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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on reversing the European demographic trend

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on reversing the European demographic trend

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 20 May 2021 on reversing demographic trends in EU regions using cohesion policy instruments¹ and to the question to the Commission on putting forward an EU strategy for demography (O-000041/2021),
 - having regard to Articles 159 and 174 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to the Commission report of 17 June 2020 on the impact of demographic change (COM(2020)0241),
 - having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the EU’s demographic challenges are numerous, including an aging population, a shrinking working-age population, demographic decline, depopulation and brain drain;
- B. whereas the EU’s birth rate is extremely low and COVID-19 has negatively impacted the economic and social expectations of young people, and therefore youth transitions;
1. Calls on the Commission to develop the concept of ‘economy of well-being’ for families and to promote intergenerational solidarity as an important long-term investment;
 2. Stresses the importance of an EU strategy for demography and of targeted investments;
 3. Urges the Commission to invest in the participation of women and youth in the labour market, with the aim of promoting a better work-life balance;
 4. Draws attention to demographic decline and brain drain, which has led to a lack of investments, infrastructure and services, and to the depopulation of some EU regions;
 5. Urges the Commission to launch initiatives on demography that stress the importance of intergenerational equity as a principle of sustainable development and enhance the sharing of best practices between the Member States on family policies.

¹ OJ C 15, 12.1.2022, p. 125.