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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

Mairead McGuinness

Implementation of CAP young farmers' tools in the EU after the 2013 reform
(2017/2088(INI))

Amendment 1
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph –1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. having regard to the European Parliament resolution on the 'State of play of farmland concentration in the EU: how to facilitate the access to land for farmers', adopted on 27 April 2017

Or. en

Amendment 2
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph –1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1 a. whereas, amongst new entrants, women are identified as primary farmer at greater rates than in the agricultural sector in general;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Sylvie Goddyn, Joëlle Mélin, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Believes that it is crucial for the EU farming sector to support a new generation of environmentally conscious young farmers in **tackling** the many challenges ahead, such as climate change, preserving

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natural resources (soil, water and air), **increasing** biodiversity and promoting sustainable agricultural production;

change, preserving natural resources (soil, water and air) **and** biodiversity (***pollinators, forests, flowers, wild fauna and seeds***) and promoting sustainable **and local** agricultural production; ***points out that incentives can be effective only if the EU makes a full paradigm shift in its common agricultural policy to end the intensive, production-led system and move towards local, organic farming which respects the soil and traditions, is intended for consumption in short supply chains and frees itself from global competition while protecting the production of each Member State through very high quality standards;***

Or. fr

Amendment 4
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Believes that it is crucial for the EU farming sector to support a new generation of environmentally conscious young farmers in tackling the many challenges ahead, such as climate change, preserving natural resources (soil, water and air), increasing biodiversity and promoting sustainable agricultural production;

Amendment

1. Believes that it is crucial for the EU farming sector to support a new generation of environmentally conscious young farmers in tackling the many challenges ahead, such as climate change, preserving natural resources (soil, water and air), increasing biodiversity and promoting sustainable agricultural production; ***points out that statistics for the years 2010-2011 show that in France one farmer committed suicide every two days; adds that this trend will continue if the situation of farmers does not improve;***

Or. fr

Amendment 5
Elena Gentile

Draft opinion

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Paragraph 1

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Amendment

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Or. it

Amendment 6 Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Believes that it is crucial for the EU farming sector to support a new generation of ***environmentally conscious young farmers*** in tackling the many challenges ahead, such as climate change, preserving natural resources (soil, water and air), increasing biodiversity and promoting sustainable agricultural production;

Amendment

1. Believes that it is crucial for the EU farming sector to ***raise awareness of environmental issues among all farmers, and in particular to*** support a new generation of ***young farmers, who are naturally more aware of the issues as their initial training is more appropriate than that of their predecessors,*** in tackling the many challenges ahead, such as climate change, preserving natural resources (soil, water and air), increasing biodiversity and promoting sustainable agricultural production;

Or. fr

Amendment 7 Merja Kyllönen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Believes that it is crucial for the EU farming sector to support a new generation of environmentally conscious young farmers in tackling the many challenges ahead, such as climate change, preserving natural resources (soil, water and air), increasing biodiversity and promoting sustainable agricultural production;

Amendment

1. Believes that it is crucial for the EU farming sector to support a new generation of environmentally conscious young farmers in ***moving towards a low-carbon, resource-efficient society and*** tackling the many challenges ahead, such as climate change, preserving natural resources (soil, water and air), increasing biodiversity and promoting sustainable agricultural production ***and production of quality products which are also safe;***

Or. fi

Amendment 8
Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Believes that it is crucial for the EU farming sector to support a new generation of environmentally conscious young farmers in tackling the many challenges ahead, such as climate change, preserving natural resources (***soil***, water and air), increasing biodiversity and promoting sustainable agricultural production;

Amendment

1. Believes that it is crucial for the EU farming sector, ***particularly in view of the ageing of the European farming population,*** to support a new generation of environmentally conscious young farmers in tackling the many challenges ahead, such as climate change, preserving natural resources (water and air), ***improving soil quality,*** increasing biodiversity and promoting sustainable agricultural production;

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Guillaume Balas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Believes that it is crucial for the EU farming sector to **support** a new generation of **environmentally conscious young farmers in tackling** the many challenges ahead, such as climate change, preserving natural resources (soil, water and air), increasing biodiversity and promoting sustainable agricultural production;

Amendment

1. Believes that it is crucial for the EU farming sector to **encourage** a new generation of **young farmers to adopt sustainable practices and to raise their awareness of environmental issues in order to tackle** the many challenges ahead, such as climate change, preserving natural resources (soil, water and air), increasing biodiversity and promoting sustainable agricultural production;

Or. fr

Amendment 10

Ulrike Müller, Jan Huitema, Pavel Telička

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

1. Believes that it is crucial for the EU farming sector to support a new generation of environmentally conscious **and global minded** young farmers in tackling the many challenges ahead, such as climate change, preserving natural resources (soil, water and air), increasing biodiversity and promoting sustainable agricultural production;

Or. en

Amendment 11

Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Is disappointed, however, that these highly laudable objectives are unfortunately in clear contradiction with the current CAP framework as laid down

in Article 39 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in accordance with which the first objective of the CAP is 'to increase agricultural productivity by promoting technical progress and by ensuring the rational development of agricultural production and the optimum utilisation of the factors of production, in particular labour';

Or. fr

Amendment 12
Merja Kyllönen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recalls that farming affects the state of the environment and the functioning of ecosystems at local level and more widely, both negatively and positively. Negative impact on ecosystems is apparent in the form of deterioration in the status of waters, the destruction of habitats and the degradation of species. Positive impact is apparent in the form of habitats which are diverse in terms of species and habitat types, an open agricultural landscape, a cultural environment and pleasant surroundings in which to live;

Or. fi

Amendment 13
Estefanía Torres Martínez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Takes the view that developing modern and environmentally friendly

farming practices, and bolstering short marketing circuits that strengthen the position of producers in the value chain and foster food quality, will make farming more attractive for young farmers;

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Or. es

Amendment 14
Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the Commission to ensure greater consistency between environmental measures and their harmonisation; reiterates that young farmers need measures that are clear and easy to put into practice;

Or. it

Amendment 15
Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses the need to take into account the diversity of territory, in particular the difficult areas, which require particular support;

Or. fr

Amendment 16
Mireille D'Ornano

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Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Recalls that the European Court of Auditors Special Report No 21/2017 of 12 December 2017 on CAP greening measures intended to make agricultural practices less harmful to soil, water, air, biodiversity and health found that 'greening led to changes in farming practices on only around 5 % of all EU farmland';

Or. fr

**Amendment 17
Merja Kyllönen**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Notes that arable land has particularly been set aside in less densely populated areas, causing environmental problems, while at the same time, on the other hand, it is impossible for young farmers to gain access to land for agricultural use;

Or. fi

**Amendment 18
Nicola Caputo**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Calls on the Commission to step up research into the use of agricultural technologies and practices that enable sustainable farming with a low environmental impact;

Amendment 19
Merja Kyllönen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Recalls that, in order to achieve sustainable agriculture, young farmers must be able to invest and acquire agricultural land, as well as to obtain new or second-hand machinery, as well as optimise their farming technique;

Or. fi

Amendment 20
Ulrike Müller, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Frédérique Ries, Jan Huitema, Pavel Telička

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Highlights that current common agricultural policy (CAP) instruments for young farmers should be improved in the future; notes that these tools must be targeted to young farmers' specific needs, including their economic and social needs, and promote projects with the highest added value for farmers;

2. Highlights that current common agricultural policy (CAP) instruments for young farmers should be improved in the future ***and underlines that the administrative procedures for young farmers should be efficient and simple in order to minimize the administrative burden on applicants and public authorities***; notes that these tools must be targeted to young farmers' specific needs, including their economic and social needs, and promote projects with the highest added value for farmers; ***believes that the use of the environmentally-friendly and climate-smart innovative solutions and technologies in order to strengthen farming competitiveness and long-term food security is a key issue***;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Elena Gentile

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Highlights that current common agricultural policy (CAP) instruments for young farmers should be ***improved in the future***; notes that these tools must be targeted to young farmers' specific needs, ***including*** their economic and social needs, and promote projects with the highest added value for farmers;

Amendment

2. Highlights that current common agricultural policy (CAP) instruments for young farmers should be ***enhanced in order to meet the real needs of young farmers, by introducing new instruments such as mutual funds or the profit-leverage effect of insurance, that are able to protect farmers' incomes from the price volatility of foodstuffs***; notes that these tools must be targeted to young farmers' specific needs, ***first and foremost, access to land, and to*** their economic and social needs, and ***should aim to*** promote projects with the highest added value for ***farmers, fostering a clear distinction between new entrants and young*** farmers;

Or. it

Amendment 22
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Highlights that current common agricultural policy (CAP) instruments for young farmers should be improved in the future; notes that these tools must be targeted to young farmers' specific needs, including their economic and social needs, and promote projects with the highest added value for farmers;

Amendment

2. Highlights that current common agricultural policy (CAP) instruments for young farmers should be improved in the future ***as the CAP, in the opinion of many observers, is too remote from the environmental objectives which the Member States should now pursue in their agricultural policy, particularly owing to a production-led approach which conflicts with the basic recommendations on sustainable agriculture***; notes that these tools must be targeted to young

farmers' specific needs, including their economic and social needs, and promote projects with the highest added value for farmers;

Or. fr

Amendment 23
Merja Kyllönen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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Amendment

2. Highlights that current common agricultural policy (CAP) instruments for young farmers should be improved ***and simplified*** in the future; notes that these tools must be targeted to young farmers' specific needs, including their economic and social needs, and promote projects with the highest added value for farmers, ***in addition to which young farmers should be able to diversify their farming;***

Or. fi

Amendment 24
Sylvie Goddyn, Joëlle Mélin, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Highlights that current common agricultural policy (CAP) instruments for young farmers should be ***improved in the future***; notes that these tools must be targeted to young farmers' ***specific*** needs, ***including their economic and social needs***, and promote projects ***with the highest added value for farmers;***

Amendment

2. Highlights that current common agricultural policy (CAP) instruments for young farmers should be ***reviewed***; notes that these tools must be targeted to young farmers' ***vital economic*** needs, ***but also the need for social support in tackling isolation and insecurity***, and promote ***the revitalisation of the countryside, particularly through the financing of projects which foster social cohesion and local economic activity;***

Amendment 25
Guillaume Balas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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Amendment

2. Highlights that current common agricultural policy (CAP) instruments for young farmers should be improved in the future; notes that these tools must be targeted to young farmers' specific needs, including their economic and social needs, and promote projects with the highest added value for farmers ***and which protect the environment;***

Or. fr

Amendment 26
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Highlights that current common agricultural policy (CAP) instruments for young farmers should be improved in the future; notes that these tools must be targeted to young farmers' specific needs, including their economic and social needs, and promote projects with the highest added value for farmers;

Amendment

2. Highlights that current common agricultural policy (CAP) instruments for young farmers ***and new entrants*** should be improved in the future; notes that these tools must be targeted to young farmers' ***and new entrants*** specific needs, including their economic and social needs, and promote projects with the highest added value for farmers;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to support and finance research and innovation in innovative environmental practices and the development of renewable energy on farms, and to promote the exchange of best practices among farmers;

Or. fr

Amendment 28
Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Recommends that support to the ‘Young Farmer Scheme’ should continue and the maximum level of national funding allocation be increased beyond 2 % of direct payments in order to encourage generational renewal;

Or. it

Amendment 29
Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Takes the view that the number of years in which a farm can benefit from support should be reviewed and increased to at least seven years, rather than five, in order to encourage generational turnover;

Amendment 30

Elena Gentile

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

3. Stresses that generational renewal is key to maintaining vibrant rural areas across Europe that foster jobs and sustainable business activity; notes that this requires access to infrastructure and services, including healthcare, social services, education, transport **and high-speed broadband**;

Amendment

3. Stresses that generational renewal is key to maintaining vibrant rural areas across Europe that foster jobs and sustainable business activity, ***whilst ensuring the continuity of agricultural products and preserving the natural and cultural local landscape and the consolidation of local communities***; notes that this requires access to infrastructure and services, including healthcare, social services, education, transport, ***high-speed broadband, access to credit under sustainable conditions, appropriate tax breaks geared to the purchase or rental of land, reduced red tape, the establishment or strengthening of agencies - where they already exist - to supply targeted services to young farmers in line with their requirements, and new digital technologies***;

Amendment 31

Sylvie Goddyn, Joëlle Mélin, Jean-François Jalkh

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

3. Stresses that generational renewal is key to maintaining vibrant rural areas across Europe that foster jobs and sustainable business activity; notes that this requires access to infrastructure and services, including healthcare, social

Amendment

3. Stresses that, ***in view of the overpopulation of the major urban centres in the European Union***, generational renewal is key to maintaining vibrant rural areas across Europe that foster jobs and sustainable business activity; notes that

services, education, transport and high-speed broadband;

this requires access to infrastructure and services, including healthcare, social services, education, transport and high-speed broadband; ***points out that all these provisions are necessary in order to foster vocations, particularly among the urban young;***

Or. fr

Amendment 32
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses that generational renewal is key to maintaining vibrant rural areas across Europe that foster jobs and sustainable business activity; notes that ***this*** requires access to infrastructure and services, including healthcare, social services, education, transport and high-speed broadband;

Amendment

3. Stresses that generational renewal is key to maintaining vibrant rural areas across Europe that foster jobs and sustainable business activity; notes that ***on this point the CAP has led to the inverse phenomenon by aggravating desertification in many rural areas; notes that maintaining the vitality of these areas*** requires access to infrastructure and services, including healthcare, social services, education, transport and high-speed broadband;

Or. fr

Amendment 33
Herbert Dorfmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses that generational renewal is key to maintaining vibrant rural areas across Europe that foster jobs and sustainable business activity; notes that this requires access to infrastructure and services, including healthcare, social

Amendment

3. Stresses that generational renewal is key to maintaining vibrant rural areas across Europe that foster jobs and sustainable business activity; ***is of the opinion that the age of young farmers should to be taken into account with***

services, education, transport and high-speed broadband;

regard to generational renewal and that a transfer of farms at an earlier stage should be encouraged; notes that this requires access to infrastructure and services, including healthcare, social services, education, transport and high-speed broadband;

Or. de

Amendment 34

Ulrike Müller, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses that generational renewal is key to maintaining vibrant rural areas across Europe that foster jobs and sustainable business activity; notes that this requires access to infrastructure and services, *including* healthcare, social services, education, transport and high-speed broadband;

Amendment

3. Stresses that generational renewal is key to maintaining vibrant rural areas across Europe that foster jobs and sustainable business activity; notes that this requires *to take a long term perspective, in particular with regard to the* access to infrastructure and services, *such as* healthcare, social services, education, transport and high-speed broadband;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Merja Kyllönen

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. *Stresses* that generational renewal is key to maintaining vibrant rural areas across Europe that foster jobs and sustainable business activity; notes that this requires access to infrastructure and services, including healthcare, social services, education, transport and high-speed broadband;

Amendment

3. *Is concerned about the rise in the average age of farmers; stresses* that generational renewal is key to maintaining vibrant rural areas across Europe that foster jobs and sustainable business activity; notes that this requires access to infrastructure and services, including healthcare, social services, education, transport and high-speed broadband;

Amendment 36
Annie Schreijer-Pierik

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses that generational renewal is key to maintaining vibrant rural areas across Europe that foster jobs and sustainable business activity; notes that this requires access to infrastructure and services, including healthcare, social services, education, transport and high-speed broadband;

Amendment

3. Stresses that generational renewal is key to maintaining vibrant rural areas ***and family-run holdings*** across Europe that foster jobs and sustainable business activity; notes that this requires access to infrastructure and services, including healthcare, social services, education, transport and high-speed broadband;

Or. nl

Amendment 37
Jan Huitema, Ulrike Müller, Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses that generational renewal is key to maintaining vibrant rural areas across Europe that foster jobs ***and*** sustainable business activity; notes that this requires access to infrastructure and services, including healthcare, social services, education, transport and high-speed broadband;

Amendment

3. Stresses that generational renewal is key to maintaining vibrant rural areas across Europe that foster jobs, sustainable business activity ***and innovation***; notes that this requires access to infrastructure and services, including healthcare, social services, education, transport and high-speed broadband;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Elena Gentile

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

3a. *Points out that greater and stronger organisation of farmers, through the establishment of cooperatives and formation of producer organisations (POs) in sectors regulated at EU level by the COM, may help farming become more profitable and help protect farmers' income, particularly that of young farmers, by accompanying production choices and making the most of the features of rural areas; adds that a structural reform of POs, to make them stronger, more responsible and more efficient, and greater aggregation, can make an effective contribution, first and foremost, to protecting and increasing the sector's profitability over time;*

Or. it

Amendment 39

Martin Häusling

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

3 a. *Stresses that young farmers and new entrants represent important sources of innovation and entrepreneurship within agriculture, bringing benefits such as the introduction of new knowledge, the development of new business models based on end-users, the development of more sustainable farming systems, the development of new organisational models (e.g. share farming, pre-financing, crowd sourcing), the increase of connections between farming and the local community, and the adaptation of traditional knowledge to develop business innovations (e.g. artisanal food production)*

Amendment 40
Marijana Petir

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Points out that unfair trading practices in the food supply chain, whose imposition enables the buyer and/or processor or trader to exploit their significant negotiating power in relation to their suppliers, pose a serious threat to the stability of farmers' businesses, discourage the young from taking over their parents' farms, and prevent greater inclusion of young farmers in the generational renewal of rural areas; urges the Commission to adopt appropriate rules at European level;

Or. hr

Amendment 41
Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Points to the importance of young people in rural areas having access to the same services and infrastructure (e.g. high-speed broadband, schools and pre-schooling, roads, etc.) as young people living in towns; deems it essential therefore to ensure that young farmers in rural areas are in a position to develop their farms and support their families;

Or. it

Amendment 42
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. Taking into consideration that access to land has been identified as the most important barrier to young farmers and new entrants;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Sylvie Goddyn, Joëlle Mélin, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Emphasises that young farmers must ***be trained and skilled*** to enable them to find the ever-more complex solutions required to face current and future environmental challenges, ***including the use of the latest technological developments in farming***;

4. Emphasises that young farmers must ***have access to education and training which corresponds to the paradigm of a new local and sustainable agriculture, and that therefore they must have the know-how and skills*** to enable them to find the ever-more complex solutions required to face current and future environmental challenges, ***and to learn from the errors committed over 40 years of intensive agricultural practices, during which the chemicals industry and industrial rationalisation have prevailed over reason and over the sacred bond between farmers and their land and animals; points out that technology can provide a competitive advantage and increase the quality of products in the agricultural sector, provided it serves a sustainable agricultural model based on the experience of organic farming***;

Or. fr

Amendment 44
Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that young farmers must be trained and skilled to enable them to find the ever-more complex solutions required to face current and future environmental challenges, including the use of the latest technological developments in farming;

Amendment

4. ***Recalls that knowledge transfer to actors responsible for the implementation of environmental policies remains a key challenge which must be urgently addressed with the necessary technical and financial support;*** emphasises that young farmers must be trained and skilled to enable them to find ***and implement*** the ever-more complex solutions required to face current and future environmental challenges, including the use of the latest technological developments in farming;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Herbert Dorfmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that young farmers must be trained and skilled to enable them to find the ever-more complex solutions required to face current and future environmental challenges, including the use of the latest technological developments in farming;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that young farmers must be trained and skilled to enable them to find the ever-more complex solutions required to face current and future environmental challenges, including the use of the latest technological developments in farming; ***Considers that the level of education of young farmers will play a key role in meeting future challenges and should therefore be rewarded with a higher financial contribution;***

Or. de

Amendment 46

Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that young farmers must be trained and skilled to enable them to find the ever-more complex solutions required to face current and future environmental challenges, including the use of the latest technological developments in farming;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that young farmers must be trained and skilled to enable them to find the ever-more complex solutions required to face current and future environmental challenges, including the use of the latest technological developments in farming, ***given the significant differences between Member States as regards the level of excellence of this training in tools and the mastery of the skills necessary for sustainable agriculture;***

Or. fr

Amendment 47
Estefanía Torres Martínez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that young farmers ***must be trained and skilled*** to enable them to find ***the ever-more complex*** solutions ***required to*** face current and future environmental challenges, including ***the use of*** the latest technological developments in farming;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that young farmers ***are obliged to tackle ever-more complex issues that require training*** to enable them to find solutions ***and*** face current and future environmental challenges, including ***access to*** the latest technological developments in farming, ***and that this training must be promoted and supported by institutions with the aim of reducing the technological gap and lack of basic public services in these areas;***

Or. es

Amendment 48
Elena Gentile

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that young farmers must be trained and skilled to enable them to find the ever-more complex solutions required to face current and future environmental challenges, including the use of the latest technological developments in farming;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that young farmers must be trained and skilled, ***through quality training courses - with a special focus on skills that are lacking the most - which should be ongoing also in subsequent years***, to enable them to ***grow professionally and to*** find the ever-more complex solutions required to face current and future ***economic and*** environmental challenges, including the use of the latest technological developments in farming;

Or. it

Amendment 49
Merja Kyllönen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Emphasises that young farmers must be trained and skilled to enable them to find the ever-more complex solutions required to face current and future environmental challenges, including the use of the latest technological developments in farming;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that young farmers must be trained and skilled to enable them to find the ever-more complex solutions required to face current and future environmental ***and quality*** challenges, including the use of the latest technological developments in farming; ***calls, in this context, for the development and communication of knowledge and for innovation***;

Or. fi

Amendment 50
Jan Huitema, Ulrike Müller, Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that young farmers must be trained and skilled to enable them to find the ever-more complex solutions required to face current and future environmental challenges, including the use of the latest technological developments in farming;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that young farmers must be trained and skilled to enable them to find the ever-more complex solutions required to face current and future environmental challenges, including the use of the latest technological developments in farming; ***important for successful solutions and innovation is that the administrative burden should not increase;***

Or. en

Amendment 51

Ulrike Müller, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Frédérique Ries, Pavel Telička

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that young farmers must be trained and skilled to enable them to find the ever-more complex solutions required to face current and future environmental challenges, including the use of the latest technological developments in farming;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that young farmers must be trained and skilled to enable them to find the ever-more complex solutions required to face current and future environmental challenges, including the use of the latest technological developments in farming; ***therefore advanced training and exchange between young farmers across the European Union is needed;***

Or. en

Amendment 52

Martin Häusling

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that young farmers must be trained and skilled to enable them

Amendment

4. Emphasises that young farmers must be trained and skilled to enable them

to find the ever-more complex solutions required to face current and future environmental challenges, including the use of the latest technological developments in farming;

to find the ever-more complex solutions required to face current and future environmental challenges, including ***developing of agro-ecological practices or*** the use of the latest technological developments in farming;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to take measures to secure farmers' incomes in the face of various climate, health and economic risks and thus make farms more resilient, in particular by introducing new risk management tools and strengthening the existing ones;

Or. fr

Amendment 54
Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Considers it necessary to modernise the vocational training provided in rural regions; believes that access to the European Social Fund (ESF) should be facilitated and an increased budget given to vocational training in rural areas;

Or. it

Amendment 55

Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to offer more training opportunities for potential and confirmed young farmers, including agribusiness start-up skills and farming, technological and entrepreneurial skills such as marketing, networking, communication and financial expertise;

Or. it

Amendment 56

Sylvie Goddyn, Joëlle Mélin, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Highlights the importance of coherence between local, national and EU measures for young farmers; calls on Member States to facilitate generational renewal, including through ***inheritance and*** taxation laws, ***rules on*** access to land, ***territorial*** planning ***and farm succession strategies***; notes that the current CAP payments system contributes to higher land rental costs and purchase prices;

5. Highlights the importance of coherence between local, national and EU measures for young farmers; calls on Member States to facilitate generational renewal, including through ***favourable*** taxation laws, ***access to advantageous inheritance rights, provisions which promote*** access to land ***and prevent the predatory buying up of farmland and land use planning which facilitates agricultural work and respects the soil, and calls for measures to be taken to offer alternative distribution networks for future young farmers so that the value added is not captured by intermediaries***; notes that the current CAP payments system contributes to higher land rental costs and purchase prices ***and that it has failed to slow down the predatory buying up of farmland***;

Or. fr

Amendment 57

Elena Gentile

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Highlights the importance of coherence between local, national and EU measures for young farmers; calls on Member States to facilitate generational renewal, including through inheritance and taxation laws, rules on access to land, territorial planning and farm succession strategies; notes that the current CAP payments system contributes to higher land rental costs and purchase prices;

Amendment

5. Highlights the importance of coherence between local, national and EU measures for young farmers; calls on Member States to facilitate generational renewal, including through inheritance and taxation laws, rules on access to land, ***particularly public land, through transparent procedures***, territorial planning and farm succession strategies; notes that the current CAP payments system contributes to higher land rental costs and purchase prices ***and does not adequately protect young farmers from agricultural price volatility, to which they are more exposed for clear reasons relating to their size and the financial instruments available to them;***

Or. it

Amendment 58

Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Highlights the importance of coherence between local, national and EU measures for young farmers; calls on Member States to facilitate generational renewal, including through inheritance and taxation laws, rules on access to land, territorial planning and farm succession strategies; notes that the current CAP payments system contributes to higher ***land*** rental ***costs*** and purchase prices;

Amendment

5. Highlights the importance of coherence between local, national and EU measures for young farmers; calls on Member States to facilitate generational renewal, including through inheritance and taxation laws, rules on access to land, territorial planning and farm succession strategies; notes that the current CAP payments system, ***and decoupled payments in particular***, contributes to higher rental and purchase prices ***and does not promote***

the transfer of farmland;

Or. fr

Amendment 59
Mairead McGuinness

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Highlights the importance of coherence between local, national and EU measures for young farmers; calls on Member States to facilitate generational renewal, including through inheritance and taxation laws, rules on access to land, territorial planning and farm succession strategies; notes that the current CAP payments system *contributes* to higher land rental costs and purchase prices;

Amendment

5. Highlights the importance of coherence between local, national and EU measures for young farmers; calls on Member States to facilitate generational renewal, including through inheritance and taxation laws, rules on access to land, territorial planning and farm succession strategies; notes that the current CAP payments system *may lead* to higher land rental costs and purchase prices;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Marijana Petir

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Notes that European law recognises the concepts of 'young farmers' and 'farmers commencing their agricultural activity'^{1a}; considers it necessary, in order to stimulate the potential of both groups in order to facilitate generational renewal and improve life in rural areas, to draw a greater distinction between the criteria for establishing incentives between the two groups (young farmers on the basis of age, and farmers commencing their agricultural activity on the basis of years since the establishment of their farm);*

considers that measures for young farmers should be linked to the young farmer's age and should not be restricted by the number of years since the establishment of the farm being cultivated by the young farmer;

^{1a} Article 30 of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009.

Or. hr

Amendment 61
Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Believes that it is the role of the Commission to align social, tax and environmental standards in agriculture in the Member States in order, ultimately, to have these standards harmonised and stabilised at European level;

Or. fr

Amendment 62
Merja Kyllönen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Strongly recommends providing aid for ceasing agricultural production

per Member State in order to assist generational renewal, so as to provide farmers with an income before they become eligible for a retirement pension, thereby encouraging them to pass their farms on to a younger generation;

Or. fi

Amendment 63

Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Recommends reconsidering the implementation of measures that would motivate older holders to pass their farms to young farmers, such as the ‘farm-exit scheme’ and other incentives for retirement;

Or. it

Amendment 64

Martin Häusling

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Asks the Commission and the Member States for a firm commitment to direct marketing channels that allow young farmers to sell their products in local markets in a more sustainable way and with a greater benefit;

Or. en

Amendment 65

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Marijana Petir

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. *Takes note of the fact that average farm incomes are lower than average incomes for other sectors and activities in the EU^{2a}; feels, therefore, that the current CAP lacks the instruments necessary to ensure decent incomes conducive to a dignified life for older farmers, as there are no adequate instruments to encourage the transfer of businesses from the older generation of farmers to the younger generation; recommends that the Member States consider introducing a minimum national pension that may not be lower than the poverty line;*

2a

<https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/sites/agriculture/files/statistics/facts-figures/agricultural-farm-income.pdf>

Or. hr

Amendment 66
Elena Gentile

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Believes that any successful strategy for generational renewal *and supporting young farmers should take a holistic approach*, facilitating young farmers' access to land, *finance*, advisory services and training; stresses that this should make farming, which is vital for humanity, an attractive occupation to young farmers and wider society.

6. Believes that any successful strategy for generational renewal *should be based on a holistic approach and be designed to create new job opportunities for young people, ensure the continuity of farm production, the performance of the territory and the consolidation of communities, whilst at the same time* facilitating young farmers' access to land, *through transparent procedures and fair*

contracts, concessional financing - targeting young new entrants, particularly for small farms - exemptions from social security contributions for young farmers for their first few years of business, promoting exchanges between young farmers from different countries, along the lines of Erasmus, advisory services and training; stresses that this should make farming, which is vital for humanity, an attractive occupation to young farmers and wider society.

Or. it

Amendment 67

Sylvie Goddyn, Joëlle Mélin, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes that any successful strategy for generational renewal and supporting young farmers should take *a holistic approach, facilitating* young farmers' access to land, finance, advisory services and training; stresses that *this should make* farming, which is vital for humanity, *an attractive occupation to* young farmers and wider society.

Amendment

6. Believes that any successful strategy for generational renewal and supporting young farmers should take *into account the specific characteristics of the different regions of Europe, re-establish the social bonds that characterise small-scale farming and facilitate* young farmers' access to land (*in particular by restricting the predatory buying up of farmland*), finance, advisory services and training; stresses that *small-scale* farming, which is vital for humanity, *would regain its meaning and the social role it has always had; points out, lastly, that agriculture is now reduced to a process whereby human beings manage their ecosystems and control the biological cycle of domesticated species, and that young farmers and the wider society are waiting for agriculture to be made sacred once again and put at the service of the common good;*

Or. fr

Amendment 68
Merja Kyllönen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes that any successful strategy for generational renewal and supporting young farmers should take a holistic approach, facilitating young farmers' access to land, finance, advisory services and training; stresses that this should make farming, which is vital for humanity, an attractive occupation to young farmers and wider society.

Amendment

6. Believes that any successful strategy for generational renewal and supporting young farmers should take a holistic approach, facilitating young farmers' access to land, finance, advisory services and training; stresses that this should make farming, which is vital for humanity, an attractive occupation to young farmers and wider society; ***stresses that young farmers' work should be recognised in civil society as being of public benefit, and that young farmers should also receive acknowledgement for it.***

Or. fi

Amendment 69
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes that any successful strategy for generational renewal and supporting young farmers should take a holistic approach, facilitating young farmers' access to land, finance, advisory services and training; stresses that this should make farming, which is vital for humanity, an attractive occupation to young farmers and wider society.

Amendment

6. Believes that any successful strategy for generational renewal and supporting young farmers should take a holistic approach, facilitating young farmers' access to land, finance, advisory services and training; ***believes, also, that it should move away from the solely production-led goals still advocated today by the CAP;*** stresses that this should make farming, which is vital for humanity, an attractive occupation to young farmers and wider society.

Or. fr

Amendment 70
Guillaume Balas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes that any successful strategy for generational renewal and supporting young farmers should take a holistic approach, facilitating young farmers' access to land, finance, advisory services **and training**; stresses that this should make farming, which is vital for humanity, an attractive occupation to young farmers and wider society.

Amendment

6. Believes that any successful strategy for generational renewal and supporting young farmers should take a holistic approach, ***promoting good environmental practices and*** facilitating young farmers' access to land, finance, advisory services, ***agricultural training and sustainable agricultural practices***; stresses that this should make farming, which is vital for humanity, an attractive occupation to young farmers and wider society.

Or. fr

Amendment 71
Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes that any successful strategy for generational renewal and supporting young farmers should take a holistic approach, facilitating young farmers' access to land, finance, advisory services and training; stresses that this should make farming, which is vital for humanity, an attractive occupation to young farmers and wider society.

Amendment

6. Believes that any successful strategy for generational renewal and supporting young farmers should take a holistic approach, facilitating young farmers' access to land, ***bank*** finance **and other credit schemes**, advisory services and training; stresses that this should make farming, which is vital for humanity, an attractive occupation to young farmers and wider society.

Or. fr

Amendment 72
Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes that any successful strategy for generational renewal and supporting young farmers should take a holistic approach, facilitating young farmers' access to land, finance, advisory services and training; stresses that this should make farming, which is vital for humanity, an attractive occupation to young farmers and wider society.

Amendment

6. Believes that any successful strategy for generational renewal and supporting young farmers should take a holistic approach, facilitating young farmers' access to land, finance, advisory services and training; stresses that this should make farming, which is vital for humanity, an attractive **and sustainable** occupation to young farmers and wider society.

Or. it

Amendment 73
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes that any successful strategy for generational renewal and supporting young farmers should take a holistic approach, facilitating young farmers' access to land, finance, advisory services and training; stresses that this should make farming, which is vital for humanity, an attractive occupation to young farmers and wider society.

Amendment

6. Believes that any successful strategy for generational renewal and supporting young farmers should take a holistic approach, facilitating young farmers' access to land, finance, advisory services and training; stresses that this should make **sustainable** farming, which is vital for humanity, an attractive occupation to young farmers and wider society.

Or. en

Amendment 74
Marijana Petir

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. *Notes that young farmers, like all other farmers in the EU, produce and place their products on the single European market while respecting common rules on cross-compliance^{3a}, and yet they do not enjoy the same business or borrowing conditions in the various Member States; Considers that young farmers throughout the Union should have access to loans under the same conditions and interest rates, and that these should not vary; calls, in this regard, on the Commission, together with the European Investment Bank, to establish appropriate support measures and lending facilities for young farmers;*

^{3a} *Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008.*

Or. hr

Amendment 75
Younous Omarjee

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. *Draws attention to the specific characteristics of the outermost regions of the European Union, which have a unique environment, climate and health situation that is very different to that of the European continent, and calls therefore, as provided for under Article 349 TFEU, for greater account to be taken of these regions and of the specific needs and assets of the outermost regions in the implementation and development of*

*CAP instruments for young farmers,
including in terms of access to funding;*

Or. fr

Amendment 76
Herbert Dorfmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Emphasises that small and family undertakings operating under difficult conditions and seeking additional sources of revenue should be supported to an even greater extent, for example through the funding of advisory services or innovative business models.

Or. de

Amendment 77
Elena Gentile

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Considers it important to foster the extension of networks of researchers, academics, managers and young European farmers who are interested in identifying new models of economic development to find innovative solutions to the social and market needs that are emerging from the new rural business world;

Or. it

Amendment 78
Mairead McGuinness

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. *Recommends that generational renewal must also take account of intergenerational renewal for the benefit of young and older farmers; notes the importance of farmers drawing up a farm succession plan and notes the need for a transitional payment to facilitate this succession;*

Or. en

Amendment 79
Ulrike Müller

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. *Takes note of the social insurance system in Germany as a positive example, as it contributes significantly to increase the share of farmers that hand over their farm to the next generation as well as to the access to expensive loans for young farmers;*

Or. en

Amendment 80
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. *Calls on the Commission to orient direct payments towards small-scale holdings and agro-ecological farming in*

the upcoming CAP-reform, as this will disproportionately benefit younger and new entrant farmers

Or. en

Amendment 81
Mairead McGuinness

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 b. *Highlights that the introduction of a mandatory start up aid measure for young farmers should be considered in any future CAP;*

Or. en

Amendment 82
Mairead McGuinness, Nuno Melo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 c. *Encourages the setting up of an Erasmus type scheme to improve young farmers' skills and experience; believes that such a programme should be focused on vocational training and would benefit young farmers and also promote the young farmer scheme;*

Or. en