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AMENDMENTS
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Draft opinion
Pascal Canfin
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European Semester for economic policy coordination: Annual Growth Survey 2020
(2019/2211(INI))
Amendment 1
Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

1. Notes that the Political Guidelines for the next Commission 2019 - 2024 set out the principle to integrate United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the European Semester process and that such approach has been mirrored in the mission letters for the Commissioner responsible for Economy, and for the Executive Vice-Presidents responsible for, respectively, the European Green Deal and an Economy that Works for the People;

Amendment

1. Strongly welcomes that the Political Guidelines for the next Commission 2019 - 2024 set out the principle to integrate United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the European Semester process and that such approach has been mirrored in the mission letters for the Commissioner responsible for Economy, and for the Executive Vice-Presidents responsible for, respectively, the European Green Deal and an Economy that Works for the People;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Bas Eickhout, Yannick Jadot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

2. Welcomes the fact that the Communication makes the European Green Deal the engine of the economic strategy of the EU in order to put the Union on the right path to carbon neutrality;

Amendment

2. Reiterates its call for the transformative agenda of the European Green Deal to be reflected in a greener European Semester; urges the Commission to ensure, through binding measures, that all Member States’ socio-economic, macroeconomic and fiscal policies contribute and are fully consistent with the objectives and targets of the European Green Deal, and that climate, environmental and social objectives and targets are treated as equally important and binding as debt and deficit targets in the assessment of Member States’ budgets;
Amendment 3
Esther de Lange
Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

2. Welcomes the fact that the Communication makes the European Green Deal the engine of the economic strategy of the EU in order to put the Union on the right path to carbon neutrality;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the fact that the Communication makes the European Green Deal the Union's new growth strategy and engine of the economic strategy of the EU in order to put the Union on the right path to carbon neutrality while benefiting European citizens and companies by creating additional jobs and new growth;

Amendment 4
Petros Kokkalis
Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

2. Welcomes the fact that the Communication makes the European Green Deal the engine of the economic strategy of the EU in order to put the Union on the right path to carbon neutrality;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the fact that the Communication makes the European Green Deal the engine of the economic strategy of the EU in order to put the Union on the right path to carbon neutrality and a just and inclusive transition;

Amendment 5
Alexandr Vondra
Draft opinion
Paragraph 2
2. **Welcomes the fact that the Communication makes the European Green Deal the engine of the economic strategy of the EU in order to put the Union on the right path to carbon neutrality**;

2. **Underlines that** the European Green Deal is an important pillar of the **EU’s new growth** strategy, supported by investments in green technologies, sustainable solutions, and new businesses;

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**Amendment 6**

**Jytte Guteland**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2**

2. **Welcomes the fact that the Communication makes the European Green Deal the engine of the economic strategy of the EU in order to put the Union on the right path to carbon neutrality**;

2. **Welcomes the fact that the Communication makes the European Green Deal the engine of the EU’s future development in order to put the Union on the right path to carbon neutrality**;

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**Amendment 7**

**Nuno Melo**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 (new)**

Underline that a coherent and consistent industrial policy and an ambitious green deal must be debated together in order to deliver smart solutions.

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**Amendment 8**

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Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

3. Welcomes the fact that the Annual Growth Strategy 2020 report refocus the European Semester process to put sustainability and the well-being of citizens at the center of economic policy, in particular with the new section created in the 2020 reports focusing on sustainability;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the fact that the Annual Growth Strategy 2020 report refocus the European Semester process to put sustainability and the well-being of citizens at the center of economic policy, in particular with the new section created in the 2020 reports focusing on sustainability; calls on the Commission to give a territorial dimension to the European Semester at both analytical 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 and taking decisions on these policies;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Bas Eickhout, Yannick Jadot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

3. Welcomes the fact that the Annual Growth Strategy 2020 report refocus the European Semester process to put sustainability and the well-being of citizens at the center of economic policy, in particular with the new section created in the 2020 reports focusing on sustainability;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the fact that the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2020 report refocus the European Semester process to put sustainability and the well-being of citizens at the center of economic policy, in particular with the new section created in the 2020 reports focusing on sustainability; welcomes the recognition of the Commission that economic growth is not an end in itself and that the economy must work for the people and the planet.

Or. en
Amendment 10
Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

3. Welcomes the fact that the Annual Growth Strategy 2020 report refocus the European Semester process to put sustainability and the well-being of citizens at the center of economic policy, in particular with the new section created in the 2020 reports focusing on sustainability;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the fact that the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2020 report refocuses the European Semester process to put sustainability and the well-being of citizens at the center of economic and social policy, in particular with the new section created in the 2020 reports focusing on sustainability;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Esther de Lange

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Or. en

Amendment 12
Nuno Melo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 (new)

3. Welcomes the fact that the Annual Growth Strategy 2020 report refocus the European Semester process to put sustainability and the well-being of citizens at the center of economic policy, in particular with the new section created in the 2020 reports focusing on sustainability;
Notes that the European Semester needs to place a stronger focus on environmental sustainability by providing guidance to member States on where structural reforms and investments towards a sustainable economic model are most needed.

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

4. Notes in that respect that coordination of Member States’ macroeconomic policies is, amongst others, an essential tool to securing the achievement of the objectives of the European Green Deal, notably the carbon neutrality by 2050; welcomes the need to change the tax/subsidy systems, and urges for greater flexibility allowed within stability and growth pact at the very last to exclude environmental and social public investment from this 3% rule; calls for State aid rules to be reformed to allow for unprecedented public investment in the green transition, public services and social protection;

Amendment

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coordination of Member States’ macroeconomic policies is, amongst others, an essential tool to securing the achievement of the objectives of the European Green Deal, notably the carbon neutrality by 2050; coordination of Member States’ policies relevant to achieving the UNSDGs is, amongst others, an essential tool to securing the achievement of the objectives of the European Green Deal, notably the carbon neutrality by 2050;

Amendment 15
Petros Kokkalis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Stresses that definitive decoupling of energy and resource use from economic growth is needed to achieve the EU’s climate and energy targets, in line with the commitments made under the Paris Agreement

Amendment 16
Silvia Sardone

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the European Commission to extend the European semester by completing the current approach based on fiscal and budgetary discipline with climate and environmental discipline without weakening the current EU economic governance process; calls therefore on the European Commission to develop a new climate indicator, mirroring the economic indicators and assessing the discrepancy between Member States budget and a Paris aligned
scenario of their national budget; stresses the need for this indicator to provide Member States with an indication on their trajectory of temperature under the framework of the Paris Agreement, thus enabling the extended European Semester to provide recommendations about the decrease of the climate debt;

Amendment 17
Silvia Sardone

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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Or. en

Amendment 18
Esther de Lange

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the European Commission to recalibrate the European semester by changing the current approach based on fiscal and budgetary discipline with the possibility for Member States to derogate from the Stability and Growth Pact for public investments, notably in actions aimed at bettering environmental quality, including prevention and restoration of hydrogeological instability;

Or. en
Paragraph 5

**Draft opinion**

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**Amendment**

5. Stresses the need for the European Semester to provide Member States with recommendations about the trajectory towards the objectives of the European Green Deal; however, calls on the European Commission to not weaken the current EU economic governance process, and to not overburden the country-specific recommendations as there are concerns about Member States’ commitment to these CSRs given that progress on the current recommendations is worse than in previous years;

Amendment 19
Bas Eickhout, Yannick Jadot

**Draft opinion**

Paragraph 5

**Draft opinion**

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**Amendment**

5. Calls on the European Commission to extend the European semester by completing the current approach based on fiscal and budgetary discipline with climate and environmental discipline so as to ensure that EU economic governance improves the well-being of all within planetary boundaries; calls therefore on the European Commission to develop a new climate indicator, mirroring the economic indicators and assessing the discrepancy between Member States' budget and a Paris aligned scenario of their
provide Member States with an indication on their trajectory of temperature under the framework of the Paris Agreement, thus enabling the extended European Semester to provide recommendations about the decrease of the climate debt; national budget, as well as additional environmental and social indicators assessing Member States’ contribution to the objectives of the European Green Deal; stresses the need for this climate indicator to provide Member States with an indication on their trajectory of temperature under the framework of the Paris Agreement, thus enabling the extended European Semester to provide recommendations about the decrease of the climate debt and Member States’ ecological footprint.

Amendment 20
Alexandr Vondra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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Amendment

5. Recalls the political commitments to the greening of the European semester process, without undermining existing fiscal and budgetary discipline nor weakening the EU economic governance process, and to integrate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in order to ensure that our macroeconomic policies are ecologically sustainable, socially equitable, and which facilitate long-term economic stability; notes that environmental policies can provide new opportunities for growth, jobs and investment;
Amendment 21
Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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Amendment

5. Calls on the European Commission to reflect the transformative agenda of the European Green Deal in a more sustainable European semester by complementing the current approach based on fiscal and budgetary measures with climate, environmental and social measures, which will strengthen the current EU economic governance process; calls therefore on the European Commission to develop new climate, environmental and social indicators, mirroring the economic indicators and assessing the discrepancy between Member States budget and a Paris aligned scenario of their national budget; stresses the need for these indicators to provide Member States with an indication on their trajectory towards meeting the goals of the Paris Agreement and all the goals of the SDGs;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Andreas Glück

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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prevention and preparedness, such as the EU strategy for climate change adaptation, the European Structural and Investment Funds, the Solidarity Fund, the environmental legislation, research or innovation policies.

Or. en

Amendment 25
Nuno Melo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 – point 2 (new)

Draft opinion

(2) Welcomes the decision of the European Commission to include in the new list of energy projects the completion of the energy interconnections between Portugal, Spain and France. Notes that these interconnections are essential for renewable energy sources to thrive and make Europe world number one in renewable energy and strengthening the security of energy supply across Europe.

Or. en

Amendment 26
Bas Eickhout, Yannick Jadot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

5 a. Underlines that a substantial part of the investments needed to meet the ambitions outlined in the European Green Deal will have to come from public national and sub-national budgets; urges therefore the Commission to revise the EU fiscal rules with a view to removing barriers to public sustainable investments
and allow the EU to fully seize the opportunity presented by low or even negative interest rates, to substantially increase green investment including by spreading the amount of the investment expenditure over the lifetime of the gross capital formation for public sustainable investments compliant with the requirements under the Taxonomy Regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Esther de Lange

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Notes the necessity to implement the virtuous triangle of effective structural reforms, investments and responsible fiscal policies, in order to prepare the EU for its challenges, such as the transition to a low carbon economy in line with the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, whilst strengthening competitiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Bas Eickhout, Yannick Jadot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Insists equally that coherence requires a revision of state aid rules (in particular the General Block Exemption Regulation, the Guidelines on State aid for environmental protection and energy, as well as the ETS State Aid Guidelines)
to be fully consistent with GHG reduction and environmental objectives, in particular the need to phase out direct and indirect fossil fuel subsidies by 2020, including disguised aid granted to fossil fuels such as closure aid for coal mines and compensation for stranded assets or airport expansions;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Esther de Lange

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Emphasizes the importance and employment potential of the Member States’ contribution towards the achievement of the SDGs as this will create new jobs in the service sector and in the development of sustainable products and markets;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Bas Eickhout, Yannick Jadot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 c. Strongly agrees with the Commission that taxes and subsidies should support the transition to a green economy; calls on the Commission to issue ambitious country specific recommendations to promote national tax reforms and a swift phase out of fossil fuel subsidies to support the transition to a green economy;
Amendment 31
Esther de Lange

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

5 c. Notes that without sustainable fiscal policy and credible financial situation of Member States any future financing model of Green deal is endangered, therefore, demands that public "green investment" must be treated under Stability and Growth pact just like any other public spending.

Amendment 32
Petros Kokkalis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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

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Amendment 33
Esther de Lange

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6
Draft opinion

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

Amendment

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

Or. en