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Draft opinion
Jean-Paul Denanot
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on investment for jobs and growth: promoting economic, social and territorial
cohesion in the Union
(2014/2245(INI))

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Amendment 1
Younous Omarjee

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 (new)

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Amendment

-1. Recalls that the European Cohesion policy remains the only large-scale solidarity mechanism of the Union, and that in this regard, the budget of the EU has to provide adequate financing to ensure the realisation of EU objectives in terms of reduction of the development level gap of the European regions.

Or. en

Amendment 2
Jean-Paul Denanot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Welcomes the fact that over recent years cohesion policy has proven its ability to mitigate the negative impact of the economic and financial crisis on public investment levels in the Member States;

1. Welcomes the fact that over recent years cohesion policy has proven its ability to mitigate the negative impact of the economic and financial crisis on public investment levels in the Member States; ***inter alia by reducing national co-financing requirements and redirecting a significant part of cohesion funds towards measures with a direct and immediate effect on growth and job creation; underlines the positive contribution that other policies and instruments beyond the field of cohesion make towards achieving the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy; is confident that, due to the usual time lag between action and impact and the fact that funds from the 2007-2013 period may still be used until the end***

of 2016, these beneficial effects will continue to grow over the next few years;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Monika Vana

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the fact that over recent years cohesion policy has proven its ability to mitigate the negative impact of the economic and financial crisis on public investment levels in the Member States;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the fact that over recent years cohesion policy has proven its ability to mitigate the negative impact of the *social*, economic and financial crisis on public investment levels in the Member States; *recalls the great importance of the cohesion policy in achieving the EU 2020 goals;*

Or. en

Amendment 4
Claudia Tapardel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recalls the contribution of the EU's cohesion policy to achieving the Europe 2020 targets, particularly by supporting job creation, innovation and growth.

Or. en

Amendment 5
Younous Omarjee

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Points out that, despite the crisis and the fact that local finances were put under great pressure, local and regional authorities had to continue to meet the demands of citizens for more accessible public services of higher quality;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Stresses the importance of the investment plan presented by the Commission as a first step in offsetting the deficit in public and private investment; recalls, in this connection, that the principle of additionality is to be respected, and favourable fiscal treatment ensured for both direct and indirect national contributions;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 7
Patricija Šulin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

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Commission as a first step in offsetting the deficit in public and private investment; recalls, in this connection, that the principle of additionality *and sustainability* is to be respected, and favourable fiscal treatment ensured *as quickly as possible* for both direct and indirect national contributions;

Or. sl

Amendment 8 Isabelle Thomas

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses the importance of the investment plan presented by the Commission as a first step in offsetting the deficit in public and private investment; recalls, *in this connection, that the principle of additionality is to be respected, and favourable fiscal treatment ensured for both direct and indirect national* contributions;

Amendment

2. Stresses the importance of the investment plan presented by the Commission as a first step in offsetting the deficit in public and private investment *in the EU*; recalls, *however, that the Juncker plan represents only EUR 100 billion in potential investments per year when, according to the Commission, the European Union has an investment gap of at least EUR 300 billion per year; stresses that the fall in investments that followed the economic crisis has been particularly marked in the least wealthy regions, notably at the edges of the European Union; highlights, therefore, the need to restore additional room for manoeuvre for investment in the EU budget and in Member States' budgets; considers it necessary, to this end, to exclude contributions to the Union budget and co-financing, as well as contributions to projects financed by EU programmes and the European Fund for Strategic Investment, from the calculation of investment spending;*

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Ivan Štefanec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses the importance of the investment plan presented by the Commission as a first step in offsetting the deficit in public and private investment; recalls, in this connection, that the principle of additionality is to be respected, ***and favourable fiscal treatment ensured for both direct and indirect national contributions;***

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 10
Younous Omarjee

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Stresses the importance of the investment plan presented by the Commission as a first step in offsetting the deficit in public and private investment; recalls, in this connection, that the principle of additionality is to be respected, and favourable fiscal treatment ensured for both direct and indirect national contributions; ***underlines the need of this plan to comply with the objectives of cohesion policy as defined in art. 174 TFEU, so that the geographic repartition of the investments does not aggravate the existing development disparities between European regions;***

Amendment 11
Reimer Böge

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses the importance of the investment plan presented by the Commission as a first step *in offsetting the deficit in* public and private investment; *recalls, in this connection, that the principle of additionality is to be respected, and favourable fiscal treatment ensured for both direct and indirect national contributions;*

Amendment

2. Stresses the importance of the investment plan presented by the Commission as a first step *to address the lack of* public and private investment *in Europe which poses a serious risk to attaining the targets set by the Europe 2020 strategy; stresses, in this context, that projects guaranteed by the EFSI fund should contribute to meeting EU policy objectives and respect the principles of additionality, economic viability and sound financial management;*

Amendment 12
Monika Vana

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. *Stresses the importance* of the investment plan presented by the Commission *as a first step* in offsetting the deficit in public and private investment; recalls, in this connection, that the principle of additionality is to be respected, and favourable fiscal treatment ensured for both direct and indirect national contributions;

Amendment

2. *Takes note* of the investment plan presented by the Commission *and its potential* in offsetting the deficit in public and private investment; recalls, in this connection, that the principle of additionality is to be respected, and favourable fiscal treatment ensured for both direct and indirect national contributions;

Amendment 13
Jean-Paul Denanot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Recalls that the issue of the persistent payments backlog concerns cohesion policy more than any other EU policy area; encourages the Commission to use all available means to cover these outstanding payment bills;

Amendment

3. Recalls that the issue of the persistent payments backlog concerns cohesion policy more than any other EU policy area ***with EUR 24.8 billion of unpaid payment bills at the end of 2014 for ESF, ERDF and CF 2007-2013 programmes, i.e. a 5.6% increase over 2013***; encourages the Commission to use all available means to cover these outstanding payment bills; ***underlines that this situation hits first and foremost the smallest and most vulnerable beneficiaries of cohesion policy, such as SMEs, NGOs and associations, as their capacity to pre-finance expenditure is limited***;

Amendment 14
Younous Omarjee

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Amendment 15
Paul Rübiger

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Underlines the importance of the reindustrialisation of Europe in order to achieve a share of at least 20% in industrial production as part of the European Member States' GDP until 2020; therefore recalls the high importance of proactively supporting and strengthening the principles of competitiveness, sustainability and regulatory reliability in order to promote jobs and growth within Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Isabelle Thomas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Welcomes the fact that the Council, the Commission and Parliament have arrived at an agreement to reduce the level of unpaid bills, ***and looks forward to receiving the Commission's*** proposal for a payment plan as soon as possible, and in any event before the presentation of the 2016 draft budget;

4. Welcomes the fact that the Council, the Commission and Parliament have arrived at an agreement to reduce the level of unpaid bills; ***points out that it is imperative that the Commission submit its*** proposal for a payment plan as soon as possible, and in any event before the presentation of the 2016 draft budget;

Or. fr

Amendment 17
Jean-Paul Denanot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Welcomes the fact that the Council, the Commission and Parliament have arrived at an agreement to reduce the level of unpaid bills, and looks forward to receiving the Commission's proposal for a payment plan as soon as possible, and in any event before the presentation of the 2016 draft budget;

Amendment

4. Welcomes the fact that the Council, the Commission and Parliament have arrived at an agreement to reduce the level of unpaid bills *particularly in cohesion policy, to a sustainable level, as laid down in the joint statement accompanying the 2015 budgetary agreement*, and looks forward to receiving the Commission's proposal for a payment plan as soon as possible, and in any event before the presentation of the 2016 draft budget; *furthermore, reminds all institutions of their commitment to agree on and implement such a plan as of 2015 and by the mid-term revision of the current MFF;*

Or. en

Amendment 18
Younous Omarjee

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. *Welcomes the fact that* the Council, the Commission and *Parliament have arrived at an agreement* to reduce the level of unpaid bills, *and looks forward to* receiving *the* Commission's proposal for a payment plan as soon as possible, and in any event before the presentation of the 2016 draft budget;

Amendment

4. *Regrets that, despite the willingness shown by* the Council, the Commission and *the Parliament* to reduce the level of unpaid bills, *no sustainable solution to this problem has been adopted; hopes nonetheless to* receiving *a satisfactory* Commission's proposal for a payment plan as soon as possible, and in any event before the presentation of the 2016 draft budget;

Amendment 19
Reimer Böge

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Welcomes *the fact* that the Council, the Commission and Parliament have *arrived at an agreement to reduce* the level of unpaid bills, *and looks forward to receiving the* Commission's *proposal* for a payment plan *as soon as possible, and in any event before the presentation of the 2016 draft budget*;

Amendment

4. Welcomes that the Council, the Commission and Parliament have *committed themselves to reducing* the level of unpaid bills *at year-end down to its structural level in the course of the current MFF*; *considers the* Commission's *element* for a payment plan *to be overly optimistic in its conclusion that the current backlog of 24,7 bn. EUR will automatically decrease in the coming two years and reach a level considered 'normal'*;

Amendment 20
Monika Vana

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Welcomes *the fact* that the *Council, the Commission and Parliament have arrived at an agreement to reduce the* level of unpaid bills, *and looks forward to receiving the* Commission's *proposal for a* payment *plan as soon as possible, and in any event before the presentation of the 2016 draft budget*;

Amendment

4. Welcomes that the Commission *has submitted elements for a plan to address the abnormal* level of unpaid bills *in cohesion and that it has promised to define the level of* payment *appropriations in the 2016 budget accordingly*; *calls on the Council to finally take its responsibilities here as well*;

Amendment 21
Jean-Paul Denanot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Is concerned about the serious delays at the start of 2015 in the programming process for the period 2014-2020 in this area; underlines the fact that the proposed revision of the MFF ceilings[1] transferring EUR 11.2 billion in commitments for the total heading 1b under Article 19(2) of the MFF Regulation and the carry-over[2] of EUR 8.5 billion in commitments under Article 13(2)(a) of the Financial Regulation from 2014 to 2015 avoid cancelling these appropriations in heading 1b, but neither genuinely address the underlying problem of the delays in programming nor change the fact that chronically delayed implementation and systematic late payment can pose significant challenges to final beneficiaries;

[1] Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020, COM(2015) 15 final, 21.01.2015.

[2] Commission Decision on non-automatic carryover from 2014 to 2015 and commitment appropriations to be made available again in 2015, C(2015) 827 final, 11.02.2015.

Or. en

Amendment 22
Jean-Paul Denanot

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the extended use in cohesion policy of financial instruments, such as loans and guarantees, to support investment;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the extended use in cohesion policy of financial instruments, such as loans and guarantees, to support investment; ***encourages Member States and regional authorities to make full use of these additional financing opportunities, such as the possibility of using guarantees under the new SME Initiative to cover higher-risk projects;***

Or. en

**Amendment 23
Claudia Tapardel**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the extended use in cohesion policy of financial instruments, such as loans and guarantees, to support investment;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the extended use in cohesion policy of financial instruments, such as loans and guarantees, to support ***and mobilise investment and create new jobs, in order to foster sustainable growth at the Union level;***

Or. en

**Amendment 24
Reimer Böge**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the extended use in cohesion policy of financial instruments, such as

Amendment

5. Welcomes the extended use in cohesion policy of financial instruments, such as

loans and guarantees, to support investment;

loans and guarantees, to support investment *and increase the efficiency of public funding*;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Monika Vana

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. *Welcomes* the extended use in cohesion policy of financial instruments, such as loans and guarantees, to support investment;

Amendment

5. *Notes* the extended use in cohesion policy of financial instruments, such as loans and guarantees, to support investment; *emphasises the need to ensure transparency, accountability and scrutiny for financial instruments that involve EU money*;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Jean-Paul Denanot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Takes note of the stronger concentration of resources on a limited number of priorities; underlines, nonetheless, the need to apply this principle flexibly, with full respect for territorial, economic and social specificities;

Amendment

6. Takes note of the stronger concentration of resources on a limited number of priorities *and the enhanced focus on results and measurability in 2014-2020 programmes, which should contribute to further increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of cohesion policy* ; underlines, nonetheless, the need to apply this principle flexibly, with full respect for territorial, economic and social specificities;

Amendment 27
Claudia Tapardel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Takes note of the stronger concentration of resources on a limited number of priorities; underlines, nonetheless, the need to apply this principle flexibly, with full respect for territorial, economic and social specificities;

Amendment

6. Takes note of the stronger concentration of resources on a limited number of priorities; underlines, nonetheless, the need to apply this principle flexibly, with full respect for territorial, economic and social specificities ***in order to reduce the development gaps between the various regions of the Union;***

Or. en

Amendment 28
Younous Omarjee

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Takes note of the stronger concentration of resources on a limited number of priorities; underlines, nonetheless, the need to apply this principle flexibly, with full respect for territorial, economic and social specificities;

Amendment

6. Takes note of the stronger concentration of resources on a limited number of priorities ***with growth-enhancing, job creation, social inclusion, environmental and climate change potential;*** underlines, nonetheless, the need to apply this principle flexibly, with full respect for territorial, economic and social specificities;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Monika Vana

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Takes note of the stronger concentration of resources on a limited number of priorities; underlines, nonetheless, the need to apply this principle flexibly, with full respect for territorial, economic and social specificities;

Amendment

6. Takes note of the stronger ***thematic*** concentration of resources on a limited number of priorities; underlines, nonetheless, the need to apply this principle flexibly, with full respect for territorial, economic and social specificities;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Jean-Paul Denanot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Concords with the Commission's analysis that economic and social priorities, in particular a focus on economic growth on the one hand and social inclusion, education and sustainable development on the other, could be better balanced in some Member States, underpinned by a meaningful dialogue with partners and stakeholders; emphasises that a clear strategy for improving Member States' institutional framework in terms of administrative capacity and quality of justice is a key determining factor for success in achieving these priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Welcomes the Youth Employment Initiative, which is designed to provide specific funding to help implement the Youth Guarantee, and calls on Member States to award increased attention to the implementation of projects that seek to reduce unemployment among this age bracket in regions with unusually high youth unemployment rates;

Or. ro

Amendment 32
Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Calls on the Commission to present annual reports up until the end of the 2014-2020 financial period which contain hard and fast data on the allocation of funding for the implementation of Youth Guarantee programmes, including the Youth Employment Initiative;

Or. ro

Amendment 33
Ivan Štefanec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Reiterates its strong criticism of the measures linking the effectiveness of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) to sound economic governance;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 34
Isabelle Thomas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Reiterates its strong criticism of the measures linking the effectiveness of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) to *sound economic governance*;

7. Reiterates its strong criticism of the measures linking the effectiveness of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) to *compliance with the provisions of the Stability Pact; stresses that macro-conditionality would impose sanctions on regions for political decisions that fall outside their remit, and that this pro-cyclical arrangement would have the effect of punishing regions that are by definition facing economic difficulties, and as a result would simply aggravate the public finance situation in the States and regions subject to sanctions*;

Or. fr

Amendment 35
Reimer Böge

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Reiterates its ***strong criticism*** of the measures linking the effectiveness of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) to sound economic governance;

Amendment

7. Reiterates its ***support*** of the measures linking the effectiveness of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) to sound economic governance ***as they help increase the efficiency of EU spending in a context of fiscal constraint and allow for a redirection of funds to address the specific needs of countries faced with economic difficulties***;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Jean-Paul Denanot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Reiterates its strong criticism of the measures linking the effectiveness of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) to sound economic governance;

Amendment

7. Reiterates its strong criticism of the measures linking the effectiveness of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) to sound economic governance ***and therefore requests the Commission not to apply them ; requests the Commission to take into account the different baseline conditions in each Member State and varying degrees of effort needed to meet pre-conditions and to take particular care neither to disadvantage those regions that are most in need nor to punish certain local and regional authorities for specific challenges encountered at national level***;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Younous Omarjee

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Reiterates its strong criticism of the measures linking the effectiveness of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) to sound economic governance;

Amendment

7. Reiterates its strong criticism of the measures linking the effectiveness of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) to sound economic governance;
calls on more flexibility in the implementation of this macroeconomic conditionality by taking into account the particularities of European regions, notably of the least developed and outermost regions.

Or. en

Amendment 38
Patricija Šulin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Reiterates its deep conviction that a genuine revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) by 2016, at the latest, would be the ideal opportunity to revisit the MFF Regulation to make sure that it addresses the persistent problem of payment appropriations and the possible impact on payments of the delayed implementation of operational programmes in the area of cohesion policy.

Amendment

8. Reiterates its deep conviction that a ***thoroughgoing*** genuine revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) by 2016, at the latest, would be the ideal opportunity to revisit the MFF Regulation to make sure that it addresses the persistent problem of payment appropriations and the possible impact on payments of the delayed implementation of operational programmes in the area of cohesion policy.

Or. sl

Amendment 39
Isabelle Thomas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. **Reiterates its deep conviction that a genuine** revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) **by 2016**, at the latest, **would be the ideal opportunity to revisit the MFF Regulation to make sure that it addresses the persistent problem of payment appropriations and the possible impact on payments of the delayed implementation of operational programmes in the area of cohesion policy.**

Amendment

8. **Considers it vital for the** revision of **Council Regulation No 1311/2013 on** the multiannual financial framework (MFF) **to be introduced in 2016** at the latest, **and for it to give priority to addressing the budgetary consequences of delays in implementing the structural funds, the problem of youth unemployment in Europe, the financing of the EFSI and new proposals on the Union's own resources;**

Or. fr

Amendment 40
Jean-Paul Denanot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Reiterates its deep conviction that a genuine revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) by 2016, at the latest, would be the ideal opportunity to revisit the MFF Regulation to make sure that it addresses the persistent problem of payment appropriations and the possible impact on payments of the delayed implementation of operational programmes in the area of cohesion policy.

Amendment

8. Reiterates its deep conviction that a genuine revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) by 2016, at the latest, would be the ideal opportunity to revisit the MFF Regulation to make sure that it **accurately reflects the Union's priorities and addresses the most urgent needs in the Member States and regions in the remaining years of the MFF, as well as** the persistent problem of payment appropriations and the possible impact on payments of the delayed implementation of operational programmes in the area of cohesion policy.

Or. en

Amendment 41
Reimer Böge

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Reiterates its deep conviction that **a genuine** revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) **by** 2016, at the latest, would **be** the ideal opportunity to **revisit the MFF Regulation to make sure that it addresses** the persistent problem of payment appropriations **and the possible impact on payments of** the delayed implementation of operational programmes in the area of cohesion policy.

Amendment

8. Reiterates its deep conviction that **the review and the associated** revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) **to be launched by the end of** 2016, at the latest, would **offer** the ideal opportunity to **address** the persistent problem of **insufficient** payment appropriations **towards the end of the MFF due to** the delayed implementation of operational programmes in the area of cohesion policy.

Or. en

Amendment 42
Ivan Štefanec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Reiterates its deep conviction that a genuine revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) **by** 2016, at the latest, would be the ideal opportunity to revisit the MFF Regulation to make sure that it addresses the persistent problem of payment appropriations and the possible impact on payments of the delayed implementation of operational programmes in the area of cohesion policy.

Amendment

8. Reiterates its deep conviction that a genuine revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) **to be launched by the European Commission by the end of** 2016, at the latest, would be the ideal opportunity to revisit the MFF Regulation to make sure that it addresses the persistent problem of payment appropriations and the possible impact on payments of the delayed implementation of operational programmes in the area of cohesion policy.

Or. en

Amendment 43
Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Welcomes the initiative of the Member States and the regions to increase investment in the period 2014-2020 in ERDF priorities such as research and development, innovation, ICT and SMEs, as well as in ESF priorities consisting of employment, social inclusion, education, etc., with the aim of achieving the goals of the Europe 2020 Strategy;

Or. ro

Amendment 44
Monika Vana

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Welcomes the strengthening of the partnership principle which acknowledges the key role of the various partners for ownership of the policy and transparency and effectiveness in implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Monika Vana

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. Welcomes the efforts of the Commission to ensure good governance and stresses that high ambitions for making cohesion policy spending less

prone to fraudulent use and for strict application of anti-fraud measures shall be maintained;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Monika Vana

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8c. Regrets that the opportunities offered by the new regulations to invest in clean and renewable energies, sustainable and multi-modal mobility as well as prevention, recycling and reuse of waste have not been sufficiently used; demands further efforts to be taken to shift towards a low-carbon, resource-efficient economy and green jobs;

Or. en