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Draft opinion
Tiziana Beghin
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Resource efficiency: moving towards a circular economy
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Amendment 1
Jérôme Lavrilleux

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Strongly condemns the withdrawal of the circular economy legislative package, the provisions of which would have contributed to creating up to 180 000 jobs in the EU waste management sector alone;

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 2
Helga Stevens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Strongly condemns the withdrawal of the circular economy legislative package, the provisions of which would have contributed to creating up to 180 000 jobs in the EU waste management sector alone;

Amendment

1. Believes that investing in a circular economy should be fully compatible with the Commission's jobs, growth and competitiveness agenda and has the potential to create a win-win situation for all stakeholders involved; possibly creating up to 180 000 jobs in the EU waste management sector alone, according to the Impact Assessment of the Commission; looking forward to the new and more ambitious Commission proposal to come forward before the end of 2015;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Renate Weber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Strongly condemns the withdrawal of the circular economy legislative package, the provisions of which would have contributed to creating up to 180 000 jobs in the EU waste management sector alone;

Amendment

1. Strongly condemns the withdrawal of the circular economy legislative package, the provisions of which would have contributed to creating up to 180 000 jobs in the EU waste management sector alone; ***notes with concern that this withdrawal will delay the reconciliation between growth and sustainability with at least two years;***

Or. en

Amendment 4
Csaba Sógor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Strongly condemns the withdrawal of the circular economy legislative package, the provisions of which would have contributed to creating up to 180 000 jobs in the EU waste management sector alone;

Amendment

1. Strongly condemns the withdrawal of the circular economy legislative package, the provisions of which would have contributed to creating up to 180 000 jobs in the EU waste management sector alone ***and urges the Commission to present a new and improved legislative package as soon as possible;***

Or. en

Amendment 5
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Strongly condemns the withdrawal of the circular economy legislative package, the provisions of which would have contributed to creating up to 180 000 jobs in the EU waste management sector alone;

1. Strongly condemns the withdrawal of the circular economy legislative package, the provisions of which would have contributed to creating up to 180 000 jobs in the EU waste management sector alone, ***calls on the Commission to come forward with an ambitious proposal including a focus on the issue that waste would not be created in the first place;***

Or. en

Amendment 6
Helga Stevens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Highlights that in order to move the circular economy forward, a paradigm shift is needed so that resources are not wasted; this requires a mix of approaches which respects the principle of subsidiarity at various policy levels:

- business models should be conceived so that there is an incentive to close material and product loops,

- products must be designed so that they last long, can easily be repaired and their components can easily be reused or recycled,

- logistics must be organised so that products that are no longer used are easily and efficiently returned to start a new life cycle in the philosophy of the circular economy,

- waste is regarded as a resource;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Helga Stevens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Recalls that although European waste legislation has already been in place for several years, there is still no level playing field in the European market. Stresses in this regard that the creation of a true European single market for waste and recycled products is a basis for a fully functioning European Circular Economy. To attain this the Commission and the competent authorities in the Member States must work jointly in order to remove all regulatory obstacles at all levels, to improve and strengthen implementation and to enable the free flow of these products;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Renate Weber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the Commission to present its new proposal as soon as possible, but latest by the end of 2015, which should be at least as ambitious as the initial proposal with regards to creating jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Jérôme Lavrilleux

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Welcomes the Commission statement on the relaunch of an initiative on the circular economy before the end of 2015;

Or. fr

Amendment 10
Helga Stevens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Stresses that the circular economy has the potential to generate millions of jobs across Europe;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 11
Csaba Sógor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. *Stresses* that the circular economy has the potential to generate millions of jobs across Europe;

2. *Points out the fact* that the *environmental services sector showed strong resilience even in the years of the economic crisis and stresses that a well-developed* circular economy has the potential to generate millions of *new* jobs across Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that the circular economy has the potential to generate millions of jobs across Europe;

Amendment

2. Stresses that the circular economy has the potential to generate millions of jobs across Europe; ***to achieve its full potential, this requires a shift in societal understanding as to the crucial importance of resource efficiency and for governments to ensure a coherent and integrated policy approach to support this change;***

Or. en

Amendment 13
Emilian Pavel, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Georgi Pirinski, Daciana Octavia Sârbu, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that the circular economy has the potential to generate ***millions of*** jobs across Europe;

Amendment

2. Stresses that the circular economy has the potential to generate ***2 million*** jobs across Europe ***and possible net savings of €600 billion for EU businesses by 2030, by increasing natural resource productivity and by creating new markets, products and value for businesses;***

Or. en

Amendment 14
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that the circular economy has the potential to generate millions of jobs across Europe;

Amendment

2. Stresses that the Circular Economy has the potential to generate millions of jobs across Europe ***but also notes that many jobs will be 'greened' and therefore require retraining and up-skilling;***

Or. en

Amendment 15
Jutta Steinruck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that the circular economy has the potential to generate millions of jobs across Europe;

Amendment

2. Stresses that the circular economy has the potential to generate millions of jobs across Europe; ***points out that this potential must be used for jobs which are covered by collective labour agreements, are not fixed-term and are full-time;***

Or. de

Amendment 16
Neoklis Sylikiotis, Inês Cristina Zuber, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric, Tania González Peñas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that the circular economy has the potential to generate millions of jobs across Europe;

Amendment

2. Stresses that the circular economy has the potential to generate millions of jobs across Europe, ***which should be sustainable, decent and quality jobs, respecting workers' rights and collective***

agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that the circular economy has the potential to generate millions of jobs across Europe;

Amendment

2. Stresses that the circular economy has the potential to generate millions of jobs across Europe; ***hopes, however, that the Commission will soon be able to provide precise, numerically-based information about the potential for such employment in order to alert the Member States to the sectors and regions concerned;***

Or. fr

Amendment 18
Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that the circular economy has the potential to generate millions of jobs across Europe;

Amendment

2. Stresses that the circular economy has the potential to generate millions of ***new*** jobs across Europe, ***resulting in net job creation;***

Or. en

Amendment 19
Guillaume Balas

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that the circular economy has the potential to generate millions of jobs across Europe;

Amendment

2. Stresses that the circular economy has the potential to generate millions of ***non-relocatable*** jobs across Europe;

Or. fr

Amendment 20

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that the circular economy has the potential to generate millions of jobs across Europe;

Amendment

2. Stresses that the circular economy has the potential to generate millions of jobs across Europe ***in different levels of skills***;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Helga Stevens

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. In order to maximise on net job potential of the circular economy, believes it is crucial to provide the right opportunities to acquire the new skills needed for the circular economy;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Emphasises that a circular economy **will** lead to sustainable and inclusive growth and have lasting beneficial effects on the labour market;

Amendment

3. Emphasises that a circular economy **could** lead to sustainable and inclusive growth and have lasting beneficial effects on the labour market;

Or. fr

Amendment 23

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Inês Cristina Zuber, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric, Tania González Peñas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Emphasises that a circular economy will lead to sustainable and inclusive growth and have lasting beneficial effects on the labour market;

Amendment

3. Emphasises that a circular economy will lead to sustainable and inclusive growth and have lasting beneficial effects on the labour market ***if among others the new jobs created are decent and sustainable***;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Emphasises that a circular economy will lead to sustainable and inclusive growth and have lasting beneficial effects on the labour market;

Amendment

3. Emphasises that a circular economy will lead to sustainable and inclusive growth and have lasting beneficial effects on the labour market ***creating also quality and***

high level jobs and innovation;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Brando Benifei, Emilian Pavel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Emphasises that a circular economy will lead to sustainable and inclusive growth and have lasting beneficial effects on the labour market;

Amendment

3. Emphasises that a circular economy will lead to sustainable and inclusive growth and have lasting beneficial effects on the labour market; *with a view to this, considers the elaboration of a genuine European industrial policy, based on economic and environmental sustainability and aimed at overcoming the 'take-make-consume-throw away' business model, as essential for the achievement of sustainable and inclusive economic growth and high-quality job creation in the EU;*

Or. en

Amendment 26
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Notes that the Circular Economy will have a significant local/regional dimension, therefore calls on the Commission and Member States to support the regions in this transition;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. ***Insists*** that a circular economy ***produces*** dispersed, non-centralised jobs, thereby ***supporting*** SMEs, ***helping*** to tackle the issue of high unemployment in poor regions, ***reducing*** inequality and ***achieving*** the objectives of EU cohesion policy;

Amendment

4. ***Demands guarantees*** that a circular economy ***will produce*** dispersed, non-centralised jobs, ***and that they will*** thereby ***support*** SMEs, ***help*** to tackle the issue of high unemployment in poor regions, ***reduce*** inequality and ***achieve*** the objectives of EU cohesion policy;

Or. fr

Amendment 28
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Insists that a circular economy produces dispersed, non-centralised jobs, thereby supporting SMEs, helping to tackle the issue of high unemployment in poor regions, reducing inequality and achieving the objectives of EU cohesion policy;

Amendment

4. Insists that a circular economy produces dispersed, non-centralised jobs, thereby supporting SMEs, helping to tackle the issue of high unemployment in poor regions, reducing inequality and achieving the objectives of EU cohesion policy; ***stresses the importance of the role of local and regional authorities in planning for and supporting such development;***

Or. en

Amendment 29
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Recognises the important role played by social enterprise, not least in terms of improving work opportunities for those excluded from the labour market, for example in the repair and re-use sector; believes that eco-design which assists repair, re-use and recycling is an integral part of the circular economy;

Or. en

**Amendment 30
Jérôme Lavrilleux**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses the non-relocatable character of the jobs created by the circular economy; stresses therefore its importance for regions which have been suffering problems because of globalisation and those suffering from the impact of deindustrialisation;

Or. fr

**Amendment 31
Jutta Steinruck**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Stresses that while circular economy activities are not intensive in their use of resources, they are intensive in the use of

5. Stresses that while circular economy activities are not intensive in their use of resources, they are intensive in the use of

labour compared to a conventional economy, and thus have a high potential for job creation;

labour compared to a conventional economy, and thus have a high potential for job creation; ***calls on Member States to provide for comprehensive protection of employees' occupational health, particularly in sectors where products containing particularly hazardous constituents are recycled;***

Or. de

Amendment 32
Guillaume Balas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that while circular economy activities are not intensive in their use of resources, they are intensive in the use of labour compared to a conventional economy, and thus have a high potential for job creation;

Amendment

5. Stresses that while circular economy activities are not intensive in their use of resources, they are intensive in the use of labour compared to a conventional economy, and thus have a high potential for job creation; ***notes that these activities ought therefore to be assigned priority in European investment, particularly from the EFSI;***

Or. fr

Amendment 33
Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

5a. Believes that investing on landfills and waste incineration diverts resources that can be invested on job creating activities such as waste prevention, re-use, repair and preparation for re-use; calls for the

Amendment

Commission to ensure that funding under EU cohesion policy targets circular economy activities and is not provided to landfills and waste incineration;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes that a circular economy will offset the decline in skilled jobs and mid-level occupations;

Amendment

6. Believes that a circular economy will offset the decline in skilled jobs and mid-level occupations ***and create lasting jobs requiring high levels of professional skill, for example in research and development and in planning work throughout a product's life cycle;***

Or. fi

Amendment 35
Renate Weber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes that a circular economy ***will*** offset the decline in skilled jobs and mid-level occupations;

Amendment

6. Believes that a circular economy ***is one of the main elements to*** offset the decline in skilled jobs and mid-level occupations;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 6**

Draft opinion

6. **Believes** that a circular economy will offset the decline in skilled jobs and mid-level occupations;

Amendment

6. **Hopes** that a circular economy will offset the decline in skilled jobs and mid-level occupations;

Or. fr

Amendment 37

Emilian Pavel, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Georgi Pirinski, Daciana Octavia Sârbu, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Stresses that an effective and job-rich transition to the circular economy requires anticipation (ie: identification of skills gaps), proactive transformation management and long-term planning that includes the development of targeted education and vocational programmes, as well as the implementation of skills development strategies that would improve generic, sectorial and occupation-specific skills;

Or. en

**Amendment 38
Helga Stevens**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Calls for measures that will improve the quality of information, advice and

guidance available on careers and the skills needed to capitalise on employment opportunities provided by the circular economy;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Notes the importance of training and re-qualifying workers especially in resource-efficient sectors and the importance of social dialogue on the circular economy agenda;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Neoklis Sylikiotis, Inês Cristina Zuber, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric, Tania González Peñas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. education and skills development should be part of a longterm and longlasting reindustrialization framework of public investments in the regions hit the most by the economic crisis

Or. en

Amendment 41
Helga Stevens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Notes that making the transition to a circular economy will require a paradigm shift and a pressing need for new skills, not just within the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) subjects, but across all relevant disciplines;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Emilian Pavel, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Georgi Pirinski, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Daciana Octavia Sârbu, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Notes that, in a transition towards a circular economy, internal transformation and redefinition of jobs may affect sectors with a high share of emissions; calls, in consequence, on the Member States and the ***EU to put in place all*** the necessary ***measures to support affected*** workers;

7. Notes that, in a transition towards a circular economy, internal transformation and redefinition of jobs may affect sectors with a high share of emissions; calls, in consequence, on the Member States and the ***European Commission to collaborate with social partners and develop*** the necessary ***roadmaps and solidarity mechanisms (i.e.: financial compensations, financial incentives for entrepreneurial initiatives, as well as retraining and alternative employment) to offset the adverse impact of the transition on certain category of workers and socially vulnerable groups;***

Or. en

Amendment 43

Jutta Steinruck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Notes that, in a transition towards a circular economy, internal transformation and redefinition of jobs may affect sectors with a high share of emissions; calls, in consequence, on the Member States and the EU to put in place all the necessary measures to support affected workers;

Amendment

7. Notes that, in a transition towards a circular economy, internal transformation and redefinition of jobs may affect sectors with a high share of emissions; calls, in consequence, on the Member States and the EU to put in place all the necessary measures to support affected workers; ***stresses that these measures must have the aim of creating non-fixed-term jobs, covered by collective labour agreements, for all workers in the sectors concerned, in which connection it must be ensured that part-time employment is not implemented against the employee's will;***

Or. de

Amendment 44
Helga Stevens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Notes that, in a transition towards a circular economy, internal transformation and redefinition of jobs may affect sectors with a high share of emissions; calls, in consequence, on the Member States and the EU to put in place ***all the necessary measures to support*** affected workers;

Amendment

7. Notes that, in a transition towards a circular economy, internal transformation and redefinition of jobs may affect sectors with a high share of emissions; calls, in consequence, on the Member States and the EU to put in place ***appropriate measures to, for example, use existing EU funds to upskill and re-train*** affected workers;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Notes that, in a transition towards a circular economy, internal transformation and redefinition of jobs may affect sectors with a high share of emissions; calls, in consequence, on the Member States and the EU to put in place all the necessary measures to support affected workers;

Amendment

7. Notes that, in a transition towards a circular economy, internal transformation and redefinition of jobs may affect sectors with a high share of emissions; calls, in consequence, on *the Commission to provide information upstream concerning the regions and sectors concerned to enable* the Member States and the EU to put in place all the necessary measures to support affected workers;

Or. fr

Amendment 46
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Notes that, in a transition towards a circular economy, internal transformation and redefinition of jobs may affect sectors with a high share of emissions; calls, in consequence, on the Member States and the EU to put in place all the necessary measures to support affected workers;

Amendment

7. Notes that, in a transition towards a circular economy, internal transformation and redefinition of jobs may affect sectors with a high share of emissions; calls, in consequence, on the Member States and the EU to *work in conjunction with the social partners to* put in place all the necessary measures to support affected workers;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Renate Weber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Notes that, in a transition towards a circular economy, internal transformation and redefinition of jobs may affect sectors with a high share of emissions; calls, in consequence, on the Member States and the EU to put in place all the necessary measures to *support affected workers*;

Amendment

7. Notes that, in a transition towards a circular economy, internal transformation and redefinition of jobs may affect sectors with a high share of emissions; calls, in consequence, on the Member States and the EU to put in place all the necessary measures to *ensure a swift transition for all the parties involved*;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Jérôme Lavrilleux

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the Member States to put in place a regulatory environment and fiscal incentives that encourage the development of a circular economy, such as reducing or lifting taxation on renewable resources, including labour, and differentiating VAT rates in accordance with the waste hierarchy.

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 49
Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the Member States to put in

Amendment

8. Strongly believes that the shift to a

place a regulatory environment and fiscal incentives that encourage the development of a circular economy, such as reducing or lifting taxation on renewable resources, including labour, and differentiating VAT rates in accordance with the waste hierarchy.

*circular economy requires decisive action and incentives by both Member States and the EU; calls on the Member States and the EU to put in place a regulatory environment and fiscal incentives that encourage the development of a circular economy, such as **establishing a legislative framework for reuse, repair and preparation for reuse, elaborating legal definitions of "waste" that do not prevent reuse of materials**, reducing or lifting taxation on renewable resources, including labour, and differentiating VAT rates in accordance with the waste hierarchy.*

Or. en

Amendment 50
Jutta Steinruck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the Member States to put in place a regulatory environment and fiscal incentives that encourage the development of a circular economy, such as reducing or lifting taxation on renewable resources, **including labour**, and differentiating VAT rates in accordance with the waste hierarchy.

Amendment

8. Calls on the Member States to put in place a regulatory environment and fiscal incentives that encourage the development of a circular economy, such as reducing or lifting taxation on renewable resources, and differentiating VAT rates in accordance with the waste hierarchy; **observes that the incentives must on no account result in cuts in the social insurance of employees, and stresses in particular that the forwarding of payments to national social insurance systems must not be restricted.**

Or. de

Amendment 51
Renate Weber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the Member States to put in place a regulatory environment and fiscal incentives that encourage the development of a circular economy, such as reducing or lifting taxation on renewable resources, **including labour**, and differentiating VAT rates in accordance with the waste hierarchy.

Amendment

8. Calls on the Member States to put in place a regulatory environment and fiscal incentives that encourage the development of a circular economy, such as **shifting the tax burden from labour to resource use**, reducing or lifting taxation on renewable resources, and differentiating VAT rates in accordance with the waste hierarchy, **thus making resource efficiency, recycling, renovating and re-use more attractive, which will contribute to generating job-rich growth.**

Or. en

Amendment 52

Emilian Pavel, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Brando Benifei, Elena Gentile, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Georgi Pirinski, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the Member States to **put in place a regulatory environment and** fiscal incentives that encourage the development of a circular economy, such as reducing or lifting taxation on **renewable resources, including labour, and** differentiating VAT rates in accordance with the waste hierarchy.

Amendment

8. Calls on the Member States to **highlight that taxation policy is a factor of social fairness in this transition and to put in place** fiscal incentives that encourage the development of a circular economy **and boost quality job creation**, such as reducing or lifting taxation on **labour and renewable resources**, differentiating VAT rates in accordance with the waste hierarchy, **and making efficient use of EU funding.**

Or. en

Amendment 53

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Inês Cristina Zuber, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric,
Tania González Peñas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the Member States to put in place a regulatory environment *and fiscal incentives that encourage* the development of a circular economy, *such as reducing or lifting taxation on renewable resources, including labour, and differentiating VAT rates in accordance with the waste hierarchy.*

Amendment

8. Calls on the Member States to put in place a regulatory environment *that encourages* the development of a circular economy, *promotes sustainable, decent and quality jobs, ensures progressive taxation, and a more even distribution of tax burden accross labour, profits and consumption.*

Or. en

Amendment 54
Helga Stevens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the Member States to put in place a *regulatory environment and fiscal incentives that encourage* the development of a circular economy, *such as reducing or lifting taxation on renewable resources, including labour, and differentiating VAT rates in accordance with the waste hierarchy.*

Amendment

8. Calls on the *Commission and the* Member States to put in place a *stable, predictable and facilitating legal framework and* incentives that encourage the development of a circular economy;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the Member States to put in place a regulatory environment and fiscal incentives that encourage the development of a circular economy, such as reducing or lifting taxation on renewable resources, including labour, and differentiating VAT rates in accordance with the waste hierarchy.

Amendment

8. Calls on the Member States to put in place a regulatory environment and fiscal incentives that encourage the development of a circular economy, such as reducing or lifting taxation on renewable resources, including labour, and differentiating VAT rates in accordance with the waste hierarchy; ***recognises the importance of ensuring that the poorest in society are not adversely affected by any regressive effects of such changes in taxation.***

Or. en

Amendment 56
Csaba Sógor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the Member States to put in place a regulatory environment ***and*** fiscal incentives that encourage the development of a circular economy, such as reducing or lifting taxation on renewable resources, including labour, and differentiating VAT rates in accordance with the waste hierarchy.

Amendment

8. Calls on the Member States to put in place a regulatory environment, fiscal incentives ***and voluntary schemes*** that encourage the development of a circular economy, such as reducing or lifting taxation on renewable resources, including labour, and differentiating VAT rates in accordance with the waste hierarchy.

Or. en

Amendment 57
Jérôme Lavrilleux

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Calls on Member States to promote

the circular economy among local, regional and municipal authorities, which represent the most relevant scale on which to lastingly perform the associated activities;

Or. fr

Amendment 58
Helga Stevens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Stresses the need to avoid disproportionate administrative requirements for all businesses, particularly SMEs and micro-enterprises, and the need for the right regulatory environment to maximise on the job creation potential of the circular economy.

Or. en

Amendment 59
Emilian Pavel, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Georgi Pirinski, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Daciana Octavia Sârbu, Jutta Steinruck, Brando Benifei, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Siôn Simon, Elena Gentile

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Highlights that a transition towards a sustainable and circular economy should combine ambitious environmental goals with strong social requirements, including the promotion of decent work, healthy and safe working conditions (i.e.: ensure that workers are not exposed to harmful

substances at their workplace).

Or. en

Amendment 60
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Hopes that these measures will not be called into question during the TTIP negotiations;

Or. fr

Amendment 61
Jérôme Lavrilleux

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. Recalls the importance of simplifying reporting obligations for Member States, including streamlining calculation methods for municipal, landfill and packaging waste targets;

Or. fr

Amendment 62
Emilian Pavel, Brando Benifei, Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. Calls on the European Commission that social and environmental consideration in public procurement procedures should be ensured, which is vital to promote sustainable development and the transition to a circular economy.

Or. en

Amendment 63
Jérôme Lavrilleux

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8c. Recalls that, as part of a proactive approach, tax incentives and facilitation of access to credit for undertakings in the sector may be important levers;

Or. fr

Amendment 64
Jérôme Lavrilleux

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8d. Calls on the various operators to develop public-private partnerships to optimise the establishment of a circular economy on several fronts;

Or. fr

Amendment 65

Jérôme Lavrilleux

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

8e. Stresses the desirability of the circular economy for SMEs, which constitute 99% of businesses in the Union and create more than 85% of jobs on the continent; recalls in this connection that the establishment of a circular economy may significantly reduce production costs and thus promote the competitiveness of businesses;

Or. fr

**Amendment 66
Jérôme Lavrilleux**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

8f. Stresses the possible importance of the creation of a European circular market in materials as a source of growth and employment, making it possible to ease shortages in certain regions and facilitating exchanges of know-how between businesses;

Or. fr

**Amendment 67
Jérôme Lavrilleux**

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

8g. Recalls that the appropriate management of hazardous waste remains problematic, particularly for the health and safety of workers; welcomes in this connection the desire to enhance record-keeping and traceability through the setting-up of hazardous waste registries and identifying capacities and bottlenecks in Member States' management systems; calls on Member States and the Commission to introduce all necessary instruments to protect workers who come into contact with dangerous substances.

Or. fr