, and should thus be included in EU aid systems;

13. points out that ***undertakings*** in mountain areas produce high quality products by making new use of traditional know-how and manufacturing procedures, and play a key role in the field of employment, and should thus be included in EU aid systems;

Or. fr

**Amendment 60**  
**Michl Ebner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13a. Calls for special assistance measures as a result of increased costs and efforts needed, in particular for delivering milk and dairy products in valleys; calls for the introduction of a dairy cow fund for mountain areas;***

Or. de

**Amendment 61**  
**Friedrich-Wilhelm Graefe zu Baringdorf, Alyn Smith**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

14. Underlines the cross-sectoral importance of typical (high quality) products; asks that the 'strategy' include measures to ***protect*** these products or their manufacturing procedures;

14. Underlines the cross-sectoral importance of typical (high quality) ***regional and traditional*** products; asks that the 'strategy' include measures to ***promote the protection of the indication of*** these products or ***of*** their manufacturing procedures ***as laid down in the regulations 509/2006 and 510/2006;***

Or. en

**Amendment 62**  
**Michl Ebner**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. underlines the cross-sectoral importance of typical (high quality) products; asks that the 'strategy' include measures to protect these products or their manufacturing procedures;

*Amendment*

14. underlines the cross-sectoral importance of typical (high quality) products; asks that the 'strategy' include measures to protect these products or their manufacturing procedures; ***calls for provision to be made for possible assistance for high-quality foodstuffs (e.g. from mountain pasture or farm cheese dairies, high-quality meat) to be specially identified in EU assistance programmes;***

Or. de

**Amendment 63**  
**Bernadette Bourzai**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. underlines the cross-sectoral importance of typical (high quality) products; asks that the 'strategy' include measures to protect these products or their manufacturing procedures;

*Amendment*

14. underlines the cross-sectoral importance of typical (high quality) products; asks that the 'strategy' include measures to protect ***and promote*** these products or their manufacturing procedures;

Or. fr

**Amendment 64**  
**Katerina Batzeli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. underlines the cross-sectoral importance of typical (high quality) products; asks that the 'strategy' include

*Amendment*

14. underlines the cross-sectoral importance of typical (high quality) products; asks that the 'strategy' include

measures to protect these products or their manufacturing procedures;

measures to protect these products or their manufacturing procedures *and their certification and to safeguard them from imitations*;

Or. el

#### **Amendment 65**

**Friedrich-Wilhelm Graefe zu Baringdorf, Alyn Smith**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*14a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to support farmer groups and local communities to establish regional quality labels as mentioned in Article 14; support should be given by improved information and appropriate training for farmers and local food processors as well as by financial support for setting up local processing facilities as well as first promotion campaigns;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 66**

**Agnes Schierhuber**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*15. calls for the establishment of a fund for disadvantaged areas, including mountain areas (containing, for example, resources from the second pillar which have not been used on account of a lack of national co-financing);*

*deleted*

Or. de

**Amendment 67**

**Esther Herranz García, Carmen Fraga Estévez**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. calls for the establishment of a fund for disadvantaged areas, including mountain areas (containing, *for example*, resources *from the second pillar* which have not been used *on account of a lack of national co-financing*);

*Amendment*

15. calls for the establishment of a fund for disadvantaged areas, including mountain areas (containing resources which have not been used *under the first pillar of the CAP*);

Or. es

**Amendment 68**

**Agnes Schierhuber**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16. calls for guaranteed financial assistance for mountain regions, in accordance with Article 69 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, and specific access to this assistance with minimum red tape, *and for the upper limit for resources under Article 69 to be raised to 20%*;

*Amendment*

16. calls for guaranteed financial assistance for mountain regions *and other less favoured areas*, in accordance with Article 69 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, and specific access to this assistance with minimum red tape;

Or. de

**Amendment 69**

**Esther Herranz García, Carmen Fraga Estévez**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16. calls for guaranteed financial assistance for mountain regions, in accordance with Article 69 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, and specific access to this assistance with minimum red tape, ***and for the upper limit for resources under Article 69 to be raised to 20%***;

*Amendment*

16. calls for guaranteed financial assistance for mountain regions, in accordance with Article 69 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, and specific access to this assistance with minimum red tape;

Or. es

**Amendment 70**  
**Elisabeth Jeggle**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16.calls for guaranteed financial assistance for mountain regions, in accordance with Article 69 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, and specific access to this assistance with minimum red tape, ***and for the upper limit for resources under Article 69 to be raised to 20%***;

*Amendment*

16.calls for guaranteed financial assistance for mountain regions, in accordance with Article 69 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, and specific access to this assistance with minimum red tape;

Or. de

**Amendment 71**  
**Markus Pieper**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16.calls for guaranteed financial assistance for mountain regions, in accordance with Article 69 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, and specific access to this assistance with minimum red tape, and for ***the upper limit for resources under Article***

*Amendment*

16.calls for guaranteed financial assistance for mountain regions, in accordance with Article 69 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, and specific access to this assistance with minimum red tape, and for resources to be ***brought into line with***

69 to be *raised to 20%*;

*particularly less-favoured areas' needs*;

Or. de

## **Amendment 72**

**Michl Ebner**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 16**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

16.calls for guaranteed financial assistance for mountain regions, in accordance with Article 69 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, and specific access to this assistance with minimum red tape, and for the upper limit for resources under Article 69 to be raised to 20%;

##### *Amendment*

16.calls for guaranteed ***targeted special*** financial assistance for mountain regions, in accordance with Article 69 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, and specific access to this assistance with minimum red tape, and for the upper limit for resources under Article 69 to be raised to 20%;

Or. de

## **Amendment 73**

**Véronique Mathieu**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 16**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

16. calls for guaranteed financial assistance for mountain regions, in accordance with Article 69 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, and specific access to this assistance with minimum red tape, and for the upper limit for resources under Article 69 to be raised to 20%;

##### *Amendment*

16. calls for guaranteed financial assistance for mountain regions, in accordance with, ***inter alia***, Article 69 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, and specific access to this assistance with minimum red tape, and for the upper limit for resources under Article 69 to be raised to 20%;

Or. fr

**Amendment 74**  
**Markus Pieper**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***16a. Stresses that derogations and special support measures must be limited to particularly less favoured areas and must not lead to distortions of competition on agricultural markets;***

Or. de

**Amendment 75**  
**Michl Ebner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

17. calls for the interests of ***mountain livestock breeders*** to be taken into account in animal health, animal protection and animal breeding provisions;

17. calls for the interests of ***breeders and farmers of livestock in mountain areas, in particular of indigenous breeds of livestock***, to be taken into account in animal health, animal protection and animal breeding provisions (***breeding programmes, keeping herd books, compliance checks, etc.***);

Or. de

**Amendment 76**  
**Maria Petre**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

17. calls for the interests of mountain livestock breeders to be taken into account

17. Calls for the interests of mountain livestock breeders to be taken into account

in animal health, animal protection and animal breeding provisions;

in animal health, animal protection and animal breeding provisions, ***in view of the current risks and pressures to which they are subject;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 77**  
**Michl Ebner**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***17a. Stresses that the Commission contributes to the development of mountain areas through its competition policy and international trade actions; calls on it in this context to address those areas' needs in a more targeted fashion and to a greater extent in connection with future adjustments, in particular at World Trade Organisation negotiations and as regards state aid rules and factoring public services of general interest into competition law;***

Or. de

**Amendment 78**  
**Ioannis Gklavakis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***17a. Calls for particular attention to be given to stock farmers in fire-stricken mountain areas, as the pastureland in those areas requires limited and cautious use over the next five-year period;***

**Amendment 79**  
**Elisabeth Jeggle**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

18. calls for the 'strategy' to cover the different types of landscape in mountain areas (mountain pastures, protected forests, high mountains, meadows) and to make provision for ideas on the sustainable use of mountain pastures, grassland **and** forests in order to combat unwelcome developments such as over-grazing;

*Amendment*

18. calls for the 'strategy' to cover the different types of landscape in mountain areas (mountain pastures, protected forests, high mountains, **highlands**, meadows) and to make provision for ideas on the sustainable use of mountain pastures, grassland, forests **and other less favoured, sensitive areas** in order to combat unwelcome developments such as over-grazing;

Or. de

**Amendment 80**  
**Michl Ebner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

18. calls for the 'strategy' to cover the different types of landscape in mountain areas (mountain pastures, protected forests, high mountains, meadows) and to make provision for ideas on the sustainable use of mountain pastures, grassland and forests in order to combat unwelcome developments such as over-grazing;

*Amendment*

18. calls for the 'strategy' to cover the different types of landscape in mountain areas (mountain pastures, protected forests, high mountains, meadows) and to make provision for ideas on the sustainable use of mountain pastures, grassland and forests in order to combat unwelcome developments such as **ending grazing on land, which then reverts to its wild state** or over-grazing;

Or. de

**Amendment 81**  
**Katerina Batzeli**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

18. calls for the 'strategy' to cover the different types of landscape in mountain areas (mountain pastures, protected forests, high mountains, meadows) and to make provision for ideas on the sustainable use of *mountain* pastures, grassland and forests in order to combat unwelcome developments such as over-grazing;

*Amendment*

18. calls for the 'strategy' to cover the different types of landscape in mountain areas (mountain pastures, protected forests, high mountains, meadows, ***landscapes of particular beauty***) and to make provision for ideas on ***incentives for the protection and*** the sustainable use of pastures, grassland and forests in order to ***regenerate and regrass them, protect them from erosion, promote rational management of water resources and*** combat unwelcome developments such as over-grazing;

Or. el

**Amendment 82**  
**Michl Ebner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

***18a. Points up, with regard to preserving species diversity, the need to establish repositories of indigenous genetic material from animal and plant species, particularly indigenous farm animals and mountain flora; calls on the Commission to examine whether, and how, the international action plan initiative can be launched;***

Or. de

**Amendment 83**  
**Czesław Adam Siekierski**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***18a. Stresses that in some EU mountain areas, particularly in the new Member States, there is a growing risk of depopulation and an impoverishment of the social lives of local communities, which are also facing the threat of a curtailment or even a discontinuation of farming, which would result in changes to the landscape and the ecosystem;***

Or. pl

**Amendment 84**  
**Véronique Mathieu**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***18a. Stresses that grass premiums are essential to the continuation of farming in mountain areas and should therefore be maintained;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 85**  
**Ioannis Gklavakis**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

19. emphasises the importance of a long-term forestry strategy that takes into

19. emphasises the importance of a long-term forestry strategy that takes into

account the natural life cycle and natural composition of the forest ecosystem, and creates compensatory mechanisms *for* crisis situations (e.g. storms) and incentives for integrated forest management;

account *the effects of climate change*, the natural life cycle and natural composition of the forest ecosystem, and creates *prevention, response and* compensatory mechanisms *in* crisis situations (e.g. storms) and incentives for integrated forest management;

Or. el

**Amendment 86**  
**Véronique Mathieu**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

19. emphasises the importance of a long-term forestry strategy that takes into account the natural life cycle and natural composition of the forest ecosystem, and creates compensatory mechanisms for crisis situations (e.g. storms) and incentives for integrated forest management;

*Amendment*

19. emphasises the importance of a long-term forestry strategy that takes into account the natural life cycle and natural composition of the forest ecosystem, and creates compensatory mechanisms for crisis situations (e.g. storms) and incentives for integrated forest management; *points to the scope for sustainable transformation and exploitation of timber and timber products from mountain regions (as high-quality products with low shipping costs and hence CO<sub>2</sub> savings, construction materials and second-generation biofuels);*

Or. de

**Amendment 87**  
**Michl Ebner**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*20a. Points to the potential of sustainable*

*forest management through establishing value-added supply chains for timber which, from forest to final product, would create and preserve a large number of high quality jobs;*

Or. de

**Amendment 88**  
**Katerina Batzeli**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

21. considers that endeavours should be made in mountain areas to encourage the separation between forests and grazing land and to introduce the requirement to use paths (not least for safety reasons in general);

*Amendment*

21. considers that endeavours should be made in mountain areas to encourage the separation between forests and grazing land, *to examine the possibility in each area of also authorising controlled grazing on forest land under certain terms and conditions* and to introduce the requirement to use paths (not least for safety reasons in general)

Or. el

**Amendment 89**  
**Michl Ebner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

22. points out that mountains form natural barriers, which makes cross-border cooperation - and the promotion thereof - essential given the problems in common (e.g. climate change, animal diseases, loss of biodiversity);

*Amendment*

22. points out that mountains form natural barriers, *and in many instances are also national barriers*, which makes cross-border, *transnational and interregional* cooperation - and the promotion thereof - essential given the problems in common (e.g. climate change, animal diseases, loss of biodiversity);

**Amendment 90**  
**Maria Petre**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. welcomes efforts in the field of sustainable tourism and those aimed at making efficient use of Nature as an 'economic advantage' through sustainable leisure and sports activities; emphasises the role of people who 'use' Nature for the benefit of their own health whilst respecting the natural environment;

*Amendment*

23. Welcomes efforts in the field of sustainable tourism and those aimed at making efficient use of nature as an 'economic advantage' through sustainable ***and also traditional*** leisure and sports activities ***that take specific local characteristics into account***; emphasises the role of people who 'use' nature for the benefit of their own health whilst respecting the natural environment;

Or. ro

**Amendment 91**  
**Markus Pieper**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***23a. Suggests that rural development and structural assistance be combined and that integrated programmes be developed;***

Or. de

**Amendment 92**  
**Michl Ebner**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. emphasises that land that is not suitable for cultivation and production is best used to promote the preservation of forests, sustainable hunting and fishing etc. to prevent it reverting to its wild state;

*Amendment*

24. emphasises that land that is not suitable for cultivation and production is best used to promote the preservation of forests, sustainable hunting and fishing etc. to prevent it reverting to its wild state ***and to prevent fire hazards, erosion and biodiversity loss;***

Or. de

**Amendment 93**  
**Ioannis Gklavakis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. emphasises that land that is not suitable for cultivation and production is best used to promote the preservation of forests, sustainable hunting and fishing etc. to prevent it reverting to its wild state;

*Amendment*

*(Does not affect the English version)*

Or. el

**Amendment 94**  
**Agnes Schierhuber**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

25. ***recognises the successes achieved in*** mountain areas ***in the fields of*** nature protection, biodiversity and habitat preservation ***by the designation of*** "Natura 2000" areas and nature reserves;

*Amendment*

25. ***Cites the importance of*** mountain areas ***for*** nature protection, biodiversity and habitat preservation, ***but points in particular to the need to maintain farming and forestry in*** "Natura 2000" areas and nature reserves;

**Amendment 95**  
**Elisabeth Jeggle**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

25. recognises the successes achieved in mountain areas in the fields of nature protection, biodiversity and habitat preservation by the designation of "Natura 2000" areas and nature reserves;

*Amendment*

25. recognises the successes achieved in mountain areas **and highland regions** in the fields of nature protection, biodiversity and habitat preservation by the designation of "Natura 2000" areas and nature reserves;

**Amendment 96**  
**Michl Ebner**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

25. recognises the successes achieved in mountain areas in the fields of nature protection, biodiversity and habitat preservation by the designation of "Natura 2000" areas and nature reserves;

*Amendment*

25. recognises the successes achieved in mountain areas in the fields of nature protection, biodiversity and habitat preservation by the designation of "Natura 2000" areas and nature reserves **and calls for increased interlinking of those areas by introducing a minimum proportion of ecological offset land in farming areas (possibly 5%)**;

**Amendment 97**  
**Michl Ebner**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

26. calls on the Commission to give its full backing to nominating mountain areas for inclusion on the world heritage list and to avail itself of all the international opportunities available to protect these regions ***(e.g. ratification of the Alpine and Carpathian Conventions and protocols); applauds the work of organisations and research institutes dedicated to the cause of mountain areas;***

*Amendment*

26. calls on the Commission to give its full backing to nominating mountain areas for inclusion on the world heritage list and to avail itself of all the international opportunities available to protect these regions;

Or. de

**Amendment 98**

**Michl Ebner**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

27. points to their unique water resources, which can be used sustainably for natural irrigation and as a source of drinking water and energy;

*Amendment*

27. points to their unique water resources, which can be used sustainably for natural irrigation and as a source of drinking water and energy; ***highlights the need in this connection, and so as to prevent any conflicts, to devise solutions, collaboratively, for the use of water resources throughout the areas concerned;***

Or. de

**Amendment 99**

**Bernadette Bourzai**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

27. points to their unique water resources, which can be used sustainably for natural irrigation and as a source of drinking water and energy;

*Amendment*

27. points to their unique water resources, which can be used sustainably for natural irrigation and as a source of drinking water and energy; ***stresses the need for upstream and downstream solidarity in the management of these resources;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 100**  
**Ioannis Gklavakis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

27. points to their unique water resources, which can be used sustainably for natural irrigation and as a source of drinking water and energy;

*Amendment*

27. points to their unique water resources, which can be used sustainably for natural irrigation and as a source of drinking water and energy ***and for spa tourism;***

Or. el

**Amendment 101**  
**Michl Ebner**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***27a. Calls on the Commission to press ahead with implementing the Mountain Farming Protocol to the Alpine Convention in close collaboration with the Alpine Convention institutions, to give optimum backing to intermeshing mountain and hill farming with other policy areas and, in this connection, to take the necessary steps to ensure that***

*ratification of the Alpine Convention protocols which are not yet part of the acquis communautaire is concluded and that the European Union accedes to the Carpathian Convention as a contracting party;*

Or. de

**Amendment 102**  
**Michl Ebner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

28. highlights the importance of the voluntary sector (especially mountain rescue, civil protection, *charities*) with regard to services and the cultural and natural heritage in the mountains;

*Amendment*

28. highlights the importance of the voluntary sector (especially mountain rescue, civil protection) with regard to services and the cultural and natural heritage in the mountains *and as the social capital basis for an innovative society;*

Or. de

**Amendment 103**  
**Michl Ebner**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*28a. Applauds the work of organisations and research institutes dedicated to the cause of mountain areas and stresses that use must be made of their expertise and motivation in order to develop the strategy and similar measures;*

Or. de

**Amendment 104**  
**Michl Ebner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

29. points to the role played by the promotion of part-time basic and further vocational training and ***of efficient local services in maintaining population levels and for competitiveness; calls for targeted support to be given to local entities working as services of general interest;***

*Amendment*

29. points to the role played by the promotion of part-time basic and further vocational training and ***- in the very interests of diversifying vocational capacities and opportunities - of 'lifelong learning' initiatives and projects;***

Or. de

**Amendment 105**  
**Maria Petre**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

29. points to the role played by the promotion of part-time basic and further vocational training and of efficient local services in maintaining population levels and for competitiveness; calls for targeted support to be given to local entities working as services of general interest;

*Amendment*

29. Points to the ***special*** role played by ***education and*** the promotion of part-time basic and further vocational training and of efficient local services in maintaining population levels and for competitiveness; calls for targeted support to be given to local entities working as services of general interest, ***particularly in the field of transport infrastructure;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 106**  
**Katerina Batzeli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. calls for the information gap to be bridged and for the results of the research framework programmes (e.g. for e-Government) to be made accessible;

*Amendment*

30. calls for ***particular attention to be given to preserving the landscape and strengthening and modernising the infrastructure in mountain areas which are difficult to access*** and for the information gap to be bridged and for the results of the research framework programmes (e.g. for e-Government) to be made accessible;

Or. el

**Amendment 107**

**Michl Ebner**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 30 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***30a. Points to the need for efficient local services in maintaining population levels and for competitiveness; calls for targeted support to be given to local entities working as services of general interest;***

Or. de

**Amendment 108**

**Elisabeth Jeggle**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 32**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***32. calls for mountain areas to be given support in the areas of transport management, noise protection and landscape conservation through measures aimed at taking traffic off the roads (e.g.***

***deleted***

more 'sensitive areas' in the  
'Infrastructure Charging Directive'<sup>1</sup>);

<sup>1</sup> Directive 2006/38/EC of the European  
Parliament and of the Council of 17 May  
2006 amending Directive 1999/62/EC on  
the charging of heavy goods vehicles for  
the use of certain infrastructures (OJ L  
157, 9.6.2006, p. 8).

Or. de

**Amendment 109**  
**Véronique Mathieu**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

32. calls for mountain areas to be given support in the areas of transport management, noise protection and landscape conservation through measures aimed at taking traffic off the roads (e.g. more 'sensitive areas' in the 'Infrastructure Charging Directive' );

*Amendment*

32. calls for mountain areas to be given support in the areas of transport management, noise protection and landscape conservation through measures aimed at taking traffic off the roads (e.g. more 'sensitive areas' in the 'Infrastructure Charging Directive' ), ***except for the purpose of milk collection, which is a special case;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 110**  
**Michl Ebner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***32a. Stresses the importance of 'transition zones' between plains and mountain areas for providing high-value private and public infrastructure facilities and services (e.g. universities, airports,***

*hospitals); calls for support to make such facilities more easily accessible, particularly by means of public transport;*

Or. de

**Amendment 111**  
**Véronique Mathieu**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 33**

*Motion for a resolution*

33. emphasises that, through the intelligent use of many different sources of energy, mountain areas are "models" for a diversified energy mix, energy-efficient building solutions and second generation biofuels, and support should be given to research work in these fields;

*Amendment*

33. emphasises that, through the intelligent use of many different sources of energy, mountain areas are "models" for a diversified energy mix, energy-efficient building solutions and second generation biofuels, and support should be given to research work in these fields; *stresses, nonetheless, that the development of second generation biofuels must not give rise to competition between areas given over to feedstock production (fallow land, coppices, etc.) and grazing areas;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 112**  
**Michl Ebner**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 34**

*Motion for a resolution*

34. points to the dependence of mountains and glaciers on climate change, as well as to their potential as a 'test laboratory' for innovative technologies on climate protection that imitate Nature; calls for research activities and transitional

*Amendment*

34. points to the dependence of mountains and glaciers on climate change, *because of their topographical features and structural disadvantages*, as well as to their potential as a 'test laboratory' for innovative technologies on climate

measures;

protection that imitate Nature<sup>1</sup>; ***calls on the Commission to devise a discriminating climate approach for mountain areas and, in the process, to draw on existing knowledge (e.g. Alpine and Carpathian Conventions)***; calls for research activities and transitional measures;

Or. de

**Amendment 113**  
**Agnes Schierhuber**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

35. calls for ***responsibility*** for mountain areas to be ***assigned to one single Member of the Commission when future Commissions are formed***;

*Amendment*

35. calls for ***coordination arrangements*** for mountain areas ***and less favoured areas*** to be ***functionally linked with the common agricultural policy and the second pillar (rural development)***;

Or. de

**Amendment 114**  
**Esther Herranz García, Carmen Fraga Estévez**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

35. calls for responsibility for mountain areas to be assigned to one single Member of the Commission when future Commissions are formed;

*Amendment*

35. calls for responsibility for ***areas with natural handicaps, including*** mountain areas, to be assigned to one single Member of the Commission when future Commissions are formed;

Or. es

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<sup>1</sup> See also COM(2007)0345.

**Amendment 115**  
**Elisabeth Jeggle**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

35. calls for responsibility for mountain areas to be assigned to one single Member of the Commission when future Commissions are formed;

*Amendment*

35. calls for responsibility for mountain **and highland** areas to be assigned to one single Member of the Commission when future Commissions are formed;

Or. de

**Amendment 116**  
**Michl Ebner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***35a. Stresses that sustainable agriculture and the development of mountain areas are of importance to the population not only of those areas, but also of adjoining areas (e.g. plains), with the strategy called for also influencing sustainability in these areas as regards water supply, environmental stability, biodiversity, balanced population distribution and cultural diversity; calls on the Commission to examine, in the 'strategy', how existing initiatives for the integration of mountain areas and adjoining areas can usefully be incorporated into the strategy;***

Or. de

**Amendment 117**  
**Michl Ebner**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***35b. Instructs its Committee on  
Agriculture and Rural Development to  
monitor the resolution's progress in the  
Council and Commission;***

Or. de