



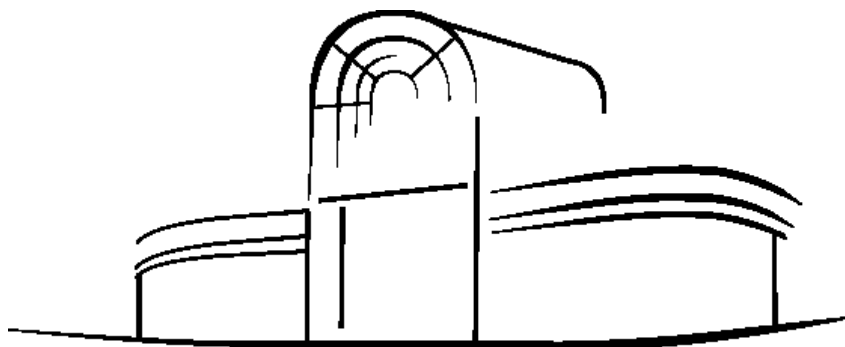
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European Parliament resolution of 15 April 2015 on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, in accordance with point 13 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management (application EGF/2014/017 FR/Mory-Ducros, from France) (COM(2015)0068 – C8-0058/2015 – 2015/2056(BUD))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2015)0068 – C8-0058/2015),
- having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006¹ (EGF Regulation),
- having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020², and in particular Article 12 thereof,
- having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management³ (IIA of 2 December 2013), and in particular point 13 thereof,
- having regard to the trilogue procedure provided for in point 13 of the IIA of 2 December 2013,
- having regard to the letter of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs,

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855.

² OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884.

³ OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

- having regard to the letter of the Committee on Regional Development,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A8-0124/2015),
- A. whereas the Union has set up legislative and budgetary instruments to provide additional support to workers who are suffering from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns or of the global financial and economic crisis and to assist their reintegration into the labour market,
 - B. whereas the Union's financial assistance to workers made redundant should be dynamic and made available as quickly and efficiently as possible, in accordance with the Joint Declaration of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission adopted during the conciliation meeting on 17 July 2008, and having due regard to the IIA of 2 December 2013 in respect of the adoption of decisions to mobilise the EGF,
 - C. whereas the adoption of the EGF Regulation reflects the agreement reached between the Parliament and the Council to reintroduce the crisis mobilisation criterion, to increase the Union financial contribution to 60 % of the total estimated cost of proposed measures, to increase efficiency for the treatment of EGF applications in the Commission and by the Parliament and the Council by shortening the time for assessment and approval, to widen eligible actions and beneficiaries by introducing self-employed persons and young people and to finance incentives for setting up own businesses,
 - D. whereas France submitted application EGF/2014/017 FR/Mory-Ducros for a financial contribution from the EGF, following 2513 redundancies in Mory-Ducros SAS operating in the NACE Rev. 2 division 49 ('Land transport and transport via pipelines') with redundancies spread over 84 sites in the whole of mainland France,
 - E. whereas the application fulfils the eligibility criteria set up by the EGF Regulation,
 1. Agrees with the Commission that the conditions set out in Article 4(1)(a) of the EGF Regulation are met and that, therefore, France is entitled to a financial contribution under that Regulation;
 2. Notes that the French authorities submitted the application for EGF financial contribution on 6 October 2014, and that its assessment was made available by the Commission on 23 February 2015; welcomes the speedy evaluation of less than five months;
 3. Notes that the total costs are EUR 10 087 000, of which EUR 35 000 is dedicated to control and certification, and that the financial contribution of the EGF amounts to EUR 6 052 200, which represents 60 % of the total costs;
 4. Considers that the redundancies in Mory-Ducros SAS are linked to the general decline in physical output in Europe, which lead to a the reduction in volumes to be transported and triggered a price war in the road haulage sector , resulting in a steady deterioration in operating margins and a series of losses for the sector in France since 2007; notes that this has been followed by a wave of bankruptcies, including that of Mory-Ducros; concludes that those events are directly linked to the global financial and economic crisis;
 5. Emphasises that as a result of the settlement following the closure of Mory-Ducros SAS, a newly-created entity MORY Global acquired 50 agencies out of a total of 84 and re-

employed 2 107 workers out of 4 911 and, therefore, 2 804 workers were effectively made redundant;

6. Underlines that over 17 % of the beneficiaries expected to be targeted by the proposed actions are in the 55-64 age group and that their participation in the proposed support measures would help them to avoid long-term unemployment and social exclusion;
7. Notes that, to date, the 'Land transport and transport via pipelines' sector has been the subject of another EGF application (EGF/2011/001 AT/Nieder- und Oberoesterreich) which was also based on the global financial and economic crisis;
8. Welcomes the fact that, in order to provide workers with speedy assistance, the French authorities decided to initiate the implementation of the personalised services to the affected workers on 24 February 2014, well ahead of the decision and even the application on the granting the EGF support for the proposed coordinated package;
9. Notes that the personalised services to be provided consist of only one action to be implemented by a one-stop-shop (Cellule de reclassement) which is run by three contracting agencies; notes that France requests only the funding of this one-stop-shop from the EGF; expects the Commission and the French authorities to strictly follow the principle according to which payments to the agencies will be made by instalment and on the basis of results achieved;
10. Notes that the three contractors operating the Cellule de reclassement were selected by the judicial administrator following consultations with the representatives of the redundant workers, the objective being to cover mainland France as much as possible and to ensure the re-integration of the largest possible number of the targeted workers;
11. Considers that the monitoring of the activity of the agencies by means of regular written reports ensures the appropriate use of the EGF funding to provide participants with a personalised career path, a sufficient number of job offers and mentoring for business creation within the framework of the one-stop-shop system;
12. Recalls that EGF funding is intended to help the workers find new employment through training and not in any case to support the agencies and their administrative costs;
13. Notes that the task of the contractors is to assist and guide the redundant workers and help them find solutions enabling them to remain in the labour market and start new jobs;
14. Considers that workers in the 55-64 age group are at a higher risk of prolonged unemployment and exclusion from the labour market; considers therefore that these workers have specific needs when it comes to providing them with a personalised approach;
15. Recalls that in line with Article 7 of the EGF Regulation, the design of the coordinated package of personalised services should anticipate future labour market perspectives and required skills and should be compatible with the shift towards a resource-efficient and sustainable economy;
16. Welcomes the use of the European Social Fund for further active measures (e.g. longer training courses), which are not included in the application submitted by France;

17. Deplores the absence of funds devoted to EGF communication and promotion measures; considers that publicity and information around these actions plays an important role not only in attracting beneficiaries, but also in highlighting the Union's action in the social field;
18. Expects that the French authorities will comply with the provisions of the EGF Regulation as regards providing information and publicising the funded actions, despite the fact that they did not request funding for preparatory activities, management and information and publicity;
19. Notes that the information provided on the coordinated package of personalised services to be funded from the EGF includes information on complementarity with actions funded by the Structural Funds; stresses that the French authorities confirm that the eligible actions do not receive assistance from other Union financial instruments; reiterates its call to the Commission to present a comparative evaluation of those data in its annual reports in order to ensure full respect of the existing regulations and that no duplication of Union-funded services can occur;
20. Appreciates the improved procedure put in place by the Commission, following the Parliament's request for the accelerated release of grants; notes the time pressure that the new timetable implies and the potential impact on the effectiveness of case instruction;
21. Approves the decision annexed to this resolution;
22. Instructs its President to sign the decision with the President of the Council and arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
23. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, including its annex, to the Council and the Commission.

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (application EGF/2014/017 FR/Mory-Ducros, from France)**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006¹, and in particular Article 15(4) thereof,Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management², and in particular point 13 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) was established to provide support for workers made redundant and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation, as a result of a continuation of the global financial and economic crisis addressed in Regulation (EC) No 546/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council³, or as a result of a new global financial and economic crisis and to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market.
- (2) Article 12 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013⁴ allows the mobilisation of the EGF within a maximum annual amount of EUR 150 million (2011 prices).
- (3) France submitted an application to mobilise the EGF, in respect of redundancies in Mory-Ducros SAS in France, on 6 October 2014 and supplemented it by additional information as provided by Article 8(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013. This

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855.

² OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

³ Regulation (EC) No 546/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 on establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (OJ L 167, 29.6.2009, p. 26).

⁴ Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884).

application complies with the requirements for determining a financial contribution from the EGF as laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013.

- (4) The EGF should, therefore, be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution of an amount of EUR 6 052 200 for the application submitted by France,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR 6 052 200 in commitment and payment appropriations.

Article 2

This decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at

For the European Parliament
The President

For the Council
The President



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Decision establishing the Social Protection Committee *

European Parliament legislative resolution of 15 April 2015 on the draft Council decision establishing the Social Protection Committee and repealing Decision 2004/689/EC (05126/2015 – C8-0025/2015 – 2015/0802(CNS))

(Special legislative procedure – consultation)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Council draft (05126/2015),
 - having regard to Article 160 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C8-0025/2015),
 - having regard to Rule 59 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (A8-0066/2015),
1. Approves the Council draft as amended;
 2. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 3. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to substantially amend its draft;
 4. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

Amendment 1

Draft decision
Recital 3

Council draft

(3) In its Conclusions of 17 December 1999 on the strengthening of cooperation for modernising and improving social protection², the Council supported the Commission's proposal to establish a mechanism for enhanced cooperation, brought about by the work of the group of high-level officials, for the implementation of this action. The Council stressed that this kind of cooperation should cover all forms of social protection and, where necessary, help the Member States to improve and strengthen their social protection systems in accordance with their national priorities. It also recalled the competence of the Member States for the organisation and financing of social protection and endorsed the four broad objectives within the overall challenge of modernising social protection systems as identified by the Commission: namely to make work pay and provide secure income, to make pensions safe and pension systems sustainable, to promote social inclusion and to ensure high quality and sustainable health care; it also underlined that equality between women and men must be mainstreamed in all activities aiming at these four objectives. Finally, the Council recognised that the aspects relating to finance are common to all the objectives.

² OJ C 8, 12.1.2000, p. 7.

Amendment 2

Draft decision Recital 7

Council draft

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² OJ C 8, 12.1.2000, p. 7.

Amendment

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social and labour market situation within EMU, notably by using appropriate social and employment indicators within the European semester. It is also important to ensure better coordination of employment *and* social policies, while fully respecting national competences.

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(Special legislative procedure – consultation)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Council draft (05125/2015),
 - having regard to Article 150 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union , pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C8-0026/2015),
 - having regard to Rule 59 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (A8-0065/2015),
1. Approves the Council draft;
 2. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 3. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to substantially amend the text approved by Parliament;
 4. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.



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Amendment of the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020

European Parliament legislative resolution of 15 April 2015 on the draft Council regulation amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014/2020 (05479/2015 – C8-0047/2015 – 2015/0010(APP))

(Special legislative procedure – consent)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft Council regulation (05479/2015),
 - having regard to the request for consent submitted by the Council in accordance with Article 312 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 106a of Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community (C8-0047/2015),
 - having regard to its resolution of 15 April 2014 on negotiations on the MFF 2014-2020: lessons to be learned and the way forward¹,
 - having regard to Rule 86 and Rule 99(1), first and third subparagraphs, of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Budgets and the opinion of the Committee on Regional Development (A8-0125/2015),
1. Gives its consent to the draft Council regulation amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 as set out in annex to this resolution;
 2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

¹ Texts adopted, P7_TA(2014)0378.

DRAFT COUNCIL REGULATION

(EU, Euratom) 2015/....

of ...

amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013

laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 312 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 106a thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Acting in accordance with a special legislative procedure,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 19 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013¹ provides that in the event of the adoption after 1 January 2014 of new rules or programmes under shared management for the Structural Funds, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and the Internal Security Fund, the multiannual financial framework is to be revised in order to transfer to subsequent years, in excess of the corresponding expenditure ceilings, allocations not used in 2014. Pursuant to that

¹ Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884).

Article, the revision concerning the transfer of unused allocations for the year 2014 shall be adopted before 1 May 2015.

- (2) As a result of such late adoption, EUR 11 216 187 326 in current prices of the allocation provided for the Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund, EUR 9 446 050 652 in current prices of the allocation provided for the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, and EUR 442 319 096 of the allocation provided for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and the Internal Security Fund could not be committed in 2014 nor carried over to 2015.
- (3) The Annex to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 should therefore be revised by transferring the commitment appropriations not used in 2014 to subsequent years for sub-heading 1b, heading 2 and heading 3. For that purpose, the figures in current prices should be converted into 2011 prices.
- (4) Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at

For the Council
The President

ANNEX

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MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK (EU-28)

(EUR million - 2011 prices)

COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total 2014-2020
1. Smart and Inclusive Growth	49 713	72 047	62 771	64 277	65 528	67 214	69 004	450 554
1a: Competitiveness for growth and jobs	15 605	16 321	16 726	17 693	18 490	19 700	21 079	125 614
1b: Economic, social and territorial cohesion	34 108	55 726	46 045	46 584	47 038	47 514	47 925	324 940
2. Sustainable Growth: Natural Resources	46 981	59 765	58 204	53 448	52 466	51 503	50 558	372 925
of which: Market related expenditure and direct payments	41 254	40 938	40 418	39 834	39 076	38 332	37 602	277 454
3. Security and citizenship	1 637	2 269	2 306	2 289	2 312	2 391	2 469	15 673
4. Global Europe	7 854	8 083	8 281	8 375	8 553	8 764	8 794	58 704
5. Administration	8 218	8 385	8 589	8 807	9 007	9 206	9 417	61 629
of which: Administrative expenditure of the institutions	6 649	6 791	6 955	7 110	7 278	7 425	7 590	49 798
6. Compensations	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
TOTAL COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS	114 430	150 549	140 151	137 196	137 866	139 078	140 242	959 512
as a percentage of GNI	0.88%	1.13%	1.03%	1.00%	0.99%	0.98%	0.98%	1.00%
TOTAL PAYMENT APPROPRIATIONS	128 030	131 095	131 046	126 777	129 778	130 893	130 781	908 400
as a percentage of GNI	0.98%	0.98%	0.97%	0.92%	0.93%	0.93%	0.91%	0.95%
Margin available	0.25%	0.25%	0.26%	0.31%	0.30%	0.30%	0.32%	0.28%
Own Resources Ceiling as a percentage of GNI	1.23%	1.23%	1.23%	1.23%	1.23%	1.23%	1.23%	1.23%

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Armenian genocide 100th anniversary

European Parliament resolution of 15 April 2015 on the centenary of the Armenian Genocide (2015/2590(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide of 1948,
 - having regard to its resolution of 18 June 1987 on a political solution to the Armenian question¹,
 - having regard to its resolution of 12 March 2015 on the Annual report on human rights and democracy in the World 2013 and the EU policy on the matter²,
 - having regard to the Protocol on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Turkey and the Protocol on Development of Relations between the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Turkey signed in Zurich on 10 October 2009,
 - having regard to the statement made on 12 April 2015 by His Holiness Pope Francis,
 - having regard to Rule 123(2) and (4) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas 2015 marks the centennial of the Armenian Genocide perpetrated in the Ottoman Empire;
- B. whereas an increasing number of Member States and national parliaments recognise the Armenian Genocide perpetrated in the Ottoman Empire;
- C. whereas one of the main motivations for the European unification movement is the will to prevent the recurrence of wars and crimes against humanity in Europe;

¹ OJ C 190, 20.7.1987, p. 119.

² Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0076.

- D. whereas Turkey and Armenia have embarked on a process of diplomatic normalisation, signing protocols in 2009 in Zurich on establishing and developing relations;
- E. whereas the importance of keeping alive the memories of the past is paramount, since there can be no reconciliation without truth and remembrance;
1. Pays tribute, on the eve of the centenary, to the memory of the one-and-a-half million innocent Armenian victims who perished in the Ottoman Empire; joins the commemoration of the centenary of the Armenian Genocide in a spirit of European solidarity and justice; calls on the Commission and the Council to join in the commemoration;
 2. Recalls its resolution of 18 June 1987 in which inter alia it recognised that the tragic events that took place in 1915-1917 against the Armenians in the territory of the Ottoman Empire represent a genocide as defined in the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide of 1948; condemns all occurrences of crimes against humanity and genocide, and strongly deplores any attempts at their denial;
 3. Pays tribute to the memory of the innocent victims of all genocides and crimes committed against humanity; proposes that an International Remembrance Day for Genocides be established, in order to recall again the right of all peoples and all nations throughout the world to peace and dignity;
 4. Stresses that the timely prevention and effective punishment of genocides and crimes against humanity should be among the main priorities of the international community and the European Union;
 5. Welcomes the statements by the President of the Republic of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, and the Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, Ahmet Davutoğlu, offering condolences and recognising atrocities against the Ottoman Armenians as a step in the right direction; encourages Turkey to use the commemoration of the centenary of the Armenian Genocide as an important opportunity to continue its efforts, including the opening of the archives, to come to terms with its past, to recognise the Armenian Genocide and thus to pave the way for a genuine reconciliation between the Turkish and Armenian peoples;
 6. Commends the message delivered by His Holiness Pope Francis honouring the centenary of the Armenian genocide on 12 April 2015 in a spirit of peace and reconciliation;
 7. Invites Turkey to respect and realise fully the obligations which it has undertaken to the protection of cultural heritage and, in particular, to conduct in good faith an integrated inventory of Armenian and other cultural heritage destroyed or ruined during the past century within its jurisdiction;
 8. Invites Armenia and Turkey to use examples of successful reconciliation between European nations and to focus on an agenda that puts cooperation between peoples first; trusts that this will contribute to the historic reconciliation of the Armenian and Turkish people in a spirit of truth and respect; supports civil society initiatives between Turkey and Armenia working towards the normalisation of relations; urges Turkey and Armenia to proceed to a normalisation of their relations by ratifying and implementing, without preconditions, the protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations, by opening the

border and by actively improving their relations, with particular reference to cross-border cooperation and economic integration;

9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the Government and Parliament of the Republic of Armenia, and the Government and Parliament of the Republic of Turkey.



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International Roma Day – anti-Gypsyism in Europe and EU recognition of the memorial day of the Roma genocide during WW II

European Parliament resolution of 15 April 2015 on the occasion of International Roma Day – anti-Gypsyism in Europe and EU recognition of the memorial day of the Roma genocide during World War II (2015/2615(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the preamble to the Treaty on European Union (TEU), notably its second and its fourth to seventh indents,
- having regard to, inter alia, Article 2, Article 3(3), second indent, and Articles 6 and 7 TEU,
- having regard to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union of 7 December 2000 ('the Charter'), which was proclaimed on 12 December 2007 in Strasbourg and entered into force with the Treaty of Lisbon in December 2009,
- having regard to its resolution of 9 March 2011 on the EU strategy on Roma inclusion¹, to the Commission communication of 5 April 2011 on an EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020 (COM(2011)0173), the Commission communication of 2 April 2014 on implementation of the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies (COM(2014)0209), and to the Council recommendation of 9 December 2013 on effective Roma integration measures in the Member States,
- having regard to the outcomes of the 2011 Roma Pilot Survey conducted by the Agency for Fundamental Rights,
- having regard to the Council of Europe Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms,

¹ OJ C 199 E, 7.7.2012, p. 112.

- having regard to the Declaration of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on the Rise of Anti-Gypsyism and racist violence against Roma in Europe, adopted on 1 February 2012,
 - having regard to General Policy Recommendation No 13 of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) on combating anti-Gypsyism and discrimination against Roma,
 - having regard to the comprehensive Action Plan adopted by OSCE participating States, including EU Member States and candidate countries, which focuses on improving the situation of Roma and Sinti within the OSCE area, in which the States undertake inter alia to reinforce their efforts to ensure that Roma and Sinti people are able to play a full and equal part in our societies, and to eradicate discrimination against them,
 - having regard to Rule 123(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Roma, with an estimated population of 10 to 12 million in Europe, are Europe's largest ethnic minority;
 - B. whereas the word 'Roma' is used in this resolution as an umbrella term which includes different related groups throughout Europe, whether sedentary or not, such as Roma, Travellers, Sinti, Manouches, Kalés, Romanichels, Boyash, Ashkalis, Égyptiens, Yéniches, Doms and Loms, that may be diverse in culture and lifestyles;
 - C. whereas anti-Gypsyism, the special kind of racism that is directed towards Roma, is an ideology founded on racial superiority, a form of dehumanisation and institutional racism nurtured by historical discrimination, which is expressed by, among other things, violence, hate speech, exploitation, stigmatisation and the most blatant kind of discrimination;
 - D. whereas anti-Gypsyism is one of the main causes of the discrimination and marginalisation that the Roma people have suffered historically in many European countries;
 - E. whereas many Roma still live in overwhelmingly poor conditions and face extreme levels of social exclusion and discrimination;
 - F. whereas the situation of the European Roma, who have historically been part of society in many European countries, without a single kin-state, and have contributed to Europe as its citizens, is distinct among national minorities in Europe, which justifies specific measures at European level; whereas Roma are part of Europe's culture and values;
 - G. whereas Roma women are often exposed to multiple and intersectional discrimination on grounds of gender and ethnic origin, and have limited access to employment, education, health, social services and decision-making; whereas discrimination can occur within mainstream society in a context of growing anti-Roma racism, but also within the women's communities by reason of their sex;
 - H. whereas the Commission communication of 5 April 2011 on an EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020 called on Member States to adopt or further develop a comprehensive approach to Roma integration and to endorse a number of common goals; whereas the Council recommendation of 9 December 2013 invites Member States to take effective policy measures to ensure equal treatment of Roma and

respect for their fundamental rights, including equal access to education, employment, healthcare and housing;

- I. whereas the date of 27 January, the day of liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, has been designated by the United Nations as International Holocaust Memorial Day;
- J. whereas according to estimates, at least 500 000 Roma were exterminated during World War II by the Nazi and other regimes and their allies, and whereas in some countries more than 80 % of the Roma population was exterminated; whereas at least 23 000 Roma were gassed to death in the Zigeunerlager (Gypsy camp) of Auschwitz-Birkenau during World War II and in one night, from 2 to 3 August 1944, 2 897 Roma, mostly women, children and elderly people, were killed at that camp; whereas, therefore, 2 August has been chosen by Roma organisations as the day to commemorate all Roma victims of this genocide;
- K. whereas the genocide of Roma by the Nazi and other regimes and their allies during World War II is a fact that is still largely ignored and is therefore not acknowledged by the broad public and often not recognised or taught in schools, thus placing Roma people among the ‘ignored’ victims of the genocide during World War II;
- L. whereas commemorating crimes against humanity and gross violations of human rights is crucial in order to pursue the causes of peace, reconciliation, democracy and human rights in Europe; whereas the genocide of the Roma in Europe deserves full recognition commensurate with the gravity of the crimes of the Nazi and other regimes that were designed to physically eliminate the Roma of Europe, as well as Jews and other targeted groups;
- M. whereas recognising and commemorating the genocide of Roma during World War II is important for providing the Roma people with restitution where appropriate for the atrocities committed against them by the Nazi and other regimes and their allies during World War II;
- N. whereas recognition of the genocide of Roma during World War II and the establishment of a dedicated European memorial day would thus constitute an important symbolic step in the fight against anti-Gypsyism and contribute to general knowledge of Roma history in Europe;
 1. Expresses its deep concern at the rise of anti-Gypsyism, as manifested inter alia through anti-Roma rhetoric and violent attacks against Roma in Europe, including murders, which are incompatible with the norms and values of the European Union and constitute a major obstacle to the successful social integration of Roma and to ensuring full respect for their human rights;
 2. Stresses that discrimination and marginalisation are never caused by an inherent weakness of an individual or group suffering from such discrimination and marginalisation, but mainly result from the failure of mainstream society to recognise the rights of individuals and the failure to provide the necessary structures for individuals to invoke those rights;
 3. Calls on the Member States to implement effectively Council Directive 2000/43/EC of 29 June 2000 implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of

racial or ethnic origin, in order to prevent and eliminate discrimination against Roma, in particular in employment, education and access to housing;

4. Underlines the need to combat anti-Gypsyism at every level and by every means, and stresses that this phenomenon is an especially persistent, violent, recurrent and commonplace form of racism; calls on the Member States to further strengthen the fight against anti-Gypsyism as part of their National Roma Integration Strategies promoting best practices;
5. Welcomes the involvement of the Roma communities and NGOs in the implementation of the National Roma Integration Strategies, and calls for their further involvement in the design, monitoring, evaluation and implementation of the NRIS;
6. Stresses the need to ensure that specific measures for women's rights and gender mainstreaming are included in the National Roma Integration Strategies (NRIS), and that assessment and annual monitoring take into account a women's rights and gender equality perspective in each section of the National Roma Integration Strategies;
7. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to consider children a priority when implementing the EU Framework for National Roma Strategies, and reiterates the importance of promoting equal access to housing, healthcare, education and dignified living conditions for Roma children;
8. Calls on the Member States to implement effectively Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA of 28 November 2008 on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law, in order to successfully combat anti-Gypsyism, anti-Roma rhetoric and violent attacks against Roma, as well as the condoning, denial and gross trivialisation of the genocide against Roma;
9. Recalls that Roma are part of Europe's culture and shared values, and therefore encourages the Member States and other European countries to address the history of Roma people through dialogue with citizens and young people, in particular the genocide of Roma during World War II;
10. Condemns utterly and without equivocation all forms of racism and discrimination faced by the Roma, and underlines the need for anti-Gypsyism to be effectively addressed if measures in other fields are to be effective;
11. Calls in this regard on the Commission to effectively monitor and assess Member States' compliance with the fundamental values of the EU; calls on the Commission to ensure that fundamental rights, democracy and the rule of law are respected in all Member States, to effectively monitor and assess Member States' compliance with those values, and to ensure that it responds to any systemic breaches which may occur;
12. Recognises solemnly, therefore, the historical fact of the genocide of Roma that took place during World War II;
13. Calls on the Member States to officially recognise this genocide and other forms of persecution of Roma such as deportation and internment that took place during World War II;

14. Declares that a European day should be dedicated to commemorating the victims of the genocide of the Roma during World War II and that this day should be called the European Roma Holocaust Memorial Day;
15. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States and the candidate countries, the Council of Europe, the OSCE and the United Nations.