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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Giorgos Grammatikakis
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on European Semester for economic policy coordination: Annual Growth
Survey 2015
(2014/2221(INI))

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Amendment 1
Julie Girling

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses the fact that moving towards a truly sustainable economy will contribute **to achieving** the Union's environmental goals, **to restoring the European economy's competitive edge and to creating quality jobs; deplores the fact** that the lack of a European strategy for sustainable development during the crisis **has kept growth in the EU well below its potential;**

Amendment

1. Stresses the fact that moving towards a truly sustainable economy will **help** contribute **towards the achievement of** the Union's environmental goals, **and towards competitiveness and job creation; regrets** that the lack of a European strategy for sustainable development during the **economic** crisis **may have further limited growth;**

Or. en

Amendment 2
Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

1. Stresses the fact that moving towards a truly sustainable economy **and that the greening of EU economies and putting at equal stand the Europe 2020 targets** will contribute to achieving the Union's environmental goals, to restoring the European economy's competitive edge and to creating quality jobs; deplores the fact that the lack of a European strategy for sustainable development during the crisis has kept growth in the EU well below its potential;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Nuno Melo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses that the European Semester debate is of particular importance to the need to find a new model of development of structural reforms and selective investments, investing in strategic areas;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 b. Underlines that the European Semester, introduced in 2010, is setting up a yearly cycle of economic policy coordination with a detailed analysis of EU Member States' plans of budgetary, macroeconomic and structural reforms in order to achieve the Europe 2020 targets for a smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, amongst others in the field of climate change and energy, social exclusion and fighting poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Julie Girling

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

2. Calls on the Commission to **incorporate** a European strategy for sustainable development, **including as regards** resource efficiency and the circular economy, into the European Semester procedure;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to **consider incorporating** a European strategy for sustainable development, **with a particular focus on** resource efficiency and the circular economy, into the European Semester procedure;

Or. en

**Amendment 6
José Inácio Faria**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Welcomes the Investment Plan for Europe as proposed by the Juncker Commission on 26 November 2014[1]. Stresses, however, that given the comparatively small volume of the funds to be mobilised, the generated resources may fall short of what is required to create the necessary economic dynamism;

(1. <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52014DC0903&from=EN>)

Or. en

**Amendment 7
José Inácio Faria**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 b. Is concerned for the lack of clarity on how the proposed plan will prioritize areas fostering sustainable development, such as education, and infrastructures supporting research and innovation;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Julie Girling

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses the ***fact that without*** stronger investment ***the Union will fail to achieve its*** Europe 2020 targets for sustainable growth and ***its*** 2030 climate and energy targets; calls, therefore, on the Commission to orient the new investment package towards investments which contribute to sustainable development;

Amendment

3. Stresses the ***role of market-led greening of EU economies and*** stronger investment ***in proven green technologies in achieving the*** Europe 2020 targets for sustainable growth and 2030 climate and energy targets; calls, therefore, on the Commission to orient the new investment package towards investments which ***could*** contribute to sustainable development;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Giorgos Grammatikakis

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to orient the new investment package towards investments which contribute to sustainable development;

to orient the new investment package towards investments which contribute to sustainable development *in order to maximise its short term impact on economic activity and job creation, as well as its long term impact on the sustainability of growth in Europe*;

Or. en

Amendment 10
José Inácio Faria

Draft opinion
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Or. en

Amendment 11
Giorgos Grammatikakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Notes that, according to the European Commission Energy Roadmap 2050, decarbonising our energy system would cost 260 billion euros annually and would generate savings of above 310 billion

euros;

Or. en

Amendment 12
José Inácio Faria

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. Acknowledges that energy is an important factor for economic competitiveness. Stresses the need to eliminate barriers to the single energy market, promoting energy independence. Asks the Commission to assess progress in this domain both at European and national level supporting measures to tackle fragmentation and implementation difficulties;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Giorgos Grammatikakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 c. Stresses that investments in renewable energy production, energy distribution and deep renovation of buildings present high labor intensity and will therefore contribute significantly to tackling unemployment, while shielding European growth from future energy imports and energy price fluctuations;

Or. en

Amendment 14
José Inácio Faria

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 d. Recalls the targets of the EU2020 strategy on renewable energy and greenhouse gas emissions. Stresses the need to promote an interconnected infrastructure and a closer integration with the transport sector as a cost-efficient manner to deploy sustainable power generation technologies.

Or. en

Amendment 15
Giorgos Grammatikakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 e. Stresses that reducing the EU's dependence on external energy sources must be part of the EU's growth strategy; reiterates therefore the need to diversify external energy supplies, to upgrade EU's energy infrastructure and to complete the EU internal energy market as key priorities of EU energy security strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Julie Girling

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Stresses the fact that national policies which are coordinated under the European Semester procedure must be consistent with the European sustainable development strategy; ***reiterates, therefore, the need to phase out fossil fuel subsidies and to shift taxes away from labour to polluting activities;***

Amendment

4. Stresses the fact that national policies which are coordinated under the European Semester procedure must be consistent with the European sustainable development strategy; ***acknowledges in this context the Commission's country-specific recommendations in the field of environmental taxation;***

Or. en

Amendment 17
Elisabetta Gardini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Stresses the fact that national policies which are coordinated under the European Semester procedure must be consistent with the European sustainable development strategy; ***reiterates, therefore, the need to phase out fossil fuel subsidies and to shift taxes away from labour to polluting activities;***

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 18
Andrzej Grzyb

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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Or. en

Amendment 19

Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 20

Jadwiga Wiśniewska, Bolesław G. Piecha

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Paragraph 4

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phase out *fossil fuel* subsidies and to shift taxes away from labour to polluting activities;

phase out *environmentally or economically harmful* subsidies and to shift taxes away from labour to polluting activities;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Giorgos Grammatikakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Calls on the Commission to assess the potential of green jobs creation within the framework of EU's climate and environment policies and set indicative employment targets for each Member State;

Or. en

Amendment 22
José Inácio Faria

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 b. Highlights the need for reforms in educational systems to enable coming generations to prepare for the needs of future growth labour markets, such as green technologies and health care;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Julie Girling

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses the importance of achieving full implementation for the current waste framework and the need to agree on a new ambitious waste policy at EU level in order to boost green growth and create jobs; calls on the Commission to refrain from withdrawing the proposal for the review of the EU's waste policy;

Amendment

5. Underlines the relevance of the waste package currently being negotiated in contributing to green growth and job creation; calls on the Commission to refrain from withdrawing this proposal;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Giorgos Grammatikakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses the importance of achieving full implementation for the current waste framework and the need to agree on a new ambitious waste policy at EU level in order to boost green growth and create jobs; calls on the Commission to refrain from withdrawing the proposal for the review of the EU's waste policy;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of achieving full implementation for the current waste framework and the need to agree on a new ambitious waste policy at EU level in order to boost green growth and create jobs; ***underlines the crucial and cross-cutting importance of the Circular Economy Package covering numerous policy areas which will be a key driving force for the transition to sustainable economic growth and job creation;*** calls on the Commission to refrain from withdrawing the proposal for the review of the EU's waste policy;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Nuno Melo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Stresses the fact that the efficient use of resources, reducing foreign energy dependence and the induction of production patterns and more sustainable consumption patterns, involves promoting entrepreneurship and job creation with the efficient implementation of international targets and objectives as well diversification of revenue sources, in a context of fiscal neutrality and economic competitiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Emphasises that in order that the Member States boost their employment by exploiting the employment potential of the green economy, action is required on three main fronts: boosting labour demand in eco-industries through adequate levels of investments, anticipating and managing skills needs in both green and greening sectors, and ensuring job quality for high-, medium-, and low-skill occupations; from the point of view of labour market policy, enhanced attention should be dedicated to devising adequate training programmes to tackle specific skill shortages, and to considering the dynamic interaction between skills supply and age structure of the workforce in green and traditional industries;

Amendment 27
Julie Girling

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Underlines the fact that the European Semester should be a tool for safeguarding high quality and efficiency in national health systems.

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Amendment 28
Nuno Melo

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Amendment 29
Nuno Melo

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Amendment

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efficiency and sustainability of health care systems.

Or. en

Amendment 30
Elisabetta Gardini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Underlines the fact that the European Semester should be a tool for safeguarding high quality and efficiency in national health systems.

Amendment

6. Underlines the fact that the European Semester should be a tool for safeguarding high quality and efficiency in national health systems *also by identifying and addressing the inefficiencies of the patient journey and the health delivery models that serve them;*

Or. en

Amendment 31
Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

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Amendment

6. Underlines the fact that the European Semester should be a tool for safeguarding high quality and **high** efficiency in national health systems.

Or. en

Amendment 32
Giorgos Grammatikakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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6. Underlines the fact that the European Semester should be a tool for safeguarding high quality and efficiency in national health systems.

Amendment

6. Underlines the fact that the European Semester should be a tool for safeguarding high quality and efficiency in national health systems; ***calls therefore on the European Commission to ensure the sustainability of social protection and healthcare systems while enhancing their effectiveness and adequacy in meeting social needs, as well as reducing inequalities and poverty;***

Or. en

Amendment 33
Nuno Melo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. Recognises that health is a value in itself and a prerequisite for economic growth and that investing in health contributes to better health, economic prosperity and social cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 b. Underlines the fact that ensuring equal access to health care contributes to

social cohesion, to social justice, to tackle social exclusion and it contributes to a sustainable development as it adds to intergenerational solidarity and can correct negative population health externalities;

Or. en

Amendment 35
José Inácio Faria

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 c. Welcomes measures that make the European Semester process more effective and democratic. Acknowledges that the implementation record is better in the area of public finance where surveillance tools are stronger. Calls for a balanced integration with employment and socio-economic indicators that enable a more effective response to the divergence between some Member States regarding employment and their socio-economic situation as demonstrated in the accompanying Joint Employment Report to the Annual Growth Survey 2015;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 d. recognizes that effective healthcare systems are directly linked to economic

growth, contribute to healthy workforce and job opportunities in the Member States, and that weaker healthcare systems result in migration within the EU and slow overall economic growth;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 e. Stresses the importance of the sustainability of the healthcare sector which plays an important role in the overall economy as it accounts for 8% of the total European workforce and for 10% of GDP in the European Union; for being able to provide equal access to healthcare services for the citizens, as health is an essential factor of stability, sustainability and further development of Member States and their economy;

Or. en

Amendment 38
José Inácio Faria

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 f. Urges the Commission to better take account in the European Semester of the targets of the EU 2020 strategy concerning employment, R&D, climate change and energy sustainability, education and poverty and social

exclusion, assessing progress towards a more sustainable society and proposing measures to reach those goals in a more effective and timely manner;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 g. Underlines that the European semester should be a tool for achieving commitment from Member States to strengthen their healthcare systems to ensure high quality, accessible and equitable healthcare for all citizens

Or. en

Amendment 40
Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 h. Calls both Member States and the European Commission, in this period of economic crisis, to avoid most damaging measures like short-term savings which will lead to high costs in the mid to long-term and instead to concentrate on further development of high-quality and high-efficiency health care systems.

Or. en

