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Amendment 1
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Commission report of 3 October 2008 entitled 'Implementation of the Barcelona objectives concerning childcare facilities for pre-school-age children' (COM(2008)0638),

Or. da

Amendment 2
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Commission report "Promotion of Women Innovators and Entrepreneurship" of 25 July 2008,

Or. en

Amendment 3
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1346/2000 of 29 May 2000 on insolvency proceedings,

Amendment 4
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to Directive 2010/41/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the application of the principle of equal treatment between men and women engaged in an activity in a self-employed capacity and repealing Directive 86/613/EEC,

Or. en

Amendment 5
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to Council Decision 2010/707/EU on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States,

Or. en

Amendment 6
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas it is important to recognise that in general working women require greater flexibility due to their continued primary care role and that therefore it is necessary to ensure a work-life balance in conformity with their multi-task lifestyle, which can lead some women to start up their own business to secure their independence at work,

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 7
Britta Thomsen**

**Motion for a resolution
Recital A**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas it is important to recognise that in general working women require greater flexibility due to their continued primary care role and that therefore it is necessary to ensure a work-life balance in conformity with their multi-task lifestyle, which can lead some women to start up their own business to secure their independence at work,

A. whereas women's underrepresentation among entrepreneurs can also be ascribed to inadequate access to child care facilities and to care facilities for elderly persons and persons with special needs and gender disparities in the amount of time spent on unpaid work and daily involvement in care and domestic activities, and whereas women in particular have the greatest unpaid workload,

Or. da

**Amendment 8
Mariya Nedelcheva**

**Motion for a resolution
Recital A**

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas it is **important to recognise that in general working women require greater flexibility due to their continued primary care role and that therefore it is necessary to ensure a work-life balance in conformity with their multi-task lifestyle**, which can lead **some women** to start up their own business to secure their independence **at work**,

Amendment

A. whereas it is necessary **for women to maintain** a work-life balance, which can lead **them** to start up their own business to secure their **financial** independence **and enable them to work independently**,

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Eva-Britt Svensson

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas it is important to recognise that **in general working women require greater flexibility due to their continued primary care role and that** therefore it is necessary to ensure a **work-life** balance **in conformity with their multi-task lifestyle**, which can **lead some** women to start up their own **business to secure their independence at work**,

Amendment

A. whereas it is important to recognise that **sharing between women and men of family and domestic responsibilities is essential for the achievement of gender equality and** therefore it is necessary to ensure a **worklife** balance which can **support** women to start up their own **businesses**,

Or. en

Amendment 10
Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

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in general working women require greater flexibility due to their continued primary care role and that therefore it is necessary to ensure a work-life balance in conformity with their multi-task lifestyle, which can lead some women to start up their own business to secure their independence at work,

in general working women require greater flexibility due to their continued primary care role and that therefore it is necessary to ensure a work-life balance in conformity with their multi-task lifestyle, which can lead some women to start up their own business to secure their **financial independence and** independence at work,

Or. pl

Amendment 11
Antonyia Parvanova

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas it is important to recognise that in general working women require greater flexibility due to their continued primary care role and that therefore it is necessary to ensure a work-life balance in conformity with their multi-task lifestyle, which can lead some women to start up their own business to secure their independence at work,

Amendment

A. whereas it is important to recognise that in general working women require greater flexibility due to their continued primary care role and that therefore it is necessary to ensure a work-life balance in conformity with their multi-task lifestyle, which can lead some women to start up their own business to secure their independence at work, **but because of their disrupted careers they often lack the necessary financial resources,**

Or. en

Amendment 12
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Aa. whereas men and women do not have the same opportunities to run and develop companies, because of gender stereotypes

Amendment

and structural barriers, and whereas women's entrepreneurship requires changes to structures and gender stereotypes;

Or. da

Amendment 13
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the sharing between women and men of family and domestic responsibilities, notably through greater recourse to parental and paternity leave, is a sine qua non for the advancement and achievement of equality between women and men and which can support women to start their own small or medium sized enterprise,

Or. en

Amendment 14
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. whereas self-employment generally offers greater flexibility regarding working hours, number of hours worked and working place than employment providing possibilities for those aiming to combine labour and care tasks or other activities, or for those in need of an adapted work place,

Amendment 15
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital A c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ac. whereas the category of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) is made up of enterprises which employ fewer than 250 persons and which have an annual turnover not exceeding 50 million Euros, and an annual balance sheet in total not exceeding 43 million Euros,

Or. en

Amendment 16
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital A d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ad. whereas the Commission is planning to present a Communication on the Small Business Act in early 2011,

Or. en

Amendment 17
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas the Commission 'Action Plan: The European agenda for Entrepreneurship' (COM(2004)70) portrays the need for better social security schemes, and whereas the need for improved social security provision for women entrepreneurs in particular should be stressed,

Or. da

Amendment 18
Antonyia Parvanova

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas women may face barriers in accessing informational support and financial and technological tools and services, that could limit their ability to expand their businesses and compete for government and municipal contracts,

Or. en

Amendment 19
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas in European Commission terminology, false self-employment is a bogus type of self-employment that arises where the improper classification of employment status is used to circumvent

social protection and exclude such workers from basic workers rights in order to reduce labour costs, whereas the workers concerned stay economically dependent,

Or. en

Amendment 20
Mary Honeyball, Marina Yannakoudakis

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas women make up around 60% of all university graduates, but are underrepresented in full-time work in the labour market, particularly in the field of business; whereas it is crucial to encourage and empower women to embark on entrepreneurial ventures in order to reduce existing gender inequalities,

Or. en

Amendment 21
Barbara Matera

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas many businesses, predominantly those run by women, have sprung up within 'Objective 1' regions which will soon be displaced from their status as disadvantaged regions by the accession of new countries,

Or. it

Amendment 22
Barbara Matera

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas many of the regions which will cease to receive support include rural areas which are not yet adequately developed, while regions in recent accession countries often do not possess the cultural, social and organisational resources to make the best use of European funding;

Or. it

Amendment 23
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas there are discrepancies between Member States in the numbers of women entrepreneurs ***and*** whereas in the European Union 1 in 10 women are entrepreneurs as opposed to 1 in 4 men,

E. whereas there are discrepancies between Member States in the numbers of women entrepreneurs; whereas, ***despite the upturn in the last decade in the numbers of women running SMEs, in the*** European Union ***only*** 1 in 10 women are entrepreneurs as opposed to 1 in 4 men,

Or. en

Amendment 24
Marina Yannakoudakis

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas the United States' "Women's Business Ownership Act (1988)" has increased the number of women business owners as a percentage of all businesses from 26% in 1992 to 57% in 2002; whereas the success of this act can help the EU in the identification of good practices,

Or. en

Amendment 25

Antonya Parvanova

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas ***businesses*** have a need for support not only during the start-up phase, but also throughout the business cycle, since there is a difference in the type of support required for business planning in the start-up and growth phases,

Amendment

F. whereas ***those women, who have less knowledge about available options of financing and financial management experience, caused by societal factors,*** have a need for support not only during the start-up phase, but also throughout the business cycle, since there is a difference in the type of support required for business planning in the start-up and growth phases,

Or. en

Amendment 26

Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas ***businesses have a*** need for support not only during the start-up phase,

Amendment

F. whereas ***women entrepreneurs*** need support not only during the start-up phase,

but also throughout *the* business cycle, since there is a difference in the type of support required for business planning in the start-up and growth phases,

but also throughout *a firm's* business cycle, since there is a difference in the type of support required for business planning in the start-up and growth phases,

Or. da

Amendment 27
Eva-Britt Svensson

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas female entrepreneurship and female SMEs *are a key source of jobs, business dynamism and innovation, the potential of which* is not fully *exploited* in the European Union,

Amendment

G. whereas female entrepreneurship and female SMEs is not fully *exploited* in the European Union,

Or. en

Amendment 28
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas female entrepreneurship and female SMEs *are* a key source *of jobs*, business dynamism and innovation, the potential of which is *not fully exploited* in the European Union,

Amendment

G. whereas female entrepreneurship and female SMEs *provide* a key source *for increasing the degree of female employment and thereby capitalising to a greater extent on women's level of education, as well as for ensuring that women do not go into precarious work, and whereas female entrepreneurship ensures* business dynamism and innovation, the potential of which is *far from being harnessed* in the European Union, *with an increase in the number of women entrepreneurs resulting in a*

positive impact for the economy overall,

Or. da

Amendment 29
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas female entrepreneurship and female SMEs are a key source of jobs, business dynamism and innovation, the potential of which is not fully exploited in the European Union,

Amendment

G. whereas female entrepreneurship and female SMEs are a key source of jobs, business dynamism and innovation, the potential of which is not fully exploited in the European Union; ***whereas in an unstable economic climate measures to support female entrepreneurs are easily neglected,***

Or. en

Amendment 30
Marina Yannakoudakis

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ga. whereas evidence has shown that women starting up in business will provide an immediate contribution to the economy; whereas given the current economic situation, it would be of great benefit to Europe's economy if more women were to start up their own business,

Or. en

Amendment 31
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas fewer women than men consider entrepreneurship as a viable career option, and women sometimes lack self-confidence in their ability to be entrepreneurs and for building entrepreneurship capacity,

Or. en

Amendment 32
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H. whereas men and women do not have the same opportunities to run and develop companies and whereas women's entrepreneurship is a type of long-term endeavour that requires time to change structures and attitudes; ***whereas women have always been entrepreneurial, but rules and traditions have meant that entrepreneurship has not always been an option for women,***

H. whereas men and women do not have the same opportunities to run and develop companies and whereas women's entrepreneurship is a type of long-term endeavour that requires time to change structures and attitudes,

Or. da

Amendment 33
Eva-Britt Svensson

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas men and women do not have the same opportunities to run and develop companies and whereas women's entrepreneurship is a type of long-term endeavour that requires time to change structures and attitudes; whereas **women have always been entrepreneurial, but rules and** traditions have meant that entrepreneurship has not always been an option for women,

Amendment

H. whereas men and women do not have the same opportunities to run and develop companies and whereas women's entrepreneurship is a type of long-term endeavour that requires time to change structures and attitudes; whereas traditions have meant that entrepreneurship has not always been an option for women,

Or. en

Amendment 34

Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas men and women do not have the same opportunities to run and develop companies and whereas women's entrepreneurship is a **type of** long-term **endeavour** that requires time to change structures and attitudes; whereas women have always been entrepreneurial, but rules and **traditions** have meant that entrepreneurship has not always been an option for women,

Amendment

H. whereas men and women do not have the same opportunities to run and develop companies and whereas **consolidating** women's entrepreneurship is a long-term **process** that requires time to change structures and attitudes **in society**; whereas women have always been entrepreneurial, but rules and **the traditional division of roles** have meant that entrepreneurship has not always been an option for women,

Or. pl

Amendment 35

Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas men and women do not have the same opportunities to run and develop companies and whereas women's entrepreneurship is a type of long-term endeavour that requires time to change structures and attitudes; whereas women have always been entrepreneurial, but rules and traditions have meant that entrepreneurship has not always been an option for women,

Amendment

H. whereas men and women, ***in many cases***, do not have the same opportunities to run and develop companies and whereas ***promoting*** women's entrepreneurship is a type of long-term endeavour that requires time to change structures and attitudes; whereas women have always been entrepreneurial, but rules and traditions have meant that entrepreneurship has not always been an option for women,

Or. en

Amendment 36

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ha. whereas the European Investment Bank (EIB) substantially increased its lending activity dedicated to SMEs from € 8.1 billion in 2008 to around € 11.5 billion in 2009, whereas continuous implementation of the SME instruments foreseen under the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (€ 1.13 billion earmarked for 2007-2013) whereas the Commission adopted a temporary framework on state aid 2009/2010 providing Member States with increased possibilities to tackle the effects of the credit squeeze,

Or. en

Amendment 37
Mariya Nedelcheva

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas women entrepreneurs are a heterogeneous group, varying in terms of age, background and education, and they are active in a wide range of sectors and businesses; whereas women are often perceived to lack entrepreneurial characteristics and propensities such as self-confidence, assertiveness and risk-taking,

Amendment

J. whereas women entrepreneurs are a heterogeneous group, varying in terms of age, background and education, and they are active in a wide range of sectors and businesses; whereas ***it is necessary to unleash women's potential and creative energy so as to make use of their talent for management, entrepreneurial spirit, communication skills, consensual approach and ability to assess risks accurately,***

Or. fr

Amendment 38
Eva-Britt Svensson

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas women entrepreneurs are a heterogeneous group, varying in terms of age, background and education, and they are active in a wide range of sectors and businesses; ***whereas women are often perceived to lack entrepreneurial characteristics and propensities such as self-confidence, assertiveness and risk-taking,***

Amendment

J. whereas women entrepreneurs are a heterogeneous group, varying in terms of age, background and education, and they are active in a wide range of sectors and businesses,

Or. en

Amendment 39
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas women entrepreneurs are a heterogeneous group, varying in terms of age, background and education, and **they** are active in a wide range of sectors and businesses; whereas women are often perceived to lack entrepreneurial **characteristics and propensities** such as **self-confidence**, assertiveness and **risk-taking**,

Amendment

J. whereas women entrepreneurs are a heterogeneous group, varying in terms of age, background and education, **who are either individual self-employed or manager of an enterprise with employees**, and **who** are active in a wide range of sectors and businesses, whereas women are often perceived to lack entrepreneurial **skills** such as **self confidence**, assertiveness and **risk taking**,

Or. en

Amendment 40
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas women entrepreneurs are a heterogeneous group, varying in terms of age, background and education, and **they** are active in a wide range of sectors and businesses; whereas women are often perceived to lack entrepreneurial characteristics and propensities such as self-confidence, assertiveness and risk-taking,

Amendment

J. whereas women entrepreneurs are a heterogeneous group, varying in terms of age, background and education, **ranging from recent graduates to those well-advanced in their career who want to find new ways of using their skills, capacity and creativity**, and **whereas women entrepreneurs** are active in a wide range of sectors and businesses; whereas women are often **wrongly** perceived to lack entrepreneurial characteristics and propensities such as self-confidence, assertiveness and risk-taking,

Or. en

Amendment 41
Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas women entrepreneurs are a heterogeneous group, varying in terms of age, background and education, and they are active in a wide range of sectors and businesses; whereas women are often perceived to lack entrepreneurial **characteristics and** propensities such as self-confidence, assertiveness and risk-taking,

Amendment

J. whereas women entrepreneurs are a heterogeneous group, varying in terms of age, background and education, and they are active in a wide range of sectors and businesses; whereas women are often perceived to lack entrepreneurial propensities such as self-confidence, **management skills**, assertiveness and risk-taking,

Or. pl

Amendment 42
Antonyia Parvanova

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas women entrepreneurs are a heterogeneous group, varying in terms of age, background and education, and they are active in a wide range of sectors and businesses; whereas women are often perceived to lack entrepreneurial characteristics and propensities such as self-confidence, assertiveness and risk-taking,

Amendment

J. whereas women entrepreneurs are a heterogeneous group, varying in terms of age, background and education, and they are active in a wide range of sectors and businesses; whereas, **due to sex stereotyping**, women are often perceived to lack entrepreneurial characteristics and propensities such as self-confidence, assertiveness and risk-taking; **whereas in many cases financial service providers offer different terms to women, because of their gender and the perceived attitude towards their abilities**,

Or. en

Amendment 43
Iratxe García Pérez

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas women entrepreneurs are a heterogeneous group, varying in terms of age, background and education, and they are active in a wide range of sectors and businesses; whereas women are often perceived to lack entrepreneurial characteristics and propensities such as self-confidence, assertiveness and risk-taking,

Amendment

J. whereas women entrepreneurs are a heterogeneous group, varying in terms of age, background and education, and they are active in a wide range of sectors and businesses; whereas women are often ***unjustifiably*** perceived to lack entrepreneurial characteristics and propensities such as self-confidence, assertiveness and risk-taking,

Or. es

Amendment 44
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas women entrepreneurs are a heterogeneous group, varying in terms of age, background and education, and they are active in a wide range of sectors and businesses; whereas women are often perceived to lack entrepreneurial characteristics and propensities such as self-confidence, assertiveness and risk-taking,

Amendment

J. whereas women entrepreneurs are a heterogeneous group, varying in terms of age, background and education, and they are active in a wide range of sectors and businesses; whereas women are often perceived to lack entrepreneurial characteristics and propensities such as self-confidence, assertiveness and risk-taking, ***which is a reflection of gender stereotyping,***

Or. da

Amendment 45
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

L. whereas it is important to promote practical recommendations that take account of the reality of business and economic life in the competitive market environment,

deleted

Or. da

Amendment 46
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

L. whereas it is important to promote practical recommendations that take account of the reality of business and economic life ***in the competitive market environment,***

L. whereas it is important to promote practical recommendations that take account of the reality of business and economic life,

Or. en

Amendment 47
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Recital L a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

La. whereas there has not been enough research undertaken on female entrepreneurship at EU-level, which can inform the development and implementation of EU-wide policies in

this area,

Or. en

Amendment 48
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital L a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

La. whereas in many Member States, self-employed people lack proper social security rights, such as maternity and paternity leave, childcare facilities, insurance against unemployment, illness, disability pay and pension provisions, whereas in the guidelines for the employment policies, Member States are requested to promote self-employment while ensuring adequate social security for self-employed,

Or. en

Amendment 49
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital L b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Lb. whereas there is a group of mainly women active in work such as domestic work or private care work who are not officially employed but also not officially self-employed and therefore lack any form of social protection,

Or. en

Amendment 50
Regina Bastos

Motion for a resolution
Recital L a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

La. whereas it is deplorable that many Member States have failed to achieve the Barcelona objectives in relation to crèche places and child care facilities, even though such facilities are essential to enable female entrepreneurs to reconcile professional commitment and family life and enable the European Union to rise to the demographic challenge,

Or. fr

Amendment 51
Iratxe García Pérez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Encourages Member States to make better use of the funding opportunities that are available to female entrepreneurs through special grants, venture capital, social security provisions and interest rate rebates that will allow fair and equal access to finance, such as the European Progress Microfinance Facility, which provides micro-credits of up to EUR 25 000 to micro-enterprises and to those who want to start their own small business without access to traditional banking services, such as those who are unemployed;

1. Encourages Member States ***and regional and local authorities*** to make better use of the funding opportunities that are available to female entrepreneurs through special grants, venture capital, social security provisions and interest rate rebates that will allow fair and equal access to finance, such as the European Progress Microfinance Facility, which provides micro-credits of up to EUR 25 000 to micro-enterprises and to those who want to start their own small business without access to traditional banking services, such as those who are unemployed;

Or. es

Amendment 52
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Encourages Member States to make better use of the funding opportunities that are available to female entrepreneurs through special grants, venture capital, social security provisions and interest rate rebates that will allow fair and equal access to finance, such as the European Progress Microfinance Facility, which provides micro-credits of up to EUR 25 000 to micro-enterprises and to those who want to start their own small business without access to traditional banking services, such as those who are unemployed;

Amendment

1. Encourages ***the Commission and*** Member States to make better use of the funding opportunities that are available to female entrepreneurs through special grants, venture capital, social security provisions and interest rate rebates that will allow fair and equal access to finance, such as the European Progress Microfinance Facility, which provides micro-credits of up to EUR 25 000 to micro-enterprises and to those who want to start their own small business without access to traditional banking services, such as those who are unemployed;

Or. da

Amendment 53
Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

1a. Calls on Member States to inform women more effectively about the European Progress Microfinance Facility and about all the funding possibilities offered by this facility;

Amendment

Or. pl

Amendment 54
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Encourages Member States to set up nation-wide campaigns, including workshops and seminars, to promote and inform women about the possibilities of microcredits and finances available to them;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Points out that equality between women and men is a fundamental principle of the EU, recognised by the Treaty on the European Union and by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, while in spite of the significant progress made, many inequalities between women and men remain in terms of entrepreneurship and decision making;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Regina Bastos, Marina Yannakoudakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Recognises that the financial and economic crisis has deepened the problems for female SMEs, especially in the first three years of business, while acknowledging that female SMEs are an integral and vital part of the European economy;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1b. Is critical about that fact that gender mainstreaming in EU industrial and enterprise policy is basically non-existent, calls on the Council, Commission and Member States to ensure that all decisions on strategies concerning entrepreneurship in micro, small and medium sized enterprises programmes undergo a gender-impact assessment (ex-post assessment in cases where it has not been done ex-ante);

Or. en

Amendment 58

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1c. Encourages the Member States to

promote female entrepreneurship in the industrial sector and to promote financial support, vocational guidance structure and appropriate training for women setting up companies;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1d. Recognises that many women have been empowered by recent job losses to establish their own businesses; calls on the Commission to bring forward legislation specifically aimed at SMEs to fulfil its objective of reducing administrative burdens on business to help foster this entrepreneurial spirit;

Or. en

Amendment 60

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Welcomes the separate section on aid for female entrepreneurship in the abovementioned Commission Regulation (EC) No 800/2008; ***emphasises however that these temporary provisions should be continued*** in order to help empower female entrepreneurs after the expiry of the Regulation;

2. Welcomes the separate section on aid for female entrepreneurship in the abovementioned Commission Regulation (EC) No 800/2008; ***calls on the Commission to look into the possibility of prolonging this aid*** in order to help empower female entrepreneurs after the expiry of the Regulation;

Amendment 61
Regina Bastos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Welcomes the separate section on aid for female entrepreneurship in the *abovementioned* Commission Regulation (EC) No 800/2008; emphasises however that these temporary provisions should be continued in order to help empower female entrepreneurs after the expiry of the Regulation;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the separate section on aid for female entrepreneurship in the *above-mentioned* Commission Regulation (EC) No 800/2008; emphasises, however, that these temporary provisions should be continued in order to help empower female entrepreneurs after the expiry of the Regulation ***and calls on the Commission to ensure that this aid continues to be provided for in a future Community support framework;***

Or. pt

Amendment 62
Regina Bastos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

2a. Calls on the Member States to ensure that SMEs run (and set up) by women are also able to benefit from the tax advantages provided for SMEs;

Or. fr

Amendment 63
Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Urges Member States to ensure that women who have become insolvent or bankrupt have access to financial recovery assistance and support in order that they may continue with their **business aspirations**;

Amendment

3. Urges Member States to ensure that women who have become insolvent or bankrupt have access to financial recovery assistance and support in order that they may continue with **projects already begun or change direction**;

Or. pl

Amendment 64
Iratxe García Pérez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. **Urges Member States to ensure** that women who have become insolvent or bankrupt have access to financial recovery assistance and support in order that they may continue with their business aspirations;

Amendment

3. **Considers that it should be ensured** that women who have become insolvent or bankrupt have access to financial recovery assistance and support in order that they may continue with their business aspirations;

Or. es

Amendment 65
Regina Bastos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Urges Member States to ensure that **women** who have become insolvent or bankrupt have access to financial recovery

Amendment

3. Urges Member States to ensure that **entrepreneurs** who have become insolvent or bankrupt have access to financial

assistance and support in order that they may continue with their business aspirations;

recovery assistance and support in order that they may continue with their business aspirations;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Antonya Parvanova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Urges Member States to ensure that women who have become insolvent or **bankrupt** have access to financial recovery assistance and support in order that they may continue with their business aspirations;

Amendment

3. Urges Member States to ensure that women who have become insolvent or have **experienced career breaks, have** access to financial recovery assistance and support in order that they may continue with their business aspirations;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Urges Member States to ensure that women who have become insolvent or bankrupt have access to financial recovery assistance and support in order that they may continue with their business aspirations;

Amendment

3. Urges **the Commission and** Member States to ensure that women who have become insolvent or bankrupt have access to financial recovery assistance and support in order that they may continue with their business aspirations;

Or. da

Amendment 68
Barbara Matera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to promote the exchange of best practice between regions ceasing to qualify for Objective 1 status and regions in countries which have just acceded so as to ensure the involvement of female entrepreneurs, particularly in the small-scale agriculture sector, both to enable them to pass on the experience they have gained, and thereby avoid the abrupt withdrawal of financial support, and with a view to training and creating a new class of women in management positions in the most recent accession countries;

Or. it

Amendment 69
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Urges Member States to implement Council Regulation (EC) No 1346/2000 of 29 May 2000 on insolvency proceedings properly and to ensure that women, who have become insolvent or bankrupt have access to financial recovery assistance and support in order that they may continue with their business aspirations;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on Member States to introduce investment readiness programmes that can help women create viable business plans **that provide investors with appropriately structured and relevant information;**

Amendment

4. Calls on Member States to introduce investment readiness programmes that can help women create viable business plans and **find and define potential investors;**

Or. pl

Amendment 71
Iratxe García Pérez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on Member States to **introduce** investment readiness programmes that can help women create viable business plans that provide investors with appropriately structured and relevant information;

Amendment

4. Calls on Member States to **establish, together with business schools and organisations and national organisations for women,** investment readiness programmes that can help women create viable business plans that provide investors with appropriately structured and relevant information;

Or. es

Amendment 72
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on Member States to **introduce** investment readiness programmes that can

Amendment

4. Calls on **the Commission and** Member States to **carry out** investment readiness

help women create viable business plans that provide investors with appropriately structured and relevant information;

programmes that can help women create viable business plans that provide investors with appropriately structured and relevant information;

Or. da

Amendment 73

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on Member States to introduce investment readiness programmes that can help women create viable business plans that provide investors with appropriately structured and relevant information;

Amendment

4. Calls on Member States **and Business Europe** to introduce investment readiness programmes that can help women create viable business plans that provide investors with appropriately structured and relevant information;

Or. en

Amendment 74

Antonyia Parvanova

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

4a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to investigate the barriers to female entrepreneurship and especially conduct a comprehensive analysis of women's access to finance;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Marina Yannakoudakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Member States to encourage banks and financial institutions to consider "women friendly" business support services;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Iratxe García Pérez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Calls on Member States to consider the creation of mentoring schemes making particular use of active ageing schemes that harness the advice and experience of retired male and female entrepreneurial professionals;

5. Considers it important to create mentoring schemes making particular use of active ageing schemes that harness the advice and experience of retired male and female entrepreneurial professionals;

Or. es

Amendment 77
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Calls on Member States to consider the creation of mentoring schemes making particular use of active ageing schemes that harness the advice and experience of retired male and female entrepreneurial

5. Calls on **the Commission and** Member States to consider the creation of mentoring schemes making particular use of active ageing schemes that harness the advice and experience of retired male and female

professionals;

entrepreneurial professionals;

Or. da

Amendment 78

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on Member States to consider the creation of mentoring schemes making particular use of active ageing schemes that harness the advice and experience of retired male and female entrepreneurial professionals;

Amendment

5. Calls on Member States **and Business Europe** to consider the creation of mentoring schemes making particular use of active ageing schemes that harness the advice and experience of retired male and female entrepreneurial professionals;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Silvia Costa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on Member States to consider the creation of mentoring schemes making particular use of active ageing schemes that harness the advice and experience of retired male and female entrepreneurial professionals;

Amendment

5. Calls on Member States to consider the creation of mentoring schemes **and support programmes** making particular use of active ageing schemes that harness the advice and experience of retired male and female entrepreneurial professionals;

Or. it

Amendment 80
Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Calls on Member States to pay particular attention to the situation of women over the age of 50 and to help them set up their own companies;

Or. pl

Amendment 81
Antonyia Parvanova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Insists that Member States reinforce their efforts for improving the access to childcare facilities as their lack of affordability, availability and quality creates additional obstacles for women to launch an entrepreneurship;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Notes that businesswomen are more inclined to take measured or calculated risks, which may create barriers to growth; calls on Member States to support female entrepreneurs' access to growth

6. Calls on *the Commission and* Member States to support female entrepreneurs' access to growth potential assessments conducted by experienced consultants;

potential assessments conducted by experienced consultants *which measure the risk potential*;

Or. da

Amendment 83
Regina Bastos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. *Notes that businesswomen are more inclined to take measured or calculated risks, which may create barriers to growth; calls* on Member States to support *female entrepreneurs'* access to growth potential assessments conducted by experienced consultants which measure the risk potential;

Amendment

6. *Calls* on Member States to support *entrepreneur's* access to growth potential assessments conducted by experienced consultants which measure the risk potential;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Eva-Britt Svensson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. *Notes that businesswomen are more inclined to take measured or calculated risks, which may create barriers to growth; calls* on Member States to support female entrepreneurs' access to growth potential assessments conducted by experienced consultants which measure the risk potential;

Amendment

6. *Calls* on Member States to support female entrepreneurs' access to growth potential assessments conducted by experienced consultants which measure the risk potential;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Mariya Nedelcheva

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes that businesswomen are more inclined to take measured or calculated risks, ***which may create barriers to growth***; calls on Member States to support female entrepreneurs' access to growth potential assessments conducted by experienced consultants which measure the risk potential;

Amendment

6. Notes that businesswomen are more inclined to take measured or calculated risks; calls on Member States to support female entrepreneurs' access to growth potential assessments conducted by experienced consultants which measure the risk potential;

Or. fr

Amendment 86
Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes that businesswomen are more inclined to take measured or calculated risks, which may create barriers to growth; calls on Member States to support female entrepreneurs' access to growth potential assessments conducted by experienced consultants which measure the risk potential;

Amendment

6. Notes that ***due to social prejudices towards women***, businesswomen are ***believed to be*** more inclined to take measured or calculated risks, which may create barriers to growth; calls on Member States to support female entrepreneurs' access to growth potential assessments conducted by experienced consultants which measure the risk potential;

Or. es

Amendment 87
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes that businesswomen are more inclined to take measured or calculated risks, which may create barriers to growth; calls on Member States to support female entrepreneurs' access to growth potential assessments conducted by experienced consultants which measure the risk potential;

Amendment

6. Notes that **some** businesswomen are more inclined to take measured or calculated risks, which may create barriers to growth; calls on Member States to support female entrepreneurs' access to growth potential assessments conducted by experienced consultants which measure the risk potential;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Regina Bastos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

6a. Notes that several recent studies have credited female entrepreneurs with taking a more cautious approach than men to economic and financial risk-taking; considers that the findings of such studies should be examined more closely to ascertain whether they are correct and what conclusions should be drawn from them;

Amendment

Or. fr

Amendment 89
Eva-Britt Svensson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on Member States to embrace national educational concepts for ‘young entrepreneurship’ in upper secondary schools *so that over the course of a school year female students can experience the lifecycle of a business through the start-up, running and winding up of a company, linking to this process mentoring from teachers and ‘active ageing’ advisors from the local business community;*

Amendment

7. Calls on Member States to embrace national educational concepts for ‘young entrepreneurship’ in upper secondary schools;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on Member States to embrace national educational concepts for ‘young entrepreneurship’ in *upper secondary* schools so that over the course of a school year female students can experience the lifecycle of a business through the start-up, running and winding up of a company, linking to this process mentoring from teachers and ‘active ageing’ advisors from the local business community;

Amendment

7. Calls on Member States to embrace national educational concepts for ‘young entrepreneurship’ in schools *to raise girls’ interest in entrepreneurship*, so that over the course of a school year female students can experience the lifecycle of a business through the start-up, running and winding up of a company, linking to this process mentoring from teachers and ‘active ageing’ advisors from the local business community;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Iratxe García Pérez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on Member States to **embrace** national educational concepts for ‘young entrepreneurship’ in upper secondary schools so that over the course of a school year female students can experience the lifecycle of a business through the start-up, running and winding up of a company, linking to this process mentoring from teachers and ‘active ageing’ advisors from the local business community;

Amendment

7. Calls on Member States **and regional authorities** to **look at the possibility of including** national educational concepts for ‘young entrepreneurship’ in upper secondary schools so that over the course of a school year female students can, **if they wish to do so**, experience the lifecycle of a business through the start-up, running and winding up of a company, linking to this process mentoring from teachers and ‘active ageing’ advisors from the local business community;

Or. es

Amendment 92
Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on Member States to embrace national educational concepts **for** ‘young entrepreneurship’ in upper secondary schools so that over the course of a school year female students can experience the lifecycle of a business through the start-up, running and winding up of a company, linking to this process mentoring from teachers and ‘active ageing’ advisors from the local business community;

Amendment

7. Calls on Member States to embrace national educational concepts **to raise girls’ awareness of entrepreneurship and women in management and develop** ‘young entrepreneurship’ in upper secondary schools so that, over the course of a school year, female students can experience the lifecycle of a business through the start-up, running and winding up of a company, linking to this process mentoring from teachers and ‘active ageing’ advisors from the local business community;

Or. fr

Amendment 93
Mary Honeyball, Marina Yannakoudakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Recognises that from a young age many girls are discouraged from pursuing school and university subjects perceived as inherently 'masculine', such as science, maths and technology; encourages educators to broaden the spectrum of possible subjects and careers open to girls, so that they are able to develop the knowledge base and full range of skills necessary for succeeding in business;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. Highlights the importance of fostering girls' and women's employability through skills training and lifelong learning;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Recommends introducing initial courses in the basics of entrepreneurship

at primary school level;

Or. pl

Amendment 96
Eva-Britt Svensson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Asks Member States to encourage female ***one-year*** entrepreneurship or apprenticeship programmes at universities, ***where students conduct development projects based on real business concepts with the objective to already start a viable and profitable company during the years of education; considers furthermore that alumni and student association activities should form an integral part of this process to instil confidence and a ‘role model’ mentality in students;***

Amendment

8. Asks Member States to encourage female entrepreneurship or apprenticeship programmes at universities;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Iratxe García Pérez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Asks Member States to encourage female one-year entrepreneurship or apprenticeship programmes at universities, where students conduct development projects based on real business concepts with the objective to already start a viable and profitable company during the years of education; considers furthermore that alumni and student association activities

Amendment

8. Asks ***the EU institutions, Member States and regional authorities*** to encourage female one-year entrepreneurship or apprenticeship programmes at universities, where students conduct development projects based on real business concepts with the objective to already start a viable and profitable company during the years of education;

should form an integral part of this process to instil confidence and a ‘role model’ mentality in students;

considers furthermore that alumni and student association activities should form an integral part of this process to instil confidence and a ‘role model’ mentality in students; ***asks the Commission to encourage the exchange of best practices in this field;***

Or. es

Amendment 98

Antonya Parvanova

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Asks Member States to encourage female one-year entrepreneurship or apprenticeship programmes at universities, where students conduct development projects based on real business concepts with the objective to already start a viable and profitable company during the years of education; considers furthermore that alumni and student association activities should form an integral part of this process to instil confidence and a ‘role model’ mentality in students;

Amendment

8. Asks Member States to encourage female one-year entrepreneurship or apprenticeship programmes ***and exchanges*** at universities ***around Europe***, where students conduct development projects based on real business concepts with the objective to already start a viable and profitable company during the years of education; considers furthermore that alumni and student association activities should form an integral part of this process to instil confidence and a ‘role model’ mentality in students;

Or. en

Amendment 99

Iratxe García Pérez

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. ***Asks Member States to take account of the European entrepreneur exchange***

Amendment

9. ***Stresses the importance of the European entrepreneur exchange programme***

programme ‘Erasmus for young entrepreneurs’, the specific objective of which is to contribute to enhancing entrepreneurship, internationalisation and competitiveness of potential start-up entrepreneurs in the EU and newly established micro and small enterprises, and which offers new entrepreneurs the possibility to work for up to 6 months with an experienced entrepreneur in his/her SME in another EU country; recommends specific scholarships to be provided for female students with outstanding potential, culminating in ‘best practice’ award ceremonies for successful graduates;

‘Erasmus for young entrepreneurs’, the specific objective of which is to contribute to enhancing entrepreneurship, internationalisation and competitiveness of potential start-up entrepreneurs in the EU and newly established micro and small enterprises, and which offers new entrepreneurs the possibility to work for up to 6 months with an experienced entrepreneur in his/her SME in another EU country; recommends specific scholarships to be provided for female students with outstanding potential, culminating in ‘best practice’ award ceremonies for successful graduates;

Or. es

Amendment 100

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Asks Member States to take account of the European entrepreneur exchange programme ‘Erasmus for young entrepreneurs’, the specific objective of which is to contribute to enhancing entrepreneurship, internationalisation and competitiveness of potential start-up entrepreneurs in the EU and newly established micro and small enterprises, and which offers new entrepreneurs the possibility to work for up to 6 months with an experienced entrepreneur in his/her SME in another EU country; recommends specific scholarships to be provided for female students with outstanding potential, culminating in ‘best practice’ award ceremonies for successful graduates;

Amendment

9. Asks Member States **and Business Europe** to take account of the European entrepreneur exchange programme ‘Erasmus for young entrepreneurs’, the specific objective of which is to contribute to enhancing entrepreneurship, internationalisation and competitiveness of potential start-up entrepreneurs in the EU and newly established micro and small enterprises, and which offers new entrepreneurs the possibility to work for up to 6 months with an experienced entrepreneur in his/her SME in another EU country; recommends specific scholarships to be provided for female students with outstanding potential, culminating in ‘best practice’ award ceremonies for successful graduates;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Asks Member States to **take account** of the European entrepreneur exchange programme ‘Erasmus for young entrepreneurs’, the specific objective of which is to contribute to enhancing entrepreneurship, internationalisation and competitiveness of potential start-up entrepreneurs in the EU and newly established micro and small enterprises, and which offers new entrepreneurs the possibility to work for up to 6 months with an experienced entrepreneur in his/her SME in another EU country; recommends specific scholarships to be provided for female students with outstanding potential, culminating in ‘best practice’ award ceremonies for successful graduates;

Amendment

9. Asks Member States to **raise awareness** of the European entrepreneur exchange programme ‘Erasmus for young entrepreneurs’, the specific objective of which is to contribute to enhancing entrepreneurship, internationalisation and competitiveness of potential start-up entrepreneurs in the EU and newly established micro and small enterprises, and which offers new entrepreneurs the possibility to work for up to 6 months with an experienced entrepreneur in his/her SME in another EU country; recommends specific scholarships to be provided for female students with outstanding potential, culminating in ‘best practice’ award ceremonies for successful graduates;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Silvia Costa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Asks Member States to take account of the European entrepreneur exchange programme ‘Erasmus for young entrepreneurs’, the specific objective of which is to contribute to enhancing entrepreneurship, internationalisation and competitiveness of potential start-up entrepreneurs in the EU and newly

Amendment

9. Asks Member States to take account of, **and promote**, the European entrepreneur exchange programme ‘Erasmus for young entrepreneurs’, the specific objective of which is to contribute to enhancing entrepreneurship, internationalisation and competitiveness of potential start-up entrepreneurs in the EU and newly

established micro and small enterprises, and which offers new entrepreneurs the possibility to work for up to 6 months with an experienced entrepreneur in his/her SME in another EU country; recommends specific scholarships to be provided for female students with outstanding potential, culminating in ‘best practice’ award ceremonies for successful graduates;

established micro and small enterprises, and which offers new entrepreneurs the possibility to work for up to 6 months with an experienced entrepreneur in his/her SME in another EU country; recommends specific scholarships to be provided for female students with outstanding potential, culminating in ‘best practice’ award ceremonies for successful graduates;

Or. it

Amendment 103
Barbara Matera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Asks Member States to take account of the European entrepreneur exchange programme ‘Erasmus for young entrepreneurs’, the specific objective of which is to contribute to enhancing entrepreneurship, internationalisation and competitiveness of potential start-up entrepreneurs in the EU and newly established micro and small enterprises, and which offers new entrepreneurs the possibility to work for up to 6 months with an experienced entrepreneur in his/her SME in another EU country; recommends specific scholarships to be provided for female students with outstanding potential, culminating in ‘best practice’ award ceremonies for successful graduates;

Amendment

9. Asks Member States to take account of, **and publicise**, the European entrepreneur exchange programme ‘Erasmus for young entrepreneurs’, the specific objective of which is to contribute to enhancing entrepreneurship, internationalisation and competitiveness of potential start-up entrepreneurs in the EU and newly established micro and small enterprises, and which offers new entrepreneurs the possibility to work for up to 6 months with an experienced entrepreneur in his/her SME in another EU country; recommends specific scholarships to be provided for female students with outstanding potential, culminating in ‘best practice’ award ceremonies for successful graduates;

Or. it

Amendment 104
Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Asks Member States to take account of the European entrepreneur exchange programme ‘Erasmus for young entrepreneurs’, the specific objective of which is to contribute to enhancing entrepreneurship, internationalisation and competitiveness of potential start-up entrepreneurs in the EU and newly established micro and small enterprises, and which offers new entrepreneurs the possibility to work for up to 6 months with an experienced entrepreneur in his/her SME in another EU country; recommends specific scholarships to be provided for female students with outstanding potential, culminating in ‘best practice’ award ceremonies for successful graduates;

Amendment

9. Asks Member States to take account of the European entrepreneur exchange programme ‘Erasmus for young entrepreneurs’, the specific objective of which is to contribute to enhancing entrepreneurship, internationalisation and competitiveness of potential start-up entrepreneurs in the EU and newly established micro and small enterprises, and which offers new entrepreneurs the possibility to work for up to 6 months with an experienced entrepreneur in his/her SME in another EU country; recommends specific scholarships, ***such as the EU's 'Leonardo da Vinci' grants***, to be provided for female students with outstanding potential, culminating in ‘best practice’ award ceremonies for successful graduates;

Or. es

Amendment 105
Marina Yannakoudakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

9a. Calls on the Member States to make the procurement policy within the public sector "gender neutral";

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 106
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Regrets that in an unstable economic climate many potential female entrepreneurs may be put off starting up a new business; highlights that the development of profitable SMEs by both men and women can help Member States to achieve more sustainable economic growth;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Regina Bastos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Member States to encourage cross-border cooperation programmes aimed at setting up cross-border support centres for women entrepreneurs in order to provide a basis for exchanges of experience, rationalisation of resources, and the sharing of best practice;

Or. pt

Amendment 108
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9b. Encourages Member States to implement policies enabling women to achieve an adequate work-life balance; calls on Member States to adhere in particular to the targets set in the Barcelona European Council Conclusions;

Or. en

Amendment 109
Eva-Britt Svensson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Calls on Member States to harness information and communication technologies that can help to raise awareness and networking support for women, ***such as portals and blogs that provide links to websites of women entrepreneurs, representative organisations, networks, projects and events; emphasises that these technologies can also aid females through the use of flexible, distant, web-based training packages;***

10. Calls on Member States to harness information and communication technologies that can help to raise awareness and networking support for women;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls on Member States to harness information and communication technologies that can help to raise awareness and networking support for women, such as portals and blogs that provide links to websites of women entrepreneurs, representative organisations, networks, projects and events; emphasises that these technologies can also aid females through the use of flexible, distant, web-based training packages;

Amendment

10. Calls on ***the Commission and*** Member States to harness information and communication technologies that can help to raise awareness and networking support for women, such as portals and blogs that provide links to websites of women entrepreneurs, representative organisations, networks, projects and events; emphasises that these technologies can also aid females through the use of flexible, distant, web-based training packages;

Or. da

Amendment 111

Marina Yannakoudakis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

10a. Recognises that "Facebook" and "Twitter" can be important social media platforms for rural and urban female entrepreneurs who wish to market a product or service; requests that the digital divide across Europe be addressed through the improvement of broadband connections, thus allowing women the flexibility to successfully run businesses from home should they wish;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 112

Iratxe García Pérez

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. ***Calls on Member States to encourage females to become involved*** in local chambers of commerce, lobbying groups and industry-based organisations that form the mainstream business community so that they can develop and strengthen competitive business skills;

Amendment

11. ***Emphasises that there is a need to promote women's participation*** in local chambers of commerce, lobbying groups and industry-based organisations that form the mainstream business community so that they can develop and strengthen competitive business skills;

Or. es

Amendment 113

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on Member States to encourage ***females*** to become involved in local chambers of commerce, lobbying groups and ***industry-based*** organisations that form the mainstream business community so that they can develop and strengthen competitive business skills;

Amendment

11. Calls on Member States to encourage ***women*** to become involved in local chambers of commerce, lobbying groups and ***industry based*** organisations that form the mainstream business community so that they can develop and strengthen competitive business skills ***and calls on chambers of commerce in their stead to actively invite female entrepreneurs to become involved;***

Or. en

Amendment 114

Angelika Werthmann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on Member States to encourage females to become involved in local

Amendment

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chambers of commerce, lobbying groups and industry-based organisations that form the mainstream business community so that they can develop and strengthen competitive business skills;

chambers of commerce, lobbying groups and industry-based organisations that form the mainstream business community so that they can develop and strengthen competitive business skills; ***encourages the bodies concerned also to permit this;***

Or. de

Amendment 115
Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on Member States to encourage females to become involved in local chambers of commerce, lobbying groups and industry-based organisations that form the mainstream business community so that they can develop and strengthen competitive business skills;

Amendment

11. Calls on Member States to encourage females to become involved in local chambers of commerce, ***specific NGOs***, lobbying groups and industry-based organisations that form the mainstream business community so that they can develop and strengthen competitive business skills;

Or. es

Amendment 116
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on Member States to encourage females to become involved in local chambers of commerce, lobbying groups and industry-based organisations that form the mainstream business community so that they can develop and strengthen competitive business skills;

Amendment

11. Calls on ***the Commission and*** Member States to encourage females to become involved in local chambers of commerce, lobbying groups and industry-based organisations that form the mainstream business community so that they can develop and strengthen competitive business skills;

Amendment 117
Silvia Costa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls on the Member States to promote the setting up, within local chambers of commerce, of special services and representative groups for female entrepreneurs to assist their empowerment and the development of an enterprise culture;

Or. it

Amendment 118
Nicole Sinclair

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Asks Member States to emphasize the role of NGOs in encouraging and facilitating female entrepreneurship;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Eva-Britt Svensson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls on Member States to introduce concrete measures, mainly through binding quota legislation, to encourage gender balance in boardroom, political and corporate positions;

Or. en

Amendment 120

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Asks Member States to encourage and make provisions for female **leaders of SMEs** to be linked with the appropriate business **leaders** in other fields so that they may have the opportunity to share experiences and practices and gain a better understanding of the wider business world;

12. Asks Member States **and Business Europe** to encourage and make provisions for female **entrepreneurs** to be linked with the appropriate business **partners** in other fields so that they may have the opportunity to share experiences and practices and gain a better understanding of the wider business world;

Or. en

Amendment 121

Iratxe García Pérez

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Asks Member States to encourage and make provisions for female leaders of SMEs to be linked with the appropriate business leaders in other fields so that they may have the opportunity to share experiences and practices and gain a better

12. Asks **the Commission to promote the exchange of best practices in order to encourage entrepreneurship amongst women; asks** Member States to encourage and make provisions for female leaders of SMEs to be linked with the appropriate

understanding of the wider business world;

business leaders in other fields so that they may have the opportunity to share experiences and practices and gain a better understanding of the wider business world;

Or. es

Amendment 122

Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Asks Member States to encourage and make provisions for female leaders of SMEs to be linked with the appropriate business leaders in other fields so that they may have the opportunity to share experiences and practices and gain a better understanding of the wider business world;

Amendment

12. Asks **the Commission and** Member States to encourage and make provisions for female leaders of SMEs to be linked with the appropriate business leaders in other fields so that they may have the opportunity to share experiences and practices and gain a better understanding of the wider business world;

Or. da

Amendment 123

Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

12. Asks Member States to encourage and make provisions for female leaders of SMEs to be linked with the appropriate business leaders in other fields so that they may have the opportunity to share experiences and **exchange good** practices and gain a better understanding of the wider business world;

Or. en

Amendment 124
Antonya Parvanova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Calls on the Commission to set up advice councils with specific expertise on the challenges and barriers of women entrepreneurs as part of the Enterprise Europe network, which could also serve as single contact points for cases of discrimination by financial service providers for access to credit;

Or. en

Amendment 125
Eva-Britt Svensson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Recognises the importance of female ambassadors, ***for example the European Network of Female Entrepreneurship Ambassadors (ENFEA)***, which highlights the role women can play in creating jobs and promoting competitiveness by inspiring women and young girls to set up their own business through activities in schools, universities, community groups and the media; notes that Ambassadors should have various backgrounds, ages and experiences and be active in all industries;

13. Recognises the importance of female ambassadors which highlights the role women can play in creating jobs and promoting competitiveness by inspiring women and young girls to set up their own business through activities in schools, universities, community groups and the media; notes that Ambassadors should have various backgrounds, ages and experiences and be active in all industries;

Or. en

Amendment 126
Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Calls on the Commission to run a campaign promoting women's involvement in work by means of setting up their own companies, and at the same time to provide information about the various instruments available to facilitate business start-ups;

Or. pl

Amendment 127
Regina Bastos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Considers that the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the EU delegations in third countries, in cooperation with the Member States' trade missions, could help develop networks of SMEs run by women;

Or. fr

Amendment 128
Regina Bastos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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female entrepreneurship in the European Union (such as female entrepreneurs' age, area of business, size of business, length of business, *and ethnicity in accordance with the Member States' rules on the protection of personal data*) with the help of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions and the European Gender Institute; and analyse these data in the annual report on EU SMEs of the SME Performance Review;

Or. en

Amendment 129
Marina Yannakoudakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls on the Commission to collect comparable and comprehensive data on female entrepreneurship in the European Union (such as female entrepreneurs' ethnicity, age, area of business, size of business, length of business) with the help of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions and the European Gender Institute and analyse *these* data in the annual report on EU SMEs of the SME Performance Review;

Amendment

14. Calls on the Commission to collect comparable and comprehensive data on female entrepreneurship in the European Union (such as female entrepreneurs' ethnicity, age, area of business, size of business, length of business) with the help of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions and the European Gender Institute, *in a way that does not pose an extra burden on SMEs*, and analyse *this* data in the annual report on EU SMEs of the SME Performance Review;

Or. en

Amendment 130
Antonia Parvanova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls on the Commission to collect comparable and comprehensive data on female entrepreneurship in the European Union (such as female entrepreneurs' ethnicity, age, area of business, size of business, length of business) with the help of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions and the European Gender Institute and analyse these data in the annual report on EU SMEs of the SME Performance Review;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 131
Nicole Sinclaire

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls on the Commission to collect comparable and comprehensive data on female entrepreneurship in the European Union (such as female entrepreneurs' ethnicity, age, area of business, size of business, length of business) with the help of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions and the European Gender Institute and analyse these data in the annual report on EU SMEs of the SME Performance Review;

Amendment

14. Calls on the Commission to collect comparable and comprehensive data on female entrepreneurship in the European Union (such as female entrepreneurs' ethnicity, age, area of business, size of business, length of business) with the help of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions and the European Gender Institute ***in a way that does not pose an extra burden on SMEs*** and analyse these data in the annual report on EU SMEs of the SME Performance Review;

Or. en

Amendment 132
Zita Gurmai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls on the Commission to collect comparable and comprehensive data on female entrepreneurship in the European Union (such as female entrepreneurs' ethnicity, age, area of business, size of business, length of business) with the help of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions and the European Gender Institute and analyse these data in the annual report on EU SMEs of the SME Performance Review;

Amendment

14. Calls on the Commission to collect comparable and comprehensive data on female entrepreneurship in the European Union (such as female entrepreneurs' ethnicity, age, area of business, size of business, length of business) with the help of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions and the European Gender Institute and analyse these data in the annual report on EU SMEs of the SME Performance Review, ***the collected data and information should enlighten decision makers on the specific problems women entrepreneurs face***;

Or. en

Amendment 133
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

14a. Welcomes the Commission's 2008 study on women innovators and entrepreneurship, and urges Member States to adhere to its policy recommendations;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 134
Eva-Britt Svensson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls for measures to be taken by Member States to improve the social, cultural and legal position of female co-entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs in SMEs, ***especially in science, engineering and industrial sectors in urban and rural areas;***

Amendment

15. Calls for measures to be taken by Member States to improve the social, cultural and legal position of female co-entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs in SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls for measures to be taken by Member States to improve the social, ***cultural and legal*** position of female co-entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs in SMEs, especially in science, engineering and industrial sectors in urban and rural areas;

Amendment

15. Calls for measures to be taken by ***the Commission and*** Member States to improve the social position of female co-entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs in SMEs - ***through better maternity arrangements, better childcare facilities and care facilities for elderly persons and persons with special needs, as well as better social security provision, and by breaking down gender stereotypes - and to improve their , cultural and legal position,*** especially in science, engineering and industrial sectors in urban and rural areas;

Or. da

Amendment 136
Iratxe García Pérez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls for measures to be taken by Member States to improve the social, cultural and legal position of female co-entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs in SMEs, especially in science, engineering and industrial sectors in urban and rural areas;

Amendment

15. Calls for measures to be taken by Member States **and regional and local authorities** to improve the social, cultural and legal position of female co-entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs in SMEs, especially in science, engineering and industrial sectors in urban and rural areas;

Or. es

Amendment 137
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls for measures to be taken by Member States to improve the social, cultural and legal position of female co-entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs in SMEs, especially in science, engineering and industrial sectors in urban and rural areas;

Amendment

15. Calls for measures to be taken by Member States to improve the social, cultural and legal position of female co-entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs in SMEs, especially in science, engineering, **green** and **low carbon technology and** industrial sectors in urban and rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 138
Antonya Parvanova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

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Member States to improve the social, cultural and legal position of female co-entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs in SMEs, especially in science, engineering and industrial sectors in urban and rural areas; ***insists that Member states promote equal access to procurement contracts for women-owned businesses;***

Or. en

Amendment 139
Marina Yannakoudakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Encourages Member States to promote female entrepreneurship in industry, particularly in the research, science, technology, new media, cinema, environment, agriculture and engineering sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 140
Lívia Járóka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Urges Member States to examine obstacles to self-employment by Romani women, and to create programmes to enable accessible, fast, and inexpensive registration for Romani women entrepreneurs and self-employed persons, to establish avenues for accessible credit – including micro-credit – for the financing

of undertakings by Romani women, and urges the Commission to support these activities through relevant funding mechanisms;

Or. en

Amendment 141

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Calls on Member States to actively combat false self-employment by effectively defining self-employment and sanctioning false self-employment;

Or. en

Amendment 142

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15b. Calls on the European Commission and the Member States to set up a programme aimed at helping those active in domestic work, care work or other service work, mainly women, who are neither employed nor self-employed to enter declared self-employment or set up their own enterprise;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Eva-Britt Svensson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Member States to offer support to women who want to start, buy or take over companies, ***such as family-owned businesses***; considers that the support should be targeted on the specific requirements of these women, ***such as strengthening self-esteem and skills that will enable women to successfully navigate an acquisition situation; in particular appraisals, valuing a company, banking and legal issues***;

Amendment

16. Calls on the Member States to offer support to women who want to start, buy or take over companies, considers that the support should be targeted on the specific requirements of these women;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Member States to offer support to women who ***want*** to start, ***buy*** or ***take over companies***, such as ***family-owned businesses***; considers that the support should ***be targeted on the specific requirements*** of these women, ***such as strengthening self-esteem and skills that will enable women*** to successfully navigate an acquisition situation; in particular appraisals, valuing a company, banking and legal issues;

Amendment

16. Calls on the Member States to offer support to women who ***are planning*** to start or ***to buy a company, including those who are involved in the liberal professions*** such as ***owning a private law or medical practice***; considers that the support should ***consist of appropriate training seminars and workshops in order to enable*** these women ***to acquire the managerial*** skills to successfully navigate an acquisition situation; in particular appraisals, valuing a company, banking and legal issues;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Member States to offer support to women who want to start, buy or take over companies, such as family-owned businesses; considers that the support should be targeted on the specific requirements of these women, such as strengthening self-esteem and skills that will enable women to successfully navigate an acquisition situation; in particular appraisals, valuing a company, banking and legal issues;

Amendment

16. Calls on ***the Commission and*** Member States to offer support to women who want to start, buy or take over companies, such as family-owned businesses; considers that the support should be targeted on the specific requirements of these women, such as strengthening self-esteem and skills that will enable women to successfully navigate an acquisition situation, in particular appraisals, valuing a company, banking and legal issues;

Or. da

Amendment 146
Antonyia Parvanova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Member States to offer support to women who want to start, buy or take over companies, such as family-owned businesses; considers that the support should be targeted on the specific requirements of these women, such as strengthening self-esteem and skills that will enable women to successfully navigate an acquisition situation; in particular appraisals, valuing a company, banking and legal issues;

Amendment

16. Calls on the Member States to offer support to women who want to start, buy or take over companies, such as family-owned businesses; considers that the support should be targeted on the specific requirements of these women, such as strengthening self-esteem and skills that will enable women to successfully navigate an acquisition situation; in particular appraisals, valuing a company, banking and legal issues, ***acknowledges that particular attention should be given to women under age of 25 and over the age of 50, as they are more affected by the financial crisis;***

Amendment 147
Regina Bastos, Marina Yannakoudakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls on Poland to emphasise female entrepreneurship throughout its presidency, particular in early October with the arrival SME week;

Or. en

Amendment 148
Marina Yannakoudakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls on family owned businesses to provide the same level of opportunity for female relatives - such as daughters - when considering the passing down or transfer of a company;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Silvia Costa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls on the Member States to adopt measures to make it easier to reconcile the

competing demands of family and professional life, to facilitate women's employment and to help improve career prospects for the self-employed;

Or. it

Amendment 150
Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Asks the Commission to protect the image of women in all forms of communications media, thereby combating the received idea that women are inherently vulnerable and supposedly incapable of competitive and business leadership qualities;

Or. es

Amendment 151
Zita Gurmai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls on the EU and the Member States to launch awareness raising campaigns to break the stereotypes according to which women are not meant to be successful business leaders;

Or. en

Amendment 152
Britta Thomsen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls on the Commission to propose, as soon as possible, an action plan to increase the proportion of women entrepreneurs;

Or. da

Amendment 153
Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Points to the need to encourage initiatives to help devise and implement positive action and human resources policies at company level to promote gender equality, while also laying greater emphasis on awareness-raising and training measures serving to promote, transfer, and incorporate practices that have been successful in organisations and companies;

Or. pt

Amendment 154
Angelika Werthmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Heading: Access to social 'entitlements'

16a. Calls on the Member States to facilitate access for women to social entitlements such as health insurance and pension provision;

Or. de

Amendment 155

Marina Yannakoudakis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Recognises that the 23 February 2011 Small Business Act for Europe review has delivered a strong agenda for SMEs, but asks that the notion of "think small first" still be considered in everything the EU and Member States implement;

Or. en

Amendment 156

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Calls on Member States to make sure that self-employed people have adequate access to social protection rights such as maternity, paternity, parental and filial leave, to affordable and quality childcare, to insurance against sickness, disability or unemployment, to pension provisions and

to legal assistance;

Or. en

Amendment 157
Silvia Costa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Calls on the Member States to support programmes designed to enable migrant women to work on a self-employed basis or set up a business by such means as training and mentoring policies and credit access support measures;

Or. it

Amendment 158
Angelika Werthmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Calls on the Member States to ensure that, for women entrepreneurs, family life and work can be reconciled and to establish appropriate childcare facilities;

Or. de

Amendment 159
Zita Gurmai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Calls on Member States and the EU to treat women entrepreneurs the same way as employees when it comes to social and other community services, especially when services related to maternity;

Or. en

Amendment 160
Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Urges the Member States to recognise companies that are seeking to promote gender equality and facilitating work-life balance, the object being to help disseminate practices making for excellence in this field;

Or. pt

Amendment 161
Silvia Costa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16c. Calls on the Member States to promote Corporate Social Responsibility among women-run businesses to help ensure women's work and working hours are organised on a more flexible basis and to encourage the provision of family-friendly services;

Amendment 162
Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16c. Calls on the Commission to promote vocational training policies and programmes for women, including the development of computer literacy skills, with a view to increasing female participation in industrial sectors, taking into account the financial support available at local, national, and Community levels and providing greater incentives for it to be used by large companies and SMEs;

Or. pt

Amendment 163
Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16d. Calls on the Commission to intensify the support given to vocational training programmes for women in industrial SMEs and support for research and innovation, in line with the Seventh Framework Programme and the European Charter for Small Enterprises, as approved in Annex III to the presidency conclusions of the Santa Maria da Feira European Council of 19 and 20 June 2000;

Amendment 164
Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16e. Regrets the low level of female participation in management and labour organisations, and calls on the social partners to intensify gender equality training for negotiators and those responsible for collective agreements, and to strengthen women's participation in their decision-making bodies;

Or. pt

Amendment 165
Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16f. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to encourage balanced representation of women and men on the management boards of companies, particularly where Member States are shareholders;

Or. pt

Amendment 166
Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16g. Points to the need to encourage the establishment of women's networks within companies, between companies in the same industrial sector, and between industrial sectors;

Or. pt

Amendment 167

Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16h. Deplores the low proportion of women in the advanced technology sector, and points to the importance of operational education and training programmes in science and technology to guarantee the quality, and diversify the range, of training opportunities for women in the Member States and to encourage girls to opt for scientific and technological studies;

Or. pt

Amendment 168

Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16i. Urges the Member States and the Commission to devise and implement strategies to address discrepancies both within the work environment and in terms

*of career development for women working
in science and technology;*

Or. pt

Amendment 169
Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 j (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16j. Considers it important to disseminate existing good practice regarding women's participation in industrial research and cutting-edge industries; points to the importance of making management in industrial companies with low female participation more aware of the gender perspective, which should translate into numerical targets;

Or. pt