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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**

**Nedzhmi Ali**

The future of food and farming  
(2018/2037(INI))



**Amendment 1**  
**John Howarth, Paul Brannen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A**

*Draft opinion*

A. whereas the common agricultural policy (CAP) is the most integrated policy in the Union, and has successfully fulfilled its original objectives by supporting European farmers and responding to citizens' demands regarding food security and safety, and quality and sustainability;

*Amendment*

A. whereas the common agricultural policy (CAP) is the most integrated policy in the Union, and has successfully fulfilled its original objectives by supporting European farmers and responding to citizens' demands regarding food security and safety, and quality and sustainability; ***whereas there are new challenges ahead, in particular linked to planetary boundaries of climate change, nitrogen and phosphorus cycle and loss of biodiversity as these are approaching a threshold beyond which there is a risk of irreversible change; whereas it is important that CAP is aligned with the Paris agreement and other international agreements which protect the climate and the environment;***

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Monika Vana**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A**

*Draft opinion*

A. whereas the common agricultural policy (CAP) is the most integrated policy in the Union, ***and has successfully fulfilled*** its original objectives by supporting European farmers ***and*** responding to citizens' demands regarding food security and safety, and quality and sustainability;

*Amendment*

A. whereas the common agricultural policy (CAP) is ***perhaps*** the most integrated policy in the Union, ***yet despite*** successfully ***fulfilling some of*** its original objectives by supporting ***some*** European farmers, ***it has also allowed the disappearance of an estimated average of 100's of small and medium sized farm businesses per day, and is still far from***

responding to citizens' demands regarding food security and safety, and quality and sustainability

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Jean-Paul Denanot**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A**

*Draft opinion*

A. whereas the common agricultural policy (CAP) is the most integrated policy in the Union, and has *successfully* fulfilled its original objectives by supporting European farmers and responding to citizens' demands regarding food security and safety, and quality and sustainability;

*Amendment*

A. whereas the common agricultural policy (CAP) is *one of* the most integrated policy in the Union, and has fulfilled its original objectives *to increase food supply*, by supporting European farmers and responding to citizens' demands regarding food security and safety, and quality and sustainability;

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Monika Vana**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***A a. Whereas the objectives of the CAP<sup>1a</sup> are outdated and do not respond to many contemporary challenges facing farming, as they are more than 60 years old and do not include sustainability or environmental and social performance, or dealing with climate change.***

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<sup>1a</sup> *Article 39 of the TFEU*

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***A a. whereas the contribution of CAP is also important to achieve EU soil, climate and biodiversity targets;***

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Jean-Paul Denanot**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

B. whereas it is necessary to ensure support for genuine farmers, ***and*** to give priority to small farms; whereas it is essential to ensure a fair standard of living across regions and Member States;

B. whereas it is necessary to ensure support for genuine farmers, to give priority to small farms, ***and to help promoting diverse agricultural systems, especially family farms, to strengthen regional economies through a performant agriculture in economic, environmental and social terms***; whereas it is essential to ensure a fair standard of living across regions and Member States ***and to support employment in the rural areas, especially for and amongst young farmers***;

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Monika Vana**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas it is necessary to ensure support for genuine farmers, and to give priority to small farms; whereas it is essential to ensure a fair standard of living across regions and Member States;

*Amendment*

B. whereas it is necessary to ensure support for genuine farmers *while continuing to support beneficiaries who have diversified production streams and incomes (after decades of policy signals intending for them to do so)*, and to give priority to small farms *and reward them for the diverse public goods they deliver to society* ; whereas it is essential to ensure a fair standard of living across regions and Member States

Or. en

**Amendment 8**

**Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Urmas Paet, Nils Torvalds**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas it is necessary to ensure support for genuine farmers, and to give priority to small farms; whereas it is essential to ensure a fair standard of living across regions and Member States;

*Amendment*

B. whereas it is necessary to ensure support for genuine farmers, and to give priority to small farms *while ensuring the fair distribution of support between farms of different sizes*; whereas it is essential to ensure a fair standard of living across regions and Member States *and to secure agricultural production in all parts of the EU, including areas of natural constraints*;

Or. en

**Amendment 9**

**Isabelle Thomas**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

B. whereas it is necessary to ensure support for ***genuine*** farmers, and to give priority to small farms; whereas it is essential to ensure a fair standard of living across regions and Member States;

B. whereas it is necessary to ensure support for farmers, and to give priority to small farms; whereas it is essential to ensure a fair standard of living across regions and Member States ***as well as to support a modernised and sustainable agriculture in the EU;***

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Nedzhmi Ali, Urmas Paet, Jean Arthuis**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***B a. whereas the EU is both the world's largest importer and exporter of agri-food products; at the same time the options of using CAP rural development programmes (RDPs) to contribute towards insurance, mutual funds and income stabilisation schemes for farmers have not been implemented widely;***

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Nedzhmi Ali, Urmas Paet**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***B b. whereas there is a gap between income in agricultural sector and those in other sectors of the economy and additionally agricultural income is highly volatile; there is a risk of land being abandoned in areas with natural constraints; there should be sufficient investment into farm restructuring,***

*modernization, innovation, diversification  
and the uptake of new technologies;*

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Nedzhmi Ali**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*B c. whereas according to ECA 's Mar 2018 briefing paper Future of the CAP in 2010, for every 100 farm managers above 55, there were 14 farm managers below 35; in 2013 this value decreased to 10.8 farm managers below 35; the average age of EU farmers increased from 49.2 to 51.4 years over the period 2004 to 2013; the smallest farms are most often those of older farmers;*

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Monika Vana**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

C. whereas in the light of the ***excessive administrative burden*** of the greening measures, the control and audit system, and the ***growing number of*** overlaps between pillars I and II, it is important to reduce the overall burden of the CAP, to improve its value for money and to achieve ***simplification and*** transparency;

C. whereas in the light of the ***administration*** of the greening measures (***which largely existed before the 2013 reform as "cross-compliance" requirements of maintaining pastureland, landscape features and crop rotation***), the control and audit system ***which has continuously reduced the error rate via the IACS and LPIS-GIS systems***, and the overlaps between pillars I and II, it is ***nonetheless*** important to ***simplify and***



reduce the overall *administrative* burden of the CAP *as much as possible without compromising on the ambitious policy objectives demanded by society, in order* to improve its value for money *in rewarding delivery of public goods* and to achieve transparency.

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Jean-Paul Denanot**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C**

*Draft opinion*

C. whereas *in the light of the excessive administrative burden of the greening measures, the control and audit system, and the growing number of overlaps between pillars I and II*, it is important to reduce the overall burden of the CAP, to improve *its value for money* and to achieve simplification and transparency;

*Amendment*

C. whereas *the current* greening measures *have brought limited results, and require a new comprehensive legal framework allowing for the integration of the different types of environmental actions currently existing under Pillar I (cross compliance, greening payments) as well as agro-environmental measures under Pillar II* , it is important to reduce the overall burden of the CAP, *in order* to improve *the greening results and help all farmers more effectively in the adaptation of their farming systems, to meet environmental and climatic challenges and citizens demands* and to achieve simplification and transparency;

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**John Howarth, Paul Brannen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

C. whereas in the light of the excessive administrative burden of the greening measures, the control and audit system, and the growing number of overlaps between pillars I and II, it is important to reduce the overall burden of the CAP, to improve its value for money and to achieve simplification and transparency;

C. whereas in the light of the excessive administrative burden of the *ineffective* greening measures, the control and audit system, and the growing number of overlaps between pillars I and II, it is important to reduce the overall burden of the CAP, to improve its value for money and to achieve simplification and transparency;

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Isabelle Thomas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C**

*Draft opinion*

C. whereas in the light of the excessive administrative burden *of the greening measures*, the control and audit system, and the *growing* number of overlaps between pillars I and II, it is important to reduce the overall burden of the CAP, to improve its value for money and to achieve simplification and transparency;

*Amendment*

C. whereas in the light of the excessive administrative burden, the control and audit system, and the *possible* number of overlaps between pillars I and II, it is important to reduce the overall burden of the CAP, to improve its value for money and to achieve simplification and transparency;

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Nedzhmi Ali, Anneli Jäätteenmäki**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

***C a. whereas making EU value added a core objective is one of Commission's proposals for all future EU policies; however, there is no commonly accepted definition for this concept;***

*Amendment*

**Amendment 18**

**Pavel Poc**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital C a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***C a. Whereas the EU spends a considerable amount on the new green payment, 12 billion euro per year, representing 30 % of all CAP direct payments and almost 8 % of the whole EU budget;***

Or. en

**Amendment 19**

**Pavel Poc**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital C b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***C b. Whereas the European Court of Auditors concludes that the objective of the greening measure introduced with the last CAP reform – to enhance the CAP's environmental performance – lacks specific targets for the measure's contribution to the environment and climate and should be quantified where possible, not just for outputs, but also for results and impact;***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**

**Pavel Poc**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital C c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***C c. Whereas the European Court of Auditors concludes that the specific contribution of greening to achieving EU soil, climate and biodiversity targets is not clearly defined;***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**

**Pavel Poc**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital C d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***C d. Whereas the European Court of Auditors concludes that the initial Commission proposal was more ambitious in environmental terms but lacked a clear demonstration of what the proposed greening practices would achieve and at the same time, the budget allocation for greening did not change, because it was based on a political decision and not on the policy's delivery of environmental and climate-related objectives;***

Or. en

**Amendment 22**

**Pavel Poc**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital C e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***C e. Whereas greening as currently implemented is unlikely to provide significant benefits for the environment and climate and has led to very limited***

*change in farming practices which illustrates the significant deadweight in the policy's design;*

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Pavel Poc**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C f (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*C f. Whereas crop diversification is less beneficial for soil than crop rotation;*

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Pavel Poc**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C g (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*C g. Whereas the effect of grassland protection on net emissions from farmland could be enhanced through better targeting;*

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Pavel Poc**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C h (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*C h. Whereas the predominance of*

*productive Ecological Focus Areas together with insufficient management requirements reduce the potential benefits of greening for biodiversity;*

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Pavel Poc**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C i (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*C i. Whereas Member States use the flexibility in greening rules to limit the burden on farmers and themselves, rather than to maximise the expected environmental and climate benefit;*

Or. en

**Amendment 27**  
**Pavel Poc**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C j (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*C j. Whereas greening has had limited impact on Pillar II environmental measures;*

Or. en

**Amendment 28**  
**Monika Vana**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital D**

*Draft opinion*

D. whereas as outlined in the Commission communication on the future of food and farming, the future CAP will have common objectives the Member States, whether at national or regional level, *will need to pick from those options in order to achieve the goals set at EU level;*

*Amendment*

D. whereas as outlined in the Commission communication on the future of food and farming, the future CAP will have common objectives *for* the Member States, whether at national or regional level; *whereas it is vital that the reformed CAP regulations set a strong common baseline of environmental, public and animal health that corresponds with zero degradation or at least “do no harm” socially or environmentally, as well as respecting international agreements, SDGs and existing EU laws.*

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**John Howarth, Paul Brannen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital D**

*Draft opinion*

D. whereas as outlined in the Commission communication on the future of food and farming, the future CAP will have common objectives and the Member States, whether at national or regional level, will need to pick from those options in order to achieve the goals set at EU level;

*Amendment*

D. whereas as outlined in the Commission communication on the future of food and farming, the future CAP will have common objectives and the Member States, whether at national or regional level, will need to pick from those options in order to achieve the goals set at EU level, *the future CAP delivery model should be result-driven as regards resource efficiency, environmental care and climate action;*

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Jean-Paul Denanot**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital D**

*Draft opinion*

D. whereas as outlined in the Commission communication on the future of food and farming, the future CAP will have common objectives and the Member States, whether at national or regional level, will need to ***pick from those*** options in order to achieve the goals set at EU level;

*Amendment*

D. whereas as outlined in the Commission communication on the future of food and farming, the future CAP will have common objectives and the Member States, whether at national or regional level, will need to ***adopt a range of these*** options in order to ***maintain a level playing field, avoid distortions in the market and*** achieve the goals set at EU level;

Or. en

**Amendment 31**

**Monika Vana**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital D a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***D a. whereas notwithstanding the intended shift away from the commission to the MS when defining the modalities of farm based rules (the “new delivery model”), it is vital that the national action plans are developed between MS and commission so as to ensure a balanced achievement of all the objectives set in the basic regulation, and so also ensuring a level playing field of food safety, public and animal health and environmental norms for farmers and other citizens.***

Or. en

**Amendment 32**

**Monika Vana**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph -1 (new)**



**-1. Regrets that MFF funding for the sectoral policies such as CAP is discussed before content of those policies is reformed, as this has tended limit the ambition of reform and to maintain the status quo. Notes further that the status quo is no longer an option.**

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Monika Vana**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Emphasises that the CAP *can* deliver *its* objectives if sufficiently funded; calls, therefore, for the CAP budget to be maintained at an adequate level in the next MFF;

*Amendment*

1. Emphasises that, *although* the CAP *has not been living up to society's expectations in its social or environmental performance, it could still* deliver *ambitious updated* objectives *and achieve the desired transition to full sustainability* if sufficiently funded; Calls, therefore, *for the current CAP budget to be spent supporting the transition to fully sustainable farming systems; Calls, in this light,* for the CAP budget to be maintained at an adequate level in the next MFF *on the condition that the reform begins this transition to full sustainability by 2030, and that disbursements to Member States are conditional upon reaching positive results and objective, evidence-based and measurable milestones;*

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Jean-Paul Denanot**

**Draft opinion**

## Paragraph 1

### *Draft opinion*

1. Emphasises that the CAP can deliver its objectives if sufficiently funded; calls, therefore, for the CAP budget to be maintained at *an adequate* level in the next MFF;

### *Amendment*

1. Emphasises that the CAP can deliver its objectives if sufficiently funded calls, therefore, for the CAP budget to be *at least* maintained at *its current* level *for the EU-27 at constant prices* in the next MFF *post 2020 in order to achieve the ambitions of a revised and efficient CAP*;

Or. en

## Amendment 35 Inese Vaidere

### Draft opinion Paragraph 1

### *Draft opinion*

1. Emphasises that the CAP can deliver its objectives if sufficiently funded; calls, therefore, for the CAP budget to be maintained at an adequate level in the next MFF;

### *Amendment*

1. Emphasises that the CAP *should remain common EU policy which* can deliver its objectives *only* if sufficiently funded; calls, therefore, for the CAP budget to be maintained at an adequate level in the next MFF;

Or. en

## Amendment 36 Isabelle Thomas

### Draft opinion Paragraph 1

### *Draft opinion*

1. Emphasises that the CAP can deliver its objectives if sufficiently funded; calls, therefore, for the CAP budget to be maintained at *an adequate* level in the next MFF;

### *Amendment*

1. Emphasises that the CAP can deliver its objectives if sufficiently funded; calls, therefore, for the CAP budget to be *at least* maintained at *its current* level *for the EU-27 at constant prices* in the next MFF;

**Amendment 37**

**José Manuel Fernandes**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Emphasises that the CAP can deliver its objectives if sufficiently funded; calls, therefore, for the CAP budget to be maintained at *an adequate* level in the next MFF;

*Amendment*

1. Emphasises that the CAP can deliver its objectives if sufficiently funded; calls, therefore, for the CAP budget to be *at least* maintained at *the current* level in the next MFF;

Or. en

**Amendment 38**

**Inese Vaidere**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 – point 1 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**(1) Highlights that CAP should support sustainable development of agriculture, which is crucial for providing safe food, jobs and growth in rural areas, as well as, sustainable management of natural resources;**

Or. en

**Amendment 39**

**Monika Vana**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1 a. notes that in order to achieve a transition to full sustainability, farmers will need to adapt their practices; underlines that it is the role of publically-funded policies like the CAP to assist them in this transition, especially considering the financial pressure many small and medium sized farms are under. Notes further that this will need a considerable redistribution of funding, but that no targeted funding would mean no change.*

Or. en

**Amendment 40**  
**Monika Vana**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1 b. insists on the principle of “public money for public goods” and the strict conditioning of payments to environmental and social results, as well as ensuring an EU-wide level playing field or baseline of common environmental, public and animal health, and social norms.*

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nedzhmi Ali, Urmas Paet, Nils Torvalds**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

2. ***Draws attention to*** the intention to simplify and modernise the CAP, ***but*** calls on the Commission to ensure that financial

2. ***Welcomes*** the intention to simplify and modernise the CAP; calls on the Commission to ensure that financial and

and performance control and audit functions are performed *to the same standard and* under the same *criteria* across all Member States;

performance control and audit functions are performed under the same *standards* across all Member States *while fully respecting the principles of subsidiarity and flexibility; stresses that the Member States need to be given adequate competence to decide on the content, monitoring, control and sanctions of the support schemes applicable in their territories;*

Or. en

**Amendment 42**  
**Jean-Paul Denanot**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Draws attention to the intention to simplify and modernise the CAP, but calls on the Commission to ensure that financial and performance control and audit functions are performed to the same standard and under the same criteria across all Member States;

*Amendment*

2. Draws attention to the intention to simplify and modernise the CAP, but calls on the Commission to ensure that financial and performance control and audit functions are performed to the same standard and under the same criteria across all Member States; ***underlines that any simplification or modernisation of the CAP may not reduce the level of EU ambition or neither lead to a sectoralisation of EU policies and programmes, nor replace grants by financial instruments;***

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Monika Vana**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

2. Draws attention to the intention to simplify and modernise the CAP, but calls on the Commission to ensure that financial and performance control and audit functions are performed to the same standard and under the same criteria across all Member States;

2. Draws attention to the intention to simplify and modernise the CAP, but calls on the Commission to ensure that financial and performance control and audit functions are performed to the same **high standard of continuous improvement** and under the same criteria across all Member States;

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Monika Vana**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2 a. Notes that effective audit and control approaches will have to be followed to ensure that any "new delivery model" under a reformed CAP actually delivers on environmental and social criteria in order for the sector to reach full sustainability by 2030;***

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2 a. Stresses that any financial support to the farmers should be based on the quantity of output from the farm rather than on single payment scheme or single area payment scheme;***

Or. en

**Amendment 46**  
**Monika Vana**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2 b. Notes also that, in order to deliver clear added value based on citizens' demands, there must be effective, relevant, controllable, evidence-based indicators and milestones, with clear deadlines, to be agreed between the Commission and Member States when setting out their national/regional action plans, in order for the sector to reach full sustainability by 2030;***

Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Monika Vana**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2 c. Insists upon a results-based approach to payments. Proposes therefore the inclusion of the following issues for indicators:***

- jobs maintained and created in the sector;***
- small and medium farm businesses retained;***
- health and biodiversity of soil / species and taxa richness;***
- topsoil protection and creation, soil cover against erosion;***
- decreased nutrient losses and increased water quality;***
- biodiversity including richness and abundance of bird species / wild***

*pollinators / insects ;  
- indicators on reduction of pesticide use  
dependency and uptake of integrated pest  
management (IPM) <sup>1b</sup>.*

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*<sup>1b</sup> in line with the Sustainable Use of  
Pesticides Directive 2009/128 and article  
67 of Regulation 1107/2009*

Or. en

**Amendment 48**  
**Monika Vana**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2 d. Underlines that if the new delivery  
model is to be implemented, it must also  
envision a system of motivational  
sanctions or financial corrections to be  
applied to Member States in the case of  
their not reaching the ambitious  
objectives set by the regulations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Jean-Paul Denanot**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

3. Calls for a fair distribution of direct  
payments between the Member States, so  
that the gaps between the different regions  
of the Union can be closed sooner;

3. Calls for a fair distribution of direct  
payments between the Member States, so  
that the gaps between the different regions  
of the Union can be closed sooner;  
*underlines that direct payments generate  
clear EU added value and strengthen the  
single market by avoiding distortions of*



*competition between Member States; opposes any renationalisation and any national cofinancing for direct payments in that respect; stresses the need to continue measures maintaining production in sectors that are vital for vulnerable areas, to reform the agricultural crisis reserve, to increase funding in line with responses to the various cyclical crises in sensitive sectors, to create new instruments that can mitigate price volatility and to increase funding for Programmes of Options Specifically Relating to Remoteness and Insularity (POSEI);*

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Alfred Sant**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Calls for a fair distribution of direct payments between the Member States, so that *the gaps between the different regions of the Union can be closed sooner*;

*Amendment*

3. *Notes the* calls for a fair *and different* distribution of direct payments between the Member States; *emphasizes that a new system would need to take into account the diverse specificities of the farming landscape of each individual Member State* so that *where micro agricultural systems such as on peripheral islands depend on tailor made support, it should be ensured that this support is retained in the future*;

Or. en

**Amendment 51**  
**Daniele Viotti, Pina Picierno, Paolo De Castro**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Calls for a fair distribution of direct payments between *the* Member States, *so that the gaps between the different regions of the Union can be closed sooner*;

*Amendment*

3. Calls for a fair distribution of direct payments between Member States, *which must take into account reliable socio-economic indexes, such as standard gross margins, added value per hectare, employment rates as well as labour, inputs and land costs*;

Or. en

**Amendment 52**  
**Monika Hohlmeier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. *Calls* for a fair distribution of direct payments between *the* Member States, *so that the gaps between the different regions of the Union can be closed sooner*;

*Amendment*

3. *Stresses the need* for a fair distribution of direct payments between Member States, *which must take into account socio-economic differences, different production costs and the amounts received by Member States under Pillar II*;

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Inese Vaidere**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Calls for a fair distribution of direct payments between the Member States, so that the gaps between the different regions of the Union *can* be closed *sooner*;

*Amendment*

3. Calls for a fair distribution of direct payments between the Member States, so that the gaps between the different regions of the Union *should* be closed *in the next MFF; it is crucial to ensure equal competition conditions for all farmers*

*within the EU;*

Or. en

**Amendment 54**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Calls for a fair distribution of direct payments between the Member States, so that the gaps between the different regions of the Union can be closed sooner;

*Amendment*

3. Calls *for a comparison of direct payments among the farmers and* for a fair distribution of direct payments between the Member States, so that the gaps between the different regions of the Union can be closed sooner;

Or. en

**Amendment 55**  
**Inese Vaidere**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 – point 1 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*(1) Highlights that CAP support for rural development provides opportunities for all Member States to enhance their competitiveness, promotes effective and sustainable economies and fosters development of rural areas. It is vital to tackle depopulation, unemployment, poverty and to promote social inclusion. Conditions and criteria of the EU funding for rural development must ensure support for rural areas that are lagging behind the average levels, thus by strengthening the second pillar of CAP;*

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Pavel Poc**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3 a.** *Notes the CAP sometimes sends conflicting signals by supporting measures with incompatible impacts, for example, the OECD argues that the potential impact of greening was largely offset by the impact of voluntary coupled support;*

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3 a.** *believes that setting a possible limit to direct payments, the so-called "Capping", can not be left to the discretion of each Member States, but must be established at European level;*

Or. en

**Amendment 58**  
**Inese Vaidere**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3 a.** *Future CAP must take into account the vulnerabilities and*

*specificities of small-scale economies.*

Or. en

**Amendment 59**

**Pavel Poc**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3 b.    *Regrets that currently, environmental and climate objectives are mainstreamed into the CAP through greening and cross-compliance, however, greening obligations are generally undemanding and only apply to a minority of beneficiaries;***

Or. en

**Amendment 60**

**Nicola Caputo**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3 b.    *suggests to introduce degressive payments to reduce the support for larger farms and focus on a redistributive payment in order to be able to provide support in a targeted manner (e.g. to small-medium sized farms);***

Or. en

**Amendment 61**

**Pavel Poc**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3 c.    *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to make access to any direct payments conditional upon meeting a set of basic environmental and climate requirements encompassing the current cross-compliance and greening rules;***

Or. en

**Amendment 62**

**Pavel Poc**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3 d.    *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop a complete intervention logic for the EU environmental and climate-related action regarding agriculture, including specific targets and based on up-to-date scientific understanding of the phenomena concerned;***

Or. en

**Amendment 63**

**Pavel Poc**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3 e.    *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to define needs, inputs, processes, outcomes, results, impacts and the relevant external factors as part of the intervention logic;***

**Amendment 64**

**Pavel Poc**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 f (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3 f. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to define specific targets for the CAP's contribution to the environmental and climate-related objectives of the EU;***

Or. en

**Amendment 65**

**Pavel Poc**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 g (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3 g. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop models and data sets regarding biodiversity, soil condition (including soil carbon content) and other relevant environmental and climate-related issues in order to make it possible to design an effective policy and subsequently to monitor and evaluate its implementation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 66**

**Pavel Poc**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 h (new)**

**3 h. Calls on the Commission to review and take stock of the implementation of the current CAP, in building this proposal, the Commission should be guided by the following principles:**

**- Farmers should only have access to CAP payments if they meet a set of basic environmental norms, these norms should encompass areas covered by the current GAECs and the generalized greening requirements (which are both meant to go beyond the requirements of environmental legislation);**

**- Simplifying the system of CAP direct payments by avoiding artificial and confusing distinctions between essentially similar instruments, penalties for non-compliance with these combined norms should be sufficient to act as a deterrent;**

**- In order to avoid double funding, all such basic norms should be fully incorporated in the environmental baseline for any programmed action regarding agriculture;**

Or. en

**Amendment 67**

**Pavel Poc**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 i (new)**

**3 i. Specific, local environmental and climate-related needs can be appropriately addressed through stronger programmed action regarding agriculture that is based on the achievement of performance targets and funding reflecting an assessment of the average costs incurred and income foregone in relation to actions and practices going beyond the**



*environmental baseline;*

Or. en

**Amendment 68**

**Pavel Poc**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 j (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3 j. When Member States are given options to choose from in their implementation of the CAP, they should be required to demonstrate, prior to implementation, that the options they select are effective and efficient in terms of achieving policy objective;**

Or. en

**Amendment 69**

**Monika Vana**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

4. Supports the move towards increased efficiency *of* farming *and* EU added value.

4. Supports the move towards increased *effectiveness in meeting the many objectives needed to bring our farming system up to date with the new challenges this century, including climate change, biodiversity loss (e.g. in soils and among pollinators and other beneficial species) that weaken the efficiency and productivity of our farming, the move to zero environmental damage and so minimisation of costs externalised to other parts of the EU and national budgets, as well as towards achieving social goals such as increased job creation in the CAP, thereby ensuring* EU added value

*and gaining broad public support.*

Or. en

**Amendment 70**  
**Jean-Paul Denanot**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Supports the move towards increased efficiency of farming and EU added value.

*Amendment*

4. Supports the move towards increased efficiency of farming and EU added value *but warns against any attempt to use such a definition to call into question the relevance of EU policies and programmes on purely quantitative or short-term economic considerations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 71**  
**Nedzhmi Ali, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Urmas Paet**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Supports the move towards increased efficiency of farming and EU added value.

*Amendment*

4. *Underlines that agreeing on applying a sound definition of EU value added would benefit public debate and decision-making on future EU spending;* supports the move towards increased efficiency of farming and EU added value.

Or. en

**Amendment 72**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský**

**Draft opinion**

## Paragraph 4

### *Draft opinion*

4. Supports the move towards increased efficiency of farming and EU added value.

### *Amendment*

4. Supports the move towards increased efficiency of farming and EU added value; ***encourages to support the projects focusing on sustainable development, combat the climate change and development in rural areas.***

Or. en

## Amendment 73

**John Howarth, Paul Brannen**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 4**

### *Draft opinion*

4. Supports the move towards increased efficiency of farming and EU added value.

### *Amendment*

4. Supports the move towards increased efficiency of farming ***while strengthening animal welfare, public health, climate and environmental protection provisions*** and EU added value.

Or. en

## Amendment 74

**Jean-Paul Denanot**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 (new)**

### *Draft opinion*

### *Amendment*

***Calls for increasing synergies between policies fostering rural development and policies supporting the integration of refugees;***

Or. en

**Amendment 75**  
**Monika Vana**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4 a.** *supports the principle of budgetary efficiency and underlines that negative externalities generated by the CAP currently paid for by other parts of the national or EU budget are not acceptable; calls therefore for the CAP to transition to full sustainability, with full policy coherence with all other EU policies and international commitments.*

Or. en

**Amendment 76**  
**Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nedzhmi Ali, Urmas Paet, Nils Torvalds**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4 a.** *Stresses the need to continue the financing for rural development measures; endorses in this context the principles of LEADER-method as it is fostering innovations, partnership and networking in rural areas;*

Or. en

**Amendment 77**  
**Inese Vaidere**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4 a. EU food standards must be maintained and strengthened where it is feasible;***

Or. en

**Amendment 78**

**Nedzhmi Ali, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Jean Arthuis, Urmas Paet**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4 a. Calls for increased support for family farms and young farmers;***

Or. en

**Amendment 79**

**Nedzhmi Ali, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Jean Arthuis, Urmas Paet**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4 b. Calls for better synergies between CAP and other EU policies, in particular regarding energy, water supply, land use, biodiversity and ecosystems, and the development of remote and mountainous areas;***

Or. en

**Amendment 80**

**Inese Vaidere**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4 b.** *Focus in the future farming should be on high-quality food production, rather than on large scale farming. Europe's competitive advantage lies in the quality and not quantity of its farming.*

Or. en

**Amendment 81**

**Inese Vaidere**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4 c.** *Believes it is unacceptable that there are quality differences between food products which are advertised and distributed in the Single Market under the same brand and with the same packaging; welcomes the incentives by the European Commission to address the issue on dual food quality in the Single Market, including work on common testing methodology.*

Or. en

**Amendment 82**

**Nedzhmi Ali, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Jean Arthuis, Urmas Paet**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4 c.** *Urges the Commission and the Member States to monitor the significant price volatility of agricultural products and encourage the uptake of 'risk management' tools as they help to protect*

*farmers' incomes;*

Or. en

**Amendment 83**

**Nedzhmi Ali, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Jean Arthuis, Urmas Paet**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4 d. Calls for measures to further increase the competitiveness of food production sector, introduction of new technologies and increased productivity thus thereby strengthening the EU's leading role in the world.***

Or. en