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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 60**

**Draft opinion**

**Nuno Melo**

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European Semester for economic policy coordination: Annual Growth Survey  
2017

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**Amendment 1**  
**Notis Marias**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

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

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. el

**Amendment 2**  
**Nicola Caputo, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

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Or. it

**Amendment 3**  
**Eleftherios Synadinos**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

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Or. el

**Amendment 4**  
**Simona Bonafè**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

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

*Amendment*

1. Stresses ***the importance of*** the European Semester ***in identifying structural reforms and selective investments able to facilitate the transition towards a new economic model combining industrial development with environmental sustainability***;

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Jasenko Selimovic**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Regrets that the recovery in the EU remains slow and fragile, highlighting the need to step up structural reforms, encourage investment and build a more competitive economy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 6  
Jasenko Selimovic**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1b. Welcomes that the Annual Growth Survey 2017 is clearly mentioning the circular economy among the general economic priorities for the EU;***

Or. en

**Amendment 7  
Simona Bonafè**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

2. Points out that climate change is undoubtedly a very serious global challenge and that swift action should remain a priority for the EU; underlines, in this connection, the importance of the Paris Agreement adopted in December 2015 at the COP21, a global milestone for enhancing global collective action and accelerating the global transformation to a low-carbon and climate resilient society; notes that the agreement sets out a

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qualitative long-term emissions reduction goal in line with the objective of keeping the global temperature increase well below 2°C and pursuing efforts to keep it to 1.5°C;

qualitative long-term emissions reduction goal in line with the objective of keeping the global temperature increase well below 2°C and pursuing efforts to keep it to 1.5°C; *therefore calls for the European Commission to take into consideration in its country specific recommendations the need for Member States to invest in low-carbon emission energy projects to match the objectives of the Paris Agreement;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 8** **Eleftherios Synadinos**

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

#### *Draft opinion*

2. Points out that climate change is undoubtedly a very serious global challenge and that swift action should remain a priority for the EU; underlines, in this connection, the importance of the Paris Agreement adopted in December 2015 at the COP21, a global milestone for enhancing global collective action and accelerating the global transformation to a low-carbon and climate resilient society; notes that the agreement sets out a qualitative long-term emissions reduction goal in line with the objective of keeping the global temperature increase well below 2°C and pursuing efforts to keep it to 1.5°C;

#### *Amendment*

2. Points out *and recognises* that climate change is undoubtedly a very serious global challenge and that swift action should remain a priority for the EU *and firmly supports relevant actions to halt climate change*; underlines, in this connection, the importance of the Paris Agreement adopted in December 2015 at the COP21, a global milestone for enhancing global collective action and accelerating the global transformation to a low-carbon and climate resilient society; notes that the agreement sets out a qualitative long-term emissions reduction goal in line with the objective of keeping the global temperature increase well below 2°C and pursuing efforts to keep it to 1.5°C;

Or. el

## **Amendment 9** **Notis Marias**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Points out that climate change is undoubtedly a ***very serious global challenge*** and that swift action should remain a priority for the EU; underlines, in this connection, the ***importance of the Paris Agreement*** adopted in December 2015 at the COP21, ***a global milestone for enhancing global collective action and accelerating the global transformation to a low-carbon and climate resilient society***; notes that the agreement ***sets*** out a qualitative long-term emissions reduction goal in line with the objective of keeping the global temperature increase well below 2°C and pursuing efforts to keep it to 1.5°C;

*Amendment*

2. Points out that climate change is undoubtedly a ***threat to the environment and humanity*** and that swift action should remain a priority for the EU; underlines, in this connection, the Paris Agreement adopted in December 2015 at the COP21, ***which failed to create a clear framework for addressing climate change***; notes that the Agreement ***should set*** out a qualitative long-term emissions reduction goal in line with the objective of keeping the global temperature increase well below 2°C and pursuing efforts to keep it to 1.5°C;

Or. el

**Amendment 10**  
**Simona Bonafè**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 – point 1 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

***Points out that an effective transition to a low carbon society requires large investments in strategic areas such as energy, waste management, transports and buildings. Calls for an earmarking on sustainable investments under the forthcoming "EFSI 2" regulation. Recalls that Member States contributions to investments under EFSI shall be considered as "one-off measures" that are deducted for the assessment of the fiscal effort in structural terms;***

*Amendment*

Or. en

**Amendment 11**

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

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a. Emphasises that these binding targets also apply to the emerging economies, and points out, in that connection, that since 2006 China has been the world's leading emitter of greenhouse gases, accounting for almost 25% of global emissions, that India is the world's third-largest emitter and that a paradigm shift would require these States, some of which face major development challenges, to make significant adaptations;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 12**

**Nicola Caputo, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a. Calls on the Commission to use the European Semester as an instrument to fulfil EU commitments emanating from the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in particular to include in the process policies and effective measures addressing climate change, sustainable production and consumption, food security and biodiversity;**

Or. it



**Amendment 13**  
**Nicola Caputo, Doru-Claudian Frunzulică**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Recalls that ensuring sustainable growth, climate protection and job creation in the EU means using our resources in a smarter and more sustainable way and reducing dependence on imports of raw materials; considers that the focus should be on waste prevention, greater recycling and re-use of products; notes that it is estimated that the circular economy could provide EU companies with savings of about EUR 600 billion per year; reiterates therefore its call for the principles of the circular economy to be incorporated into the European Semester;

*Amendment*

3. Recalls that ensuring sustainable growth, climate protection and job creation in the EU means using our resources in a smarter and more sustainable way and reducing dependence on imports of raw materials; considers that the focus should be on waste prevention, greater recycling and re-use of products; ***stresses that if the reform of waste legislation and the action plan on the circular economy are to advance the transition of the European economy into a circular model, it is essential to integrate recommendations to this effect into the European Semester process to boost competitiveness, create jobs and generate sustainable growth;*** notes that it is estimated that the circular economy could provide EU companies with savings of about EUR 600 billion per year; reiterates therefore its call for the principles of the circular economy to be incorporated into the European Semester;

Or. it

**Amendment 14**  
**Simona Bonafè**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Recalls that ensuring sustainable growth, climate protection and job creation in the EU means using our resources in a smarter and more sustainable way and reducing dependence on imports of raw materials; considers that the focus should

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be on waste prevention, **greater** recycling **and re-use of products**; notes that it is estimated that the circular economy could provide EU companies with savings of about EUR 600 billion per year; reiterates therefore its call for **the principles of the circular economy** to be incorporated into the European Semester;

be on **the strict application of the waste hierarchy primarily to support the implementation of prevention measures but also to support the activities aimed at achieving the preparing for re-use and recycling targets set out for 2020,2025 and 2030**; notes that it is estimated that the circular economy could provide EU companies with savings of about EUR 600 billion per year; reiterates therefore, **in order to accelerate the EU transition towards a circular economy**, its call for **a lead indicator and a dashboard of sub-indicators on resource efficiency** to be incorporated into the European Semester;

Or. en

## **Amendment 15** **Julie Girling**

### **Draft opinion** **Paragraph 3**

#### *Draft opinion*

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*targets;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 16**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 3**

##### *Draft opinion*

3. Recalls that ensuring sustainable growth, climate protection and job creation in the EU means using our resources in a smarter and more sustainable way and reducing dependence on imports of raw materials; considers that the focus should be on waste prevention, greater recycling and re-use of products; notes that it is estimated that the circular economy could provide EU companies with savings of about EUR 600 billion per year; reiterates therefore its call for the principles of the circular economy to be incorporated into the European Semester;

##### *Amendment*

3. Recalls that ensuring sustainable growth, climate protection and job creation in the EU means using our resources in a smarter and more sustainable way, ***shifting taxation from labour to scarce resources, putting an end to fossil subsidies*** and reducing dependence on imports of raw materials; considers that the focus should be on waste prevention, greater recycling and re-use of products; notes that it is estimated that the circular economy could provide EU companies with savings of about EUR 600 billion per year; reiterates therefore its call for the principles of the circular economy to be incorporated into the European Semester ***through indicators such as resource consumption and security of supply for key raw materials;***

Or. en

## **Amendment 17**

**Notis Marias**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 3**

##### *Draft opinion*

3. Recalls that ensuring sustainable growth, climate protection and job creation in the EU means using our resources in a

##### *Amendment*

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smarter and more sustainable way and reducing dependence on imports of raw materials; considers that *the focus* should be on waste prevention, greater recycling and re-use of products; notes that it is estimated that the circular economy could provide EU companies with savings of about EUR 600 billion per year; reiterates therefore its call for the principles of the circular economy to be incorporated into the European Semester;

job creation in the EU means using our resources in a smarter and more sustainable way and reducing dependence on imports of raw materials; considers that *there* should be *an immediate focus* on waste prevention, greater recycling and re-use of products; notes that it is estimated that the circular economy could provide EU companies with savings of about EUR 600 billion per year; reiterates therefore its call for the principles of the circular economy to be incorporated into the European Semester;

Or. el

### **Amendment 18** **Kateřina Konečná**

#### **Draft opinion** **Paragraph 3**

##### *Draft opinion*

3. Recalls that ensuring sustainable growth, climate protection and job creation in the EU means using our resources in a smarter and more sustainable way and reducing dependence on imports of raw materials; considers that the focus should be on waste prevention, greater recycling and re-use of products; notes that it is estimated that the circular economy could provide EU companies with savings of about EUR 600 billion per year; reiterates therefore its call for the principles of the circular economy to be incorporated into the European Semester;

##### *Amendment*

3. Recalls that ensuring sustainable growth, climate protection and job creation in the EU means using our resources in a smarter and more sustainable way and reducing dependence on imports of raw materials; considers that the focus should be on waste prevention, greater recycling and re-use of products; notes that it is estimated that the circular economy could provide EU companies with savings of about EUR 600 billion per year; reiterates therefore its call for the principles of the circular economy, *including the principles on which the concept of ecodesign is based*, to be incorporated into the European Semester;

Or. cs

### **Amendment 19** **Eleftherios Synadinos**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

3. Recalls that ensuring sustainable growth, climate protection and job creation in the EU means using our resources in a smarter, **innovative** and more sustainable way and reducing dependence on imports of raw materials; considers that the focus should be on waste prevention **as a priority and the significantly** greater recycling and re-use of products; notes that it is estimated that the circular economy could **theoretically** provide EU companies with savings of **up to** EUR 600 billion per year; reiterates therefore its call for the principles of the circular economy to be incorporated into the European Semester;

Or. el

**Amendment 20**  
**Jasenko Selimovic**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3a. Stresses the importance of the on-going reform of the waste legislation in order to advance the transition of the European economy into a circular model;**

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Nicola Caputo, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Stresses 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 and effectively implementing international targets and objectives and diversifying revenue sources, in a context of fiscal responsibility and economic competitiveness;

*Amendment*

4. Stresses 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 and effectively implementing international targets and objectives and diversifying revenue sources, in a context of fiscal responsibility and economic competitiveness; ***considers that the European Semester should also incorporate reporting on renewable energy, energy efficiency and interconnectivity on the basis of targets set at EU level;***

Or. it

**Amendment 22**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Stresses 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 and effectively implementing international targets and objectives and diversifying revenue sources, in a context of fiscal ***responsibility*** and economic competitiveness;

*Amendment*

4. Stresses that the efficient use of resources, ***increasing energy sovereignty*** and the induction of production patterns and more sustainable consumption patterns involves ***implementing the principles of circular economy with the help of indicators such as resource consumption and security of supply for key raw materials, introducing indicators such as energy efficiency into the European Semester***, promoting entrepreneurship and job creation and effectively implementing international targets and objectives and diversifying revenue sources, in a context of fiscal ***justice*** and economic competitiveness;

**Amendment 23**  
**Simona Bonafè**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Stresses 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 and effectively implementing international targets and objectives and diversifying revenue sources, in a context of fiscal responsibility and economic competitiveness;

*Amendment*

4. Stresses that **an improved** efficient use of resources, reducing foreign energy dependence and the induction of production patterns, **based on better design requirements for products**, and more sustainable consumption patterns involves promoting entrepreneurship and job creation and effectively implementing **European and** international targets and objectives and diversifying revenue sources, in a context of fiscal responsibility and economic competitiveness;

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Eleftherios Synadinos**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Stresses 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 and effectively implementing international targets and objectives and diversifying revenue sources, in a context of fiscal responsibility and economic competitiveness;

*Amendment*

4. Stresses that the **more** efficient use of resources, reducing energy dependence **beyond the borders of the Member States of the Union** and the induction of production patterns and more sustainable consumption patterns involves promoting entrepreneurship and job creation and effectively implementing international **commitments**, targets and objectives and diversifying revenue sources, in a context of fiscal responsibility and economic competitiveness;

**Amendment 25**

**Julie Girling**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Stresses 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 and effectively implementing international targets and objectives and diversifying revenue sources, in a context of fiscal responsibility and*** economic competitiveness;

*Amendment*

4. Stresses that the efficient use of resources, reducing foreign energy dependence, and the ***introduction of sustainable production and*** consumption patterns involves effectively implementing ***the Union's environmental objectives, promoting entrepreneurship, job creation, and increasing*** economic competitiveness;

Or. en

**Amendment 26**

**Nuno Melo, Andrey Kovatchev**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

***Points out that according to a 2012 study from the European Commission, if all EU waste legislation was fully implemented, Europe would save €72 billion a year, the turnover of the waste management and recycling sector would rise by €42 billion, and it would create 400,000 jobs by 2020. Recalls that reducing the amount of waste and the compliance with the legislation on this matter should be seen as a highest priority.***

*Amendment*

Or. en



**Amendment 27**  
**Kateřina Konečná**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. 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;**

Or. cs

**Amendment 28**  
**Simona Bonafè**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. Underlines the relevance of investments into measures to prevent and mitigate the impacts of natural disasters. With the increasing number of events, both linked to climate change and earthquakes, prevention measures should be carefully addressed. The value of those investments should be properly considered**

*in the evaluation of Member States' budget. Avoiding investments in prevention also result in a consistent increase in public spending due to emergency management and reconstruction;*

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Jasenko Selimovic**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Highlights that EU member states need to reform their tax systems in order to support growth and fair rules between businesses; emphasises in this respect the role of environmental taxation, environmental tax reform and tax-shifting programmes as key enabling factors in the transition to a green economy, as they can trigger eco-innovations that generate wealth and jobs and contribute to environmental improvement and reduced energy and resource consumption;*

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Points out that there is considerable potential for creating 'green jobs', given that 2.7 million people, or 0.81% of the active population (2012), already work in these industries in the*

*EU27 and that 6 million green jobs could be created between now and 2050 if a full transition to renewable energies were to be made;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 31**

**Andrey Kovatchev, Nuno Melo, Karin Kadenbach, Cristian-Silviu Buşoi**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Calls on the Commission to mainstream the Sustainable Development Goals into the European Semester process.*

Or. en

**Amendment 32**

**Simona Bonafè**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4b. Points out the need for a more comprehensive set of indicators in order to assess the measures put in place by Member States on the contribution towards the achievement of the objectives taken up by the European Union in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in particular the target of halving food waste by 2030; stresses that Sustainable Development Goals targets need to be properly streamlined into the Union's internal as well as external policies;*

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Jasenko Selimovic**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4b.** *Recalls that a trend of growth in jobs in the eco-industry can be observed throughout the EU; highlights that further reductions in energy and resource use could lead to additional job creation, particularly in the sectors of insulation, heat pump technologies, electrically propelled vehicles and water-efficient agricultural irrigation technologies, but also in the recycling and resource dependent sectors;*

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4b.** *Emphasises, however, that many jobs, in particular in the metal industries, are being jeopardised by the tightening-up of the legislation on greenhouse gas emissions and that the steel industry in particular is already being undermined by competition from certain States, including China;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 35**  
**Jasenko Selimovic**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4c. Welcomes the decision of the European Commission to establish a High Level Expert Group (HLEG) on sustainable finance; underlines that reforms for sustainable finance are necessary to support investment in clean technologies and their deployment, ensure that the financial system can finance growth in a sustainable manner over the long term and contribute to the creation of a low-carbon, climate resilient and circular economy, as set out in the Communication from the Commission "Capital Markets Union – Accelerating Reform" of 14 September 2016;**

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4c. Emphasises that the scope for creating jobs in the green energy sector will be determined by the ability of European States to safeguard these industries against unfair foreign competition, in particular in the photovoltaic and wind energy sectors;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 37**  
**Jasenko Selimovic**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4d.** *Notes that several of the projects approved for financing by the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) are oriented towards infrastructure and innovation in the environment and health sectors; underlines, however, the need to increase the availability of green funds through the EFSI;*

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4d.** *Emphasises, in that connection, that most photovoltaic equipment is now manufactured in China and that 50% of the world's leading manufacturers of solar panels are based in China;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 39**  
**Nicola Caputo, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

5. Stresses that effective investment in health is an essential condition for economic prosperity and growth promotion, producing results in terms of productivity, labour supply, human capital

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and public spending.

and public spending; *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 10 % of GDP in the EU, and of being able to provide equal access to healthcare services for all citizens, as health is an essential factor for stability, sustainability and further development of Member States and their economies;*

Or. it

#### **Amendment 40**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 5**

#### *Draft opinion*

5. Stresses that effective investment in health is an essential condition for economic prosperity and growth promotion, producing results in terms of productivity, labour supply, human capital and public spending.

#### *Amendment*

5. Stresses that effective investment in health is an essential condition for economic prosperity and growth promotion, producing results in terms of productivity, labour supply, human capital and public spending; *calls on Member States to ensure a balance between budgets allocated to reimbursement of medicines and budgets allocated to maintaining enough trained medical staff, in order to safeguard quality of care and universal access to medicines;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 41**

**Kateřina Konečná**

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

5. Stresses that effective investment in health is an essential condition for economic prosperity and growth promotion, producing results in terms of productivity, labour supply, human capital and public spending; ***recalls that expenditure on health services are investments towards healthier, safer, more productive and competitive societies;***

Or. cs

**Amendment 42**  
**Eleftherios Synadinos**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Stresses that effective investment in health is an essential condition for economic prosperity and growth promotion, producing results in terms of productivity, labour supply, human capital and public spending.

*Amendment*

5. Stresses that effective ***and rational*** investment in health ***and in health facilities*** is an essential condition for ***ensuring long-term*** economic prosperity and growth promotion, producing results in terms of productivity, labour supply, human capital and public spending.

Or. el

**Amendment 43**  
**Andrey Kovatchev, Nuno Melo, Karin Kadenbach, Cristian-Silviu Buşoi**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

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Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Notis Marias**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Stresses that effective investment in health *is an essential condition for economic prosperity and growth promotion, producing results in terms of productivity, labour supply, human capital and public spending.*

*Amendment*

5. Stresses that effective investment in *the health sector in EU Member States such as Greece, Spain, Italy, Portugal, etc. is a basic prerequisite for the welfare of citizens.*

Or. el

**Amendment 45**  
**Julie Girling**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. *Stresses that effective* investment in health is an essential *condition* for economic prosperity and growth promotion, producing results in terms of productivity, labour supply, human capital and public spending.

*Amendment*

5. *Underlines that* investment in health *and education* is an essential *precondition* for economic prosperity and growth promotion, producing results in terms of productivity, labour supply, human capital and public spending.

Or. en

**Amendment 46**  
**Nuno Melo, Andrey Kovatchev**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Stresses the need to create a sustainable system of knowledge sharing in the field of health technology assessment. The aim of the health technology assessment is to address issues related to the properties of health technologies, including their safety, efficacy, efficiency, applicability, indications, costs, cost-effectiveness and social, ethical and economic consequences of their use.*

Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Andrey Kovatchev, Karin Kadenbach, Cristian-Silviu Buşoi**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5a. Believes that the potential of the European Semester to ensure the sustainability of the healthcare sector, while guaranteeing equitable access to high quality health services, is not sufficiently exploited. Underlines the importance of structured and systematic dialogue at the national level with a view of increasing ownership of the recommendations by all stakeholders of the health system. Believes that the Commission should gather input from a broad range of stakeholders and ensure more publicity around the CSRs and country reports, including through more discussions at higher political level.*

Or. en

**Amendment 48**  
**Simona Bonafè**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a. Stresses the importance of sustainable healthcare systems, ensuring that resources are efficiently and responsibly used, by providing equal access to healthcare facilities for all European citizens; reiterates the importance of the health sector as a key driver for stability, sustainability and economic development within European societies; therefore, encouraging effective investment in health is essential to reach those goals within the EU.**

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Kateřina Konečná**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a. 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. cs

**Amendment 50**  
**Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a.** *Emphasises that austerity policies have brought about the collapse of healthcare systems in some Member States, in particular in Greece, which is required to keep its healthcare expenditure below 6% of GDP;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 51**  
**Bas Eickhout**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a.** *Stresses moreover that there can be no confidence in the European food safety system if in Member States budgets are cut at the level of national competent authorities responsible for official controls;*

Or. en

**Amendment 52**  
**Jasenko Selimovic**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a.** *Recommends once again that the principles of the circular economy should be integrated into country-specific recommendations.*

**Amendment 53**  
**Kateřina Konečná**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5b. 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; believes it is vital 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. cs

**Amendment 54**  
**Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5b. Emphasises that 21% of the Greek population (2014 figures) no longer has social security cover, which was universal in 2009, and that much of the healthcare which is available is now provided by private-sector bodies, at a time when 35.7% of the Greek population (2013 figures) is living in poverty or even faces social exclusion;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 55**  
**Andrey Kovatchev, Karin Kadenbach, Cristian-Silviu Buşoi**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5b. Supports ongoing efforts to develop capacity for the assessment of health systems performance at the European level. Notes in this context the importance of developing tools to monitor health outcomes and measure access to high-quality healthcare with the aim of reducing divergences and health inequalities between and within Member States.***

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Simona Bonafè**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5b. Points out the need for a more comprehensive assessment of health systems in the framework of the European Semester, considering not only the fiscal dimension but also addressing access, effectiveness and quality for the European Health sector.***

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Simona Bonafè**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5c. *Stresses that appropriate consideration should be given to costs related to healthcare incurred by Member States as a consequence of emergencies which may put additional strain on healthcare systems, such as immigrants and refugees arriving in the EU in conditions requiring immediate medical attention. The medical assistance that can be required is essential both in terms of human rights protection and risk reduction in order to protect EU citizens from possible exposure to diseases, endemic in migration countries of origin. The related cost burden carried therefore should be properly considered when evaluating Member States' budgets;***

Or. en

**Amendment 58**

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

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5c. *Emphasises that this collapse in healthcare provision has led to a deterioration in the overall state of health of the Greek population and that, in particular, the prevalence of diseases such as HIV and malaria and the infant mortality rate have increased significantly;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 59**

**Andrey Kovatchev, Nuno Melo, Karin Kadenbach, Cristian-Silviu Buşoi**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5c. Welcomes the new "State of Health in the EU" initiative and believes that potential synergies with the European Semester cycle must be exploited. Encourages Member States to use the gathered evidence in their policy-making and share best practices with a view of reducing health inequalities.**

Or. en

**Amendment 60**  
**Kateřina Konečná**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5c. Calls on both Member States and the European Commission 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. cs