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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Eleonora Evi
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Green Employment Initiative: tapping into the job creation potential of the
green economy
(2014/2238(INI))

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Amendment 1
Nikos Androulakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1a. Reiterates the need to move towards a low carbon economy; underlines the fact that the greening of EU economies can contribute to long term, sustainable and inclusive growth;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1b. Stresses that two-thirds of the services provided by nature, including fertile land, clean water and air, are in decline, and global warming and biodiversity loss are close to the limits beyond which irreversible impacts on our societies and the natural environment cannot be prevented;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1c. Stresses that a comprehensive policy approach is needed to respond to these challenges, build sustainable, crisis-resilient European economies and fully tap into the job potential of a green transition of our economies; calls on the Commission and Member States to adopt ambitious and integrated regulatory, fiscal and financial frameworks to ensure sustainable investment and encourage sustainable innovation and hence fully unlock the employment potential of the green transition;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1d. Stresses that policies should be long-term, including ambitious binding targets for resource efficiency, greenhouse gas reductions, renewable energies and energy savings, as well as indicators to measure progress towards their achievement; stresses that policies should aim at minimising external environmental and societal costs and establish an appropriate price for greenhouse gas emissions;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1e. Emphasises that a transition towards sustainable societies and economies, including sustainable patterns of consumption and production, generates the potential to create new green jobs and transform existing employment into green jobs in almost all sectors and across the entire value chain, from research to production, distribution and servicing, and in new green high-tech sectors such as renewable energies as well as in traditional industries like manufacturing and construction, agriculture and fisheries, service sectors such as tourism, catering, transport and education; stresses that this job potential includes both highly-skilled and low-skilled workforce;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1f. Notes that the green transition of our economies bears significant potential to create local jobs which cannot be offshored, including in sectors hit by the economic crisis as for instance energy efficiency in the construction sector;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1g. Recognises that the green transition will, on balance, have a positive impact on employment, reflecting the fact that sustainable economic activities like energy savings or organic farming are more labour-intensive than the activities they replace;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1h. Notes that more than 14 million jobs in Europe depend directly on ecosystems and biodiversity, including forestry, agriculture and fisheries; emphasises that greening these sectors would increase the number of people in work and foster the resilience of the sectors in order to promote sustainable employment; notes that investing in green infrastructure provides many social, economic and environmental benefits, including job creation;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Highlights *the fact that the creation of green jobs* in the EU *is linked in part to* the implementation of environmental legislation;

Amendment

1. Highlights *that the implementation of environmental legislation is essential for fully using the green job creation potential* in the EU; *calls on Member States to improve* the implementation of *the Union environment acquis in accordance with the 7th Environmental Action Programme*;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Catherine Bearder

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Highlights *the fact* that the creation of green jobs in the EU *is linked in part to the* implementation of environmental legislation;

Amendment

1. Highlights that the creation of green jobs in the EU *depends on the full* implementation of environmental legislation, *as well as on improving environmental integration and policy coherence across different sectoral policies in the EU.*

Or. en

Amendment 11
Nikos Androulakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Highlights the fact that the creation of green jobs in the EU is linked *in part* to the

Amendment

1. Highlights the fact that the *potential of employment linked to the green economy*

implementation of environmental legislation;

*is significant and resilient to changes in the business cycle; notes that the creation of green jobs in the EU is linked to the **full** implementation of **EU's** environmental legislation;*

Or. en

Amendment 12
Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Highlights the fact that the creation of green jobs in the EU *is* linked in part to the implementation of environmental legislation;

Amendment

1. Highlights the fact that the creation of green jobs in the EU *may be* linked in part to the implementation of *national* environmental legislation;

Or. fr

Amendment 13
Nicola Caputo, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Highlights the fact that the creation of green jobs in the EU is linked in part to the implementation of environmental legislation;

Amendment

(Does not affect the English version.)

Or. it

Amendment 14
Catherine Bearder, Nils Torvalds, Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses the opportunities that the 2030 Climate and Energy package provides in job creation and the role future environmental legislation will play in achieving the EU's long term environmental goals and in creating jobs and green growth;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Milan Zver

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Points out that continuous economic growth is possible only if it takes into account the limitations of the environment; in view of that, highlights that green and circular economy can provide solutions for environment as well as for economy and society in general;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Eleonora Evi, Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini, Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Notes that in its 2015 report the European Environment Agency has pointed out that current measures are

insufficient to achieve aims related to biodiversity conservation, reduction in the use of fossil fuels, and combating climate change and averting its impact on human health and the quality of the environment;

Or. it

Amendment 17

Sylvie Goddyn, Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1d. Recalls that job creation, particularly the creation of green jobs, depends primarily on the reindustrialisation of the countries of the Union, ideally on the basis of high environmental standards and the application of these standards to products imported from third countries;

Or. fr

Amendment 18

Eleonora Evi, Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini, Laura Agea

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1e. Notes that, according to the European Environment Agency, the green goods and services sector grew by more than 50% between 2000 and 2011, generating over 1.3 million jobs that have benefited the EU's export balance and its economic competitiveness;

Or. it

Amendment 19

Eleonora Evi, Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini, Laura Agea

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

If. Recognises that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) could help micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises to engage in activities involving a high degree of environmental and social innovation;

Or. it

Amendment 20

Eleonora Evi, Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini, Laura Agea

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ig. Notes that Eurobarometer data on green work in SMEs show that energy saving, waste reduction, and reducing the use of raw materials are measures which have come to be economically advantageous;

Or. it

Amendment 21

Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses that the EU state aid framework needs to be adapted to better support the transition to a green economy and hence the creation of green employment; calls on the Commission to adopt a general block exemption for all energy efficiency, renewable energy sources and resource efficiency schemes;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Catherine Bearder, Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Recognises the fact that instruments such as the Ecolabel, EMAS and green public procurement (GPP) contribute to the creation of green jobs;

Amendment

3. Urges Member States and private sector to use instruments such as the Ecolabel, EMAS and green public procurement (GPP) ***to*** contribute to the creation of green jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Ian Duncan

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Recognises the fact that instruments such as the Ecolabel, EMAS and green public procurement (GPP) contribute to the creation of green jobs;

Amendment

3. Recognises the fact that instruments such as the Ecolabel, EMAS and green public procurement (GPP) ***can*** contribute to the creation of green jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Zoltán Balczó

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Recognises the fact that instruments such as the Ecolabel, EMAS and green public procurement (GPP) contribute to the creation of green jobs;

Amendment

3. Recognises the fact that instruments such as the Ecolabel, EMAS and green public procurement (GPP) **can** contribute to the creation of green jobs;

Or. hu

Amendment 25
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Recognises the fact that instruments such as the Ecolabel, EMAS and green public procurement (GPP) contribute to the creation of green jobs;

Amendment

3. Recognises the fact that instruments such as ***Eco-design***, the Ecolabel, EMAS and green public procurement (GPP) contribute to the creation of green jobs; ***calls on Member States to implement the new provisions of the revised EU legislation on public procurement and proactively introduce environmental criteria in their public procurement policies in order to create sustainable jobs; calls on the Commission to provide contracting authorities with effective guidance tools to this end and to actively promote those;***

Or. en

Amendment 26
Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Recognises the fact that instruments such as the Ecolabel, EMAS and green public procurement (GPP) contribute to the *creation* of green *jobs*;

Amendment

3. Recognises the fact that instruments such as the Ecolabel, EMAS and green public procurement (GPP) contribute to the *development* of *the green economy*;

Or. it

Amendment 27
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses the significant employment potential of the circular economy; highlights that improving resource efficiency could create between 1.4 and 2.8 million jobs in Europe and transitioning to an economy based on durability and reparability of products can create jobs along the whole product lifecycle in the sectors of maintenance, repair, upgrade and reuse; emphasises that waste prevention, ecodesign, reuse and similar measures could bring net savings of € 600 billion, or 8 % of annual turnover, for businesses in the EU, while reducing total annual greenhouse gas emissions by 2-4 %;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Paul Brannen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Notes that sustainable forest management has veritable potential to create jobs while actively contributing to climate change mitigation and protection of biodiversity;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Eleonora Evi, Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini, Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3c. Also recognises that there are not enough incentives in the form of positive discrimination on the market for products and businesses with EU environmental certification and not enough economic advantages to be gained from green public procurement;

Or. it

Amendment 30
Elisabetta Gardini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Points out that the withdrawal of the proposal for revision of the Waste Directives has compromised the creation of some 180 000 green jobs;

deleted

Amendment 31
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. *Points out that* the withdrawal of the proposal for revision of the Waste Directives has compromised the creation of some 180 000 green jobs;

Amendment

4. ***Strongly regrets*** the withdrawal of the proposal for ***a*** revision of the Waste Directives ***which*** has compromised the creation of some 180 000 green jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Nikos Androulakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Points out that the withdrawal of the proposal for revision of the Waste Directives has compromised the creation of some 180 000 green jobs;

Amendment

4. Points out that the withdrawal of the proposal for revision of the Waste Directives, ***despite the strong objection of the European Parliament,*** has compromised the creation of some 180 000 green jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Points out that the withdrawal of the proposal for revision of the Waste Directives ***has compromised*** the creation of *some* 180 000 *green* jobs;

Amendment

4. Points out that the withdrawal of the proposal for revision of the Waste Directives ***may be regarded as a political expression by the Commission of a desire to take account of all elements in the circular economy, such as better waste management and also*** the creation of a ***market for raw materials after recycling by 2030, a new approach which, according to the Commission, would make it possible to create nearly*** 180 000 jobs;

Or. fr

Amendment 34
Nikos Androulakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

4. Points out that the withdrawal of the proposal for revision of the Waste Directives ***has compromised*** the creation of *some* 180 000 *green* jobs;

Amendment

4a. Underlines that implementing existing legislation on waste prevention and management could create close to 0.5 million green jobs while reducing demand for costly scarce resources, decreasing dependence on raw materials and lowering pressure on the environment; reiterates that more efficient resource use is a key element in securing Europe's competitive edge in the global economy;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Sylvie Goddyn, Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to submit as soon as possible a fresh proposal for the revision of EU waste legislation;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 36
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission *to submit as soon as possible a fresh proposal for the revision of EU waste legislation;*

5. Calls on the Commission *to honour its commitment and propose without delay a more ambitious proposal to revise EU waste legislation in line with the waste hierarchy, the first priority of which is waste prevention, then preparation for re-use and recycling, thus promoting the reduction on EU's dependence of raw materials, to implement the provisions of the 7th Environment Action Programme; furthermore calls on the Commission to honour its commitment and propose without delay ambitious legislative proposals on the remaining points and issues of the circular economy, thus achieving a holistic circular economy approach;*

Or. en

Amendment 37
Nikos Androulakis, Simona Bonafè

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission to submit as soon as possible **a fresh** proposal for the revision of EU waste legislation;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to submit as soon as possible **and before the end of 2015 at the latest a new** proposal for the revision of EU waste legislation; **reiterates the need to maintain equally ambitious level of recycling targets as put forward in the previous proposal; calls on the Commission to propose a holistic approach covering the entire products lifecycle to enable European Union employment to rebound through the creation of a circular economy;**

Or. en

Amendment 38
Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission to submit **as soon as possible** a fresh proposal for the revision of EU waste legislation;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to submit a fresh proposal for the revision of EU waste legislation, **with particular emphasis on waste prevention and ecodesign of products;**

Or. fr

Amendment 39
Ivo Belet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission to submit as soon as possible a **fresh** proposal for the

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to submit as soon as possible a **new** proposal for the

revision of EU waste legislation;

revision of EU waste legislation ***taking the full product cycle into account with the aim of ensuring sustainable materials management;***

Or. en

Amendment 40
Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission to submit as soon as possible a ***fresh*** proposal for the revision of EU waste legislation;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to submit as soon as possible a fresh proposal for the revision of EU waste legislation ***and a feasibility study including an impact assessment of the revision;***

Or. cs

Amendment 41
Eleonora Evi, Laura Agea, Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission to submit as soon as possible a fresh proposal for the revision of EU waste legislation;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to submit as soon as possible a fresh proposal for the revision of EU waste legislation ***covering upstream reduction, design of goods for reuse and recycling, new recycling targets, and redefinition of the criteria for calculating the quantity of material actually recycled;***

Or. it

Amendment 42
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Commission to renew its commitment to the EU2020 strategy and issue its mid-term review without delay; calls on the Commission to introduce a binding resource efficiency target which limits resource consumption in absolute terms and a corresponding lead indicator both into the European Semester in the framework of the scoreboard for macroeconomic imbalances and the review of the EU2020 strategy; stresses the importance of long-term policy frameworks to fully use the job potential of the green transition; calls on the Commission to propose more ambitious binding environmental, climate and energy targets for 2030 and 2050;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Paul Brannen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Recognises that linking of the sustainable agricultural production with monitoring and protection of on-farm biodiversity and subsequently smart labelling of agricultural products for their environmental impacts in order to stimulate consumer demand for biodiversity-friendly produce represents a significant potential for green employment in EU rural areas;

Amendment 44
Tibor Szanyi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. Calls on the Commission to address green employment in the implementation of the Energy Union.

Amendment 45
Elisabetta Gardini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to submit a tax harmonisation proposal which would shift the tax burden from labour to consumption and take account of the environmental impact of goods and services;

deleted

Amendment 46
Zoltán Balczó

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to submit a

deleted

tax harmonisation proposal which would shift the tax burden from labour to consumption and take account of the environmental impact of goods and services;

Or. hu

Amendment 47
Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to submit a tax harmonisation proposal which would shift the tax burden from labour to consumption and take account of the environmental impact of goods and services;

Deleted

Or. cs

Amendment 48
Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to submit a tax harmonisation proposal which would shift the tax burden from labour to consumption and take account of the environmental impact of goods and services;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 49
Ian Duncan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to submit a tax harmonisation proposal which would shift the tax burden from labour to consumption and take account of the environmental impact of goods and services;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 50
Nikos Androulakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to submit a tax harmonisation proposal which would shift the tax burden from labour to consumption and take account of the environmental impact of goods and services;

Amendment

6. Reiterates the need to phase out environmentally harmful subsidies and to shift taxes away from labour towards taxation less detrimental to growth such as taxation on resource use and pollution, including measures to prevent any regressive income effects;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Catherine Bearder, Nils Torvalds

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to submit a

Amendment

6. Urges Member States to make a shift

tax harmonisation proposal which would shift the tax burden from labour **to consumption and** take account of the environmental impact of goods and services;

towards environmental taxation which would shift the tax burden from labour **and promote job creation, and at the same time** take account of the environmental impact of goods and services; **calls on the Commission to support and promote such policies and to make necessary proposals as appropriate**

Or. en

Amendment 52
Ivo Belet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to **submit a tax harmonisation proposal which** would shift the tax burden from labour to consumption and take account of the environmental impact of goods and services;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to **develop models to be implemented by member states that** would shift the tax burden from labour to **capital and property gains and consumption and reform environmental taxes according to the polluter pays principle, in order to** take account of the environmental impact of goods and services **and to phase out environmentally harmful subsidies;**

Or. en

Amendment 53
Ismail Ertug

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to submit a tax harmonisation proposal which would shift the tax burden from labour to consumption and **take account of** the environmental

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to submit a tax harmonisation proposal which would shift the tax burden from labour to **income from capital and to assets and inheritances,**

impact of goods and services;

while also taking account of consumption and the environmental impact of goods and services;

Or. de

Amendment 54
Tibor Szanyi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to submit a tax harmonisation proposal which would shift the tax burden from labour to **consumption** and take account of the environmental impact of goods and services;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to submit a tax harmonisation proposal which would shift the tax burden from labour to **other areas** and take account of the environmental impact of goods and services;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to submit a tax harmonisation proposal which would shift the tax burden from labour to **consumption** and take account of the environmental impact of goods and services;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to submit a tax harmonisation proposal which would shift the tax burden from labour to **resource-consumption** and take account of the environmental impact of goods and services;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission to proactively pursue the greening of the EU Semester in order to support green job creation; calls on the Commission to issue country-specific recommendations that contribute to higher employment and a smaller ecological footprint, including a strong emphasis on shifting taxes away from labour to environmental taxation and the phasing out of environmentally harmful subsidies by 2020; stresses the particular importance of shifting taxes from labour to resource consumption and pollution in order to fully exploit the job potential of the green transition;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Ian Duncan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Stresses that tax policy is a sovereign issue for Member States, who must be allowed flexibility to design their own approach to green taxation which meets their particular economic needs;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Valentinas Mazuronis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6c. Calls on the Member States to implement 'green' tax reforms in order to provide incentives for environmental protection, thrifty use of natural resources, and employment, as well as making for favourable performance of macroeconomic indicators while ensuring fair competition;

Or. It

Amendment 59

Nicola Caputo, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6d. Urges the Commission and the Member States to phase out all environmentally harmful subsidies;

Or. it

Amendment 60

Eleonora Evi, Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini, Laura Agea

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6e. Calls on the Commission to channel EFSI assistance towards micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises which invest in production systems or service provision that help to support the circular green economy;

Or. it

Amendment 61
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6f. Recognises that SMEs bear the potential of catalysing the green transition of our economies and drive job creation; supports the objectives of the Green Action Plan for SMEs and its SMEs-oriented actions to improve resource efficiency, support green entrepreneurship, exploiting opportunities for greener value chains and facilitating market access for green SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Nicola Caputo, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6g. Maintains that public funding should be allocated with a view to spurring moves towards environment-friendly production methods;

Or. it

Amendment 63
Ian Duncan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. ***Calls on*** Member States ***to introduce*** targeted tax exemptions for start-ups producing goods and services that offer high environmental added value;

Amendment

7. ***Stresses that*** Member States ***may consider introducing*** targeted tax exemptions for start-ups producing goods and services that offer high environmental added value;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on Member States to introduce ***targeted tax exemptions*** for start-ups producing goods and services that offer high environmental added value;

Amendment

7. Calls on Member States to introduce ***appropriate tools to facilitate the creation of*** start-ups producing goods and services that offer high environmental added value;

Or. cs

Amendment 65
Eleonora Evi, Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini, Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on Member States to introduce targeted tax exemptions for ***start-ups producing*** goods and services that offer high environmental added value;

Amendment

7. Calls on Member States to introduce targeted ***subsidies and/or*** tax exemptions for ***the supply of*** goods and services that offer high environmental added value ***and for start-ups in particular;***

Or. it

Amendment 66
José Inácio Faria

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on Member States to **introduce targeted tax exemptions for** start-ups **producing** goods and services that offer high environmental added value;

Amendment

7. Calls on Member States to **help** start-ups **come into being and to support SMEs developing** goods and services that offer high environmental added value **and, to that end, to introduce targeted tax exemptions and encourage the use of cohesion funding and other suitable forms of co-financing such as Horizon 2020 or the COSME programme;**

Or. pt

Amendment 67
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on Member States to introduce targeted tax exemptions for start-ups producing goods and services that offer high environmental added value;

Amendment

7. Calls on Member States to introduce targeted tax exemptions for **SMEs, including but not limited to** start-ups, producing goods and services that offer high environmental added value;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Sylvie Goddyn, Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on Member States to introduce targeted tax exemptions for start-ups producing goods and services that offer high environmental added value;

Amendment

7. Calls on Member States to introduce targeted tax exemptions for start-ups producing goods and services that offer high environmental added value ***and to introduce tax remission for buying local in order to promote the consumption of products with a small ecological footprint, taking into account the distance that they travel during their life cycle and the technologies that they use;***

Or. fr

Amendment 69
José Inácio Faria

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls on the Commission, when drawing up and implementing the EFSI strategic guidelines, to take into account the job creation potential intrinsic to the green economy;

Or. pt

Amendment 70
Ian Duncan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Underlines the necessity of Member States preparing their economies for a low-carbon, resource and energy efficient future, whilst taking account of the

possible risk of job relocation and carbon leakage due to the impact of climate policies;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Valentinas Mazuronis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7c. Calls on the Member States to apply 'eco-bonuses' to help mitigate possible undesirable effects of a 'green' tax reform;

Or. It

Amendment 72
Nicola Caputo, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7d. Maintains that to ease the transition to a green economy, investment has to be channelled into education, training, and research and development;

Or. it

Amendment 73
Tom Vandenkendelaere

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7e. Calls on Member States to devise instruments to facilitate and encourage the development of green skills among employees, in order to eliminate the skills gulf which will develop as a result of the transition to a green economy;

Or. nl

Amendment 74
Valentinas Mazuronis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7f. Calls on the Member States to focus greater attention on the implementation of environmental management and eco-auditing systems based on the European standard (ISO 14000);

Or. It

Amendment 75
Nicola Caputo, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7g. Points out that SMEs are playing a key role in the transition to a green economy and hence in creating green jobs;

Or. it

Amendment 76
Tom Vandenkendelaere

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7h. Calls on Member States to tailor their education to a transition to a greener economy in order to improve the employment opportunities of young people in the various sectors which possess potential for growth;

Or. nl

Amendment 77
Nicola Caputo, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 i (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7i. Points to the importance of, and the need for, financial instruments aimed at SMEs;

Or. it

Amendment 78
Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to set mandatory energy-saving and efficiency targets and to reintroduce white certificates;

deleted

Amendment 79
Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the Commission to set mandatory energy-saving and efficiency targets and to reintroduce white certificates;

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 80
Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the Commission to set mandatory energy-saving and efficiency targets and to reintroduce white certificates;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission, in agreement with the Member States, to propose energy-saving regulation and efficiency targets and to provide stronger support to projects that focus on the efficient use of resources, particularly those that focus on large-scale refurbishment of buildings, in order to reduce their energy consumption;

Amendment 81
Nikos Androulakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the Commission to set mandatory energy-saving and efficiency targets and to **reintroduce** white certificates;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to set mandatory energy-saving and efficiency targets and to **introduce a white certificates scheme as an instrument to facilitate achieving energy saving targets**;

Or. en

Amendment 82

Catherine Bearder, Frédérique Ries, Nils Torvalds

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the **Commission** to set mandatory energy-saving and efficiency targets and to reintroduce white certificates;

Amendment

8. Calls on the **EU and Member States** to set mandatory energy-saving and efficiency targets and to reintroduce white certificates;

Or. en

Amendment 83

Nikos Androulakis

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Reiterates that full implementation of the Energy Efficiency Plan could improve Europe's industrial competitiveness, create up to 2 million jobs by 2020, reduce annual GHG emissions by 740 million tons and generate financial savings of up to €1000 per household annually; calls therefore on the Member States to efficiently implement and enforce the Energy Efficiency Directive and to remain

*committed to achieve or even go beyond
the 2030 energy efficiency targets;*

Or. en

Amendment 84

Eleonora Evi, Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini, Laura Agea

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

*8b. Calls on the Commission to set up a
data bank listing training courses, job
offers, and best practice related to the
promotion of green employment;*

Or. it

Amendment 85

Nikos Androulakis

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

*8c. Calls on the commission to present its
proposal to reform the EU Emissions
Trading System as soon as possible taking
into account the need to protect industries
exposed to a significant risk of "carbon
leakage";*

Or. en

Amendment 86

Eleonora Evi, Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini, Laura Agea

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8d. Calls on the Member States to invest part of the proceeds from auctions of ETS greenhouse gas emission allowances with a view to establishing policies to assist climate change adaptation and protect biodiversity and sensitive habitats and, in so doing, to generating green employment;

Or. it

Amendment 87

Eleonora Evi, Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini, Laura Agea

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8e. Calls on the Commission to abolish direct and indirect subsidies for the production, storage, and distribution of fossil fuels;

Or. it

Amendment 88

Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. Calls on Member States to ***finance low-interest revolving funds to promote renewable energies and energy saving and efficiency;***

9. Calls on Member States to ***fully implement and deliver the existing renewable energy and energy efficiency Directives, in particular the respective 2020 targets; calls in particular on those Member States that are not track to reach their binding national targets to present***

credible plans to save at least 1.5% end-use energy annually as required by the energy efficiency Directive, with view to triggering local and regional development and creating local and regional jobs; stresses that effective energy efficiency measures could create or retain 2 million green jobs in Europe; stresses that in the renewable energies sector an additional 3 million jobs could be created by 2020, and 6 million jobs could be reached by 2050 if the aim of achieving 100% of energy from renewable sources is adopted;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Nikos Androulakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls on Member States to finance low-interest revolving funds to promote renewable *energies and* energy saving and efficiency;

Amendment

9. Calls on *the* Member States to *make more efficient use of European Structural and Investment Funds, including the new European Fund for Strategic Investments, in order to* finance low-interest revolving funds *and* to promote *the transition to a greener economy, including investments in* renewable *energy*, energy saving and efficiency, *waste and water management, green infrastructure, as well as innovative research and development programs in low-carbon technologies;*

Or. en

Amendment 90
Ian Duncan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

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Draft opinion

9. ***Calls on*** Member States ***to finance*** low-interest revolving funds to promote renewable energies and energy saving and efficiency;

Amendment

9. ***Suggests that*** Member States ***may consider financing*** low-interest revolving funds to promote renewable energies and energy saving and efficiency;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls on Member States to finance low-interest revolving funds to promote renewable energies and energy saving and efficiency;

Amendment

Does not affect the English version.

Or. fr

Amendment 92
Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls on Member States to finance low-interest revolving funds to promote renewable energies and energy saving and efficiency;

Amendment

Does not affect the English version.

Or. fr

Amendment 93
Catherine Bearder, Nils Torvalds

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls on Member States to finance low-interest revolving funds to promote renewable energies **and** energy saving and efficiency;

Amendment

9. Calls on Member States to finance low-interest revolving funds to promote renewable energies, energy saving and efficiency, **waste and water management, air quality, restoring and preserving biodiversity**;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Notes that some regions are facing more challenges than others in the course of transitioning to sustainable economies; calls on the Commission to encourage the exchange of best practices between regions that successfully managed the greening of their formerly energy-, resource-intensive and polluting industries, and regions still facing the challenge of green structural change;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Sylvie Goddyn, Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Recommends funding, as a matter of priority, projects based on renewable energy, on a regional scale, which create jobs for purposes both of installation and of operation, while promoting local or regional energy self-sufficiency;

Or. fr

Amendment 96
Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Calls on Member States **to implement** building modernisation plans focusing on improving energy efficiency;

Amendment

10. Calls on **those** Member States **which have not developed** building modernisation plans focusing on improving energy efficiency **to do so**;

Or. cs

Amendment 97
Zoltán Balczó

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Calls on Member States to **implement** building modernisation plans focusing on improving energy efficiency;

Amendment

10. Calls on Member States to **adopt** building modernisation plans focusing on improving energy efficiency;

Or. hu

Amendment 98
Nikos Androulakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Calls on Member States to implement building modernisation plans focusing on improving energy efficiency;

Amendment

10. Calls on Member States to implement ***ambitious building modernisation and construction*** plans focusing on improving energy efficiency ***which will contribute to revitalisation of important sectors of economy, that have suffered severe damages during the recent economic recession such as construction sector and will help to achieve the EU target of nearly zero-energy consumption for all new buildings;***

Or. en

Amendment 99
Ivo Belet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Calls on Member States to implement building modernisation plans focusing on improving energy efficiency;

Amendment

10. Calls on Member States to implement building modernisation plans focusing on improving energy efficiency ***and develop financing mechanisms in order to stimulate energy-efficiency investments; invites the Commission to present its Smart Financing for Smart Buildings'- Initiative (facilitating access to funding instruments) as soon as possible;***

Or. en

Amendment 100
Catherine Bearder, Nils Torvalds, Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Calls on Member States to implement **building** modernisation plans focusing on improving energy efficiency;

Amendment

10. Calls on Member States to implement modernisation plans **for buildings** focusing on improving energy efficiency **and building sustainability criteria as highlighted in Commission's Communication 'Resource efficiency opportunities in the building sector'**;

Or. en

Amendment 101

Sylvie Goddyn, Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Calls on Member States to implement building modernisation plans focusing on improving energy efficiency;

Amendment

10. Calls on Member States to implement building modernisation plans focusing on improving energy efficiency; **considers that such modernisation should take account of grey energy, which means the energy used throughout the life cycle of construction materials, including during demolition and recycling, so that the total energy balance of these modernisation operations should incorporate this dimension; considers furthermore that modernisation operations should respect local architecture and culture;**

Or. fr

Amendment 102
Ivo Belet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Calls on the Commission to stimulate new business models, such as cooperative enterprises, in their efforts to increase efficiency of production and distribution processes, adopting innovative solutions to save resources or offering more sustainable products and services;

Or. en

Amendment 103

Ian Duncan

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10b. Underlines that some sectors such as the chemical, car and porcelain industries are leading the way in terms of energy efficiency, and that other sectors can learn from the changes they have introduced to their working methods;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Kateřina Konečn

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

Amendment

11. Calls on Member States to develop programmes to protect, sustain and regenerate the environment.

Deleted

Or. cs

Amendment 105
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Calls on Member States to develop programmes *to* protect, sustain and regenerate the environment.

Amendment

11. ***Stresses the importance of sustainable investment for fully exploiting the green employment potential; calls on Member States to make full use of the possibilities under the legal framework for the European Structural and Investment Funds and other sources of EU funding to develop programmes, with an emphasis on synergies between different financial instruments, and promote sustainable projects that foster green employment, for instance that protect, sustain and regenerate the environment, reconnect ecosystems by developing green infrastructure, and promote R&D and innovation in green technologies and sustainable development.***

Or. en

Amendment 106
Tom Vandenkendelaere

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Calls on Member States to develop programmes to protect, sustain ***and regenerate*** the environment.

Amendment

11. Calls on Member States to develop programmes to protect ***and*** sustain the environment.

Or. nl

Amendment 107

Eleonora Evi, Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini, Laura Agea

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Calls on Member States to develop programmes to protect, sustain and regenerate the environment.

Amendment

11. Calls on Member States to develop programmes to protect, sustain and regenerate the environment ***in order to prevent and remedy hydrogeological instability while serving in addition to absorb a substantial green labour force.***

Or. it

Amendment 108

Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Calls on Member States to ***develop*** programmes to protect, sustain and regenerate the environment.

Amendment

11. Calls on Member States to ***study proposals for drawing up*** programmes to protect, sustain and regenerate the environment.

Or. fr

Amendment 109

Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11a. Considers that the full development of the green economy and growth of the green jobs market will not be possible until the monetary value of eco-system services - such as water purification and

flood defence - is properly recognised and integrated into pricing and decision-making.

Or. en

Amendment 110
Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11b. Calls on the Commission to develop methodology for valuing natural capital and to consider mechanisms to incentivise the provision, protection and management of eco-system services.

Or. en

Amendment 111
José Inácio Faria

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11c. Urges the Commission to lay down a framework for implementation of the above measures with a view to bringing about coherent green job creation within the EU.

Or. pt

Amendment 112
Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11d. Calls on the Commission to prepare sustainability targets, to develop labour market tools to accompany the transition to sustainability and the green economy, to make use of EU funds, to support the exchange of best practices and to support an information campaign;

Or. cs

Amendment 113

Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11e. Calls on the European Commission and Member States to promote, in the framework of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), quality investments geared towards the green transition of our societies, sustainable development and green job creation; stresses the need for support for sustainable regional development led by regional actors, such as agricultural-energy cooperatives; highlights that investing in energy efficiency promotes local and regional job creation as well as local and regional economic development.

Or. en

Amendment 114

Catherine Bearder, Nils Torvalds

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11f. Calls on Member States to effectively use EU funds available, to promote job creation and skills development in order to facilitate the transition into a greener economy. Notes the wide range of EU funds and financial instruments available to Member States in this task, such as European structural and Investment Fund, the European Social Fund, the European Regional Development Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, LIFE programme among others.

Or. en

Amendment 115

Nicola Caputo, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11g. Calls on the Member States to coordinate policies more closely where the green economy is concerned and to share their best practice regarding employment opportunities in the green economy.

Or. it

Amendment 116

Catherine Bearder

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11h. Call on the Commission's EU Investment Plan which is set to unlock

public and private investments in the real economy of at least € 315 billion over the next three years, to prioritise the financing green investments and creation of green sustainable jobs.

Or. en

Amendment 117
Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11 i (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11i. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the Member States are made aware of the positive opportunities that new technologies offer and to financially support the monitoring and development of new technologies;

Or. cs

Amendment 118
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11 j (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11j. Calls on the Commission and Member States to use the 2016 post-electoral revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) to promote the green transition of our economies.

Or. en