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on a tax-free allowance for micro and small enterprises in the EU and a bonus for recruiting young people

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on a tax-free allowance for micro and small enterprises in the EU and a bonus for recruiting young people

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 120 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the financial crisis has affected small businesses in particular,
- B. whereas assistance for SMEs concerns primarily – and quite rightly – research and innovation-related businesses,
- C. whereas, however, research and innovation call for available financial resources which SMEs do not always have,
- D. whereas the European business structure consists mainly of small and medium-sized enterprises,
- E. whereas micro-enterprises, having no more than around ten employees, play a useful and special role in the economies of our countries,
- F. whereas the serious youth unemployment crisis is also hampering recovery,
 1. Calls on the Council and Commission to consider granting micro and small enterprises, for three years, through agreements with national governments, a temporary status providing them with a tax-free allowance of up to €30 000 of annual operating profits;
 2. Calls on the Council and Commission to aid micro and small enterprises by means of a cash bonus, equal to the value of annual social security contributions for three years, if they recruit a young worker on an open-ended contract.