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Draft opinion
Evelyn Regner
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Urban dimension of EU policies – key features of an EU urban agenda
(2014/2213(INI))

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Amendment 1
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Observes that towns and cities have an important role to play in ***attaining the Europe 2020 objectives and must therefore be involved in the whole process of formulating policies at EU level, which can be achieved, inter alia, by means of the systematic inclusion of representatives of towns and cities in groups of experts;***

Amendment

1. Observes that towns and cities have an important role to play in ***achieving the EU 2020 employment targets and should, in accordance with the institutional and legal framework of the member state, be involved in the policy cycle;***

Or. en

Amendment 2
Krzysztof Hetman

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Observes that towns and cities have an important role to play in attaining the Europe 2020 objectives ***and goals of the Cohesion policies*** and must therefore be ***consulted and*** involved ***where appropriate during*** the whole process of formulating policies at EU level, ***welcomes in this regard an EU urban agenda which would ensure a better coordination of policies and the involvement of the relevant actors from the European urban areas;***

Or. en

Amendment 3
Ádám Kósa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Observes that towns and cities have an important role to play in attaining the Europe 2020 objectives and must therefore be involved in the whole process of formulating policies at EU level, which can be achieved, inter alia, by means of the systematic inclusion of representatives of towns and cities in groups of experts; ***emphasise the concept of accessible towns and cities and urges the systematic involvement of representatives of people with disabilities and experts of the universal design in urban development;***

Or. en

Amendment 4
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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policies in order to optimise the outcome of EU policies and employment policies in particular;

Or. es

Amendment 5

Patrick Le Hyaric, Paloma López Bermejo

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Amendment

1. Observes that towns and cities ***are the places in which various types of inequality are most heavily concentrated, that they*** have an important role to play in attaining the Europe 2020 objectives and ***that they*** must therefore be involved in the whole process of formulating policies at EU level, which can be achieved, inter alia, by means of the systematic inclusion of representatives of towns and cities, ***as well as associations of citizens and their elected representatives,*** in groups of experts;

Or. fr

Amendment 6

Terry Reintke

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Points out that civil society actors and social partners should be better involved in the development processes of EU grants programmes and that urban stakeholders should play a greater role in the implementation of the projects to be

carried out;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Krzysztof Hetman

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Considers that in order to ensure that the views of all urban stakeholders are better taken into consideration, the already existing tools and the EU structures should be explored more efficiently through consultation, evaluation, impact assessment and exchange of best practices and experiences especially in drawing up the operational programs;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Eva Kaili

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Encourages the Commission to further support the development of locally administered city-wide investment programs, independent from financial and managerial point of view;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Evelyn Regner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Points out that growth, job creation, research and development are concentrated in Europe's towns, cities and urban regions and that many European towns and cities, particularly those which are expanding rapidly, face major social challenges; calls on the Commission and the Member States to support towns, cities and urban regions in overcoming these challenges, which include, in particular, high unemployment, rising social inequality and poverty as well as the need to promote integration and provide public infrastructure;

Or. de

Amendment 10
Evelyn Regner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Points out that measures in the fields of employment, social, economic and environmental policy have a greater and more rapid impact in conurbations than elsewhere; calls on the Commission to take this into account in devising and implementing its policies;

Or. de

Amendment 11
Evelyn Regner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Points out that towns, cities and urban regions are structurally very different and face a very wide range of challenges, and that any one-size-fits-all approach should therefore be rejected;

Or. de

Amendment 12
Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses the importance of starting to reform urban centres in a way which promotes the development of polycentric governance networks capable of ensuring regional competitiveness enhancing the role of local communities and of SMEs in the area;

Or. it

Amendment 13
Karima Delli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Asks the Commission, as part of its urban programme, to set binding targets

to ensure that towns, cities and regions implement the Europe 2020 strategy, and to address demographic, environmental, economic and social challenges;

Or. fr

Amendment 14
Karima Delli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Points out that, in line with the Europe 2020 strategy, the priorities of the urban programme include combating poverty, social exclusion and homelessness by increasing the housing supply, providing in particular more social housing;

Or. fr

Amendment 15
Karima Delli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Asserts its view that environmental quality, air quality and energy efficiency must be factored into every part of the programme so as to promote sustainable, carbon-neutral towns and cities; points out that investment in these fields will make for the creation of sustainable jobs and the provision of training leading to qualifications, thus helping to address problems associated with unemployment;

Amendment 16
Karima Delli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1d. Considers that an entire section of the urban programme should be concerned with mobility, so as to address the needs of people excluded in this respect, and advocates the introduction of social pricing to help people on low incomes, as well as the development of clean modes of transport;

Or. fr

Amendment 17
Karima Delli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1e. Calls on towns, cities and regions to respect EU commitments on accessibility, and asks the Commission to monitor implementation of the relevant measures;

Or. fr

Amendment 18
Karima Delli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

If. Asks the Commission to strengthen links between city centres and the urban periphery, and between urban and rural areas, by reducing food miles and developing social and solidarity-based enterprises and by encouraging towns, cities and regions to exchange good practice in these fields;

Or. fr

Amendment 19

Patrick Le Hyaric, Inês Cristina Zuber

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Points out that towns and cities contain the tightest concentrations both of great wealth and of exclusion in its most brutal forms; notes that in the Union as a whole there are many urban areas blighted as a result of deindustrialisation, the economic crisis and an exodus of middle-class residents; is extremely concerned to see some of these areas turning in ghettos; calls, therefore, for ambitious and comprehensive policies to reconnect these areas spatially and economically with the urban fabric, giving them and their inhabitants, many of whom are young and vulnerable, genuine development prospects;

Or. fr

Amendment 20

Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Considers that, in the operation of the European Fund for Strategic Investment, special attention should be devoted to urban regions in order to promote socially and ecologically sustainable and employment-intensive investment, for example in social housing, renovation of buildings, education or health and care;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 21
Sven Schulze

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Considers that, in the operation of the European Fund for Strategic Investment, special attention should be devoted to urban regions in order to promote socially and ecologically sustainable and employment-intensive investment, for example in social housing, renovation of buildings, education or health and care;

Amendment

2. Considers that, in the operation of the European Fund for Strategic Investment, projects should be selected on the basis of their inherent advantages and disadvantages, without sector-specific or geographic preconditions;

Or. de

Amendment 22
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Draft opinion
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European Fund for Strategic Investment, special attention should be devoted to urban *regions* in order to promote socially and ecologically sustainable *and employment-intensive investment, for example in* social housing, renovation of buildings, education or health and care;

European Fund for Strategic Investment, special attention should be devoted to *projects in* urban *areas* in order to promote socially and ecologically sustainable *financing and investment with great potential for job creation; the Fund's Investment Committee which will examine projects will view positively those involving* social housing, renovation of buildings, *strategic public transport*, education or health and care;

Or. es

Amendment 23
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Considers that, in the operation of the European Fund for Strategic Investment, special attention should be devoted to urban regions in order to promote socially and ecologically sustainable *and employment-intensive* investment, for example in social housing, renovation of buildings, education *or* health and care;

Amendment

2. Considers that, in the operation of the European Fund for Strategic Investment, special attention should be devoted to urban regions in order to promote socially and ecologically sustainable investment, for example in social housing, renovation of buildings, education, health and care, *as well as investment that focuses on the creation of high quality employment that makes a decent life possible;*

Or. en

Amendment 24
Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
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European Fund for Strategic Investment, special attention should be devoted to urban regions in order to promote socially and ecologically sustainable and employment-intensive investment, for example in social housing, renovation of **communal areas and** buildings, education or health and care;

Or. it

Amendment 25

Patrick Le Hyaric, Paloma López Bermejo, Inês Cristina Zuber

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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Or. fr

Amendment 26

Nathalie Griesbeck

Draft opinion

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Or. fr

Amendment 27
Krzysztof Hetman

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Is concerned that many European cities are losing employment opportunities and are experiencing complex economic and demographic decline; warns that this shrinkage represents a serious societal damage; considers that the EU urban dimension should settle the European guidelines of an urban development and address issues such as unemployment, poverty, security, globalisation, depopulation, foreseen changes in the production patterns as well as migration within and outside the EU in order to maintain and systematically uplift quality of life of the European citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Krzysztof Hetman

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 b. Underlines that towns and cities are a part of a broader functional area and cannot be treated in isolation; calls on the Commission to respect the principle of sustainable regional development in developing its urban agenda, especially in the sectors of infrastructure and public services;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses, with a view to achieving more efficient urban development, the need to create a coordinated, integrated and sustainable public transport system, renovate existing residential areas, exploit the cultural potential and support the gathering of communities and their creativity; considers it necessary, also, to guarantee a high-quality and safe living environment, which is essential for maintaining a skilled workforce and not holding back the development of key economic sectors;

Or. It

Amendment 30
Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Notes that to increase the attractiveness of towns and cities as places to invest and thereby contribute to inclusive economic growth and to boosting employment, it is necessary to invest more in urban public spaces, rehabilitate abandoned territories and address problems which limit the development of trade, particularly in services, such as poorly developed urban centres, deserted or abandoned public spaces, unsafe or unattractive urban areas and the low level of involvement of residents;

Or. It

Amendment 31
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Stresses that the crisis measures directed towards reduced public spending in the crisis countries have already shown a direct negative impact on youth due to cuts in education, employment creation and support services, and that policies affecting young people have been developed without involving the concerned and their stakeholders; calls upon cities, towns and suburbs to focus on quality education and training, fighting early-school leaving and combatting youth unemployment, because young people urgently need new prospects and the utmost should be done in order to support them;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Eva Kaili

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Urges the Commission to ensure that urban regions are allocated sufficient budgeting for promoting their respective cultural heritage and investing in the further development of a sustainable tourism industry;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Nathalie Griesbeck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Asks the Commission to promote the development of urban transport networks which help to keep the most deprived neighbourhoods connected, strengthen social cohesion and improve workers' mobility; similarly encourages the development of these transport networks in cross-border conurbations to improve mobility for those who cross the border to work;

Or. fr

Amendment 34
Ulrike Trebesius

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3**

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Calls for public expenditure on combating unemployment and poverty and for the purpose of promoting social investment to be excluded from the calculation of the public deficit in order to facilitate greater productive investment by towns and cities;

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Or. en

**Amendment 35
Krzysztof Hetman**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3**

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Calls for public expenditure on combating unemployment and poverty and for the purpose of promoting social investment to be excluded from the calculation of the public deficit in order to facilitate greater productive investment by towns and cities;

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 36
Ádám Kósa**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3**

Draft opinion

Amendment

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investment to be excluded from the calculation of the public deficit in order to facilitate greater productive investment by towns and cities *stresses that a solution must be found to the problem of integrating poorly-trained young people into the labour market, by providing barrier-free, accessible and quality vocational and in-work training to help them acquire skills, taking into account the fact that the lack of qualifications can increase the risk of unemployment, which in turn increases the poverty risk and involves a multitude of social challenges linked to exclusion, alienation and the failed efforts in building an independent life; to this end, it is crucial helping more young people to stay at school and acquire the appropriate qualifications needed for a job and career and ensuring wider access to high-quality education with special projects for children from disadvantaged groups and minorities;*

Or. en

Amendment 37
Patrick Le Hyaric

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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3. Calls for public expenditure on combating unemployment and poverty and for the purpose of promoting social investment to be excluded from the calculation of the public deficit in order to facilitate greater productive investment by towns and cities, *thus helping to reduce various forms of inequality, promote a social mix and make urban living more neighbourly;*

Or. fr

Amendment 38
Krzysztof Hetman

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Brings into attention the problem of the overpopulation of the biggest cities which, in absence of an appropriate infrastructure, can lead to insufficient or poor quality housing and mobility problems; is concerned about the problems with the traffic and smooth circulation in the cities, which significantly increase the commuting time and reduces the quality of life of many Europeans; stresses that the lack of appropriate infrastructure can cause psychological pressure and stress on workers hindering the reconciliation of professional and private life;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Krzysztof Hetman

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. Calls on the European Commission and the Member States to help urban areas to modernise their economic, social and environmental characteristics through smart investments and better coordination; reminds that urban areas should be logistically interconnected not only at regional or national, but also trans-border level; calls on all the relevant stakeholders to engage in a

debate on increasing attractiveness of middle-size urban areas; points out that lack of an appropriate intra-cities infrastructure allowing easy access and movements of goods and services constitute a burden especially for the middle-size cities and diminish their attractiveness for the investors; encourages Member States, to help build infrastructures within EU and non-EU urban areas in order to raise potential for job creation for the middle-size cities bordering non EU countries;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Eva Kaili

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Calls on the Commission to take into consideration, when allocating funds, the effects of the financial crisis which have weakened the ability of urban regions to deal with major issues such as rapid demographic changes, pollution, the provision of public services and social exclusion in their territories. Specific instruments should be made available to cities in order to implement the 2020 goals, accounting for the specific characteristics of each region. Special attention should be directed to sustainable housing and the various private ownership skims since local authorities often lack the resources (human and financial) or the competences to ensure an effective response to the Strategy of Smart Cities and Communities, a problem which needs to be addressed in order to ensure

effectiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Evelyn Regner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission to explore whether and to what extent unused Youth Employment Initiative resources can be allocated directly to towns and cities with particularly high rates of youth unemployment, with the proviso that the monies in question are earmarked for specific projects to combat youth unemployment;

Or. de

Amendment 42
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Believes that the focus of an EU urban agenda must be on the exchange of information and best practice, calls on the Commission to find new ways to enhance the flow of information in both directions and to take into account the specific needs of urban regions when drafting legislation in order to reduce local government's bureaucratic needs when dealing with EU legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on the Commission to actively promote gender budgeting in Europe's towns and cities; calls on the Commission furthermore to promote exchanges of best practices in gender budgeting;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 44
Krzysztof Hetman

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on the Commission to actively promote gender budgeting in Europe's towns and cities; calls on the Commission furthermore to promote exchanges of best practices in gender budgeting;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 45
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Calls on the Commission to actively promote gender budgeting in Europe's

Amendment

4. Draws attention to the fact that urban design and services addressing gender

towns and cities; calls on the Commission furthermore to promote exchanges of best practices in gender budgeting;

discrimination and promoting equal opportunities contribute to achieving a greater social and economic benefit; therefore calls on the Commission to actively promote gender budgeting in Europe's towns and cities *as analysing the distribution of expenses among women and others and having a look at how planned undertaking affects all genders makes it easier to develop concepts on what specifically can be done to further develop gender equality*; calls on the Commission furthermore to promote exchanges of best practices in gender budgeting;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Ádám Kósa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Calls on the Commission to actively promote gender budgeting in Europe's towns and cities; calls on the Commission furthermore to promote exchanges of best practices in gender budgeting;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to actively promote gender budgeting *and budgeting for universal design* in Europe's towns and cities; calls on the Commission furthermore to promote exchanges of best practices in gender budgeting *and in planning accessible towns and cities*;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Observes that the consistent application of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles by the Commission is extremely important to towns and cities, to enable them to design their employment policies and social policies in a targeted manner, particularly in the fields of public services and services of general interest.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 48
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Observes that the *consistent application of the* subsidiarity and proportionality principles *by the Commission is extremely important to towns and cities, to enable them to design their employment policies and social policies in a targeted manner, particularly in the fields of public services and services of general interest.*

5. Observes that *towns and cities shall be designed such that the outcomes of labour and social policies are optimised, particularly in the fields of public services and services of general interest; designing a strategic public transport network and locating childcare centres that encourage the creation of a good work-life balance is essential; it is also important that the design of towns and cities is used to constantly improve the social wage, as represented by the quality of schools, sports centres and care centres, preventing the emergence or growth of areas in towns and cities that are marginalised or excluded; the Commission shall apply the subsidiarity and proportionality principles in accordance with the Treaties.*

Or. es

Amendment 49
Krzysztof Hetman

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Observes that the consistent application of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles by the Commission is extremely important to towns and cities, to enable them to design their employment policies and social policies in a targeted manner, particularly in the fields of public services and services of general interest.

Amendment

5. Observes that the consistent application of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles by the Commission is extremely important to towns and cities, to enable them to design their employment policies and social policies in a targeted manner, particularly in the fields of public services and services of general interest; ***calls on the Commission to systematically reduce the red tape and to ensure that the implementation of new urban policies will not cause additional administrative burden on towns and cities.***

Or. en

Amendment 50
Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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Amendment

5. Observes that the consistent application of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles by the Commission is extremely important to towns and cities, to enable them, ***through a bottom-up approach inclusive of all stakeholders***, to design their ***own*** employment policies and social policies in a targeted manner, particularly in the fields of public services and services of general interest.

Or. it

Amendment 51
Karima Delli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 52
Evelyn Regner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Commission to subject proposals to an urban impact assessment and thereby to involve representatives of urban areas in the process of shaping EU policy at the earliest possible stage.

Or. de

Amendment 53
Eva Kaili

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Is of the opinion that the future of the European Union will be at a great extent

designed in cities and that the development of a "knowledge-based" economy requires adequate funding in order to improve digital infrastructure and the ICT skills of its citizens in urban areas.

Or. en

Amendment 54
Milan Zver

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Considers that, by supporting innovative, smart and sustainable projects, towns and cities can make a strong contribution to economic growth, increasing the employment rate and social cohesion;

Or. sl

Amendment 55
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Maintains that the provision of social and employment policy is best delivered at national and local levels, believes that low debt, economic freedom, favourable conditions for innovation and low taxes are the best basis for growth and job creation; asks the Commission to identify best practice at urban level and communicate it to other interested stakeholders, and to facilitate member states to work together on the issues of

most interest to them;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Notes however that more than two thirds of European citizens are living in towns and cities and that this rate is growing; believes that towns and larger urban areas are important centres of economic activity and have, due to their culture, size, infrastructure and economic structure, specific social problems and are in need of tailored solutions; stresses that, in this regard, local structures are best placed to provide appropriate solutions and that the concept of subsidiarity needs to be upheld.

Or. en

Amendment 57
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 c. Strongly believes that any initiative under the EU urban agenda must be taken in the wider context of Article 4 TFEU which requires the EU to respect the national identities of member states including "their fundamental structures, political and constitutional, inclusive of regional and local self-government".

Amendment 58
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 d. Notes that cooperation between member states on urban development currently takes place on an intergovernmental basis; believes that the development of an EU urban agenda must demonstrate clear EU added value; believes that EU policies must compliment and not contradict national or regional policies.

Or. en