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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Anne Sander
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on 'EEA-Switzerland: Obstacles with regard to the full implementation of the internal market'
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Amendment 1
Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. *Welcomes* the participation of the EEA countries and Switzerland in the European Union's internal market, which will promote growth, competitiveness and job creation;

Amendment

1. *Takes an extremely positive view of* the participation of the EEA countries and Switzerland in the European Union's internal market, which will promote growth, competitiveness and job creation;

Or. it

Amendment 2
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mylène Troszczynski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the participation of the EEA countries and Switzerland in the European Union's internal market, which will promote growth, competitiveness and job creation;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the participation of the EEA countries and Switzerland in the European Union's internal market, which will promote growth, competitiveness and job creation, *although it has yet to produce the results expected of it;*

Or. fr

Amendment 3
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mylène Troszczynski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. *Calls on the EEA countries and Switzerland to continue their efforts to*

Amendment

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transpose, implement and enforce internal market legislation; calls on Switzerland to ensure that Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications is fully implemented and to rapidly transpose Directive 2013/55/EU, which improves it;

Or. fr

Amendment 4
Tatjana Ždanoka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Calls on the EEA countries and Switzerland to *continue* their efforts to transpose, implement and enforce internal market legislation; calls on Switzerland to ensure that Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications is fully implemented and to rapidly transpose Directive 2013/55/EU, which improves it;

Amendment

2. Calls on the EEA countries and Switzerland to *step up* their efforts to transpose, implement and enforce internal market legislation; calls on Switzerland to ensure that Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications is fully implemented and to rapidly transpose Directive 2013/55/EU, which improves it;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Calls on the EEA countries and Switzerland to continue their efforts to transpose, implement and enforce internal market legislation; calls on Switzerland to ensure that Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications is fully implemented and to rapidly transpose

Amendment

2. Calls on the EEA countries and Switzerland to continue their efforts to transpose *and fully* implement and enforce internal market legislation; calls on Switzerland to ensure that Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications is fully

Directive 2013/55/EU, which improves it;

implemented and to rapidly transpose
Directive 2013/55/EU, which improves it;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Anne Sander

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls for negotiations to be continued with Switzerland with a view to concluding an institutional agreement that will provide greater legal certainty for both Switzerland and the EU and help Switzerland to take over the necessary EU legislation;

Or. fr

Amendment 7

Anne Sander

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Notes that Annex II to the Agreement on the free movement of persons was updated recently with a view to securing more effective coordination of EU and Swiss social security systems; calls on Switzerland to continue to implement EU law as it is required to do;

Or. fr

Amendment 8

Amjad Bashir, Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Underlines the democratic legitimacy of referenda and the need to respect the outcome whilst adhering to the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Amjad Bashir, Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Takes note of the result of the popular initiative of 9 February 2014; calls, **however, on the European Union to remain firm on the fundamental principle of free movement of persons so that Switzerland continues to grant privileged access to Union workers and enterprises;**

3. Takes note of the result of the popular initiative of 9 February 2014; calls **upon the Commission to work with Switzerland and the Member States to find a satisfactory solution that takes into consideration the outcome of this vote whilst respecting the provisions of the concerned agreements;**

Or. en

Amendment 10
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mylène Troszczynski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Takes note of the result of the popular initiative of 9 February 2014; calls, **however, on the European Union to remain**

3. Takes note of the result of the popular initiative of 9 February 2014; calls, **accordingly, on the European Union to**

firm on the fundamental principle of free movement of persons so that Switzerland continues to grant privileged access to Union workers and enterprises;

take due and proper account of the legitimate results of this referendum and, above all, not to disregard the democratic will of the Swiss people reflected in those results and not to make any attempt to impose its ideas on the Swiss people as it has done in the past; calls on the European Union to enter into frank and realistic negotiations with Switzerland with a view to that country continuing to grant privileged access to Union workers and enterprises in accordance with its own interests;

Or. fr

Amendment 11

Mercedes Bresso, Jutta Steinruck, Brando Benifei, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Takes note of the result of the popular initiative of 9 February 2014; *calls, however, on the European Union to remain firm on the fundamental principle of free movement of persons so that Switzerland continues to grant privileged access to Union workers and enterprises;*

Amendment

3. Takes note of the result of the popular initiative of 9 February 2014, *which may undermine the bilateral agreements between the EU and Switzerland; stresses that the four freedoms, i.e. the free movement of people, goods, services and capitals, are founding principles of the EU and cannot be treated as separated issues; calls strongly therefore on the Commission and the Member States to remain firm on the fundamental principle of free movement of people so that Switzerland continues to grant privileged access to EU workers and to ensure the respect and enforcement of the bilateral agreements;*

Or. en

Amendment 12

Tatjana Ždanoka

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Takes note of the result of the popular initiative of 9 February 2014; calls, however, on the European Union to remain firm on the fundamental principle of free movement of persons so that Switzerland continues to grant privileged access to Union workers and enterprises;

Amendment

3. Takes note of the result of the popular initiative of 9 February 2014; calls, however, on ***Switzerland to respect its obligations with the EU***; ***calls on*** the European Union to remain firm on the fundamental principle of free movement of persons so that Switzerland continues to grant privileged access to Union workers and enterprises;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. ***Takes note of*** the result of the popular initiative of 9 February 2014; calls, ***however***, on the European Union to remain firm on the fundamental principle of free movement of persons so that Switzerland continues to grant privileged access to Union workers and enterprises;

Amendment

3. ***Is dismayed at*** the result of the popular initiative of 9 February 2014; calls on the European Union to remain firm on the fundamental principle of free movement of persons ***and services*** so that Switzerland continues to grant privileged access to Union workers and enterprises;

Or. pl

Amendment 14

Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Takes note of the result of the popular initiative of 9 February 2014; calls, however, on the European Union to remain firm on the fundamental principle of free movement of persons so that Switzerland continues to grant privileged access to Union workers and enterprises;

Amendment

3. Takes note of the result of the popular initiative of 9 February 2014; calls, however, on the European Union to remain ***absolutely*** firm on the fundamental principle of free movement of persons so that Switzerland continues to grant privileged access to Union workers and enterprises;

Or. it

Amendment 15

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mylène Troszczynski

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses that ***the unilateral measures taken by Switzerland in favour of Croatian nationals cannot replace*** the required ratification of the Protocol extending the FMPA to include Croatia;

Amendment

4. Stresses that the required ratification of the Protocol extending the FMPA to include Croatia ***cannot replace the unilateral measures taken by Switzerland in favour of Croatian nationals***;

Or. fr

Amendment 16

Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses that the unilateral measures taken by Switzerland in favour of Croatian nationals cannot replace the required ratification of the Protocol extending the FMPA to include Croatia;

Amendment

4. Stresses that the unilateral measures taken by Switzerland in favour of Croatian nationals cannot ***in any way*** replace the required ratification of the Protocol extending the FMPA to include Croatia;

Or. it

Amendment 17
Tatjana Ždanoka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses that the unilateral measures taken by Switzerland in favour of Croatian nationals cannot replace the required ratification of the Protocol extending the FMPA to include Croatia;

Amendment

4. Stresses that the unilateral measures taken by Switzerland in favour of Croatian nationals cannot replace the required ratification of the Protocol extending the FMPA to include Croatia; ***urges Switzerland to ratify this Protocol without delay;***

Or. en

Amendment 18
Mercedes Bresso, Jutta Steinruck, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Siôn Simon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on Switzerland to make every effort to achieve progress in the negotiations on *its* participation ***in the Erasmus+ programme***, in order to guarantee exchange reciprocity ***and not penalise*** young people;

Amendment

5. Calls on ***the Commission and*** Switzerland to make every effort to achieve progress in the negotiations on ***the participation of Switzerland to EU programmes such as Erasmus+ and Horizon 2020***, in order to ***ensure students and researchers rights and to*** guarantee exchange reciprocity ***without penalising*** young people;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Anne Sander

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on Switzerland to make every effort to **achieve progress in the negotiations on** its participation in the Erasmus+ programme, in order to guarantee exchange reciprocity and not penalise young people;

Amendment

5. **Notes that Switzerland introduced transitional arrangements following the suspension of the negotiations on Swiss participation in the ERASMUS+ programme; stresses that those arrangements are not ideal and will probably have an impact on movements of higher-education students between the EU and Switzerland;** calls on Switzerland to make every effort to **satisfy the requirements laid down for** its participation in the Erasmus+ programme, in order to guarantee exchange reciprocity and not penalise young people;

Or. fr

Amendment 20

Marian Harkin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on Switzerland to make every effort to achieve progress in the negotiations on its participation in the Erasmus+ programme, in order to guarantee exchange reciprocity and not penalise young people;

Amendment

5. Calls on Switzerland to make every effort to achieve progress in the negotiations on its participation in the Erasmus+ programme, in order to guarantee exchange reciprocity and not penalise young people **and also to promote the access of researchers to Horizon 2020 funding;**

Or. en

Amendment 21

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mylène Troszczynski

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Calls for the obstacles to cross-border professional mobility to be removed in order to deepen the internal market; stresses, to that end, the importance of promoting language learning and providing better information and support to jobseekers, in particular through the EURES network, in Switzerland and in all the EEA countries.

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Or. fr

Amendment 22

Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Calls for the obstacles to cross-border professional mobility to be removed in order to deepen the internal market; stresses, to that end, the importance of promoting language learning and providing better information and support to jobseekers, in particular through the EURES network, in Switzerland and in all the EEA countries.

6. Calls for the obstacles to cross-border professional mobility to be removed in order to deepen the internal market; stresses, to that end, the importance of promoting language learning and providing better information and **practical** support to jobseekers, in particular through the EURES network, in Switzerland and in all the EEA countries.

Or. it

Amendment 23

Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Calls for the obstacles to cross-border professional mobility to be removed in order to deepen the internal market; stresses, to that end, the importance of promoting language learning and providing better information and support to jobseekers, in particular through the EURES network, in Switzerland and in all the EEA countries.

6. Calls for **all** the obstacles to cross-border professional mobility to be removed in order to deepen the internal market; stresses, to that end, the importance of promoting language learning and providing better information and support to jobseekers, in particular through the EURES network, in Switzerland and in all the EEA countries.

Or. it

Amendment 24
Amjad Bashir

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Stresses the need to identify a broad range of emerging industries and key growth sectors on which the EEA countries, Switzerland and the Member States should focus on developing their skills base;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Mercedes Bresso, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Jutta Steinruck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission and Switzerland to enhance transparency with regards to the negotiations and the status of the agreements.

Or. en

Amendment 26
Anne Sander

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Welcomes Switzerland's active involvement in EURES network activities, in particular in cross-border regions; calls on Switzerland to continue to build up its transnational and cross-border EURES services, in accordance with Implementing Decision 2012/733/EU of 26 November 2012 and the EURES Regulation currently under revision, with a view to enhancing worker mobility and creating a genuinely integrated employment market between the EU and Switzerland.

Or. fr

Amendment 27
Anne Sander

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Notes the unilateral introduction and subsequent consolidation of flanking measures by Switzerland in the context of the Agreement on the free movement of persons; views it as regrettable that some of those measures place restrictions on the provision of services under the agreement and hit SMEs wishing to provide services in Switzerland particularly hard; calls accordingly on Switzerland to review those measures in order to make sure that they are

consistent with the Agreement on the free movement of workers.

Or. fr