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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Paloma López Bermejo
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How can the CAP improve job creation in rural areas?
(2015/2226(INI))

Amendment 1

Anne Sander, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion

Recital A (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A. whereas rural areas represent more than 77 % of EU territory and whereas many jobs in those areas are linked to agriculture and the agro-food industry;

Or. fr

Amendment 2

Anne Sander, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion

Recital B (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

B. whereas, taken together, agriculture and the agro-food industry account for 6 % of the GDP of the EU, 15 million businesses and 46 million jobs;

Or. fr

Amendment 3

Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion

Recital C (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

C. whereas the universal framework provided by the Sustainability Assessment of Food and Agriculture systems (SAFA) developed by the FAO;

Amendment 4

Elena Gentile, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Silvia Costa, Flavio Zanonato, Emilian Pavel

Draft opinion

Recital D (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

D. whereas the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) provides medium-term assistance in housing, health care, education and employment in rural areas with a view to marginalised communities; whereas it can take into account the specific needs of refugees and be used for vocational training and skills acquisition actions in the different sectors of activity in rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 5

Elena Gentile, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Silvia Costa, Flavio Zanonato, Emilian Pavel

Draft opinion

Recital E (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

E. whereas the potential of women working and/or with a business in agricultural and rural areas should be analysed, recorded and promoted in all EU policies, without being penalised by some of them as this will lay the groundwork for women to become drivers of development and innovation, helping the entire sector to emerge from the crisis; whereas women should be involved in sector development plans at local and regional level in order to take advantage of their needs, experiences and visions,

and therefore they need to be equipped with the skills needed to actively participate in their design;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Elena Gentile, Silvia Costa, Flavio Zanonato, Emilian Pavel

Draft opinion

Recital F (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

F. whereas demographic changes such as an ageing population and migration flows could be an important factor for the development of the mountainous rural areas or disadvantaged rural areas, which are subject to the depopulation or population ageing;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Amjad Bashir

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Highlights the *centrality* of agriculture to social cohesion owing to its role in economic growth and diversification, and in *fixing populations in rural areas*; stresses the need to *strengthen the* CAP budget *and to ensure social fairness in its* implementation;

1. Highlights the *importance* of agriculture *and the agri-food sector to sustainable rural employment and* social cohesion owing to its role in economic growth and diversification, and in *maintaining rural communities and discouraging rural depopulation*; stresses the need to *ensure that the existing* CAP budget *is used as efficiently and productively as possible*; *believes that its effective* implementation *can contribute to social inclusion in rural areas*;

Amendment 8
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Highlights the centrality of agriculture to social cohesion owing to its role in economic growth and diversification, and in fixing populations in rural areas; stresses the need to ***strengthen*** the CAP budget and to ensure social fairness in its implementation;

Amendment

1. Highlights the centrality of agriculture to social cohesion owing to its role in economic growth and diversification, and in fixing populations in rural areas; stresses the need to ***make better use of*** the CAP budget and to ensure social fairness in its implementation;

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Highlights the ***centrality*** of agriculture to social cohesion owing to its role in economic growth and diversification, and in fixing populations in rural areas; stresses the need to ***strengthen the CAP budget and to*** ensure social fairness in ***its*** implementation;

Amendment

1. Highlights the ***importance*** of agriculture to social cohesion owing to its role in economic growth and diversification, and in fixing populations in rural areas; stresses the need to ensure social fairness in ***the*** implementation ***of the CAP***;

Or. sl

Amendment 10
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Highlights the centrality of agriculture to social cohesion owing to its role in economic growth and diversification, and in **fixing** populations in rural areas; stresses the need to **strengthen** the CAP budget and to ensure **social** fairness in its implementation;

Amendment

1. Highlights the centrality of agriculture to social cohesion owing to its role in economic growth and diversification, and in **maintaining** populations in rural areas; stresses the need to **maintain** the CAP budget and to ensure fairness in its implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 11

Anne Sander, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Highlights the centrality of agriculture to social cohesion owing to its role in economic growth and diversification, and in fixing populations in rural areas; **stresses the importance of the CAP, which should make it possible for farmers to conduct business in such a way as to guarantee that they and their employees can have decent living conditions and good future prospects;**

Or. fr

Amendment 12

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

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economic growth and diversification, and in fixing populations in rural areas; stresses the need to strengthen the CAP budget and to ensure social fairness in its implementation; ***points out that one of the objectives of this policy is to keep farmers in business and guarantee agricultural prosperity in Europe;***

Or. fr

Amendment 13 **Krzysztof Hetman**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 1**

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Amendment

1. Highlights the centrality of agriculture to social cohesion owing to its role in ***sustainable*** economic growth and diversification, and in ***living conditions and social development*** in rural areas; stresses the need to strengthen the CAP budget;

Or. en

Amendment 14 **Csaba Sógor**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 1**

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Amendment

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of migrants; stresses the need to strengthen the CAP budget and to ensure social fairness in its implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Louis Michel

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Highlights the centrality of agriculture to social *cohesion* owing to its role in economic growth and *diversification*, and in fixing populations in rural areas; stresses the *need to strengthen* the CAP budget and *to ensure social fairness* in its implementation;

Amendment

1. Highlights the centrality of agriculture to *the social and economic fabric of a society* owing to its role in economic growth, *diversification* and *cohesion*, and in fixing populations in rural areas; stresses *that* the *resources of* the CAP budget *must be used optimally* and *that social justice must be ensured* in its implementation;

Or. nl

Amendment 16

Tatjana Ždanoka

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Amendment 17

Elena Gentile, Silvia Costa, Flavio Zanonato, Emilian Pavel

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1. Highlights the *centrality* of agriculture *to* social cohesion owing to its role in economic growth and diversification, and in *fixing* populations in rural areas; stresses the need to strengthen the CAP budget and to ensure social fairness in *its implementation*;

Amendment

1. Highlights the *importance* of agriculture *for* social *and territorial* cohesion owing to its role in economic growth and diversification, and in *keeping* populations in rural areas; stresses the need to strengthen the CAP budget *also foreseeing a mechanism to support micro and small farms, in order to foster a reliable development policy in rural areas, taking into account all the stakeholders*, and to ensure *the* social fairness in *implementing the above mentioned budget; highlights the strong connection between rural systems, small communities and municipalities that benefit from CAP instruments and therefore calls for a better synergy between Cohesion Policy's instruments and the CAP*;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

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implementation;

account of regional specificities if it is to have a greater impact on employment;

Or. es

Amendment 19

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses, to that end, that measures must be put in place to tackle the social dumping and unfair competition that is inflicted upon Member States, sometimes even by other Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 20

Tatjana Ždanoka

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Highlights the potential of sustainable farming and food systems, especially organic farming, as well as sustainable management of soil, water, biodiversity and rural infrastructure to preserve and create decent employment in farming and thriving rural economies;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses the importance of territorial cohesion in the EU, which should be guaranteed by economic development policies that are adapted to the challenges facing rural areas;

Or. fr

Amendment 22
Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Highlights the importance of multifunctional farming in creating jobs in rural areas; stresses, in this context, the importance of developing small-scale and artisan food-processing industries as a way of generating local synergies in job creation;

Or. es

Amendment 23
Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Supports the comprehensive development of geographical indications to protect specific regional features and cultural diversity, since they represent a crucial source of high-quality new jobs in rural communities;

Amendment 24
Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1d. Takes the view that area-based payments under the first pillar of the CAP do not make it possible to optimise job creation in rural areas and deepen inequalities in rural communities; calls for this payment method to be phased out as part of the mid-term review of the CAP and replaced by schemes with a greater potential for creating jobs;

Or. es

Amendment 25
Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1e. Calls for payments linked to production to be restored as part of the mid-term review of the CAP, as a way of fostering the creation of wealth and jobs through agriculture in rural communities;

Or. es

Amendment 26
Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

If. Calls on the Member States to draw up definitions of ‘active farmer’ that should include farmers with a greater capacity for creating wealth and jobs, and exclude other individuals with few links to agriculture and a low impact on the economy of rural areas;

Or. es

Amendment 27
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. *Supports an* integrated approach between the CAP’s second pillar and other EU funds such as the European Social Fund; underlines the importance of involving *local and regional* administrations in the management and design of rural policies;

2. *Notes a possible* integrated approach between the CAP’s second pillar and other EU funds such as the European Social Fund; underlines the importance of involving *the national* administrations *of the Member States more* in the management and design of rural policies;

Or. fr

Amendment 28
Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Supports an integrated approach between the CAP’s second pillar and other EU funds such as the European Social Fund; underlines the importance of

2. Supports an integrated approach between the CAP’s second pillar and other EU funds such as the European Social Fund; *recalls that synergy between the*

involving local and regional administrations in the management and design of rural policies;

various European funds is one of the aims of the Union's regional policy; underlines the importance of involving local and regional administrations in the management and design of rural policies and that those administrations should be better prepared to deal with the issues associated with European funds; recalls that direct financial support to farmers cannot be financed by the European Social Fund, but that the latter can be mobilised to support training and adaptation to change in farming and the rural economy;

Or. fr

Amendment 29
Amjad Bashir

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. *Supports an integrated approach between the CAP's second pillar and other EU funds such as the European Social Fund*; underlines the importance of involving local and regional administrations in the management and design of rural policies;

Amendment

2. *Stresses that the CAP should be complimentary to other EU funds to avoid inefficiencies and unnecessary duplication*; underlines the importance of involving local and regional administrations, *where appropriate*, in the management and design of rural policies;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Anne Sander, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Claude Rolin, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Supports an *integrated* approach

Amendment

2. Supports an approach *which*

between the CAP's second pillar and other EU funds such as the European Social Fund; underlines the importance of involving local and regional administrations in the management and design of rural policies;

simultaneously draws on the CAP's second pillar and other EU funds such as the European Social Fund; underlines the importance of involving local and regional administrations in the management and design of rural policies; *calls on Member States to ensure that local and regional administrations do not create additional administrative burdens in the course of their work;*

Or. fr

Amendment 31

Elena Gentile, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Flavio Zanonato, Emilian Pavel

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Supports *an integrated* approach between the CAP's second pillar and other EU funds *such as* the European Social Fund; underlines the importance of involving local and regional administrations in the management and design of rural policies;

Amendment

2. Supports *a coordinated* approach between the CAP's second pillar and other EU funds *including* the European Social Fund, *taking into consideration the social inclusion, the fight against poverty and the promotion of economic growth of rural areas*; underlines the importance of involving local and regional administrations in the management and design of rural policies; *calls on the Member States to reconsider their operational programmes in order to create quality and sustainable jobs in rural areas, especially for young people, and to support small farmers by means of redistributing payments and aid restrictions, facilitating the recovery of abandoned fields as well as the recovery of fragmented land ownership and by establishing young social cooperatives;*

Or. en

Amendment 32
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Supports an integrated approach between the CAP's second pillar and other EU funds such as the European Social Fund; underlines the importance of involving local and regional administrations in the management and design of rural policies;

Amendment

2. Supports an integrated approach between the CAP's second pillar and other EU funds such as the European Social Fund; underlines the importance of involving ***the voluntary community sector and*** local and regional administrations in the management and design of rural policies; ***highlights the importance of ITI and CLLD in this regard;***

Or. en

Amendment 33
Krzysztof Hetman

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Recognises the role of family and independent crofts in employment creation and developing entrepreneurship in rural areas and stresses the fact that such farms shall have equal to large farms access to CAP support;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Elena Gentile, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Flavio Zanonato, Emilian Pavel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Highlights the importance of social economy enterprises and in particular of cooperatives as actors of development and jobs creation in rural areas; calls on the Commission to promote the contribution of social economy to rural development through an Action Plan for social economy;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Having regard to the acknowledged success of the LEADER Programme in creating employment in rural areas, calls on Member States to adequately resource LEADER;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Regrets the strong market orientation of the EU's agricultural policies and its negative effect on rural incomes and employment, as evidenced by the liberalisation of the dairy sector; condemns the negative impact on agricultural labour of free trade

deleted

agreements such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership;

Or. sl

Amendment 37
Marian Harkin, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 38
Csaba Sógor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Regrets the strong market orientation of the EU's agricultural policies and its negative effect on rural incomes and employment, as evidenced by the liberalisation of the dairy sector; condemns the negative impact on agricultural labour of free trade agreements such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership;

Amendment

3. Considers that balanced free trade agreements such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership on the whole can provide gains for the EU agricultural sector; however there is a need for adapting the negotiations in order to improve the EU position in sectors where the EU will face stronger competition.

Or. en

Amendment 39

Anne Sander, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. *Regrets the strong market orientation of the EU's agricultural policies and its negative effect on rural incomes and employment, as evidenced by the liberalisation of the dairy sector; condemns the negative impact on agricultural labour of free trade agreements such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership;*

Amendment

3. *Stresses that competition to offer the lowest prices destroys jobs in rural areas; calls on the Commission and Member States to take strong measures to guarantee prices which take due account of the work done by producers in order to guarantee them and their employees a decent standard of living;*

Or. fr

Amendment 40

Krzysztof Hetman

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. *Regrets the strong market orientation of the EU's agricultural policies and its negative effect on rural incomes and employment, as evidenced by the liberalisation of the dairy sector; condemns the negative impact on agricultural labour of free trade agreements such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership;*

Amendment

3. *Underlines that market orientation of the EU's agricultural policies shall in no case have negative effect on rural incomes and employment;*

Or. en

Amendment 41

Amjad Bashir

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. *Regrets the strong market orientation of the EU's agricultural policies and its negative effect on rural incomes and employment, as evidenced by the liberalisation of the dairy sector; condemns the negative impact on agricultural labour of free trade agreements such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership;*

Amendment

3. *Highlights that increased competitiveness and innovation in the agricultural sector will enhance its sustainability and positive contribution to rural employment and communities;*

Or. en

Amendment 42
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Regrets the strong market orientation of the EU's agricultural policies and its negative effect on rural incomes and employment, as evidenced by the liberalisation of the dairy sector; condemns the negative impact on agricultural labour of free trade agreements such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership;

Amendment

3. Regrets the strong market orientation of the EU's agricultural policies and its negative effect on rural incomes and employment, as evidenced by the liberalisation of the dairy sector; condemns the negative impact on agricultural labour of ***EU decisions such as the Russian embargo and the negotiation of*** free trade agreements such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership;

Or. fr

Amendment 43
Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. **Regrets** the strong market orientation of the EU's agricultural policies and its negative effect on rural incomes and employment, **as evidenced by the liberalisation of** the dairy sector; **condemns** the **negative** impact on agricultural labour of free trade agreements such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership;

Amendment

3. **Notes** the strong market orientation of the EU's agricultural policies and its **potentially** negative effect on rural incomes and employment, **especially in the outermost regions, when they are not properly integrated and covered; points out that the Russian embargo, combined with the abolition of milk quotas, has exacerbated the crisis in** the dairy sector, **causing difficulties for European farmers; urges the Commission to assess** the impact on agricultural labour of free trade agreements **with countries outside the EU, especially those currently being negotiated**, such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership;

Or. pt

Amendment 44

Elena Gentile, Silvia Costa, Flavio Zanonato, Emilian Pavel

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Regrets the strong market orientation of the EU's agricultural policies and its negative effect on rural incomes and employment, as **evidenced** by the liberalisation of the dairy sector; **condemns the negative impact on agricultural labour of free trade agreements such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership;**

Amendment

3. **Believes that the sharp crisis over the last years has showed that the lack in market regulations is at the bottom of price instability, especially of farming commodities, and job losses;** regrets the strong market orientation of the EU's agricultural policies and its negative effect on rural incomes and employment, as **proved** by the liberalisation of the dairy sector; **considers that EU should be provided with adequate operational tools in order to limit the volatility of farm gate milk prices; with respect to dairy production in mountainous areas, calls for a convergence of compensation payments for natural handicap in order to limit the reduction or abandonment of**

diary activities in the so-called sensitive or disadvantaged regions; shares the concerns about the negative impact of free trade agreements on agricultural workforce;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Regrets the *strong market orientation of* the EU's agricultural policies *and its* negative effect on rural incomes and employment, *as evidenced by the liberalisation of* the dairy sector; *condemns the negative impact on agricultural labour of* free trade agreements such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership;

Amendment

3. Regrets the *fact that* the EU's agricultural policies *are fostering marked price volatility, which may have a* negative effect on rural incomes and employment, *and therefore considers it necessary to introduce fresh measures to tackle crisis situations such as that currently being experienced in* the dairy sector *following the abolition of the quota system; takes the view that* free trade agreements such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership *may benefit European exports, which will generate a positive impact on agricultural labour, although sensitive agricultural sectors will need to be given special protection;*

Or. es

Amendment 46
Tatjana Ždanoka
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Regrets the strong market orientation of

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the EU's agricultural policies *and its* negative effect on rural incomes and employment, *as evidenced by the liberalisation of the dairy sector*; condemns the negative impact on agricultural labour of free trade agreements such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership;

the EU's agricultural policies *leading to structural overproduction and* negative effect on rural incomes and employment; *calls for the implementation of adequate measures, such as supply management, to ensure the continuity and sustainability of farming activities*; *believes that free trade agreements currently being negotiated should not lead to unfair competition towards small and medium size farms and undermine local economies and jobs*; condemns the negative impact on agricultural labour of free trade agreements such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Regrets the strong market orientation of the EU's agricultural policies and its negative effect on rural incomes and employment, as evidenced by the liberalisation of the dairy sector; condemns the negative impact on agricultural labour of free trade agreements such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership;

Amendment

3. Regrets the strong market orientation of the EU's agricultural policies and its negative effect on rural incomes and employment, as evidenced by the liberalisation of the dairy sector; condemns the negative impact on agricultural labour of free trade agreements such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, *the free trade agreement with Morocco and the future agreement with Tunisia*; *believes that the impact of free trade agreements on agriculture should be borne equally by Member States*;

Or. it

Amendment 48

Anne Sander, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on each Member State, in a new context whose salient features include the Russian embargo, the decline in demand, the abolition of milk quotas, the collapse of prices, increased production costs, increased competition and environmental challenges, to consider how the competitiveness of their farming can be improved so that the sector can create jobs and generate added value which is shared equitably throughout agriculture and the agro-food industry; stresses the importance, in this connection, of maintaining farms on the land, recognising their multifunctional character, which enables them, over and above their prime function of producing agricultural raw materials, to perform several other important functions, such as preserving the environment and contributing to the vitality of rural areas and the balance of regional development;

Or. fr

Amendment 49
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses that agreements such as TTIP will bring about even more unfair competition, from which our farmers will suffer;

Or. fr

Amendment 50

Amjad Bashir

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses that the Commission must continue to increase its offensive trade interests in relation to opening and sustaining new markets but notes that the EU's high food safety, health and animal welfare standards, which are vital to ensure the confidence of EU consumers, should not be compromised or negotiated away;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Arne Gericke

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses that economic development in rural areas should also be seen in the context of their social and demographic development, and due account needs to be taken of action to support families and make it easier to combine family and professional life;

Or. de

Amendment 52

Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Takes the view that the Commission should take greater account of the impact of trade policy decisions on European agriculture;

Or. it

Amendment 53
Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Urges that action be taken to put an end to the abusive practices of large food distribution groups in the supply chain, with the aim of guaranteeing a fair price for farmers that will safeguard the job creation potential that farming has in rural areas;

Or. es

Amendment 54
Anne Sander, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Stresses that European farming is currently facing an unprecedented crisis, which is impoverishing farmers, creating risks of bankruptcy and leading to rising numbers of suicides; calls on the Commission to assess the social impact of this crisis, particularly in terms of job losses, especially in rural areas;

Amendment 55
Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Stresses the need to develop policies to support organic farming in the Member States as a way of revitalising and generating jobs in rural areas;

Or. es

Amendment 56
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Calls for steps to be taken to protect our farmers, particularly by guaranteeing controlled designations of origin (AOC) and protected designations of origin (AOP);

Or. fr

Amendment 57
Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3c. Urges the Commission and Member States to develop policies to support social

agriculture, which can play a key role in stimulating rural communities, generating employment and at the same time providing functional diversity integration services in rural areas;

Or. es

Amendment 58

Anne Sander, Tokia Saïfi, Franck Proust, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3c. Calls on the Commission, in its trade negotiations with third countries, to take into account the impact that they may have on employment, particularly in rural areas;

Or. fr

Amendment 59

Krzysztof Hetman

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Calls for the introduction of social conditionality in the CAP's first pillar;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 60

Marian Harkin, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Calls for the introduction of social conditionality in the CAP's first pillar;

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 61
Amjad Bashir**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 4**

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Calls for the introduction of social conditionality in the CAP's first pillar;

4. Rejects any calls to introduce additional conditionalities to CAP first pillar payments; notes that Member States have the flexibility to adapt their Rural Development Programmes to reflect the priorities of the CAP, including the promotion of social inclusion, poverty reduction and economic development;

Or. en

**Amendment 62
Claude Rolin**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 4**

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Calls for the introduction of social conditionality in the CAP's first pillar;

4. Calls for the establishment of the conditions necessary for the development of short supply chains which will enable farmers to exploit their products more successfully;

Or. fr

Amendment 63

Anne Sander, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Sofia Ribeiro, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for the *introduction of social conditionality in the CAP's first pillar*;

Amendment

4. Calls for the *retention, as part of the CAP, of a strong first pillar with an economic function, capable of helping farmers make their farms into profitable and prosperous businesses, which can create jobs both directly and indirectly throughout agriculture and the agro-food industry; recalls, in this context, that one job created in agriculture results in the creation of seven jobs elsewhere*;

Or. fr

Amendment 64

Tatjana Ždanoka

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for *the introduction of social conditionality* in the CAP's first pillar;

Amendment

4. Calls for *measures promoting sustainable production and decent employment* in the CAP's first pillar;

Or. en

Amendment 65

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for the ***introduction of social conditionality in the*** CAP's first pillar;

Amendment

4. Calls for the CAP's first pillar ***to help guarantee that beneficiaries have an income that will enable them to enjoy decent living conditions;***

Or. es

Amendment 66

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for the introduction of social conditionality in the CAP's first pillar;

Amendment

4. Calls for the introduction of social conditionality in the CAP's first pillar, ***to the extent that such conditionality would genuinely benefit farmers; recalls that the aim of conditionality must be to provide better support for farmers and not to give the EU an additional way of bringing pressure to bear on them;***

Or. fr

Amendment 67

Csaba Sógor

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for ***the introduction*** of social ***conditionality*** in the CAP's first pillar;

Amendment

4. Calls for ***a stronger inclusion*** of social ***considerations*** in the CAP's first pillar;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for the introduction of social conditionality in the CAP's first pillar;

Amendment

4. Calls for the introduction of social conditionality in the CAP's first pillar *as a means of guaranteeing due compliance with collective agreements and relevant social and employment legislation in this field; takes the view that its correct implementation should not represent an additional administrative or financial burden for farmers;*

Or. es

Amendment 69
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Notes that the CAP is not content merely to help farmers, but also seeks to impose on them standards and rules (administrative, sanitary, environmental, etc.) which are increasingly difficult to uphold;

Or. fr

Amendment 70
Elena Gentile, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Flavio Zanonato, Silvia Costa, Emilian Pavel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Member States to transpose in the national legislation the

Directive 2014/36/EU on seasonal workers; calls on the Member States to ensure the correct application of the above-mentioned Directive and calls on the Commission to carry out a report on the state of play of its implementation by September 2019; calls on the Commission to analyse the scope of illegal hiring systems in the EU through investigations, surveys and statistical data, especially in those European regions where undeclared work and farming work exploitation are more widespread; stresses the need to put in place effective instruments, including adequate inspections and controls, to guarantee decent work and living conditions of seasonal workers in all the EU regions, especially where this phenomena is more relevant, and stresses the need to ensure the respect of employment rights, labour standards and high quality working conditions in general;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Amjad Bashir

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Welcomes the CAP simplification measures implemented to date but calls on the Commission to further develop and implement measures to introduce proportionality and flexibility in relation to the CAP's administrative burden; considers this beneficial to farmers and the well-functioning of the CAP as a whole;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls for producer organisations to be strengthened, since they play an essential role in safeguarding the interests of smallholder farmers and family farms in particular, and for them accordingly to become more actively involved in social support for those working in the sector;

Or. pt

Amendment 73
Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses that action to support the demographic development and family-friendly nature of rural areas is already a CAP objective and it should be given more prominence, also in connection with issues relating to the labour market;

Or. de

Amendment 74
Georgi Pirinski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Is deeply concerned regarding the continuing huge differences between the

amounts of direct payments in favour of individual Member States, which are drastically impairing the competitiveness of agricultural producers from the newer Member States, thus causing severe reductions in production in traditional agricultural sectors, major loss of jobs and sharply increasing inequalities.

Is concerned as well that at present the CAP first pillar favours large agricultural producers, leading to extreme market concentration and lack of incentives for employment in the respective sectors. Calls therefore for urgent reforms in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission to introduce the indicators proposed by the FAO in its Sustainability Assessment of Food and Agriculture systems (SAFA), in particular those geared to employment and social well-being;

Or. es

Amendment 76
Amjad Bashir

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Stresses that agricultural businesses must comply with national employment

and social legislation; considers that any introduction of additional conditionalities to CAP first pillar payments would considerably increase the administrative burden on farmers and limit their job creating potential;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Points out that the growing number of rules is not feasible and is leading, generally, to farms going bankrupt and farmers committing suicide;

Or. fr

Amendment 78

Anne Sander, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Sofia Ribeiro, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

*5. Calls for a stronger role for social partners in the development and implementation of **agricultural** policy in order to create quality jobs, **ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers, in particular migrant workers;***

*5. Recommends that **the** social partners, **alongside the national management authorities, play a stronger role** in the development and implementation of **rural development** policy in order to create quality jobs **for all** workers;*

Or. fr

Amendment 79

Amjad Bashir

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. ***Calls for a stronger role for*** social partners in the development and implementation of agricultural policy in order to create quality jobs, ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers, in particular migrant workers;

Amendment

5. ***Recognises the role of*** social partners in the development and implementation of agricultural policy in order to create quality jobs, ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers, in particular migrant workers;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Romana Tomc

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for a stronger role for social partners in the development and implementation of agricultural policy in order to create quality jobs, ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers, ***in particular migrant workers***;

Amendment

5. Calls for a stronger role for social partners in the development and implementation of agricultural policy in order to create quality jobs, ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers;

Or. sl

Amendment 81

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for a stronger role for social

Amendment

5. Calls for a stronger role for social

partners in the development and implementation of agricultural policy in order to create quality jobs, ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers, *in particular migrant workers*;

partners in the development and implementation of agricultural policy in order to create quality jobs, ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers;

Or. fr

Amendment 82

Claude Rolin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for a stronger role for social partners in the development and implementation of agricultural policy in order to create quality jobs, ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers, in particular migrant workers;

Amendment

5. Calls for a stronger role for social partners in the development and implementation of agricultural policy in order to create quality jobs, ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers, in particular migrant workers; *stresses the importance of seasonal employment to the sector and the need to take proactive steps to ensure that labour laws are respected*;

Or. fr

Amendment 83

Tatjana Ždanoka

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for a stronger role for social partners in the development and implementation of agricultural policy in order to create quality jobs, ensure *adequate* health and safety conditions and

Amendment

5. Calls for a stronger role for social partners *and civil society organisations* in the development and implementation of agricultural policy in order to create *sustainable and* quality jobs, ensure *high*

foster the social integration of rural workers, in particular migrant workers;

levels of health and safety *working* conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers, in particular migrant *and seasonal* workers;

Or. en

Amendment 84

Elena Gentile, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Silvia Costa, Emilian Pavel

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for a stronger role for social partners in the development and implementation of agricultural policy in order to create quality jobs, ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers, *in particular* migrant workers;

Amendment

5. Calls for a stronger role for social partners in the development and implementation of agricultural policy in order to create quality jobs, ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers, *notably* migrant workers *and refugees*;

Or. en

Amendment 85

Csaba Sógor

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for a stronger role for social partners in the development and implementation of agricultural policy in order to create quality jobs, ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers, in particular migrant workers;

Amendment

5. Calls for a stronger role for social partners in the development and implementation of agricultural policy in order to create quality jobs, ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the *economic and* social integration of rural workers, in particular migrant workers;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for a stronger role for social partners in the development and implementation of agricultural policy in order to create quality jobs, ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers, in particular migrant workers;

Amendment

5. Calls for a stronger role for social partners in the development and implementation of agricultural policy, ***in addition to the combating of gangmaster systems***, in order to create quality jobs, ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers, in particular migrant workers;

Or. it

Amendment 87
Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for a stronger role for social partners in the development and implementation of agricultural policy in order to create quality jobs, ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers, in particular migrant workers;

Amendment

5. Calls for a stronger role for social partners in the development and implementation of agricultural policy in order to create quality jobs, ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers, in particular ***young people, women and*** migrant workers;

Or. es

Amendment 88
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for a stronger role for social partners in the development and implementation of agricultural policy in order to create quality jobs, ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers, *in particular* migrant workers;

Amendment

5. Calls for a stronger role for social partners in the development and implementation of **common** agricultural policy in order to create quality jobs, ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers, **including** migrant workers;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Krzysztof Hetman

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for a stronger role for social partners in the development and implementation of agricultural policy in order to create quality jobs, ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers, *in particular* migrant workers;

Amendment

5. Calls for a stronger role for social partners in the development and implementation of **common** agricultural policy in order to create quality jobs, ensure adequate health and safety conditions and foster the social integration of rural workers, **including** migrant workers;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Elena Gentile, Silvia Costa, Flavio Zanonato, Emilian Pavel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Stresses the need to promote active measures and policies highlighting the

positive role of migration in boosting economic growth and fostering social cohesion in rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 91

Elena Gentile, Silvia Costa, Flavio Zanonato, Emilian Pavel

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses the importance of training and *skill formation for* farmers and agricultural workers, particularly for young people entering the workforce *and* in order to be able to adapt to changes in agriculture and food production;

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of *quality vocational* training and *of the acquisition of entrepreneurial skills by* farmers and agricultural workers, particularly for young people entering the workforce in order to be able to adapt to changes in agriculture and food production; *stresses therefore the importance of making employment opportunities in rural areas more attractive for young people, to adapt them to the conditions of global competition and to the specific needs of local businesses and to boost them through the ESF;*

Or. en

Amendment 92

Anne Sander, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses the importance of training and skill formation for farmers and agricultural workers, particularly for young people entering the workforce *and in order to be able to adapt to changes in agriculture and*

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of training, *including training through apprenticeships,* and skill formation for farmers and agricultural workers, particularly for young people entering the

food production;

workforce, *so that they are* able to adapt to changes *occurring on the market and can better match their skills and qualifications to the needs and challenges of the agricultural and agri-food sector, including through improving their technical and digital skills, all while guaranteeing sufficient and high-quality food production in the context of global demographic growth;*

Or. fr

Amendment 93

Tatjana Ždanoka

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses the importance of training and skill formation for farmers and agricultural workers, particularly for young people entering the workforce and in order to be able to adapt to changes in agriculture and food production;

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of training and skill formation for farmers and agricultural workers, particularly for young people entering the workforce and in order to be able to adapt to changes in agriculture and food production *in encouraging sustainable farming practices, identifying best practices in sustainable food systems as well as promoting the development of new sources of income such as eco-tourism;*

Or. en

Amendment 94

Marian Harkin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses the importance of training and

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of training and

skill formation for farmers and agricultural workers, particularly for young people entering the workforce and in order to be able to adapt to changes in agriculture and food production;

skill formation for farmers and agricultural workers, particularly for young people entering the workforce and in order to be able to adapt to changes in agriculture and food production; *in this regard reiterates that a developed broadband and ICT infrastructure in rural areas is crucial for the success of both farmers and rural businesses and for rural job creation;*

Or. en

Amendment 95
Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses the importance of training and skill formation for farmers and agricultural workers, particularly for young people entering the workforce and in order to be able to adapt to changes in agriculture and food production;

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of training and skill formation for farmers and agricultural workers, particularly for young people entering the workforce and in order to be able to adapt to changes in agriculture and food production, *moving towards greater sustainability and a reduction in the use of pesticides;*

Or. it

Amendment 96
Louis Michel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses the importance of training and skill formation for farmers and agricultural workers, particularly for young people entering the workforce and in order to be able to *adapt to* changes in agriculture and food production;

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of *continuous* training and skill formation for farmers and agricultural workers, particularly for young people entering the workforce and in order to be able to *anticipate* changes in agriculture and food production;

Amendment 97

Elena Gentile, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Silvia Costa, Flavio Zanonato, Emilian Pavel

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Stresses that the access to ICT infrastructures and broadband networks and training in digital skills are essential to increase and improve the participation of young people and the training of older generations in agricultural activities;

Or. en

Amendment 98

Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Insists on the importance of ultra-fast broadband coverage for establishing businesses and creating jobs in rural areas;

Or. fr

Amendment 99

Arne Gericke

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Stresses the need for digital development in rural areas as a key

element in creating additional sustainable jobs, as well as the need for a concept of 'digital villages' that goes far beyond broadband infrastructure per se;

Or. de

Amendment 100

Anne Sander, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Encourages the Member States to promote the ERASMUS+ programme among young farmers in training, including its apprenticeship component, in order to encourage them to acquire new technical and linguistic skills abroad;

Or. fr

Amendment 101

Amjad Bashir

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Highlights the particular benefits of work-based learning and apprenticeships in rural areas which often have high unemployment rates and where access to training centres is limited;

Or. en

Amendment 102

Anne Sander, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Claude Rolin, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Michel

Dantin, Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Encourages the Member States to facilitate and guarantee access for rural areas to new information and communication technologies so that agricultural holdings can modernise their production methods, and so that farmers and agricultural workers can benefit from online training programmes throughout their career;

Or. fr

Amendment 103
Anne Sander, Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6c. Calls urgently on the Member States to accelerate the deployment of broadband internet in rural areas in order to meet the EU objective of having broadband coverage at a minimum of 30Mbps for the whole EU population by 2020 through promoting the mutualisation and mobilisation of public funds and European funds in the event of market failure; calls on the Commission to propose new and ambitious objectives for 2030 in the area of fixed and mobile connectivity as part of the revision of the Telecom Package so that rural areas can fully benefit from the potential of the Single Digital Market, including in terms of job creation, competitiveness, innovation and access to new online services;

Amendment 104
Krzysztof Hetman

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Stresses that improving access to land through instruments such as public land banks is key to agricultural employment;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 105
Amjad Bashir

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Stresses that improving access to land through instruments such as public land banks is key to agricultural employment;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 106
Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Stresses that improving access to land through instruments such as public land banks is key to agricultural employment;

7. Stresses that improving access to land is key to agricultural employment;

Or. pt

Amendment 107

Anne Sander, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Claude Rolin, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Michel Dantin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Stresses that *improving access to land through instruments such as public land banks is key to agricultural employment;*

Amendment

7. Recalls that the area of agricultural land is diminishing each year in Europe; stresses that *preserving the area under cultivation is vital to preserving jobs in rural areas; notes that in the EU, only 6% of farmers are aged under 35 and that over 4 million are aged over 65; recalls the essential nature of measures enabling generational turnover and the setting up of young farmers by providing them with access to multi-disciplinary training so that young farmers are able to carry out a variety of activities simultaneously or successively in the course of a year and to combine revenues;*

Or. fr

Amendment 108

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Stresses that improving access to land *through instruments such as public land banks* is key to agricultural employment;

Amendment

7. Stresses that improving access to land, *in particular for young people*, is key to agricultural employment;

Or. es

Amendment 109

Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Stresses that improving access to land ***through instruments such as public land banks*** is key to agricultural employment;

Amendment

7. Stresses that improving access to land is key to agricultural employment;

Or. sl

Amendment 110
Csaba Sógor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Stresses that improving access to land through instruments such as public land banks is key to agricultural employment;

Amendment

7. Stresses that ***incentives, such subsidies and tax breaks encouraging young agricultural entrepreneurs to start up business in the sector*** and improving access to land through instruments such as public land banks is key to agricultural employment;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Marian Harkin, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Stresses that improving access to land ***through instruments such as public land banks is key to agricultural employment;***

Amendment

7. Stresses that improving access to land ***is key to agricultural employment as is access to credit and notes the role which the European Investment Bank can play in this regard;***

Or. en

Amendment 112

Elena Gentile, Silvia Costa, Flavio Zanonato, Emilian Pavel

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Stresses that improving access to land through instruments such as public *land* banks is key to agricultural employment;

Amendment

7. Stresses that improving access to land through *a better access to credit and* instruments such as public *development banks and local* banks is key to agricultural employment;

Or. en

Amendment 113

Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Stresses that improving access to land through instruments such as public land banks is key to agricultural employment;

Amendment

7. Stresses that improving access to land through instruments such as public land banks is key to agricultural employment; *calls on Member States to share experiences and develop additional instruments to make access to land possible in rural areas with high unemployment, not only through ownership but also by promoting tools such as participatory use and management of farmland;*

Or. es

Amendment 114

Anne Sander, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Sofia Ribeiro, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Recalls that the average European farmer holds a mere 12 hectares of land and that 70% of agricultural holdings have a surface area below five hectares; notes that due to their size and structure, agricultural holdings cannot always afford to take on full-time employees or highly qualified workers; encourages the Commission and the Member States therefore to put in place measures to encourage employer groups;

Or. fr

Amendment 115
Claude Rolin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Stresses the importance of putting in place provisions to facilitate the transfer of agricultural holdings, given their often important heritage value;

Or. fr

Amendment 116
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Demands, in line with this approach, that the conditions necessary for assisting and facilitating the return or transfer of

agricultural holdings be put in place in order to limit closures of such holdings;

Or. fr

Amendment 117
Marian Harkin, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Believes that farming and especially family farming is the single most important influence in preserving the economic and social fabric of rural areas; in this regard believes that family farming would be made increasingly sustainable by incentivising consolidation of existing holdings and thereby maximising consequent employment in local areas;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Urges that the gender gap in rural areas be addressed in order to improve women's labour conditions and access to land;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 119
Amjad Bashir

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Urges that the gender gap in rural areas be addressed in order to improve women's *labour conditions and access to land*;

Amendment

8. *Notes the essential contribution of women to the rural economy and* urges that the gender gap in rural areas be addressed in order to improve women's *participation in the rural economy*; *considers that any such measures should be non-binding and aimed at the promotion of a bottom-up approach*;

Or. en

Amendment 120

Anne Sander, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. *Urges* that the gender gap in rural areas be addressed *in order to improve women's labour conditions and access to land*;

Amendment

8. *Notes that, in rural areas, the gender pay gap is over 10% higher than elsewhere*; *urges* that the gender gap in rural areas be addressed;

Or. fr

Amendment 121

Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Urges that the gender gap in rural areas be addressed in order to improve women's labour conditions and access to land;

Amendment

8. *Is concerned at the low participation of women in rural and agricultural employment, where they make up 45% of the workforce even though they represent 50% of the population*; *points out that*

*women are disproportionately affected by precarious and dependent employment conditions; stresses that the situation is even more serious in terms of access to farm ownership, since only 29% of land is owned by women^{1 a}; urges that the gender gap in rural areas be addressed in order to improve women's labour conditions and access to land; **urges that a gender focus be adopted in the EU's agricultural and rural policies; highlights, in this connection, the significance of up-to-date statistics on farm ownership and women's employment in rural areas;***

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http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2015/536466/IPOL_STU%282015%29536466_EN.pdf

Or. es

Amendment 122

Elena Gentile, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Silvia Costa, Flavio Zanonato, Emilian Pavel

Draft opinion Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Urges that the gender gap in rural areas be addressed in order to improve women's labour conditions and access to land;

Amendment

8. Urges that the gender gap in rural areas be addressed in order to improve women's labour conditions and access to land; ***considers that re-territorialisation, defined as the existing link between employment and production and a given territory, has not been adequately considered and stresses the need to consider agriculture as a profession, carried out by men and women connected to their own territories, which is crucial in order to maintain dynamic rural areas and bring back jobs;***

Or. en

Amendment 123

Arne Gericke

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Calls for better account to be taken of the situation of women and mothers in rural areas, including in a job-related context, for their work in raising children to be recognised and for the development of flexible and appropriate childcare options (e.g. childminders) to be supported in rural areas, including through the CAP;

Or. de

Amendment 124

Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. Calls for the defence of the right to public services in rural areas against current neo-liberal policies; supports the development of minimum income schemes to ensure social cohesion, given the high rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.

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Or. pt

Amendment 125

Romana Tomc

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. Calls for the defence of the right to public services in rural areas against current neo-liberal policies; supports the development of minimum income schemes to ensure social cohesion, given the high rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.

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Or. sl

Amendment 126

Anne Sander, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Michel Dantin, Angélique Delahaye

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 9**

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. Calls for the defence of the right to public services in rural areas against current neo-liberal policies; supports the development of minimum income schemes to ensure social cohesion, given the high rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.

9. Encourages the Member States to guarantee a good level of access to public services in rural areas, such as schools and healthcare facilities, in order to put an end to the problem of depopulation in rural areas and to encourage people living in rural areas to stay there and settle.

Or. fr

Amendment 127

Amjad Bashir

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 9**

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. Calls for the defence of the right to public services in rural areas against current neo-liberal policies; supports the development of minimum income schemes to ensure social cohesion, given the high

9. Notes that access to public services is a key concern in rural areas and encourages the Member States to engage actively with rural communities on this issue; supports the development of minimum income

rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.

schemes *at a Member State level* to ensure social cohesion, given the high rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas

Or. en

Amendment 128
Marian Harkin, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. *Calls for the defence of the right to public services in rural areas against current neo-liberal policies*; supports the development of minimum income schemes to ensure social cohesion, given the *high* rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.

Amendment

9. *Supports the protection of public services in rural areas such as post offices and some form of one stop shop or multiservice centres*; supports the development of minimum income schemes *in line with the principle of subsidiarity and Member States' national practices* to ensure social cohesion, given the *unacceptable* rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.

Or. en

Amendment 129
Krzysztof Hetman

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. *Calls for the defence of the right to public services in rural areas against current neo-liberal policies*; supports the *development of minimum income schemes* to ensure social cohesion, given the high rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.

Amendment

9. *Supports the development of minimum income schemes at national level and all the measures targeted* to ensure social cohesion, given the high rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.

Or. en

Amendment 130

Claude Rolin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls for the defence of the right to public services in rural areas ***against current neo-liberal policies; supports the development of minimum income schemes to ensure social cohesion, given the high rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.***

Amendment

9. Calls for the defence of the right to public services in rural areas ***and the implementation of effective measures to combat*** poverty and social exclusion in rural areas;

Or. fr

Amendment 131

Csaba Sógor

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls for the defence of the right to public services in rural areas ***against current neo-liberal policies***; supports the development of minimum income schemes to ensure social cohesion, given the high rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.

Amendment

9. Calls for the defence of the right to public services in rural areas; supports the development of minimum income schemes to ensure social cohesion, given the high rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.

Or. en

Amendment 132

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls for the defence of the right to public services in rural areas ***against current neo-liberal policies***; supports the development of minimum income schemes to ensure social cohesion, given the high rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.

Amendment

9. Points out that the cost of public services is higher in rural areas, particularly in areas with serious and permanent natural or demographic disadvantages, and calls for the defence of the right to public services in rural areas; supports the development of minimum income schemes to ensure social cohesion, given the high rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.

Or. es

Amendment 133
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls for the defence of the right to public services in rural areas against current neo-liberal policies; supports the development of minimum income schemes to ensure social cohesion, given the high rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.

Amendment

9. Supports the development of minimum income schemes at national level and all the measures targeted to ensure social cohesion, given the high rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.

Or. en

Amendment 134
Elena Gentile, Silvia Costa, Flavio Zanonato, Emilian Pavel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls for the defence of the right to public services in rural areas ***against current neo-liberal policies***; supports the

Amendment

9. Calls for the defence of the right to public services in rural areas ***and small mountainous communities in order to***

development of minimum income schemes to ensure social cohesion, given the high rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.

maintain them dynamic, attractive and to keep existing jobs while creating new ones; supports the development of minimum income schemes to ensure social cohesion, given the high rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.

Or. en

Amendment 135

Tatjana Ždanoka

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls for the defence of the right to public services in rural areas ***against current neo-liberal policies***; supports the development of minimum income schemes to ensure social cohesion, given the high rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.

Amendment

9. Calls for the defence of the right to ***access to quality*** public services in rural areas; supports the development of minimum income schemes to ensure ***a decent income for farmers and rural workers and promote*** social cohesion, given the high rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.

Or. en

Amendment 136

Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls for the defence of the right to public services in rural areas against current neo-liberal policies; supports the development of minimum income schemes to ensure social cohesion, given the high rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.

Amendment

9. Calls for the defence of the right to public services in rural areas against current neo-liberal policies; supports the development of ***decent rural job creation programmes and*** minimum income schemes to ensure social cohesion ***and decent living conditions for people living in rural areas***, given the high rate of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas.

Amendment 137
Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Recalls that protecting the right to public services in rural areas requires innovative solutions, such as multimodal platforms, which facilitate rapid and effective access to services for rural populations.

Or. fr