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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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An EU strategy for the Alpine region
(2015/2324(INI))

Amendment 1
Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Or. de

Amendment 2
Franč Bogovič

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Or. en

Amendment 3
Daniel Buda, Vladimir Urutchev

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Or. en

Amendment 4
Maria Noichl

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1. Highlights the importance of the Alpine region as a **natural environment and as a** place for people to live, work and relax in, thanks to the vital contributions made by agriculture and forestry, **sustainable year-round** tourism and craft trades; welcomes the EU Alpine Strategy as a way to improve **sustainable** economic, environmental and social development in the Alpine region;

Or. de

Amendment 5

Michel Dantin, Herbert Dorfmann

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1. Highlights the importance of the Alpine region as a place for people to live, work and relax in, thanks to the vital contributions made by agriculture and forestry, tourism and craft trades; ***notes that mountain agriculture in the Alps respects the environment and ensures the sustainable management of natural resources and the conservation of the landscape***; welcomes the EU Alpine Strategy as a way to improve economic, environmental and social development in the Alpine region;

Or. fr

Amendment 6

Ulrike Müller, Jasenko Selimovic, Albert Deß, Jørn Dohrmann, Herbert Dorfmann, Ivan Jakovčić, Elisabeth Köstinger, Paolo De Castro, Fredrick Federley

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environmental and social development in the Alpine region;

Or. de

Amendment 7
Viorica Dăncilă

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Or. en

Amendment 8
Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses that the idea behind a macro-regional strategy is the need for better cooperation and coordination to address common challenges in certain cross-border areas more efficiently and effectively than could be achieved by individual measures, as well as problem solving within a relatively small group of countries and regions to facilitate stronger grassroots cohesion in practice within the European Union;

Amendment 9
Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Considers it is important that Alpine region has to address challenges such as globalisation, fundamental structural changes in agriculture and tourism, de-industrialization, digital divide and limited access to services of general interest, climate change, urbanisation, and cope with threats linked to the demographic changes and the ageing of its population;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses that the economic, social and environmental role played by farming in mountain areas needs to be supported by targeted policies that offset the disadvantages faced by mountain farmers and acknowledge the contribution they make to the environmental and social sustainability of large sections of Europe;

Or. it

Amendment 11
Franč Bogovič

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Considers mountainous areas as poles of development and innovation and recognises them as essential element to the well-being of rural populations as well as to the sustainable growth and balanced territorial development of the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Ulrike Müller, Jasenko Selimovic, Albert Deß, Jørn Dohrmann, Herbert Dorfmann, Ivan Jakovčić, Paolo De Castro, Fredrick Federley

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses the need for initiatives to improve mobility, digital infrastructure, energy supply and social migration; considers it necessary for specific traditions in the fields of land use, craft trades and tourism to be preserved when implementing the strategy;

Or. de

Amendment 13

Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Points out that, in particular in rural parts of the Alpine region, progressively established intergenerational cohesion,

extended family ties and family-run farms are of great social significance;

Or. de

Amendment 14
Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Reiterates that the future development of the Alpine region is associated with rural areas, rural development, 'the future of the village' and agriculture in particular;

Or. de

Amendment 15
Franc Bogovič

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Laments the increase in abandonment of – and scrub encroachment on – farmland, which adversely affects not just the landscape, but also water management, biodiversity and energy generation; urges the Commission and Member States to ensure that land and forests are managed in an environmentally friendly way that is adapted to local conditions and to encourage such a development so as to preserve cultural assets and biodiversity;

2. Laments the increase in abandonment of – and scrub encroachment on – farmland, which, given in addition that game and wild animal habitats are being altered and, moreover, sheep, goats, and cattle are increasingly being attacked by wild predators, adversely affects not just the landscape, but also water management, biodiversity and energy generation; urges the Commission and Member States to ensure that land and forests are managed in an environmentally friendly way that is adapted to local conditions and to encourage such a development so as to

preserve cultural assets and biodiversity;

Or. sl

Amendment 16
Herbert Dorfmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Laments the increase in abandonment of – and scrub encroachment on – farmland, which adversely affects not just the landscape **and agricultural productivity**, but also water management (**and hence hydrogeological balance**) and biodiversity; urges the Commission and Member States to ensure that land and forests are managed in an environmentally friendly way that is adapted to local conditions and to encourage such a development so as to preserve cultural assets and biodiversity;

Or. de

Amendment 17
Daniel Buda, Viorica Dăncilă, Vladimir Urutchev

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adapted to local conditions and to encourage such a development so as to preserve cultural *assets and biodiversity*;

adapted to local conditions and to encourage such a development so as to preserve *both the cultural and the environmental diversity of the region; stresses the importance of implementing the principles of circular economy*;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
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Amendment 19
Daniel Buda

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Or. ro

Amendment 20
Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Or. it

Amendment 21
Franc Bogovič

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. points out the need for active synergistic cooperation between farming and other economic activities on areas, protected under the Natura 2000 network, as well as on other protected areas (national parks, countryside parks, etc.) lying in mountain regions;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Michel Dantin, Herbert Dorfmann, Elisabeth Köstinger

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Notes that the Alpine region is Europe's 'water tower' and that the Alps provide enough water to provide up to 90% of the needs of the foothill areas in summer; also notes that the Alps constitute Europe's main biomass reserve; stresses that water is important for hydroelectricity, the irrigation of agricultural land, the sustainable management of forests, preserving biodiversity and the landscape and providing drinking water, which will be even more crucial in coming years in view of climate change; stresses, therefore, the need to step up the exchange of best practices and cross-border cooperation in connection with the Alpine Convention's Water Management Platform between the national bodies responsible for the management of water and river basins;

Or. fr

Amendment 23
Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Criticises the fact that the traditional practices of small-scale livestock and arable farming that for centuries have formed the backbone of the economy in mountain areas are disappearing, in particular as a result of land abandonment and the expansion of intensive farming;

Or. it

Amendment 24
Michel Dantin, Herbert Dorfmann, Elisabeth Köstinger

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Notes that the Alpine region was able at a very early stage to benefit from its waterways by producing hydroelectric power; takes the view that it should be possible to subsidise exchanges of good practice and the modernisation of structures using EU funds, with a view to responding to the growing demand for energy and the influx of tourists;

Or. fr

Amendment 25
Estefanía Torres Martínez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Finds it regrettable that there is currently an increasing tendency towards the indirect expropriation of landowners as part of the implementation of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC and the Biodiversity Strategy; urges the Commission to take action to safeguard property rights as a key component of the development of the Alpine regions;

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Or. es

Amendment 26
Maria Heubuch
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
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Or. en

Amendment 27
Paul Brannen

Draft opinion
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Or. en

Amendment 28
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Amendment 29
Maria Heubuch
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of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC and the Biodiversity Strategy as critical in the effort to preserve fragile landscapes and ecosystems and to protect rare and endangered species; notes that these instruments play an important role in attracting sustainable tourism to Alpine regions and hence contribute to economic development as well as environmental protection; opposes any attempt by the Commission to use the REFIT process to undermine or reduce the level of protection provided by the Habitats Directive.

Or. en

Amendment 30
Herbert Dorfmann

Draft opinion
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Or. de

Amendment 31
Michel Dantin, Herbert Dorfmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Notes that the management and reintroduction of birds of prey and carnivores in the Alpine region is carried out at national and local level although these species do not recognise administrative borders and migration is a cross-border phenomenon by nature in the Alpine region; feels that it is essential, as part of the Alpine strategy and in connection with the Large Carnivores, Wild Ungulates and Society Platform of the Alpine Convention, to improve the exchange of information and best practices and the cross-border protection and management of these species;

Or. fr

Amendment 32
Daniel Buda, Vladimir Urutchev

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Calls on the Commission on developing an extensive strategy for the region on how to cope with climate change since it is foreseen to be highly exposed to changes (e.g. rise in temperature higher than average) and is very much vulnerable to natural disasters (e.g. mudflows, wildfires);

Or. en

Amendment 33
Fredrick Federley, Ulrike Müller

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Points out that cascading use of renewable resources is a principle which if regulated and enforced by law will become a large interference with property rights and might hinder innovation especially for SME:s;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Daniel Buda, Vladimir Urutchev

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. Notes that agricultural units are key to maintain the ecological balance of the region; is of the opinion that the strategy should contribute towards the targets set at COP21; recalls the advantages of on-site energy generation;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Franč Bogovič

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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Amendment

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compliance requirements to be harmonised, simplified and reduced, particularly for smallholders and mountain farmers;

monitoring procedures and cross-compliance requirements to be harmonised, simplified and reduced, particularly for smallholders and mountain farmers;

Or. sl

Amendment 36
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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Amendment

4. Stresses that it must remain possible to use traditional arable and livestock farming practices in mountainous areas, in order to preserve agrarian structures; calls for ***support*** for smallholders and mountain farmers ***to be mainstreamed***;

Or. de

Amendment 37
Jørn Dohrmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses that it ***must*** remain possible to use traditional arable and livestock farming practices in mountainous areas, in order to preserve agrarian structures; calls for monitoring procedures and cross-compliance requirements to be harmonised, simplified and reduced, particularly for smallholders and mountain farmers;

Amendment

4. Stresses that it ***should*** remain possible, ***though without extraordinary subsidies***, to use traditional arable and livestock farming practices in mountainous areas, in order to preserve agrarian structures; calls for monitoring procedures and cross-compliance requirements to be harmonised, simplified and reduced, particularly for smallholders and mountain farmers;

Or. da

Amendment 38
Viorica Dăncilă, Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. recognises the high quality of agricultural products from mountain areas and urges that the designation 'mountain product' be used in their labelling;

Or. ro

Amendment 39
Paolo De Castro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Emphasises the importance of milk production in mountainous parts of the Alpine region, and in particular of the high-quality dairy products that come from that milk; calls on the Commission and the Member States to introduce specific offsetting measures for producers, in order to ensure that livestock farming and dairy production in mountain areas is financially sustainable, in particular for small and medium-sized family-run farms;

Or. it

Amendment 40
Daniel Buda, Vladimir Urutchev

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Considers it important to set up regional programmes to promote decentralised, macro-regional structures for processing and marketing agricultural and forestry products (e.g. cooperatives and producer organisations), in order to strengthen their position in the timber and food value chains and improve employment, food supply and innovation in the regions;

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points out the advantages of securing a broad variety of market opportunities;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Franč Bogovič

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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believes that short supply chains in mountainous areas and local markets are of key importance for preserving agricultural production on small scale farms lying in these areas;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Franc Bogovič

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Believes that the marketing of agricultural products could be improved if they were included within the general tourism products of a given geographical area;

Or. sl

Amendment 43
Elisabeth Köstinger

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls for the optional quality term 'mountain product' to be introduced promptly, on the basis of practical arrangements, and supports initiatives to develop new high-quality products and more effective safeguards against imitators and pirate producers in connection with products from the Alpine region and protected geographical indications;

Or. de

Amendment 44
Paolo De Castro, Herbert Dorfmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Calls for the enhancement of the value of agricultural products, by encouraging initiatives to increase the use and dissemination of the 'mountain products' label and, more in general, promoting the protected geographical indications of products out of the Alpine region.

Or. en

Amendment 45
Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Believes it important to boost the competitiveness of mountain farms, most of which are small, by promoting the formation of producer organisations of all kinds; stresses that networking and the formation of associations between mountain farmers have a number of benefits that help to mitigate the structural weaknesses of mountain farming;

Or. it

Amendment 46
Franc Bogovič

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. recognises the consumers' demand for high-quality food products originating from mountainous areas; encourages the development of sustainable tourism and

*preservation of cultural value and
heritage in mountainous regions;*

Or. en

Amendment 47
Herbert Dorfmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Points out that, in many instances, the dairy industry in particular, which is important for the Alpine region, cannot compete with more favourable locations; states therefore that specific countervailing measures must be provided for under the CAP in order to keep it productive, including, in particular, support for processors turning Alpine milk into high-quality products;

Or. de

Amendment 48
Ulrike Müller, Albert Deß, Jørn Dohrmann, Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls for the introduction of a specific quality label for mountain products, initiatives to develop new high-quality products and better safeguards, in particular by specifying a protected designation of origin for products from the Alpine region;

Or. de

Amendment 49
Estefanía Torres Martínez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Recommends that short marketing chains be promoted for fruit and vegetables; urges the authorities therefore to launch public procurement processes that stimulate the activities of local producers, such as for the supply of schools and hospitals, and to consistently give priority to green farm holdings over industrial agricultural concerns when awarding contracts;

Or. es

Amendment 50
Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Points out that the formation of cooperatives and consortiums reduces the costs borne by individual mountain farmers and gives them the production volumes and bargaining power required in order to deal successfully with distributors;

Or. it

Amendment 51
Franc Bogovič

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. stresses that particular attention should be paid to small scale farms which are mostly family-run;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Ulrike Müller, Jasenko Selimovic, Albert Deß, Jørn Dohrmann, Herbert Dorfmann, Ivan Jakovčić, Elisabeth Köstinger, Paolo De Castro, Fredrick Federley

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Paragraph 5 b (new)

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Amendment

5b. Considers it particularly important to give young farmers long-term prospects in order to address rural depopulation; calls on the Commission and the Member States to promote transnational initiatives to support entrepreneurship, emerging industries and the labour market in agriculture and forestry;

Or. de

Amendment 53

Ulrike Müller, Jasenko Selimovic, Albert Deß, Jørn Dohrmann, Herbert Dorfmann, Ivan Jakovčić, Elisabeth Köstinger, Paolo De Castro, Fredrick Federley

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. Highlights the importance of agritourism as a source of income for small-scale farmers (e. g. farm holidays); calls on the Commission and the Member States to establish programmes to support

*investment and entrepreneurship;
considers it important to support those
farms through specific tourism
campaigns;*

Or. de

Amendment 54
Herbert Dorfmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Points out that the climate and topography of the Alpine regions make it difficult to intensify farming and forestry; urges the Commission and the Member States to promote research and development in the use of grassland, livestock farming and forestry by capacity building to make production more efficient, to preserve traditional forms of farming and livestock breeds and to *assist* the *conversion* of forests *into climate-resilient mixed forests*;

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Or. de

Amendment 55
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
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livestock farming and forestry by capacity building to make production more efficient, to preserve traditional forms of farming, *plant varieties* and livestock breeds, *to ensure that the environment is protected and that biodiversity is preserved*, and to assist the *sustainable* conversion of forests into climate-resilient mixed forests *so that that finite resource, too, can better cope with the challenges of climate change; underscores, in this connection, the risks that climate change harbours for the sensitive Alpine natural environment*;

Or. de

Amendment 56
Estefanía Torres Martínez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Points out that the climate and topography of the Alpine regions make it difficult to intensify farming and forestry; urges the Commission and the Member States to promote research and development in the use of grassland, livestock farming and forestry by capacity building to *make* production *more efficient*, to preserve traditional forms of farming and livestock breeds and *to assist the conversion of forests into climate-resilient mixed forests*;

Amendment

6. Points out that the climate and topography of the Alpine regions make it difficult to intensify farming and forestry; urges the Commission and the Member States to promote research and development in the use of grassland, livestock farming and forestry by capacity building to *improve* production *efficiency and* to preserve traditional forms of farming and livestock breeds, *while safeguarding the biodiversity* of forests;

Or. es

Amendment 57
Marco Zullo

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Draws attention to the significant downward trend in the number of people working in farming and forestry in the Alpine region; believes that those industries need to be revitalised, thus making them more attractive to young people, by emphasising the quality of local products and expanding the market for them by anchoring those products by integrating the industries more effectively in the local economy, in particular in the tourism, crafts and SME sectors, in order to raise farm incomes;

Or. it

Amendment 58

Daniel Buda, Vladimir Urutchev

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to expand education and consultancy structures for agricultural and forestry workers (e.g. training for alpine farming consultants), B. to provide a macro-regional training network and to intensify cooperation between educational, scientific and industrial institutions (e.g. inter-branch trainee and exchange programmes);

7. Calls on the Commission to expand education and consultancy structures for agricultural and forestry workers (e.g. training for alpine farming consultants), B. to provide a macro-regional training network and to intensify cooperation between educational, scientific and industrial institutions (e.g. inter-branch trainee and exchange programmes); ***takes the view that trainings and information on innovations in farming and forestry must be provided in order to enhance the competitiveness of smallholders and family run farms;***

Or. en

Amendment 59
Michel Dantin, Herbert Dorfmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to expand education and consultancy structures for agricultural and forestry workers (e.g. training for alpine farming consultants), **B.** to provide a macro-regional training network and to intensify cooperation between educational, *scientific* and *industrial* institutions (e.g. inter-branch trainee and exchange programmes);

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to expand education and consultancy structures for agricultural and forestry workers (e.g. training for alpine farming consultants), to provide a macro-regional training network and to intensify cooperation **and networking** between educational, **economic** and **scientific** institutions (e.g. inter-branch trainee and exchange programmes) **with a view to promoting green growth in the context of joint research programmes; notes that mountainous areas have always been a major source of innovation, particularly for overcoming natural handicaps;**

Or. fr

Amendment 60
Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to expand education and consultancy structures for agricultural and forestry workers (e.g. training for alpine farming consultants), B. to provide a macro-regional training network and to intensify cooperation between educational, scientific and industrial institutions (e.g. inter-branch trainee and exchange programmes);

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to expand education and consultancy structures for agricultural and forestry workers (e.g. training for alpine farming consultants), B. to provide a macro-regional training network and to intensify cooperation between educational, scientific and industrial institutions (e.g. inter-branch trainee and exchange programmes) **in order to develop cross-border strategic approaches, international projects,**

networking and cooperation to the benefit of the area as a whole;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Jørn Dohrmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to expand education and consultancy structures for agricultural and forestry workers (e.g. training for alpine farming consultants), **B.** to provide a macro-regional training network and to intensify cooperation between educational, scientific and industrial institutions (e.g. inter-branch trainee and exchange programmes);

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to expand education and consultancy structures for agricultural and forestry workers (e.g. training for alpine farming consultants), to provide a macro-regional training network and to intensify cooperation between educational, scientific and industrial institutions (e.g. inter-branch trainee and exchange programmes), ***and to establish an action plan for this sector to overcome the structural handicaps that affect mountainous areas, thus making it possible to create the right conditions for economic growth and effective social and territorial cohesion in the regions;***

Or. da

Amendment 62
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to expand education and consultancy structures for agricultural and forestry workers (e.g. training for alpine farming consultants), to provide a macro-regional training network

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to expand education and consultancy structures for agricultural and forestry workers (e.g. training for alpine farming consultants) to provide a macro-regional training network

and to intensify cooperation between educational, scientific and industrial institutions (*e.g. inter-branch trainee and exchange programmes*);

and to intensify cooperation between educational, scientific and industrial institutions; *underscores the role of women in alpine agriculture, who drive growth and therefore must be given greater support and recognition;*

Or. de

Amendment 63

Ulrike Müller, Jasenko Selimovic, Albert Deß, Jørn Dohrmann, Herbert Dorfmann, Ivan Jakovčić, Elisabeth Köstinger, Paolo De Castro

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Points up the important role of agriculture and rural resources in providing social and educational care for particularly vulnerable people; calls on the Commission to promote social agricultural activities, since, for mountain farmers in particular, they represent a new way of providing alternative services;

Or. de

Amendment 64

Arne Gericke

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Points up the importance of access to a high-speed Internet connection and to digital services and, in addition to purely infrastructure-related development, calls for holistic 'digital villages and regions' approaches, providing sustainable, liveable and family-friendly

environments;

Or. de

Amendment 65

Philippe Loiseau, Laurențiu Rebega, Mario Borghezio, Mara Bizzotto, Gianluca Buonanno

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. urges the Commission to provide "calls" of specific, directly managed, Programs (eg. HORIZON 2020, LIFE etc..) for each macro-regional strategy, beginning with EUSALP;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Arne Gericke

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Points up the social, cultural and economic dimension of alpine traditions and customs and of proven agriculture-based techniques, which should be encouraged and sustained in their diversity, including on a cross-border basis;

Or. de

Amendment 67

Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Notes that SMEs in mountainous regions experience administrative difficulties when applying for funding from the EAFRD; calls on the Commission to align the corresponding support programmes in order to ensure better access to funding and greater success in implementation, which should be of more benefit to small municipalities;

Amendment

8. Notes that SMEs in mountainous regions experience administrative difficulties when applying for funding from the EAFRD; calls on the Commission to align the corresponding support programmes in order to ensure better access to funding and greater success in implementation, which should be of more benefit to small municipalities; ***stresses the need to invest in the infrastructure of mountain areas in order to facilitate access to these regions and hence increase their attractiveness;***

Or. ro

Amendment 68
Michel Dantin, Herbert Dorfmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Notes that, in the Alps, the same person is often required to carry out different activities over the course of a year, sometimes across borders; calls on the Commission, the Member States and local authorities to encourage cooperation between (initial and continuous) professional training operators; stresses the benefits which an Erasmus+ programme devoted to cross-border learning could bring;

Or. fr

Amendment 69

Ulrike Müller, Albert Deß, Jørn Dohrmann, Herbert Dorfmann, Ivan Jakovčić, Paolo De Castro

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Calls for the prospective and current regulatory framework for farms throughout the Alpine region, in particular under the CAP, to be harmonised and simplified respectively; points up the need for specific additional support based on factors such as soil assessment and gradients in order to make it possible to farm sustainably on steep hillsides;

Or. de

**Amendment 70
Nicola Caputo**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Emphasises the fact that the specific characteristics of mountain products stem exclusively from the physical geography of mountain environments (relief, climate, etc.) and from human factors such as the use of processing methods that form part of the cultural traditions of the areas from which they come; calls accordingly on the Commission to introduce special operational programmes for high-quality mountain products, with a view to improving the promotion and marketing of those products;

Or. it

Amendment 71
Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Points up the social dimension of a common Alpine strategy and calls for innovative cooperation, especially in rural areas of the Alpine region, e.g. in order - in connection with demographic development - to provide safe obstetric care facilities throughout rural alpine areas;

Or. de

Amendment 72
Daniel Buda, Vladimir Urutchev, Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 a. Stresses the importance of improving infrastructure in order to reduce the dwindling of small and family farms which are an important economic and social pillar of the region;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. Calls for the direct involvement of regions, local authorities and individuals

In all measures under an EU Alpine strategy, since that is essential to its success;

Or. de

Amendment 74

Ulrike Müller, Albert Deß, Jörn Dohrmann, Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. Considers it important that the EU Alpine strategy should be carried out with existing financial resources, such as the 2014-2020 Structural and Investment Funds, and that no new funding should be introduced; stresses that they must be used efficiently in order to carry out the strategy with greater coordination;

Or. de

Amendment 75

Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. Points out that the creation of special labels for mountain areas, such as 'mountain product', can help increase consumer awareness of those products and make them more recognisable, as well as to keep prices up and provide consumers with information on the traditions on which they are based and their distinctive characteristics and quality, which are the real added value that mountain areas provide;

Amendment 76

Ulrike Müller, Jasenko Selimovic, Albert Deß, Jørn Dohrmann, Ivan Jakovčić, Paolo De Castro

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8c. Welcomes the establishment of a macroregional governance model for the Alpine region so as to foster cross-border cooperation in agriculture and forestry; regards it as important in this connection that there should be improved exchanges of information and experience, on a transnational basis, between associations and producer organisations in the areas of livestock and crop farming and forestry by setting up regular symposia;

Or. de

Amendment 77

Ulrike Müller, Jasenko Selimovic, Albert Deß, Jørn Dohrmann, Herbert Dorfmann, Ivan Jakovčić, Elisabeth Köstinger, Paolo De Castro, Fredrick Federley

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8d. Emphasises that the development of new initiatives requires regional solutions and participatory approaches, with harmonisation of existing and new initiatives, in order to maximise benefit for mountain farming in the Alps and reduce administrative barriers; points out that the Alpine Convention, EU cohesion policy and existing EU initiatives must be taken into account;

Or. de

Amendment 78

Ulrike Müller, Paolo De Castro, Fredrick Federley, Albert Deß

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8e. Considers it especially important that agriculture and forestry stakeholders should be instrumental in carrying out the Commission's action plan at regional level so that a participatory approach and specific issues can be acted on locally;

Or. de

Amendment 79

Herbert Dorfmann

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission and Member States to *establish* support programmes such as INTERREG within rural development policy for agricultural and forestry smallholdings in order to exchange information and best practices.

9. Calls on the Commission and Member States to *expand* support programmes such as INTERREG *and LEADER* within rural development policy for agricultural and forestry smallholdings in order to exchange information and best practices; *underlines the importance, in this connection, of multifunctional small-scale farming in the Alpine region;*

Or. de

Amendment 80

Estefanía Torres Martínez

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls on the Commission and Member States to establish support programmes such as INTERREG within rural development policy for agricultural and forestry smallholdings in order to exchange information and best practices.

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission and Member States to establish support programmes such as INTERREG within rural development policy for **green** agricultural and forestry smallholdings in order to exchange information and best practices, **as a basis for preserving sustainable agriculture geared to the food sovereignty of local communities;**

Or. es

Amendment 81

Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls on the Commission and Member States to establish support programmes such as INTERREG within rural development policy for agricultural and forestry smallholdings in order to exchange information and best practices.

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission and Member States to establish support programmes such as INTERREG within rural development policy for agricultural and forestry smallholdings in order to exchange information and best practices **and to develop synergies between these various programs and focus on a limited and clearly defined set of priorities;**

Or. en

Amendment 82

Jørn Dohrmann

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls on the Commission and Member

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States *to establish support programmes such as INTERREG* within rural development policy for agricultural and forestry smallholdings in order to *exchange information and best practices*.

States, within rural development policy for agricultural and forestry smallholdings, *to use existing EU funds for the Alpine macro-regional strategy, with particular regard to the cohesion policy*, in order to *carry out projects aimed at addressing common challenges*.

Or. da

Amendment 83
Michel Dantin, Herbert Dorfmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Notes that mountainous terrain remains an obstacle to bringing European citizens closer together and that the EU has committed itself to increase funding for cross-border transport infrastructure;

Or. fr

Amendment 84
Maria Heubuch
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9 a. Notes that extensive grassland dairy farming in mountain regions such as the Alps is under threat due to chronically low prices from an oversupply of the market, coupled with structurally high production costs imposed by geography; calls for new regulatory measures within the Common Agricultural Policy to promote and protect mountain dairy

farming, primarily through a publicly regulated system of collective supply management of milk production which provides financial incentives to dairy farmers to reduce production during times of oversupply and low prices, and financial penalties to those who overproduce, in order to stabilise prices;

Or. en