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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**  
**Andrey Kovatchev**  
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European Semester for economic policy coordination: Annual Growth Survey  
2019  
(2018/2119(INI))



**Amendment 1**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

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

*Draft opinion*

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Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Luke Ming Flanagan**

**Draft opinion**  
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Or. en

### **Amendment 3**

**Carlos Zorrinho, Nessa Childers, Monika Beňová, Pavel Poc, Simona Bonafè, Biljana Borzan, Nicola Caputo, Jo Leinen**

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1 a. Emphasises that social as well as climate and environmental policy should play a full role in the European Semester process in addition to the economic dimensions; calls for the inclusion of indicators oriented towards measuring sustainability and well-being;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 4**

**Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu**

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1 a. Stresses that continued decoupling of energy and resource use from economic growth is needed to achieve the EU's 2030, climate and energy targets, in line with commitments under the Paris Agreement;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 5**

**Carlos Zorrinho, Nessa Childers, Monika Beňová, Pavel Poc, Simona Bonafè, Biljana Borzan, Nicola Caputo, Jo Leinen**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1 b. Calls on the Commission to include the objective to achieve a climate neutral economy in the European Semester; recalls Europe's commitment to achieving a net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 through a socially fair transition in a cost-efficient manner;***

Or. en

**Amendment 6  
Carlos Zorrinho, Nessa Childers, Monika Beňová, Pavel Poc, Simona Bonafè, Biljana Borzan, Nicola Caputo**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1 c. Highlights that the decarbonisation of the EU's economy will stimulate significant additional investment; recalls that today around 2% of the EU's GDP is invested in our energy system and related infrastructure; notes that this would have to increase to 2.8% in order to achieve a net-zero greenhouse gas economy, which requires considerable additional investments compared to the baseline;***

Or. en

**Amendment 7  
Carlos Zorrinho, Nessa Childers, Monika Beňová, Pavel Poc, Simona Bonafè, Biljana Borzan, Nicola Caputo, Jo Leinen**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1 d. Recalls the need to align the EU's financing commitments with the Paris climate goals, including assessing that investments support or are compatible with climate objectives, ramping up climate finance, and mainstreaming climate reporting on financial flows;***

Or. en

## **Amendment 8**

**Carlos Zorrinho, Nessa Childers, Monika Beňová, Pavel Poc, Simona Bonafè, Biljana Borzan, Nicola Caputo, Jo Leinen**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 1 e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1 e. Underlines the need to integrate the climate and energy goals set by Member States under the framework of the Energy Union Governance regulation into the European Semester;***

Or. en

## **Amendment 9**

**Mireille D'Ornano**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Luke Ming Flanagan**

**Draft opinion**  
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Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Andrey Kovatchev**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Considers it important to use the European Semester to accelerate the transition towards a resource-efficient circular economy;

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Carlos Zorrinho, Nessa Childers, Monika Beňová, Pavel Poc, Simona Bonafè, Biljana Borzan, Nicola Caputo, Jo Leinen**

**Draft opinion**

### Paragraph 3 a (new)

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3 a. Considers it important to use the European Semester to accelerate the transition towards a circular, net-zero emission, energy efficient and renewable-energy based economy, contributing to sustainable development and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;**

Or. en

### Amendment 13

Nicola Caputo, Carlos Zorrinho

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3 a. Considers the European Semester an essential tool without which the EU biodiversity targets, and the relative socio-economic benefits, will not be reached;**

Or. en

### Amendment 14

Andrey Kovatchev

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

4. Welcomes the proposed allocation of EU funding in the next programming period to support Member States in the implementation of recommendations and structural reforms, but stresses that this linkage should not take the form of a conditionality; calls for the adoption of a more longer-term perspective in the monitoring and assessment of reform

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term perspective in the monitoring and assessment of reform progress;

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

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

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

4. **Takes note of** the proposed allocation of EU funding in the next programming period to support Member States in the implementation of recommendations and structural reforms, **and** stresses that this linkage should not take the form of a conditionality; calls for the adoption of a more longer-term perspective in the monitoring and assessment of reform progress;

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Luke Ming Flanagan**

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

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Or. en

## Amendment 17

Carlos Zorrinho, Nessa Childers, Monika Beňová, Pavel Poc, Simona Bonafè, Biljana Borzan, Nicola Caputo, Jo Leinen

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 4 a (new)

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4 a. Welcomes the European Semester recognition that Member States should pay particular attention to the adaptability of the workforce, to ensure they have the right skills that match technological progress; stresses in this context the need to adopt a just transition approach, ensuring inclusion and participation of all those affected, and supporting the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs;**

Or. en

## Amendment 18

Andrey Kovatchev

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 5

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

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**Amendment 19**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

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

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Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Luke Ming Flanagan**

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

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Or. en

**Amendment 21**

**Carlos Zorrinho, Nessa Childers, Monika Beňová, Pavel Poc, Simona Bonafè, Biljana Borzan, Nicola Caputo, Jo Leinen**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5 a. Stresses that effective investment in healthcare, including health research and disease prevention, is essential for providing citizens with equal access to high quality healthcare services; Underlines the importance of the sustainability of the healthcare sector;**

Or. en

**Amendment 22**

**Andrey Kovatchev**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

6. Underlines the importance of structured and systematic dialogue with civil society at national level with a view to increasing ownership.

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Or. en

**Amendment 23**

**Nicola Caputo, Carlos Zorrinho**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6 a.** *Calls on the Commission to give a territorial dimension to the European semester at both analytic and operational level; considers, furthermore, that in order to ensure the effective management of structural policies, regional and local authorities must be involved in drawing up and taking decisions on these policies through a top-down mixed planning process and vice versa;*

Or. en

**Amendment 24**

**Carlos Zorrinho, Nessa Childers, Monika Beňová, Pavel Poc, Simona Bonafè, Biljana Borzan, Nicola Caputo, Jo Leinen**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6 a.** *Calls for a structured involvement of civil society and environmental organisations within the European Semester process, and for greater involvement of environment ministers within the European Semester process at Council level.*

Or. en

**Amendment 25**

**Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6 a.** *Calls for greater coherence with other EU policies, such as those related to climate change and unsustainable exploitation of natural resources;*

**Amendment 26**  
**Nicola Caputo, Carlos Zorrinho**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6 b. Stresses the need to strengthen the European common response capacity to disasters such as drought in southern European countries, catastrophic floods, forest fires and earthquakes; stresses the need to encourage greater cooperation on the advanced planning of European disaster-response operations by, among other measures, mapping Member States' assets, drawing up contingency plans and improving risk-management planning.;***

Or. en