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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Miguel Viegas
(PE595.568v01-00)

The right funding mix for Europe's regions: balancing financial instruments and grants in EU cohesion policy
(2016/2302(INI))

Amendment 1
Luke Ming Flanagan

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the second pillar of the common agricultural policy (rural development) is a crucial element in preserving and strengthening social and territorial cohesion;

Amendment

A. whereas the second pillar of the common agricultural policy (rural development) is a crucial element in preserving and strengthening social and territorial cohesion ***and must be protected and enhanced in the next round of CAP reform;***

Or. en

Amendment 2
Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the second pillar of the common agricultural policy (rural development) is a crucial element in preserving and strengthening social and territorial cohesion;

Amendment

A. whereas the second pillar of the common agricultural policy (rural development) is a crucial element in preserving and strengthening social and territorial cohesion ***and avoid a rural exodus;***

Or. ro

Amendment 3
Momchil Nekov

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas account must be taken of the respective regions' specialities, characteristics and differences and of the

need to make small farms more competitive and viable, to encourage entrepreneurship and job creation and to curb depopulation and population ageing in rural areas;

Or. bg

Amendment 4
Michela Giuffrida

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas rural areas are often isolated and suffer from infrastructural shortcomings that undermine the development of building activity and agricultural production;

Or. it

Amendment 5
John Stuart Agnew

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

Amendment

B. whereas the traditional European production model needs to be preserved and enhanced, based on small and medium-sized family farming as a guarantee of our agriculture's social and environmental sustainability;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 6
Ivan Jakovčić, Fredrick Federley, Hannu Takkula, Ulrike Müller

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Recital B

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B. whereas the traditional European production model needs to be preserved ***and enhanced***, based on small and medium-sized family farming as a guarantee of our agriculture's social and environmental sustainability;

Amendment

B. whereas the traditional European production model needs to be preserved, ***enhanced and supported in its transition to innovative, resource-efficient and climate-smart ways of production***, based on small and medium-sized family farming as a guarantee of our agriculture's social and environmental sustainability;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Annie Schreijer-Pierik

Draft opinion

Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the traditional European production model needs to be preserved and enhanced, based on small and medium-sized family farming as a guarantee of our agriculture's social and environmental sustainability;

Amendment

B. whereas the traditional European production model needs to be preserved and enhanced, based on small and medium-sized family farming as a guarantee of our agriculture's social and environmental sustainability ***and the viability of rural areas***;

Or. nl

Amendment 8

Michela Giuffrida

Draft opinion

Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas in certain regions, such as mountain areas and islands, agriculture is the main economic activity and its development is of fundamental importance for achieving the territorial cohesion objectives;

Amendment 9
Momchil Nekov

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bc. whereas EU cohesion policy has a significant role in the achievement of social, economic and territorial cohesion and of multi-layered agriculture and regions within the Union, which will enhance regional flexibility and potential for development and growth, and whereas there is a need for policies and tools to that end;

Or. bg

Amendment 10
John Stuart Agnew

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

Amendment

C. whereas ***the current crisis*** in the agricultural sector, a lack of profitability with ***income losses*** and increased price instability, has led many farmers to ***give up farming, and this sector requires more support;***

C. whereas ***dependency on farm support payments*** in the agricultural sector ***has resulted in*** a lack of profitability with ***a lack of supply chain accountability*** and increased price instability ***and*** has led many farmers to ***question the validity of the CAP direct payments model;***

Or. en

Amendment 11
Luke Ming Flanagan

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas the current crisis in the agricultural sector, ***a lack of profitability with income losses and increased price instability, has led many farmers to give up farming, and this sector requires more support;***

Amendment

C. whereas the current crisis in the agricultural sector ***has its roots in the inequality in the food chain; whereas this must be addressed in a meaningful manner to underpin the viability of farming;***

Or. en

Amendment 12

Ivan Jakovčić, Ulrike Müller

Draft opinion

Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas the current crisis in the agricultural sector, a lack of profitability with income losses and increased price instability, has led many farmers to give up farming, and this sector requires ***more support;***

Amendment

C. whereas the current crisis in the agricultural sector, a lack of profitability with income losses and increased price instability, has led many farmers to give up farming, and this sector requires ***further restructuring which will improve farmers' bargaining position in the supply chain and will promote and enhance climate-smart and environmentally-friendly production which improves the quality of soil, preserves biodiversity and thereby ensures Europe's long-term food security;***

Or. en

Amendment 13

James Nicholson

Draft opinion

Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas the current crisis in the agricultural sector, a lack of profitability with income losses and increased price instability, has led many farmers to give up

Amendment

C. whereas the current crisis in the agricultural sector, a lack of profitability with income losses and increased price instability, has led many farmers to give up

farming, and this sector requires *more support*;

farming, and this sector requires *an increased mix of differing tools, including financial instruments and grants*;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas the current crisis in the agricultural sector, a lack of profitability with income losses and increased price instability, has led many farmers to give up farming, and this sector requires more support;

Amendment

C. whereas the current crisis in the agricultural sector, a lack of profitability with income losses and increased price instability, has led many farmers to give up farming, and this sector requires more support *for the second pillar (rural development) and the first pillar (direct payments)*;

Or. ro

Amendment 15
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

C a. Whereas although some argue that financial instruments should in particular be used in less-developed regions in order to help unlock their development potential, in reality the appetite for private sector engagement is rather low due to the lack of bankable projects in these regions;

Or. en

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Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas the EU agricultural sector must be supported in future to remain globally competitive;

Or. ro

Amendment 17
Luke Ming Flanagan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Stresses the potential advantages offered by the financial instruments available under the European Fund for Rural Development, whether in the form of loans, guarantees or capital funds;

1. Stresses the potential advantages offered by the financial instruments available under the European Fund for Rural Development, whether in the form of loans, guarantees or capital funds, ***believes however that the norms of prudent lending should not be abandoned;***

Or. en

Amendment 18
Philippe Loiseau

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Stresses the ***potential*** advantages offered by the financial instruments available under the European Fund for Rural Development, whether in the form of loans, guarantees or capital funds;

1. Stresses the ***theoretical*** advantages offered by, ***and also the complexity of,*** the financial instruments available under the European Fund for Rural Development, whether in the form of loans, guarantees or capital funds;

Or. fr

Amendment 19
Momchil Nekov

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses the potential advantages offered by the financial instruments available under the European Fund for Rural Development, whether in the form of loans, guarantees or capital funds;

Amendment

1. Stresses the ***role of and the*** potential advantages offered by the financial instruments available under the European Fund for Rural Development, whether in the form of loans, guarantees or capital funds;

Or. bg

Amendment 20
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses the potential advantages offered by the financial instruments available under the European Fund for Rural Development, whether in the form of loans, guarantees or capital funds;

Amendment

1. Stresses the potential advantages offered by the financial instruments available under the European Fund for Rural Development, whether in the form of loans, guarantees or capital funds; ***stresses the need to diversify existing financial instruments as closely as possible in line with the needs of European farmers;***

Or. ro

Amendment 21
Norbert Erdős

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Observes that, in reality, rural

development is a European policy whose purpose is to help rural areas in the European Union to overcome disadvantage, and therefore it is a fundamental element of European cohesion; considers, therefore, that, as the second pillar of the Common Agricultural Policy, rural development should continue to be pursued after 2020 as well, and that appropriate Union funding should be provided for it, which means more than at present;

Or. hu

Amendment 22
James Nicholson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Notes the potential offered to agricultural and rural micro, small and medium-sized enterprises via loans provided through the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, highlights however that the full potential benefits of the leverage provided by these instruments has not been realized;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Ivan Jakovčić, Fredrick Federley, Hannu Takkula, Ulrike Müller

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Encourages a greater involvement of regional and local authorities in the distribution and use of funds which is essential for improving farmers' position

and reiterates the importance of the LEADER programme in that context;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Luke Ming Flanagan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Points out that in *many situations access to credit* poses an obstacle to investment, in particular for young farmers, either because of the high costs or because of the guarantees that the financial system requires;

Amendment

2. Points out that in *the first instance, lack of profitability in the farming enterprise* poses an obstacle to investment, *in addition to a lack of access to credit*, in particular for young farmers, either because of the high costs or because of the guarantees that the financial system requires;

Or. en

Amendment 25
James Nicholson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. *Points out that in many situations access to credit poses an obstacle to investment, in particular for young farmers*, either because of the high costs or because of the guarantees that the financial system requires;

Amendment

2. *Highlights that access to finance and capital*, either because of the high costs or because of the guarantees that the financial system requires, *is one of the biggest challenges facing farmers and rural entrepreneurs in all sectors, hampering innovation and competitiveness on-farm and in the wider rural economy*;

Or. en

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Philippe Loiseau

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Paragraph 2

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2. Points out that in many situations access to credit *poses* an obstacle to investment, in particular for young farmers, either because of the high costs or because of the guarantees that the financial system requires;

Amendment

2. Points out that in many situations access to credit, *and hence the affordability of land, pose* an obstacle to investment, in particular for young *people and for the many* farmers *in difficulty*, either because of the high costs or because of the guarantees that the financial system requires;

Or. fr

Amendment 27

Georgios Eptideios

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Points out that in many situations access to credit poses an obstacle to investment, in particular for young farmers, either because of the high costs or because of the guarantees that the financial system requires;

Amendment

2. Points out that in many situations *lack of* access to credit poses an obstacle to investment *and reduces interest in this activity*, in particular for young farmers, either because of the high costs or because of the guarantees that the financial system requires;

Or. el

Amendment 28

Momchil Nekov

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Points out that in many situations access to credit poses an obstacle to investment, in particular for young farmers,

Amendment

2. Points out that, in many situations, access to credit poses an obstacle to investment, in particular for young

either because of the high costs or because of the guarantees that the financial system requires;

farmers, and also for small farmers and newly established farmers, either because of the high costs or because of the guarantees that the financial system requires;

Or. bg

Amendment 29
Michela Giuffrida

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Points out that in many situations access to credit poses an obstacle to investment, in particular for young farmers, either because of the high costs or because of the guarantees that the financial system requires;

Amendment

2. Points out that in many situations access to credit poses an obstacle to investment, in particular for young farmers, either because of the high costs or because of the guarantees that the financial system requires; *believes that more effective implementation of financial instruments would help promote policies designed to improve access to credit;*

Or. it

Amendment 30
Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Calls on the Member States to facilitate access to credits for young farmers and for small agricultural holdings;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Tibor Szanyi

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Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. *Points out that active organizations in rural development (such as Local Action Groups) might face difficulties in accessing bank guarantees - which is a prerequisite for benefits from advance payments on running and animation costs - considers therefore that a guarantees program on those advances would be beneficial;*

Or. en

Amendment 32
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. *Notes the harsh financial situation farmers find themselves in as food prices have been kept low unlike prices in all other sectors of the economy;*

Or. en

Amendment 33
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. *Particularly notes that farmers' average annual incomes in the EU have remained unchanged, or in some cases have declined, over the past 10 years,*

compared to continuously increasing production costs and an increase in farm debt;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 b. *Calls therefore upon the Commission and the Member States to take seriously the need for remunerative prices for produce;*

Or. en

Amendment 35

Momchil Nekov

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. *Emphasises that EU cohesion policy and the associated financial instruments and grants must continue to underpin the policy of promoting the creation of infrastructure, schools and colleges, healthcare, social care and childcare facilities, high-speed internet access and the establishment and development of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in rural areas;*

Or. bg

Amendment 36

Nicola Caputo

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Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Notes that the European Investment Bank (EIB) has started working with a number of lenders in certain Member States to promote generational turnover in the agricultural sector; calls on EIB national contacts to activate financial instruments already in place to facilitate access to credit for young farmers;

Or. it

Amendment 37
Michela Giuffrida

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. stresses that financial instruments and subsidies must be effectively coordinated to stimulate investment, especially in agricultural innovation;

Or. it

Amendment 38
Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Underlines the importance of informing farmers better about the European Investment Bank's key role in supporting and developing the rural economy and how to benefit from innovative financial instruments ;

Amendment 39

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 b. Questions the proposed reliance on loans in a climate of extreme debt amongst farmers, who often stand little chance of paying off that debt;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Calls for the establishment by the EIB of a multi-regional investment platform for agriculture eligible for Rural Development Programme (RDP) funding, which could subsequently leverage additional public and private funding and enhance the impact of EAFRD funding;

Or. it

Amendment 41

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 c. *Notes also long-running pressure in the farming sector to 'grow or perish'; expresses concern that 2.4 million farms in the EU disappeared between 2005 and 2010, most of which are small farmers, and the resulting disappearance of a large number of jobs in rural areas;*

Or. en

Amendment 42
John Stuart Agnew

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Notes that, up to now, the level of use made of CAP financial instruments has been low, and calls for consideration to be given to this area with the aim of ensuring that these instruments are better suited to the agricultural sector and further simplifying the procedures, *and creating public advice platforms;*

Amendment

3. Notes that, up to now, the level of use made of CAP financial instruments has been low, and calls for consideration to be given to this area with the aim of ensuring that these instruments are better suited to the agricultural sector and further simplifying the procedures; *suggests that existing credit providers could be leveraged to deliver CAP-backed financial instruments in order to minimise bureaucracy and utilise existing accountability expertise;*

Or. en

Amendment 43
Luke Ming Flanagan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Notes that, up to now, the level of use made of CAP financial instruments has been low, and calls for consideration to be given to this area with the aim of ensuring that these instruments are better suited to the agricultural sector and further

Amendment

3. Notes that, up to now, the level of use made of CAP financial instruments has been low, and calls for consideration to be given to this area with the aim of ensuring that these instruments are better suited to the agricultural sector and further

simplifying the procedures, and creating public advice platforms;

simplifying the procedures, and creating public advice platforms, ***believes however that consideration must be given to the substantial loans that farmers already draw down to complement funds received under the second pillar;***

Or. en

Amendment 44
James Nicholson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Notes that, up to now, the level of use made of **CAP** financial instruments has been low, and calls for consideration to be given to ***this area with the aim of ensuring that*** these instruments are ***better suited to the agricultural sector and further simplifying the procedures, and creating public advice platforms;***

Amendment

3. Notes that, up to now, the level of use made of ***these*** financial instruments has been low, and calls for consideration to be given to ***further actions to ensure that the opportunities available via*** these instruments are ***communicated clearly and regularly to agricultural sector, rural actors and regional authorities;***

Or. en

Amendment 45
Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Notes that, up to now, the level of use made of CAP financial instruments has been low, and calls for consideration to be given to this area with the aim of ensuring that these instruments are better suited to the agricultural sector and further simplifying the procedures, ***and creating*** public advice platforms;

Amendment

3. Notes that, up to now, the level of use made of CAP financial instruments has been low, and calls for consideration to be given to this area with the aim of ensuring that these instruments are better suited to the agricultural sector and further simplifying the procedures, ***such as organizing and conducting information campaigns sending common messages at European level, accompanied by the launch of public platforms for the***

exchange of best practices and public advice platforms;

Or. ro

Amendment 46
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Notes that, up to now, the level of use made of CAP financial instruments has been low, and calls for consideration to be given to this area with the aim of ensuring that these instruments are better suited to the agricultural sector and further simplifying the procedures, and creating public advice platforms;

Amendment

3. Notes that, up to now, the level of use made of CAP financial instruments has been low, and calls for consideration to be given to this area with the aim of ensuring that these instruments are better suited to the agricultural sector and further simplifying the procedures, and creating public advice platforms; *notes that complex rules diminish the attractiveness of funding in the agricultural sector and stresses the need for reasonable conditionality to avoid unnecessary administrative burdens;*

Or. ro

Amendment 47
Norbert Erdős

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

3a. Welcomes and encourages maximum participation by the European Investment Bank in the establishment of these financial instruments;

Or. hu

Amendment 48

Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. *Regrets the low use of the crisis reserve, which is mainly due to budgetary rules, in particular the annuality rule, and to the discretion that the Commission enjoys when it comes to releasing funds from the reserve; calls, therefore, for the crisis reserve to be constituted outside the EU budget and for it to serve as source of funding for crisis management tools ;*

Or. it

Amendment 49
Ivan Jakovčić, Hannu Takkula, Ulrike Müller

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. *Highlights the importance of a stronger promotion of financial possibilities in order to encourage their use for the public and private sector; calls for a better presentation of the results achieved, especially on the regional and local level;*

Or. en

Amendment 50
James Nicholson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. *Notes that in response to the needs of specific sectors such as young farmers,*

loans can be combined with EAFRD grants in order to facilitate investment and encourage growth, which benefits the wider rural economy as well as the agriculture sector;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Fredrick Federley, Ivan Jakovčić, Hannu Takkula, Hilde Vautmans

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. *Calls on the Commission and Member States to ensure that delays in payments that farmers are entitled to under the CAP are avoided;*

Or. en

Amendment 52

James Nicholson

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. *Notes that information and training in relation to financial instruments at the regional level is necessary in order to increase awareness of these financial options and stresses that Member States and regional authorities have a key role to play in facilitating and communicating these options to rural communities and enterprises;*

Or. en

Amendment 53

John Stuart Agnew

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the *complementary* nature of these instruments *in relation to subsidies* and draws attention to the need to ensure *that the former do not replace the latter, which would be extremely damaging for farming and* the rural environment;

Amendment

4. Stresses the *enhanced* nature of these instruments *compared to subsidies, which tend to be capitalised into land values or rents or extracted through high input or low output prices*, and draws attention to the need to ensure *their increased uptake for the benefit of the commercial development of European agricultural businesses, whereas direct grant payments may be more appropriately used to meet true market failure for example in the case of works to enhance or to prevent damaging* the rural environment;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Annie Schreijer-Pierik

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the complementary nature of these instruments in relation to *subsidies* and draws attention to the need to ensure that the former do not replace the latter, which would be extremely damaging for farming and the rural environment;

Amendment

4. Stresses the complementary nature of these instruments in relation to *income support* and draws attention to the need to ensure that the former do not replace the latter, which would be extremely damaging for farming and the rural environment;

Or. nl

Amendment 55
James Nicholson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the complementary nature of these instruments *in relation to subsidies and draws attention to the need to ensure that the former do not replace the latter, which would be extremely damaging for farming and the rural environment*;

Amendment

4. Stresses the complementary nature of these instruments *and the importance of a continued mix of grants, financial instruments and repayable assistance as an effective and efficient form for support for competitiveness and cohesion in rural areas and regions*;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Norbert Erdős

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the complementary nature of these instruments in relation to subsidies and draws attention to the need to ensure that the former do not replace the latter, which would be extremely damaging for farming and the rural environment;

Amendment

4. Stresses the complementary nature of these instruments in relation to subsidies and draws attention to the need to ensure that the former do not replace the latter, which would be extremely damaging for farming and the rural environment;
European Union support and the financial instruments must be applied together in rural development policy;

Or. hu

Amendment 57
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the complementary nature of these instruments in relation to subsidies and draws attention to the need to ensure that the former do not replace the latter, which would be extremely damaging for farming and the rural environment;

Amendment

4. Stresses the complementary nature of these instruments in relation to subsidies and draws attention to the need to ensure that the former do not replace the latter, which would be extremely damaging for farming and the rural environment; *points out that the balanced use of both types of*

funding helps enhance project performance and ensure increased accountability regarding investment spending in rural areas;

Or. ro

Amendment 58
Ulrike Müller, Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the complementary nature of these instruments in relation to subsidies and draws attention to the need to ensure that the former do not replace the latter, which would be extremely damaging for farming and the rural environment;

Amendment

4. Stresses the complementary nature of these instruments in relation to subsidies and draws attention to the need to ensure that the former do not replace the latter, which would be extremely damaging for farming and the rural environment;
emphasises that grant funding will continue to be essential in order to achieve the EAFRD objectives;

Or. de

Amendment 59
James Nicholson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Notes the differing strengths and disadvantages offered by both grants and financial instruments to the sector in terms of accessibility, complexity, risk, implementation costs and their applicability in meeting specific challenges or broader developmental goals;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. *Reaffirms the difference between public funds being used for public goods or benefits for whole communities or society as a whole on one hand, and investment in infrastructure on private holdings on the other;*

Or. en

Amendment 61
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 b. *Considers that loans are not appropriate for certain types of rural development measures for example where whole communities benefit, as in CLLD (community led local development) or LEADER approaches, or society in general benefits, as in agri-environmental measures;*

Or. en

Amendment 62
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 c. *Notes the difference between larger scale infrastructure projects financed by the structural and cohesion funds on one hand, and smaller scale investments and grants made to improve 'soft' infrastructure on the other, e.g. bringing soils back to life; notes that the smaller investments can be equally if not more effective and less costly and that this approach has been adopted in other related fields of expenditure such as development aid and flood defences;*

Or. en

Amendment 63
John Stuart Agnew

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for them to be implemented in such a way that they can support collective projects geared to financing basic infrastructure in the field of irrigation, transport, processing, marketing and forestry development, with maturity-based financial instruments that reflect the actual economic position for each project.

Amendment

5. Calls for them to be implemented ***through local decision making*** in such a way that they can support collective ***or individual*** projects geared to financing basic infrastructure ***based on locally identified needs, for example*** in the field of irrigation, transport, processing, marketing, ***vertical integration, innovation*** and forestry development, ***and towards farm level market adjustment, such as changing farm outputs or management systems to better match consumer demands,*** with maturity-based financial instruments that ***require commercial viability and*** reflect the actual economic position for each project.

Or. en

Amendment 64
Daniel Buda

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Paragraph 5

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5. Calls for them to be implemented in such a way that they can support collective projects geared to financing basic infrastructure in the field of irrigation, transport, processing, marketing and forestry development, with maturity-based financial instruments that reflect the actual economic position for each project.

Amendment

5. Calls for them to be implemented in such a way that they can support collective projects ***encouraging agricultural producer associations*** geared to financing basic infrastructure in the field of irrigation, transport, processing, ***storage*** marketing and ***the development of short supply chains or*** forestry development, with maturity-based financial instruments that reflect the actual economic position for each project.

Or. ro

Amendment 65
Bronis Ropé

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for them to be implemented in such a way that they can support collective projects geared to financing basic infrastructure in the field of irrigation, transport, processing, marketing and forestry development, ***with*** maturity-based financial instruments that reflect the actual economic position for each project.

Amendment

5. Calls for them to be implemented in such a way that they can support collective projects geared to financing basic infrastructure in the field of irrigation, transport, processing, marketing and forestry development, ***and, in addition, agricultural product marketing measures carried out by farmers and their cooperatives, to that end using*** maturity-based financial instruments that reflect the actual economic position for each project.

Or. It

Amendment 66
Philippe Loiseau

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls for them to be implemented in such a way that they can support *collective* projects geared to financing basic infrastructure in the field of irrigation, transport, processing, marketing and forestry development, with maturity-based financial instruments that reflect the actual economic position for each project.

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Or. fr

Amendment 67
Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for them to be implemented in such a way that they can support collective projects geared to financing basic infrastructure in the field of irrigation, transport, processing, marketing and forestry development, with maturity-based financial instruments that reflect the actual economic position for each project.

Amendment

5. Calls for them to be implemented in such a way that they can support collective projects geared to financing basic infrastructure in the field of irrigation, transport, processing, marketing and forestry development, *including transborder projects*, with maturity-based financial instruments that reflect the actual economic position for each project. *calls for measures to encourage public-private partnerships to increase the number of climate change investment projects in a bid to meet EU environmental objectives.*

Or. ro

Amendment 68
Momchil Nekov

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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5. Calls for them to be implemented in such a way that they can support collective projects geared to financing basic infrastructure in the field of irrigation,

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transport, processing, marketing and forestry development, with maturity-based financial instruments that reflect the actual economic position for each project.

transport, processing, ***closed production cycles***, marketing and forestry development, ***as well as the development of wood and non-wood forest products***, with maturity-based financial instruments that reflect the actual economic position for each project.

Or. bg

Amendment 69
Herbert Dorfmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for them to be implemented in such a way that they can support collective projects geared to financing basic infrastructure in the field of irrigation, transport, processing, marketing and forestry development, with maturity-based financial instruments that reflect the actual economic position for each project.

Amendment

5. Calls for them to be implemented in such a way that they can support ***not only platforms for financing individual businesses but also*** collective projects geared to financing basic infrastructure in the field of irrigation, transport, processing, marketing and forestry development, with maturity-based financial instruments that reflect the actual economic position for each project.

Or. de

Amendment 70
Annie Schreijer-Pierik

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for them to be implemented in such a way that they can support ***collective infrastructure*** in the field of ***irrigation, transport, processing, marketing*** and forestry ***development***, with maturity-based financial instruments that reflect the actual economic position for each project.

Amendment

5. Calls for them to be implemented in such a way that they can support projects geared to financing basic ***provision*** in the field of ***agriculture, horticulture*** and forestry, with maturity-based financial instruments that reflect the actual economic position for each project.

Amendment 71**Ulrike Müller, Ivan Jakovčić****Draft opinion****Paragraph 5***Draft opinion*

5. Calls for them to be implemented in such a way that they can support collective projects geared to financing basic infrastructure in the field of irrigation, transport, processing, marketing and forestry development, with maturity-based financial instruments that reflect the actual economic position for each project.

Amendment

5. Calls for them to be implemented in such a way that they can support **both** collective **projects and region-specific** projects geared to financing basic infrastructure in the field of irrigation, transport, processing, marketing and forestry development, with maturity-based financial instruments that reflect the actual economic position for each project.

Or. de

Amendment 72**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion**Paragraph 5***Draft opinion*

5. Calls for them to be implemented in such a way that they can support collective projects geared to financing basic infrastructure in the field of irrigation, transport, processing, marketing and forestry development, with maturity-based financial instruments that reflect the actual economic position for each project.

Amendment

5. Calls for them to be implemented in such a way that they can support collective projects geared to financing basic infrastructure in the field of irrigation, transport, processing, marketing and forestry development, with maturity-based financial instruments that reflect the actual economic position for each project; **notes however the administrative complexity involved in making loans to and collecting debt from a collective or group of farmers, and so urges a streamlined, simplified approach; finds that if the loan approach is too complex, awarding grants to collectives may be more appropriate;**

Amendment 73

Bronis Ropė

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Criticises the fact that loans are provided in developing and transition countries using EU public-private funds via the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Finance Institutions and Export Credit Agencies of EU Member States for animal housing which is not in line with EU rules and higher animal welfare standards^{1a}

^{1a} *ref:*

<http://www.hsi.org/assets/pdfs/investments-in-suffering.pdf>

Or. en

Amendment 74

Ivan Jakovčić, Hannu Takkula, Ulrike Müller

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Considers that given the current situation of the European agricultural sector, it is necessary, for the period after 2020, to increase the possibilities of financing projects without lowering non-refundable financial contributions;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Norbert Erdős

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Commission, in close cooperation with the European Investment Bank, to create a new financial instrument to provide export credit for European Union goods as soon as possible;

Or. hu

Amendment 76
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Considers that, rather than reducing evaluation obligations by authorities, we need additional data to be gathered and analysis to be carried out to justify the use of financial instruments and to prevent their undetermined and 'blank-check' use;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Stresses that improving significantly the evidence base must be a

pre-requisite for promoting or even requesting an increased use of financial instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 c. Considers that the leverage effect of financial instruments, which is regularly used as key argument in their favour, is often lower than estimated;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Believes that the supposed greater extent to which financial instruments mobilise private capital is often overstated and that in many cases the leverage effect of grants is not much lower than that of financial instruments;

Or. en