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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the Odysseus initiative and the European Voluntary Service

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the Odysseus initiative and the European Voluntary Service**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Articles 1 and 3 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and Article 165(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the European Voluntary Service (EVS) is a key building block of the nascent European common conscience, which in turn is instrumental in achieving the goal of establishing a ‘Federation in Europe’;
- B. whereas the EVS is also instrumental in promoting Union values, including solidarity, peace and the promotion of human rights through the active engagement of European youth;
- C. whereas just 0.01 % of Europeans aged 18 to 30 years old had joined the EVS in 2014;
- D. whereas it is clear that the EVS is not sufficiently known by the target population;
- E. whereas there is evidence of entry barriers that pose difficulties for directly joining the EVS;
- F. whereas immediate action is required to upgrade and revamp the EVS in order to overcome the shortcomings noted;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to prepare a legislative proposal in order to transform the EVS along the lines proposed by the ‘Odysseus’ initiative, including adding this name to the revamped programme.