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AMENDMENT

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Draft opinion
Carlos Zorrinho
(PE584.261v01-00)

on the EU strategy for liquefied natural gas and gas storage
(2016/2059(INI))

Amendment 1
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Recalls that the EU strategy for liquefied natural gas (LNG) and gas storage is one element of the Energy Union, which aims to give concrete expression to the EU's ambition to bring about a transition to a sustainable, *secure and competitive* energy system;

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Or. el

Amendment 2
Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion
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Or. en

Amendment 3
Nikolay Barekov

Draft opinion
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Or. en

Amendment 4
Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn, Mireille D'Ornano

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1. Recalls that the EU strategy for liquefied natural gas (LNG) and gas storage is ***one*** element of the Energy Union, ***which aims to give concrete expression to the EU's ambition to bring about*** a transition to a sustainable, ***secure*** and competitive energy system;

Amendment

1. Recalls that the EU strategy for liquefied natural gas (LNG) and gas storage is ***a key*** element of the Energy Union. ***The first task of the Energy Union is to establish a secure supply and to ensure a long-term*** transition to a sustainable, ***self-sufficient*** and competitive energy system;

Or. fr

Amendment 5
Carlos Zorrinho

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Or. en

Amendment 6
Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Points out that existing LNG infrastructure in the EU is heavily underused (46% of gas import pipelines and 32% of LNG terminals were used in 2014) and that the European gas demand is persistently overestimated; stresses therefore that gas infrastructure planning should be based on decreasing demand;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recalls that energy poverty results in serious health consequences and is thought to affect more than 10% of the EU's population;

Amendment 8**Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn, Mireille D'Ornano****Draft opinion****Paragraph 2***Draft opinion*

2. Stresses that the European Union and its Member States should first of all focus on their renewable resources and derive maximum benefit from their renewable production capacity; stresses that this should not *prevent efforts being made to extract* added value *from* other segments of the energy markets, *such as LNG, provided that this is done* in a sustainable manner that is fully consistent with the EU's environmental protection principles;

Amendment

2. Stresses that the European Union and its Member States should first of all focus on their renewable resources and derive maximum benefit from their renewable production capacity; stresses that this *ambition* should not *lose sight of the fact that geopolitical instability is currently the most vital issue of the EU energy strategy; affirms that the closest LNG producers, such as Russia, are more appropriate than suppliers in the Arabo-Persian Gulf region; this supply approach should be consistent with efforts to obtain* added value *for LNG, through ambitious projects such as North Stream II and South Stream, as with* other segments of the energy markets; *these elements will enable the EU to act* in a sustainable manner that is fully consistent with the EU's environmental protection principles;

Or. fr

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renewable production capacity; stresses that this should not prevent efforts being made to extract added value from other segments of the energy markets, such as LNG, provided that this is done in a sustainable manner that is fully consistent with the EU's environmental protection principles; ***highlights that biogas and gas from biomass should have access to the same infrastructure, provided that such access is permanently compatible with the relevant technical rules and safety standards;***

Or. en

Amendment 10

Ulrike Müller, José Inácio Faria, Gesine Meissner, Fredrick Federley

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Amendment

2. Stresses that the European Union and its Member States should first of all focus on their renewable resources and derive maximum benefit from their renewable production capacity; ***draws attention to the potential of power-to-gas technology to store renewable energies and to make them usable as carbon-neutral gas for transport, heating and power generation;*** stresses that this should not prevent efforts being made to extract added value from other segments of the energy markets, such as LNG, provided that this is done in a sustainable manner that is fully consistent with the EU's environmental protection principles;

Or. en

Amendment 11

Carolina Punset, Fredrick Federley

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2. Stresses that the European Union and its Member States should first of all focus on their renewable resources and ***energy efficiency and*** derive maximum benefit from their renewable production capacity; stresses that this should not prevent efforts being made to extract added value from other segments of the energy markets, such as LNG, provided that this is done in a sustainable manner that is fully consistent with the EU's environmental protection principles, ***while ensuring that fugitive methane emissions, with a global warming potential much higher than CO₂, are minimised;***

Or. en

Amendment 12

José Inácio Faria, Ulrike Müller, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Jasenko Selimovic, Frédérique Ries, Fredrick Federley, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

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Amendment

2. Stresses that the European Union and its Member States should first of all focus on ***energy efficiency, on*** renewable ***energy*** resources and ***energy storage and*** derive maximum benefit from renewable production capacity ***by accelerating investments in these sectors;*** stresses that this should not prevent efforts being made to extract added value from other segments of the energy markets, such as LNG, provided that this is done in a sustainable manner that is fully consistent with the EU's environmental protection principles ***and the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement;***

Amendment 13 Merja Kyllönen

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2. Stresses that the European Union and its Member States should first of all focus on ***their renewable resources*** and derive maximum benefit from ***their*** renewable production capacity; stresses that this should not prevent efforts being made to extract added value from other segments of the energy markets, such as LNG, provided that this is done in a sustainable manner that is fully consistent with the EU's environmental protection principles;

Amendment

2. Stresses that the European Union and its Member States should first of all focus on ***energy efficiency*** and derive maximum benefit ***in as sustainable a way as possible*** from renewable ***energy*** production capacity; stresses that this should not prevent efforts being made to extract added value from other segments of the energy markets, such as LNG, provided that this is done in a sustainable manner that is fully consistent with the EU's environmental protection principles;

Or. fi

Amendment 14 Benedek Jávor

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2. Stresses that the European Union and its Member States should first of all focus on ***their*** renewable resources and derive maximum benefit from their renewable production capacity; stresses that ***this should not prevent efforts being made to extract added value from other segments of the energy markets, such as LNG, provided that this is done in a sustainable manner that is fully consistent with the EU's environmental protection principles;***

Amendment

2. Stresses that the European Union and its Member States should first of all focus on ***energy efficiency improvements as well as the deployment of*** renewable resources and derive maximum benefit from their renewable production capacity; stresses that ***any hydrocarbon extraction must be fully consistent with the EU's environmental legislation, including as regards groundwater, water quality objectives and nature conservation objectives;***

Amendment 15

Notis Marias

Draft opinion**Paragraph 2***Draft opinion*

2. Stresses that the European Union and its Member States should first of all focus on their renewable resources and derive maximum benefit from their renewable production capacity; stresses that this should not prevent efforts being made to extract added value from other segments of the energy markets, such as *LNG*, provided that this is done in a *sustainable* manner that is fully consistent with the EU's environmental protection principles;

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Or. el

Amendment 16

José Inácio Faria, Ulrike Müller, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Jasenko Selimovic, Fredrick Federley, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

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2a. Believes that LNG is an important transitional source of energy in the short to medium term, and that all efforts should be made to ensure that gas production is achieved in a sustainable manner and avoids methane leaks; stresses the need to enforce strict environmental standards to limit greenhouse gas emissions; calls, in this regard, for studies and suitable audit controls along the exploration,

distribution and utilisation chain to enable a solid scientific knowledge basis; Considers that investments in innovation and technological development can play an important role in mitigating carbon emissions along the entire LNG life-cycle from natural gas exploration to final use;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Pavel Poc

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. *Acknowledges the public's concern about hydraulic fracturing and the negative consequences this technology entails for the achievement of the EU's long term decarbonisation goals, as well as for climate, environment and public health; notes that these effects are transnational; considering that the energy mix is primarily a Member State competence and that some Member States have banned fracking on their territory, urges the Commission to recommend to Member States not to import LNG originating from fracking;*

Or. en

Amendment 18
Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini, Eleonora Evi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. *Recalls that offshore LNG regasification plants with open-cycle may*

affect the temperature and the chemistry of the surrounding waters posing serious risks to water quality and marine resources; highlights that open-cycle plants make use of chlorine based products that may cause pollution of surrounding waters while the release of huge quantities of cold waters may cause changes to local habitats; calls on the Commission to ban open cycle plants in favour of closed cycle plants;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Considers that permits for new hydrocarbon extraction operations could involve environmental risks and are incompatible with climate goals inscribed in the Paris Agreement; furthermore considers that Union gas policy should be better adapted to long term climate goals and the Paris Agreement in particular, including by phasing out gas infrastructure before 2050;

Or. en

Amendment 20
György Hölvényi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Urges the Commission and the Member States to promote and incentivise

a more efficient and better use of existing infrastructure, including gas storage;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Merja Kyllönen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Lays emphasis on environmentally friendly and socially sustainable LNG production methods;

Or. fi

Amendment 22
Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Amendment

3. Points out that the EU's domestic production will continue to decline in the coming decades, and further diversification of the EU's natural gas supply ***therefore remains a key objective, while nevertheless underlining its role as a short and medium-term solution***, bearing in mind the European commitment to the objective of decarbonisation set out in the ***Roadmap for moving to a competitive low-carbon economy in 2050***;

3. Points out that the EU's domestic ***natural gas*** production will continue to decline in the coming decades, and ***while there can be benefits from*** further diversification of the EU's natural gas supply, ***the demand will also decline thanks to renewables and energy efficiency policies; considers that natural gas can only play a transitional role, and that the phasing-out of fossil subsidies and a comprehensive switch from gas to renewable energy sources are necessary in the medium term***, bearing in mind the European commitment to the objective of decarbonisation ***as*** set out in the ***Paris Agreement***;

Or. en

Amendment 23

José Inácio Faria, Ulrike Müller, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Jasenko Selimovic, Frédérique Ries, Fredrick Federley, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

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3. Points out that the EU's domestic production will continue to decline in the coming decades, and further diversification of the EU's natural gas supply therefore remains a key objective, while nevertheless underlining its role as a short and medium-term solution, bearing in mind the European commitment to the objective of decarbonisation set out in the Roadmap for moving to a competitive low-carbon economy in 2050;

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Or. en

Amendment 24

Carolina Punset, Fredrick Federley

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3. Points out that the EU's domestic production will continue to decline in the coming decades, and further diversification of the EU's natural gas supply therefore remains a key objective, while nevertheless underlining its role as a short and medium-term solution ***and as a complement and support to renewables and energy efficiency***, bearing in mind the European commitment to the objective of decarbonisation set out in the Roadmap for

moving to a competitive low-carbon economy in 2050;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Nikolay Barekov

Draft opinion
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3. Points out that the EU's domestic production will continue to decline in the coming decades, and further diversification of the EU's natural gas supply therefore remains a key objective, while nevertheless underlining its role as a *short and medium-term* solution, *bearing in mind the European commitment to the objective of decarbonisation* set out in the Roadmap for moving to a competitive low-carbon economy in 2050;

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3. Points out that the EU's domestic production will continue to decline in the coming decades, and further diversification of the EU's natural gas supply therefore remains a key objective, while nevertheless underlining its role as a solution *to achieve the goals* set out in the Roadmap for moving to a competitive low-carbon economy in 2050;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion
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3. Points out that the EU's domestic production will continue to decline in the coming decades, and further diversification of the EU's natural gas supply therefore remains a key objective, while nevertheless underlining its role as a *short and* medium-term solution, bearing in mind the European commitment to the objective of decarbonisation set out in the Roadmap for moving to a competitive low-carbon

Amendment

3. Points out that the EU's domestic production will continue to decline in the coming decades, and further diversification of the EU's natural gas supply therefore remains a key objective *to provide consumer countries with more security*, while nevertheless underlining its role as a medium-term solution, bearing in mind the European commitment to the objective of decarbonisation set out in the Roadmap for

economy in 2050;

moving to a competitive low-carbon economy in 2050;

Or. fr

Amendment 27

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

Draft opinion

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Draft opinion

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Amendment

3. Points out that the EU's domestic production will continue to decline in the coming decades, and further diversification of the EU's natural gas supply, *in its neighbouring environment*, therefore remains a key objective, while nevertheless underlining its role as a medium-term solution, bearing in mind the European commitment to the objective of decarbonisation set out in the Roadmap for moving to a competitive low-carbon economy in 2050;

Or. fr

Amendment 28

Merja Kyllönen

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

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moving to a competitive low-carbon economy in 2050;

moving to a competitive low-carbon economy in 2050;

Or. fi

Amendment 29
Carolina Punset, Fredrick Federley

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Points out that European gas demand has significantly decreased in the past years partly due to the economic crisis but also due to a structural shift in gas demand thanks to the successful implementation of energy efficiency and renewable policies;

Or. en

Amendment 30
György Hölvényi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Acknowledges the potential of LNG as a sustainable fuel, both in road and maritime transport; underlines that wider use of LNG in freight transport could contribute to the decrease of global CO2 emissions;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini, Eleonora Evi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Recalls that the extraction of shale gas through fracking has severe environmental impact that widely outweigh the benefit of using natural gas;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Carlos Zorrinho

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Urges the need to take into account that the same standards that apply in the EU should also apply to imported LNG, notably regarding fracking;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Nikolay Barekov

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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Amendment

4. Emphasises the need for impact assessments to be made to ascertain the added value of constructing new LNG transport and storage infrastructure, and the need to focus new investments on areas with poor interconnection, or to supply the most vulnerable Member States;

4. Emphasises the need for impact assessments to be made to ascertain the added value of constructing new LNG transport and storage infrastructure, and the need to focus new investments on areas with poor interconnection ***or whose market is dominated by a single external supplier***, or to supply the most vulnerable Member States; ***urges the Commission and the***

Member States to promote and incentivise a more efficient and better use of existing infrastructure, including gas storage;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini, Eleonora Evi

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises the need for impact assessments to be made to ascertain the added value of constructing new LNG transport and storage infrastructure, and the need to focus new investments on areas with poor interconnection, or to supply the most vulnerable Member States;

Amendment

4. Emphasises the need for impact assessments to be made to ascertain the added value of constructing new LNG transport and storage infrastructure, and the need to focus new investments on areas with poor interconnection, or to supply the most vulnerable Member States; *recalls the potential offered by the production of renewable natural gas through anaerobic digestions, prioritising production from sewage, agriculture and organic waste;*

Or. en

Amendment 35

Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises the need for impact assessments to be made to ascertain the added value of constructing new LNG transport and storage infrastructure, and the need to focus new investments on areas with poor interconnection, or to supply the most vulnerable Member States;

Amendment

4. Emphasises the need, *before granting authorisations and funding*, for impact assessments to be made to ascertain the added value of constructing new LNG transport and storage infrastructure, and the need to focus new investments on areas with poor interconnection *and with little opportunity to exploit renewable energy sources*, or to supply the most vulnerable

Member States;

Or. it

Amendment 36
Carlos Zorrinho

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises the need for impact assessments to be made to ascertain the added value of constructing new LNG transport and storage infrastructure, and the need to focus new investments on areas with poor interconnection, or to supply the most vulnerable Member States;

Amendment

4. Emphasises the need for impact assessments to be made to ascertain the added value of constructing new LNG transport and storage infrastructure, and the need to focus *on the safe operation of existing storage infrastructure as well as direct* new investments on areas with poor interconnection, or to supply the most vulnerable Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises the *need for impact assessments to be made to ascertain the added value of constructing new LNG transport and storage infrastructure*, and the need to *focus* new investments *on areas with poor interconnection, or to supply the most vulnerable Member States*;

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4. Emphasises *with interest* the *construction of new LNG transport and storage infrastructure, for the purpose, in particular, of fuelling fleets of trucks with natural gas in several European countries*, and the need to *make* new investments *to provide green mobility solutions also in areas with poor interconnection*;

Or. fr

Amendment 38
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Emphasises the need for impact assessments to be made to ascertain the added value of constructing new LNG transport and storage infrastructure, and the need to focus new investments on areas with poor interconnection, or to supply the most vulnerable Member States;

Amendment

4. Emphasises the need for impact assessments to be made to ascertain the added value of constructing new LNG transport and storage infrastructure, and the need to focus new investments on areas with poor interconnection, or to supply the most vulnerable Member States, *in particular those in South-Eastern Europe*;

Or. el

Amendment 39
Carolina Punset, Fredrick Federley

Draft opinion
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4. Emphasises the need for impact assessments to be made to ascertain the added value of constructing new LNG transport and storage infrastructure, and the need to focus new investments on areas with poor interconnection, or to supply the most vulnerable Member States;

Amendment

4. Emphasises the need for impact assessments to be made to ascertain the added value of constructing new LNG transport and storage infrastructure *to avoid stranded assets*, and the need to focus new investments on areas with poor interconnection, or to supply the most vulnerable Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Emphasises the need for impact assessments to be made to ascertain the added value of constructing new LNG transport and storage infrastructure, ***and the need to focus new investments on areas with poor interconnection, or to supply the most vulnerable Member States;***

Amendment

4. Emphasises the need for impact assessments to be made to ascertain the added value of constructing new LNG transport and storage infrastructure, ***in particular as regards the risk of locking in fossil fuel infrastructure and possible stranded assets;***

Or. en

Amendment 41

Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini, Eleonora Evi

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Recalls, in the light of the climate crisis, that the EU needs to look for ways to decrease petroleum consumption; considers that before the EU can achieve the goal of using 100% of renewables, that the EU should also consider natural gas as an alternative to coal and oil to enable Europe to reach its climate goals; stresses that other fuels and technologies can play a role in the transition towards renewables, but the EU needs to support a short-term transition; highlights, however, that the dangers of an overreliance on natural gas can be overcome only by expanding the use of renewable energies; recalls that in most cases the increase in the use of natural gas competes with investments in renewables;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls for revised demand assessments that properly factor in structural changes as well as the EU's long-term energy and climate targets as also requested by the European Court of Auditors, calls for a thorough analysis of supply alternatives and solutions in a regional perspective; calls for increased regional cooperation to better coordinate investments and avoid overcapacities in LNG, storage and transmission; stresses that no new LNG infrastructure should be realised if electricity interconnections or the use of renewable energy sources coupled with energy efficiency measures can deliver the same results;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Merja Kyllönen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Points to the need to ensure close cooperation at local, regional, national, and EU level in order to couple energy and transport sectors together with a view to enhancing the multifunctionality, exploitability, and efficiency of LNG infrastructure; points out that when dealing with liquefied natural gas (LNG) it is also necessary to consider the distribution infrastructure for liquefied biogas (LBG) with a view to encouraging the adoption of that resource and making

its systems interoperable;

Or. fi

Amendment 44

José Inácio Faria, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Fredrick Federley, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses the need to prioritise Projects of Common Interest that complete missing infrastructure in order to end energy isolation and single supplier dependency; highlights priority geographic areas such as the Baltic region, the Iberian Peninsula and South Eastern Europe, among other Island regions; highlights that EU funding instruments such as EFSI, CEF, ERDF and EIB funding should prioritise such Projects of Common Interest;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini, Eleonora Evi

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the European Commission to propose a coherent regulation on storage site safety in order to guarantee the safeguard of local populations; calls on Member States to properly assess historical data on seismicity of the areas destined to host a geological gas storage and to exclude any site with a proven seismic activity even if it occurred a long time ago;

Amendment 46

José Inácio Faria, Ulrike Müller, Frédérique Ries, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 b (new)

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Amendment

4b. Points out that where existing LNG reception and storage capacity is underused, cross-border interconnector investments that enable its optimal use should be prioritised, and regulatory and fiscal obstacles should be removed before supporting investments in new capacity in neighbouring Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Carlos Zorrinho

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

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Amendment

5. Draws attention to the irreversible environmental damage caused by oil-based emissions and marine fuels to the oceans, polar regions and the Arctic, and highlights the potential that the transition to LNG offers for decarbonising maritime transport; urges the Commission to make funds available to support European projects to this end.

5. Draws attention to the irreversible environmental damage caused by oil-based emissions and marine fuels to the oceans, polar regions and the Arctic, and highlights the potential that the transition to LNG ***as a transition fuel*** offers for decarbonising maritime transport; urges the Commission to make funds available to support European projects to this end; ***calls for the development of maritime routes, notably in the archipelago of the Azores which given its geographical situation could serve as a key fuel station for the transatlantic routes of LN; urges the Commission to make funds available to support European projects to this end.***

Amendment 48
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Draws attention to the irreversible environmental damage caused by oil-based emissions and marine fuels to the oceans, polar regions and the Arctic, and highlights the potential that the transition to LNG offers for decarbonising maritime transport; urges the Commission to make funds available to support European projects to this end.

Amendment

5. Draws attention to the irreversible environmental damage caused by oil-based emissions and marine fuels to the oceans, polar regions and the Arctic, and highlights the potential that the transition to LNG offers for decarbonising maritime transport; ***recognises also the benefits of liquefied bio-gas (LBG) that can utilise the same infrastructure and supply chain as LNG; emphasises the role of the renewal of fleet in order to achieve the energy transition towards LNG and renewable energy***; urges the Commission to make funds available to support European projects to this end.

Amendment 49
Nicola Caputo, Carlos Zorrinho

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Draws attention to the irreversible environmental damage caused by oil-based emissions and marine fuels to the oceans, polar regions and the Arctic, and highlights the potential that the transition to LNG offers for decarbonising maritime transport; urges the Commission to make funds available to support European projects to this end.

Amendment

5. Draws attention to the irreversible environmental damage caused by oil-based emissions and marine fuels to the oceans, polar regions and the Arctic, and highlights the potential that the transition to LNG offers for decarbonising maritime transport ***and for reducing sulphur and nitrogen content in marine fuels used in the Emission Control Areas***; urges the

Commission to make funds available to support European projects to this end.

Or. it

Amendment 50

Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Draws attention to the irreversible environmental damage caused by oil-based emissions and marine fuels to the oceans, polar regions and the Arctic, and **highlights** the potential ***that the transition to LNG offers for decarbonising maritime transport; urges the Commission to make funds available to support European projects to this end.***

Amendment

5. Draws attention to the irreversible environmental damage caused by oil-based emissions and marine fuels to the oceans, polar regions and the Arctic, and the potential ***benefits of switching from heavy fuel oil to gas; notes however that in order to assess any potential for GHG savings and overall environmental impact, the whole lifecycle, including the upstream methane leaks and impacts of the extractive process would need to be taken into account.***

Or. en

Amendment 51

José Inácio Faria, Ulrike Müller, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Jasenko Selimovic, Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Points out the potential of LNG as a more sustainable fuel as compared to current mainstream fuels such as diesel in heavy weight road transport and heavy fuels in maritime transport; supports in this regard the objectives of Directive 2014/94/EU and the establishment of a harmonised regulatory and standardisation framework that*

encourages the use of LNG in shipping, and heavy weight road transport, provided that this fuel proves clear environmental advantages; stresses the need to avoid technological lock-in;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Annie Schreijer-Pierik

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Points out that LNG and natural gas storage arrangements must comply with modern safety requirements; states that that means, inter alia, continuous monitoring of the air above storage facilities and, in the case of underground storage, monitoring at ground level and deep underground; states that that should help ensure sustainable and safe storage.

Or. nl

Amendment 53
Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini, Eleonora Evi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls on the European Commission and Member States to refrain from supporting the production and import of shale oil and gas.

Or. en

Amendment 54
Carlos Zorrinho

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Highlights the potential for LNG as a transition fuel also in the truck transport sector.

Or. en

Amendment 55
Marco Affronte, Eleonora Evi, Piernicola Pedicini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Calls on Member States to fully exploit the local production of biogas before building further fossil fuel oriented infrastructures; urges the Commission and Member States to put in place strategies to support facilities that may be used in the future to manage the transfer and storage of renewable natural gas;

Or. en

Amendment 56
José Inácio Faria, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Jasenko Selimovic, Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Believes that the EU ETS and the innovation fund established therein could provide an additional funding support mechanism to promote green shipping

*technologies and ports infrastructure,
such as LNG;*

Or. en

Amendment 57

José Inácio Faria, Ulrike Müller, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. Emphasises that shale gas exploration entails many environmental and public health risks, mostly so in a densely populated Europe; recognises however, that shale gas exploration decisions is a matter of subsidiarity that falls within Member States' competence; stresses in this regard the need for a harmonised and binding European legal framework that ensures the strictest health and environmental protection standards in fracking operations;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini, Eleonora Evi

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. Stresses the need to ensure that geological gas storage facilities are assessed through a transparent process involving local communities;

Or. en

Amendment 59
José Inácio Faria

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5d. Believes that energy negotiations in the scope of TTIP can provide an opportunity for gas supply diversification and competitiveness, while contributing to decrease the most environmental-damaging coal generation in the EU; stresses that as a consequence, environmental standards for gas exploration should not be lower than those in the EU; believes that the trade agreement with the US is an opportunity for European renewable energy and energy efficiency companies to promote their technologies abroad;

Or. en