Amendment 11 Malin Björk, Nikolaj Villumsen on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 12 Manuel Bompard on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 13 Marc Botenga on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Amendment

Stresses that new own resources 11. should not come at the expense of workers and therefore calls for the Union and Member States to fund the recovery through taxes targeting both big multinational companies and the wealthiest individuals, to propose an ambitious wealth tax, to establish an effective minimum corporate income tax rate of 25 %, with higher rates for the most profitable multinational companies, especially those in the financial sector that have profited from short-term and speculative transactions, and to support a financial transaction tax;

Or. en

Amendment 14 Nikolaj Villumsen, Malin Björk on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Expresses disappointment 13a. regarding the lack of clear commitment to the Green Transition; believes that 50 % of the MFF and recovery fund should be allocated to climate and biodiversity spending; insists that climate and biodiversity-related expenditure must be tracked using a more robust, transparent and comprehensive methodology than the current OECD Rio Market system based on the conservativeness principle, including having expenditure resulting in a negative impact on the climate and biodiversity count negatively towards the total allocation;

Or. en

Amendment 15 Nikolaj Villumsen, Malin Björk on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. Points out that the contribution to climate and biodiversity spending of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) has been grossly overestimated as highlighted by the European Court of Auditors; takes note of the findings from the European Court of Auditors' Special Report 13/2020 of the CAP 2014-2020 not having contributed to halting the decline in biodiversity; stresses in this regard the need to end all harmful agricultural subsidies, including campaigns promoting animal-based products;

Or. en

Amendment 16 Nikolaj Villumsen, Malin Björk on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13c. Stresses that the climate mainstreaming of the MFF and recovery fund must happen in a way that is socially just, making sure that the burdens are carried according to the polluter pays principle and not placed on the most vulnerable people and communities; highlights in this regard the necessity of securing good and decent jobs for workers in sectors affected by the green transition in ensuring an economic recovery that is both socially and environmentally sustainable;

Or. en

Amendment 17 Marc Botenga, Luke Ming Flanagan on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Stresses that the interinstitutional negotiations should include the MFF figures per heading and per programme; highlights that flagship programmes are now at risk of experiencing an immediate drop in funding from 2020 to 2021; points out, furthermore, that as of 2024, the EU budget as a whole will be below 2020 levels, jeopardising the EU's commitments and priorities, notably the Green Deal and the Digital Agenda; insists that targeted increases on top of the figures proposed by the European Council must single out programmes relating to the climate, the digital transition, health, youth, culture, infrastructure, research, border management and solidarity (such as Horizon Europe, InvestEU, Erasmus+, the Child Guarantee, the Just Transition Fund, Digital Europe, the Connecting Europe Facility, LIFE+, EU4health, the Integrated Border Management Fund, Creative Europe, the Right and Values programme, the European Defence Fund, the Neighbourhood, Development and **International Cooperation Instrument** (NDICI) and humanitarian aid), as well as relevant EU agencies and the European Public Prosecutor's Office:

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Or. en

Amendment 18 Luke Ming Flanagan, Helmut Scholz on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses that in order to align the political priorities and spending programmes, it is of the utmost importance to include horizontal principles in both the MFF and NGEU regulations, but also in all other relevant legislation, the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the pursuit of competitive and future-oriented long-term EU objectives, a fair and socially inclusive transition, a legally binding climate-related spending target of 30 % and a biodiversity-related spending target at 10 %; stresses, therefore, that a transparent, comprehensive and meaningful tracking methodology should be adopted swiftly, and adapted if necessary during the MFF mid-term revision, for both climate-related spending and biodiversity-related spending; points out the need to enshrine, in both the MFF and NGEU regulations, the 'do no harm' principle; highlights, furthermore, the need to gradually phase out fossil fuel subsidies; calls on the Commission to consider referring to the Taxonomy Regulation for investments;

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Or. en

Amendment 19 João Ferreira, Sandra Pereira on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Considers that investment options must be aligned with the real needs of the peoples and Member States; denounces and rejects any form of economic and political conditionality, enshrined in this Council agreement, whether in the use of MFF funds or in the use of funds from the Recovery Plan, which intend to interfere in the sovereign decisions of States, namely concerning programming and execution of the funds;

Or. en

Amendment 20 João Ferreira, Sandra Pereira on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Considers the Recovery Fund insufficient in view of the existing investment needs; warns that this Fund represents, both in its component of loans and in its component of 'grants', an anticipation of funds that will be paid later, either through the repayment of what is borrowed or with the reduction of future transfers from the budget from 2028 onward;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Marc Botenga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses that a clear and realistic repayment plan is key to the overall success of the NGEU and represents a credibility test for the EU as a whole; believes that the repayment of the debt incurred must not be made at the expense of future EU budgets and generations of Europeans, and should start as soon as possible; calls for RRF spending to be clearly advertised as such, and for it to be subject to appropriate transparency requirements, including publication requirements for a list of final beneficiaries;

Amendment

Stresses that a clear and realistic 23. repayment plan is key to the overall success of the NGEU and represents a credibility test for the EU as a whole; believes that the repayment of the debt incurred must not be made at the expense of social rights, salaries, pensions or public services, future EU budgets and generations of Europeans, and should start as soon as possible; calls for RRF spending to be clearly advertised as such, and for it to be subject to appropriate transparency requirements, including publication requirements for a list of final beneficiaries;

Or. en

Amendment 22 Nikolaj Villumsen, Malin Björk on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Deeply regrets that the agreement does not ensure that financial assistance is only provided to undertakings that respect the applicable collective agreement or that recipient undertakings refrain from making share buy backs or paying dividends to shareholders and bonuses to executives; further regrets that the agreement does not ensure that state aid and financial assistance is not provided to undertakings registered in countries listed on the Union's list of noncooperative jurisdictions for tax-purposes;

Or. en

Amendment 23 Nikolaj Villumsen, Malin Björk on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24b. Is highly concerned about the significant loss of public revenue because of tax avoidance linked to EU Member States; considers it pivotal that companies are excluded from financial assistance schemes if they are based in tax heavens within the EU;

Or. en