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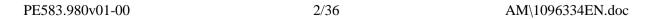
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AMENDMENT 1 - 75

Draft opinion Elisabeth Köstinger(PE582.229v01-00)

on how the CAP can improve job creation in rural areas (2015/2226(INI))

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Amendment 1 Marc Tarabella

Draft opinion Recital -A (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-A. whereas, in many Member States, access for women from rural areas to the labour market is limited, and their chances of developing a business in the agricultural sector are relatively poor,

Or. fr

Amendment 2 Ángela Vallina, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez

Draft opinion Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas on average 28% of farms *in Europe* are run by women *and* whereas female entrepreneurship represents an important pillar in social, economic and environmental terms for sustainable development in rural areas;

Amendment

A. whereas women make a vital contribution to the rural economy in Europe, making up 45% of the workforce, while on average only 28% of farms are run by women; whereas female entrepreneurship represents an important pillar in social, economic and environmental terms for sustainable development in rural areas, but whereas women in rural areas have insecure working conditions, and this is compounded by low levels of female farm ownership, with only 29% of farms owned by women;

Or. es

Amendment 3 Marc Tarabella

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Draft opinion Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas on average 28% of farms in Europe are run by women and whereas female entrepreneurship represents an important pillar in social, economic and environmental terms for sustainable development in rural areas;

Amendment

A. whereas on average *only* 28% of farms in Europe are run by women and whereas female entrepreneurship represents an important pillar in social, economic and environmental terms for sustainable development in rural areas;

Or. fr

Amendment 4 Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas approximately 42% of those involved in agriculture on a regular basis in the EU are women, and 3 in 10 farms in Europe are run by women; whereas promoting equal opportunities for men and women and, at the same time, involving women to a greater extent in business and society, especially in agriculture, must be matters of ongoing concern in Europe;

Or. fr

Amendment 5 Ángela Vallina, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez

Draft opinion Recital A a (new)

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Amendment

Aa. whereas the economic crisis has affected the entire European Union, with

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rural areas especially experiencing devastating levels of unemployment, poverty and depopulation, which affect women in particular;

Or. es

Amendment 6 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas there are a significant number of female workers in agriculture, most women are classified as the holder's spouse, corresponding to 80.1% of all spouses in 2007^{1a};

Or. en

Amendment 7 Marc Tarabella

Draft opinion Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas women account for more than a third (35%) of the permanent agricultural workforce in the EU;

Or. fr

^{1a} European Commission (2012), 'Agricultural Economic Briefs. Women in EU agriculture and rural areas: hard work, low profile', Brief No 7 – June 2012.

Amendment 8 Filiz Hyusmenova

Draft opinion Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas according to Eurostat women still ''play a smaller role in the labour force of predominantly rural regions'';

Or. en

Amendment 9 Ángela Vallina, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ab. whereas the gender pay gap in rural areas is 10% wider than in other areas and whereas there is a need to pay more attention to establishing up-to-date statistics on female land ownership, and on the working conditions of women in rural areas;

Or. es

Amendment 10 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ab. whereas women represent slightly less than 50% of the total working age population in the rural areas of the EU, they only represented about 45% of the

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total economically active population in 2011^{1b} ;

^{1b} Eurostat (2013). Eurostat regional yearbook 2013. Focus on rural development.

Or. en

Amendment 11 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Recital A c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ac. whereas in the predominantly rural areas of the EU, only 61% of the women of 20 to 64 years old were employed in 2009^{1c};

Agricultural Economic Briefs. Rural Areas and the Europe 2020 Strategy – Employment', Brief No 5 – November 2011.

Or. en

Amendment 12 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Recital A d (new)

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Amendment

Ad. whereas the proportion of female farm holders accessing RDP aids is lower than the share of women-operated farms in the EU^{1d} ;

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^{1c} European Commission (2011), 'Agriculture and Rural Development. EU Agricultural Economic Briefs. Rural

^{1d} Dower, J. (2015). 'The role of funding under the Common Agricultural Policy for rural women'. EPRS, International Day of Rural Women 2015.

Or. en

Amendment 13 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Recital A e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ae. whereas the EU is committed to promoting gender equality and ensuring gender mainstreaming in all of its actions;

Or. en

Amendment 14 Ángela Vallina, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez

Draft opinion Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the principle of equality of opportunity for men and women must be consistently applied in the CAP;

Amendment

B. whereas the principle of equality of opportunity for men and women must be consistently applied in the CAP, and whereas a gender-sensitive approach must be applied not only in the CAP, but also in cohesion policies in rural areas;

Or. es

Amendment 15 Maria Noichl

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Draft opinion Recital B a (new)

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Amendment

Ba. whereas the constant emigration of women from rural areas has an adverse impact not only on the social infrastructure, for example because of the loss of many women who engage in voluntary activities, but also on the labour market, and whereas this emigration can only be halted if a framework is created in which women can achieve their personal and professional goals in rural areas;

Or. de

Amendment 16 Arne Gericke

Draft opinion Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas the situation of mothers and a family-friendly employment environment on family farms are of particular social and economic importance;

Or. de

Amendment 17 Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas in many EU Member States, women in rural areas have limited access to the job market, and have

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relatively little chance to develop an agricultural business;

Or. ro

Amendment 18 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Recital B a (new)

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Amendment

Ba. whereas the promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination is one of the principles applicable to the ESI funds including EAFRD;

Or. en

Amendment 19 Maria Noichl

Draft opinion Recital B b (new)

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Amendment

Bb. whereas the employment rate of women in rural areas is lower than that of men, but at the same time women bear the principal burden of unpaid domestic and caring work;

Or. de

Amendment 20 Maria Noichl

Draft opinion Recital B c (new)

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Amendment

Bc. whereas women in rural areas by no means constitute a homogeneous group and whereas ways of improving their opportunities in life and their employment prospects must therefore be diverse:

Or. de

Amendment 21 Maria Noichl

Draft opinion Recital B d (new)

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Amendment

Bd. whereas farms are almost exclusively headed by men and passed on to men; whereas women on farms are therefore often only family members of the owners and accordingly often have no income of their own, so that their economic independence is not guaranteed;

Or. de

Amendment 22 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. Notes that rural women are not a homogenous group and that their roles and needs differ, as well as their situation across the Member States; stresses, nevertheless, the unequal access of women to farmland ownership and

agricultural education and training and a persistently weak institutional support to increase political participation and power for rural women;

Or. en

Amendment 23 Marc Tarabella

Draft opinion Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. Deplores the gender gap in rural areas and calls for women's working conditions to be improved and for their access to land to be facilitated;

Or. fr

Amendment 24 Marc Tarabella

Draft opinion Paragraph -1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1a. Asks the Commission, as a priority in future development polices, to support and encourage access for women from rural areas to the labour market;

Or. fr

Amendment 25 Ángela Vallina, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

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1. Takes the view that women farmers have a significant role to play *towards* ensuring the continued existence of smallholdings with prospects for the future, and that greater support should therefore be given to *their* innovative potential through aid for diversification measures such as direct marketing, farm holidays, social services and care services;

Amendment

1. Takes the view that women farmers have a significant role to play *in* ensuring the continued existence of smallholdings with prospects for the future, and that therefore specific aid must be introduced for small, sustainable, environmentally friendly farms that foster the creation of jobs for women, and giving women access to land; takes the view, furthermore, that greater support should therefore be given to women farmers' innovative potential through aid for diversification measures such as direct marketing, farm holidays, social services and care services:

Or. es

Amendment 26 Elisabeth Köstinger

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Takes the view that women farmers have a significant role to play towards ensuring the continued existence of smallholdings with prospects for the future, and that greater support should therefore be given to their innovative potential through aid for diversification measures such as direct marketing, farm holidays, social services and care services;

Amendment

1. Takes the view that women farmers have a significant role to play towards ensuring the continued existence of smallholdings with prospects for the future, and that greater support should therefore be given to their innovative potential through aid for diversification measures such as direct marketing, farm holidays, social services and care services; stresses in this context, moreover, the importance of tourism in rural areas and the associated scope for supplementary income for women on farms;

Or. de

Amendment 27 Ángela Vallina, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Criticises the market orientation of the CAP, which makes it possible for large retailers to engage in unfair practices, decimating jobs in rural areas, something that affects women in particular; expresses its concern about the impact on European agriculture of agreements that are currently being negotiated, such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement with Canada (CETA), and the EU-Mercosur Free Trade Agreement;

Or. es

Amendment 28 Arne Gericke

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses the importance of rural development which is gender- and generation-friendly in order to make the countryside a more desirable place in which to live and work, and refers in this connection, for example, to the aspect of comprehensive obstetric care;

Or. de

Amendment 29 Jordi Sebastià

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Draft opinion Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the Commission to improve CAP monitoring and evaluation indicators to identify women's 'invisible' work and to systematically disaggregate indicators by gender;

Or. en

Amendment 30 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 b (new)

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Amendment

1b. Underlines the crucial role of high-quality public services in increasing women's participation in the labour market as these services reduce the burden on women who usually spend more time than men in taking care of the children and other dependants; calls on the Member States and regional and local governments to implement policies that will protect, upgrade and promote free, high-quality public services in rural areas, particularly in the areas of health, education and care;

Or. en

Amendment 31 Iliana Iotova

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Amendment

1b. Calls on the Commission to launch a gender impact assessment based on the findings of the 2015 EP study on rural women to avoid both indirect discrimination and untargeted CAP measure design and delivery

Or. en

Amendment 32 Arne Gericke

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 b (new)

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Amendment

1b. Stresses the particular importance of voluntary initiatives, associations, networks and cooperatives of women for women in rural areas, as well as the need to promote them;

Or. de

Amendment 33 Iliana Iotova, Maria Noichl

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 c (new)

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Amendment

1c. Points out that gender equality is a core objective of the EU and its Member States and that gender mainstreaming is an integral part of the CAP; emphasises on the need to identify targets and objectives as a way to promote sustainable prospects and paid employment opportunities for women in agriculture and enhance economic efficiency;

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Amendment 34 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure that rural and remote areas are not deprived of equal access to essential infrastructure such as transport links, a secure supply of energy and reliable and fast broadband technology;

Or. en

Amendment 35 Arne Gericke

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Stresses – inter alia with reference to women in farming, part-time working and teleworking – the importance of digital development in rural areas and the development of holistic concepts (the 'digital village');

Or. de

Amendment 36 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 d (new)

Amendment

1d. Stresses the high proportion of self-employed workers in rural areas with a lack of appropriate social protection and the high proportion of 'invisible' work that affects women in particular; calls therefore on the Member States and regions with legislative powers to improve the legislation regarding gender equality in the labour market, in particular regarding wages, ownership rights and decision making, as well as to ensure social security for both, men and women, working in rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 37 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 e (new)

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Amendment

1e. Criticises the fact that a gender perspective has not been introduced systematically into the CAP and urges the Commission to include gender mainstreaming in all the areas linked to the design and implementation of the CAP;

Or. en

Amendment 38 Ángela Vallina, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

2. Calls on the Member States to *exploit* more *efficiently* the opportunities for aid to women farmers and women in rural areas which can be realised in the framework of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD);

Amendment

2. Calls on the Member States to ensure that residents of rural areas receive decent incomes and to promote social cohesion, including by making more *efficient use of* the opportunities for aid to women farmers and women in rural areas which can be realised in the framework of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), and calls on the Member States to put into practice employment policies and policies to promote public services such as schools, childcare facilities, care facilities for people with special needs, and health centres and hospitals in rural areas and small communities in mountain regions to prevent rural depopulation and help people achieve a work-life balance;

Or. es

Amendment 39 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Calls on the Member States to exploit more efficiently the opportunities for aid to women farmers and women in rural areas which can be realised in the framework of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD);

Amendment

2. Calls on the Member States to exploit more efficiently the opportunities for aid to women farmers and women in rural areas which can be realised in the framework of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD); calls on the Commission to propose new targeted actions addressed to encourage women's participation in the labour market in rural areas such as a specific programme financed by the EAFRD in order to support female entrepreneurship;

Or. en

Amendment 40 Elisabeth Köstinger

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Calls on the Member States to exploit more efficiently the opportunities for aid to women farmers and women in rural areas which can be realised in the framework of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD);

Amendment

2. Calls on the Member States to exploit more efficiently the opportunities for aid to women farmers and women in rural areas which can be realised in the framework of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), and supports relevant debureaucratisation measures;

Or. de

Amendment 41 Ángela Vallina, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Urges the Member States to strengthen the role of the social partners and social welfare organisations working alongside the authorities in monitoring compliance with employment legislation, combating undeclared work and monitoring adherence to social welfare and safety standards that promote the social and economic integration of migrant workers, including female seasonal workers, migrants and refugees; calls for arrangements to be put in place to ensure that women can take part in all levels of the process;

Or. es

Amendment 42 Maria Noichl

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls for greater use to be made of programmes within the second pillar to help women to become independent, and stresses the importance of extending the availability of broadband in this context, which can also make it possible for highly qualified women to work in rural areas, for example through e-business or the creation of teleworking job opportunities;

Or. de

Amendment 43 Marc Tarabella

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission to propose arrangements for adequately financing a specific EU programme in the form of a 'European Guarantee for Women from Rural Areas' modelled on the European Youth Guarantee;

Or. fr

Amendment 44 Arne Gericke

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 a (new)

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Amendment

2a. Considers that intact, strong and cross-generational family structures are particularly essential on small family farms in order to guarantee the farms' survival;

Or. de

Amendment 45 Ángela Vallina, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 b (new)

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Amendment

2b. Points out that the amount of farmland in the EU is becoming smaller by the year; emphasises that it is vital to preserve arable land in order to guarantee jobs in rural areas; calls on the Member States to promote improved access to land in areas with high levels of rural unemployment, not only via land ownership, but also via leasing and cooperative land use and management; in that connection calls for action to be taken to ensure that young women farmers have access to credit and are able to participate in land management;

Or. es

Amendment 46 Iliana Iotova

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 b (new)

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Amendment

2b. Draws attention to the fact that

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42% of farm labour force is women; calls on the Commission to revise the definition of family farm, to facilitate their access to training and professional advice as well as to capital and benefit;

Or. en

Amendment 47 Iliana Iotova, Maria Noichl

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Calls on the Commission to implement gender budgeting for the financial aid under CAP first and second pillars;

Or. en

Amendment 48 Elisabeth Köstinger

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission, together with the Member States, to make adequate information material concerning support possibilities, and wide-ranging professional diversification advice, available specifically to women farmers and women in rural areas, so that these women are encouraged to put their own projects into practice in rural areas;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission, together with the Member States, to make adequate information material concerning support possibilities, and wide-ranging professional diversification advice, available specifically to women farmers and women in rural areas, so that these women are encouraged to put their own projects into practice in rural areas; notes in this context the need for information material also to be made available on on-line platforms so as to afford flexible access to information about grants for women in rural areas;

Amendment 49 Filiz Hyusmenova

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission, together with the Member States, to make adequate information material concerning support possibilities, and wide-ranging professional diversification advice, available specifically to women farmers and women in rural areas, so that these women are encouraged to put their own projects into practice in rural areas;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission, together with the Member States, to make adequate information material concerning support possibilities, and wide-ranging professional diversification advice, available specifically to women farmers and women in rural areas, so that these women are encouraged to put their own projects into practice in rural areas; underlines, that introducing information courses designed for women on the rules and requirements for company creation and management, can have a positive impact as it can provide women the confidence they need to start their own business;

Or. en

Amendment 50 Ángela Vallina, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission, together with the Member States, to *make* adequate information material concerning support possibilities, and *wide-ranging* professional diversification advice, available specifically to women farmers and women in rural areas, so that these women are encouraged to put their own projects into practice in rural areas;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission, together with the Member States, to *improve* conditions for women in rural areas, and to provide not only adequate information material concerning support possibilities specifically aimed at women farmers and women in rural areas, but also access to education and credit, as well as promoting the establishment of associations and the

provision of wide-ranging professional diversification advice, so that the women concerned are encouraged to put their own projects into practice in rural areas;

Or. es

Amendment 51 Arne Gericke

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission, together with the Member States, to make adequate information material concerning support possibilities, and wide-ranging professional diversification advice, available specifically to women farmers and women in rural areas, so that these women are encouraged to put their own projects into practice in rural areas;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission, together with the Member States, to make adequate information material concerning support possibilities, and wide-ranging professional diversification advice, available specifically to women farmers and women in rural areas, and particularly to support mothers who are farm managers ('mompreneurs') by providing advice, so that these women are encouraged to put their own projects into practice in rural areas;

Or. de

Amendment 52 Arne Gericke

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Is aware of the special challenges with regard to compatibility of family life and work on farms; calls for special attention to be devoted to adequate child care on the spot, in rural regions themselves, and for it to be supported by a Europe-wide exchange of best practices

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(for example networks of child minders, municipal child day care centres in villages, and kindergartens close to nature);

Or. de

Amendment 53 Iliana Iotova

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission to consider for the aid measures under the second pillar of the CAP differential targeting and promotion of women-only training and counselling for women on farms; specific agricultural education and training would enhance women's skills and their competitiveness in agriculture and facilitate new prospects and formal employment opportunities for women;

Or. en

Amendment 54 Maria Noichl

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3a. Calls for access to credit for women in rural areas to be improved, in order to support female enterprise; draws attention, in this connection, to the importance of specific training opportunities (including further training) which could facilitate these steps for women;

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Amendment 55 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3a. Calls on the relevant national, regional and local authorities to encourage the participation of women in local action groups and the development of local partnerships under the Leader programme, as well as to ensure gender-balanced participation on their management boards;

Or. en

Amendment 56 Iliana Iotova

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 b (new)

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Amendment

3b. Emphasises on the need of 'farm diversification' within the CAP to support a wide spectrum of service-oriented business such as farm tourism, direct marketing, social services as these can create paid employment opportunities for women and at the same time significantly facilitate the reconciliation of family life and work;

Or. en

Amendment 57 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the importance of measures to promote *inter-entreprise* training *courses* for women farmers and women in rural areas, so that long-term employment in rural areas can be guaranteed.

Amendment

4. Stresses the importance of measures to promote training for women farmers and women in rural areas, including by promoting greater access to postgraduate training and specialist courses for entrepreneurs and agricultural producers, so that long-term employment in rural areas can be guaranteed;

Or. en

Amendment 58 Marc Tarabella

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the importance of measures to promote *inter-entreprise* training courses for women farmers and women in rural areas, so that long-term employment in rural areas can be guaranteed.

Amendment

4. Stresses the importance of measures to promote *inter-enterprise* training courses for women farmers and women in rural areas, so that long-term employment in rural areas can be guaranteed *and adaptation to changes in farming and food production can thus be facilitated*.

Or. fr

Amendment 59 Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

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Amendment

4a. Calls on the European Union institutions, the Member States and regional and local authorities to support projects to promote and offer advice for the creation of innovative primary agricultural production enterprises in rural areas that are able to provide new jobs, especially for women, in spheres of action such as: adding value to agricultural products and seeking sales outlets for them, the use of new technologies, contributing to the economic diversification of the area and the provision of services in the agriculture sector;

Or. ro

Amendment 60 Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on Member States to include in their rural development programmes: strategies to create jobs for women that will give them decent pensions; policies to promote women's representation in political, economic and social forums in the agricultural sector; and the promotion of equal opportunities in rural areas not only in farming but also in other spheres of economic activity, particularly the protection of multifunctional agriculture;

Or. fr

Amendment 61 Viorica Dăncilă

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Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Draws attention to the need, especially in rural areas, for sustainable strategies to maintain, encourage and support women entrepreneurial initiatives, networks and women organisations in agriculture and in rural areas through easier access to credit, promoting and improving education, vocational training, exchange of best practices and new qualifications in order to stimulate the access of women from rural areas to the labour market as a priority in their future development actions;

Or. en

Amendment 62 Elisabeth Köstinger

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses that improving the quality and accessiblity of infrastructure, broadband and everyday institutions and services in rural areas is essential, in order for women to be able to combine family commitments with their profession, and calls on Member States to adopt mobile approaches to rural development, in close cooperation with municipalities and regions;

Or. de

Amendment 63 Iratxe García Pérez

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Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

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Amendment

4a. Emphasises the importance of supporting and promoting the participation of women farmers in decision-making; points out that women can contribute to the development of their communities and of agricultural businesses;

Or. es

Amendment 64 Maria Noichl

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls, inter alia with a view to halting incipient emigration, for educational infrastructure in rural areas to be expanded and, here too, for measures to promote the expansion of broadband more than previously;

Or. de

Amendment 65 Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Calls on the Commission, as a matter of priority in its future development initiatives, to assume the task of supporting and promoting access to the

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employment market for women in rural areas and to allocate suitable funding for a 'European guarantee for rural women', similar to the European Youth Guarantee programme, which makes women in rural areas a specific objective;

Or. ro

Amendment 66 Iratxe García Pérez

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Emphasises the need to support women's organisations, which will foster the exchange of best practices at local, regional and national level; points out, furthermore, the importance of developing information hubs and networks in order to raise awareness of the social and economic situation of women in rural areas;

Or. es

Amendment 67 Iliana Iotova

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Emphasise that rural areas across Europe are prone to population ageing, low population density and, in some areas, depopulation; calls for additional measures to develop living and working conditions in rural areas that offer women and their families reasons for staying and making a successful life there;

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Amendment 68 Maria Noichl

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4b. Calls on regional actors, drawing on funding from the second pillar, to implement awareness-raising programmes to emphasise gender neutrality in all occupations and to overcome the persistent highly traditional distribution of roles in farming;

Or. de

Amendment 69 Iratxe García Pérez

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 c (new)

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Amendment

4c. Draws attention to the difficulties that women farmers face when it comes to obtaining financing; calls on the Member States to promote, support and provide access for women farmers to sources of financing;

Or. es

Amendment 70 Maria Noichl

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Paragraph 4 c (new)

Amendment

4c. Calls on the Commission to submit specific figures that make it clear which sex receives which payments under the CAP;

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Amendment 71 Iliana Iotova, Maria Noichl

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Amendment

4d. Calls for good quality, accessible and affordable infrastructure, facilities and services for everyday life in rural areas such as childcare and pre-school facilities, healthcare services, educational facilities, lifelong learning facilities, care for the elderly and other dependants, replacement services in the event of illness and pregnancy, local outlets for everyday goods, and leisure and cultural facilities in order to enable women (and men) to balance their family and professional lives;

Or. en

Amendment 72 Iratxe García Pérez

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 d (new)

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Amendment

4d. Calls on the Member States to improve social security and legal recognition measures for women farmers so as to ensure that they enjoy the same

rights as men, because they often work long hours for the family business without social security or legal cover;

Or. es

Amendment 73 Iratxe García Pérez

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 e (new)

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Amendment

4e. Highlights the importance of the concept of multifunctionality, which refers to the other activities being developed in addition to production on farms of all kinds, such as social, environmental, economic and cultural goods and services, including ecotourism, bioenergy production, resource-efficient technology, organic catering, local authority forest watering schemes, etc.;

Or. es

Amendment 74 Iliana Iotova

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 e (new)

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Amendment

4e. Notes that better access to capital for investment within the CAP is pivotal to improving the socio-economic situation of women;

Or. en

Amendment 75 Iratxe García Pérez

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Draft opinion

Amendment

4f. Takes the view that it is vital to promote education, vocational training and new qualifications to enable women to take on new challenges and boost their competitiveness in farming; emphasises the importance of advising and supporting women to enable them to develop innovative farming activities in rural areas;

Or. es