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AMENDMENTS

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Delivering a new deal for Energy consumers
(2015/2323(INI))

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Amendment 1
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the Commission communication ‘Delivering a New Deal for Energy Consumers’;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission communication ‘Delivering a New Deal for Energy Consumers’; ***agrees with the Commission that the barriers preventing consumers from managing their consumption properly and reducing their energy costs must be broken down;***

Or. cs

Amendment 2
Theresa Griffin, Catherine Stihler, Lucy Anderson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Believes that the Energy Union should have the interests of citizens at its core;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Expresses its concern over the rise in energy prices, points out that energy poverty affects over 50 million people in the EU and calls on the Commission to take action in conjunction with the

Member States and regional and local authorities to eradicate energy poverty in the EU, taking as a starting point universal access to electricity in order to improve conditions for EU consumers and especially the most vulnerable among them;

Or. es

**Amendment 4
Philippe Juvin**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

2. Is concerned that the liberalisation and integration of the retail energy markets is still not complete, ***resulting in insufficient competition and choice of suppliers;***

Amendment

2. Is concerned that the liberalisation and integration of the retail energy markets is still not complete;

Or. fr

**Amendment 5
Virginie Rozière**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

2. Is concerned that the liberalisation and integration of the retail energy markets is still not complete, resulting in insufficient competition and choice of suppliers;

Amendment

2. Takes the view that the principal objective of retail energy markets should be to provide citizens with a stable, affordable, sustainable, equitable and transparent supply of energy;

Or. fr

**Amendment 6
Marcus Pretzell**

Draft opinion
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2. Is concerned that the liberalisation and integration of the **retail** energy markets is still not complete, **resulting in insufficient** competition and choice of suppliers;

Amendment

2. Is concerned that the liberalisation and integration of the energy markets **covering balancing, redispatch, load control, capacity management, congestion management, grid management, wholesale and retail** is still not complete, **and that unbundling allowing for both, independent system operators and transmission operators, has, so far, not been achieved. All these pre-requisites are needed to ensure sufficient** competition and choice of suppliers;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Theresa Griffin, Biljana Borzan, Catherine Stihler, Lucy Anderson

Draft opinion
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2. Is concerned that the **liberalisation and** integration of the retail energy markets is still not complete, resulting in insufficient competition and choice of suppliers;

Amendment

2. Is concerned that the integration of the retail energy markets is still not complete, resulting in insufficient competition and choice of suppliers;

Or. en

Amendment 8

Liisa Jaakonsaari, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

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2. **Is concerned** that the liberalisation and

Amendment

2. **Notes** that the liberalisation and

integration of the retail energy markets is *still* not complete, resulting in *insufficient* competition and choice of suppliers;

integration of the retail energy markets is not complete, resulting in *limited* competition and choice of suppliers; *Notes, however, that natural monopolies occur in the area of energy distribution, where consumers need additional protection to ensure that monopolies do not abuse their dominant market position;*

Or. en

Amendment 9

Antonio López-Istúriz White, Eva Paunova, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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2. Is concerned that the liberalisation and integration of the retail energy markets is still not complete, resulting in insufficient competition and choice of suppliers;

Amendment

2. Is concerned that the liberalisation and integration of the retail energy markets is still not complete, resulting in insufficient competition, *transparency* and choice of suppliers;

Or. es

Amendment 10

Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. *Is* concerned that the liberalisation and integration of the retail energy markets is still not complete, resulting in insufficient competition and choice of suppliers;

Amendment

2. *Notes that it is more than five years since the transposition date of the 3rd energy package proposals and is, therefore, deeply* concerned that the liberalisation and integration of the retail energy markets is still not complete, resulting in insufficient competition and choice of suppliers;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Robert Jarosław Iwaszkiewicz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Is concerned that the liberalisation and integration of the retail energy markets is still not complete, resulting in insufficient competition and choice of suppliers;

Amendment

2. Is concerned that the liberalisation and integration of the retail energy markets is still not complete, resulting in insufficient competition and choice of suppliers;
stresses that a flexible and open market can play a major role in bringing electricity prices down;

Or. pl

Amendment 12
Theresa Griffin, Biljana Borzan, Catherine Stihler, Lucy Anderson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Considers that the aim of the Third Energy Package to provide a truly competitive and consumer-friendly retail market has not been realised, as evidenced by low levels of consumer switching and satisfaction across the EU, persistent high levels of market concentration, and the failure to reflect falling wholesale costs in retail prices;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses that the interests of captive consumers must be protected through retail energy market deregulation, allowing them to enjoy the benefits of competition;

Or. ro

Amendment 14

Liisa Jaakonsaari, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Notes that EU policy on unbundling and increasing competition in the energy market needs to be developed with due regard to addressing tax evasion and aggressive tax planning which occurs, for example, through the establishment of complex company structures; calls on the Commission to address the issue of aggressive tax evasion in the energy market, especially of natural monopolies such as energy distribution operators, where consumers are not able to switch away from providers who are not paying their fair share of taxes due to their monopoly position on the market;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Virginie Rozière

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

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3. Urges the Commission to take concrete action to ***better link wholesale and retail markets and to achieve a phasing-out of regulated prices;***

Amendment

3. Urges the Commission to take concrete action to ***help pass reductions in wholesale prices on to retail bills;***

Or. fr

Amendment 16

Liisa Jaakonsaari, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

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3. Urges the Commission to take concrete action to better link wholesale and retail markets and to ***achieve a phasing-out of regulated prices;***

Amendment

3. Urges the Commission to take concrete action to better link wholesale and retail markets and to ***limit unnecessary regulation of prices; notes, however, that consumers still need to be protected from sudden high price rises by energy providers or energy distribution operators;***

Or. en

Amendment 17

Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Urges the Commission to take concrete action to better link wholesale ***and*** retail markets and to achieve a phasing-out of regulated prices;

Amendment

3. Urges the Commission to take concrete action to better link ***greater efficiencies in the*** wholesale ***market to the development of*** retail markets and to achieve a phasing-out of regulated prices; ***underlines that regulated prices should be seen as a last resort for the defend of vulnerable customers and encourages the Member States to seek other means to prevent***

energy poverty, in line with Article 106 TFEU;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Marcus Pretzell

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Urges the Commission to take concrete action to better link *wholesale and* retail markets and to achieve a phasing-out of regulated prices;

Amendment

3. Urges the Commission to take concrete action to better link *all energy markets especially with the* retail markets, and to achieve a phasing-out of regulated prices;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Urges the Commission to take concrete action to better link wholesale and retail markets and to achieve a phasing-out of regulated prices;

Amendment

3. Urges the Commission to take concrete action to better link wholesale and retail markets and to achieve a *gradual* phasing-out of regulated prices, *with exception of social tariffs for vulnerable consumers*;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Antonio López-Istúriz White, Eva Paunova, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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3. Urges the Commission to take concrete action to better link wholesale and retail markets and to achieve a phasing-out of regulated prices;

Amendment

3. Urges the Commission to take concrete action to better link wholesale and retail markets and to achieve a phasing-out of regulated prices ***that discourage responsible consumer behaviour, especially when said prices are less than the cost of the service provided; recalls that charges for use of grids must be designed in such a way that they enable reasonable recovery of costs and do not stand in the way of energy efficiency measures;***

Or. es

Amendment 21
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Urges the Commission to take concrete action to better link wholesale and retail markets and to achieve a phasing-out of regulated prices;

Amendment

3. Urges the Commission to take concrete action to better link wholesale and retail markets and to achieve a phasing-out of regulated prices, ***allowing prices to be set by the laws of competition alone, based on supply and demand, for the benefit of consumers;***

Or. ro

Amendment 22
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Takes the view that measures are

urgently needed to make sure that reductions in the wholesale price of energy products are properly reflected in the retail price;

Or. cs

Amendment 23
Robert Jarosław Iwaszkiewicz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for further measures to make switching between providers easier and faster, including *a shortened switching period and* effective data portability, in order to prevent the lock-in of consumers;

Amendment

4. Calls for further measures to make switching between providers easier and faster, including effective data portability, in order to prevent the lock-in of consumers, *and for flexible contracts;*

Or. pl

Amendment 24
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Calls for further measures to make switching between providers easier *and faster*, including a shortened switching period and effective data portability, in order to prevent the lock-in of consumers;

Amendment

4. Calls for further measures to make *individual or collective* switching between providers easier, *faster and with a reasonable and transparent price*, including a shortened switching period and effective data portability, in order to prevent the lock-in of consumers; *underlines the importance of combating unfair commercial practices and violations of consumers' rights relating to doorstep selling, unfair terms or practices and aggressive marketing technique, both on national and EU level;*

Amendment 25
Robert Rochefort

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Calls for further measures to make switching between providers easier and faster, including a shortened switching period and effective data portability, in order to prevent the lock-in of consumers;

Amendment

4. Calls for further measures *raise consumers' awareness of their rights in respect of changing suppliers and contracts and* to make switching between providers easier and faster, including a shortened switching period, *the abolition of transfer fees and penalties* and effective data portability, in order to prevent the lock-in of consumers;

Or. fr

Amendment 26
Theresa Griffin, Catherine Stihler, Lucy Anderson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for further measures to make switching between providers easier and faster, including a shortened switching period and effective data portability, in order to prevent the lock-in of consumers;

Amendment

4. Calls for further measures to make switching between providers easier and faster *and in a cost-free way with no penalties or contract termination fees*, including a shortened switching period and effective data portability, in order to prevent the lock-in of consumers;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Marcus Pretzell

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for further measures to make switching between providers easier and faster, including a shortened switching period **and** effective data portability, in order to prevent the lock-in of consumers;

Amendment

4. Calls for further measures to make switching between providers easier and faster, including a shortened switching period ***in accordance with the respective contracts as well as*** effective data portability ***while assuring customers' authority over their data,*** in order to prevent the lock-in of consumers;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for further measures to make switching between providers easier and faster, including a shortened switching period and effective data portability, in order to prevent the lock-in of consumers;

Amendment

4. Calls for further measures ***to be taken immediately*** to make switching between providers easier and faster, including a shortened switching period, ***the abolition of fines and charges for switching providers, a clear and comprehensible method for comparing offers*** and effective data portability, in order to prevent the lock-in of consumers;

Or. cs

Amendment 29
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
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4. Calls for further measures to make

Amendment

4. Calls for further measures to make

switching between providers easier and faster, including a shortened switching period and effective data portability, in order to prevent the lock-in of consumers;

switching between providers easier and faster ***by simplifying contractual obligations and dismantling administrative obstacles that make life particularly difficult for SMEs and small consumers***, including a shortened switching period and effective data portability, in order to prevent the lock-in of consumers;

Or. ro

Amendment 30
Virginie Rozière

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Calls for further measures to make switching between providers easier and faster, including a shortened switching period and effective data portability, in order to prevent the lock-in of consumers;

Amendment

4. Calls for ***full implementation of the third energy package and for*** further measures to make switching between providers easier and faster, including a shortened switching period and effective data portability, in order to prevent the lock-in of consumers;

Or. fr

Amendment 31
Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Calls for further measures to make switching between providers easier and faster, including a shortened switching period and effective data portability, in order to prevent the lock-in of consumers;

Amendment

4. Calls for further measures to make switching between providers easier and faster, including a shortened switching period and effective data portability, in order to prevent the lock-in of consumers; ***reminds the Member States that Directives Directive 2009/72/EC and***

2009/73/EC required that all switching between providers be free of charge to the consumer;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Liisa Jaakonsaari

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for further measures to make switching between providers easier and faster, including a shortened switching period and effective data portability, in order to prevent the lock-in of consumers;

Amendment

4. Calls for further measures to make switching between providers easier and faster, including a shortened switching period and effective ***and secure*** data portability, in order to prevent the lock-in of consumers;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Antonio López-Istúriz White, Eva Paunova, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Considers that the introduction of energy efficiency measures, dynamic price contracts, the roll-out of new ICT used in the energy sector and the possibility of generating one's own electricity will make it possible to invigorate the market and make it more transparent, achieve greater competition between agents and give consumers better tools to defend their own interests;

Or. es

Amendment 34
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses the importance of electricity market deregulation, given that switching energy suppliers will be beneficial for consumers, bring down electricity prices and ensure improved quality in accordance with the rules of supply and demand;

Or. ro

Amendment 35
Liisa Jaakonsaari

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of access to real time or near real time information on energy consumption and related costs; calls therefore for the rapid deployment of ICT, e.g. mobile applications, online platforms, data hubs and smart meters within a clear framework on data protection, security, and access to data ***for all market participants, thereby ensuring that consumers retain control over their data;***

5. Stresses the importance of access to real time or near real time ***comparable*** information on energy consumption and related costs; calls therefore for the rapid deployment of ICT, e.g. mobile applications, online platforms, data hubs and smart meters within a clear framework on data protection, security, and access to data, ***which is designed for the benefit of the consumer with the consumer retaining full control over their data;***

Or. en

Amendment 36
Marcus Pretzell

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses the importance of access to real time ***or near real time*** information on energy consumption ***and*** related costs; calls therefore for the ***rapid*** deployment of ICT, e.g. mobile applications, online platforms, data hubs and smart meters within a clear framework on data protection, security, and access to data for all market participants, thereby ***ensuring that*** consumers ***retain control*** over their data;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of access to real time information on energy ***mix and*** consumption ***as well as*** related costs; calls therefore for the deployment of ICT, e.g. mobile applications, online platforms, data hubs and smart meters within a clear framework on data protection, security, and access to data for all market participants, thereby ***assuring*** consumers ***strict authority*** over their data;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Philippe Juvin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses the importance of access to ***real time or near real time*** information on energy consumption and related costs; calls therefore for the rapid deployment of ICT, e.g. mobile applications, online platforms, ***data hubs*** and smart meters within a clear framework on data protection, security, and access to data for all market participants, thereby ensuring that consumers retain control over their data;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of access to information on energy consumption and related costs; calls therefore for the rapid deployment of ICT, e.g. mobile applications, online platforms, data hubs and smart meters within a clear framework on data protection, security, and access to data for all market participants, thereby ensuring that consumers retain control over their data;

Or. fr

Amendment 38
Antonio López-Istúriz White, Eva Paunova, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses the importance of access to real time or near real time information on energy consumption and related costs; calls therefore for the rapid deployment of ICT, e.g. mobile applications, online platforms, data hubs and smart meters within a clear framework on data protection, security, and access to data for all market participants, thereby ensuring that consumers retain control over their data;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of access to real time or near real time information on energy consumption and related costs; calls therefore for the rapid deployment of ICT, e.g. mobile applications, online platforms, data hubs and smart meters within a clear framework on data protection, security, and access to data for all market participants, thereby ensuring that consumers retain control over their data; ***calls on the Commission to monitor application of Recommendation 2012/148/EU on the roll-out of smart metering;***

Or. es

Amendment 39
Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses the importance of access to real time or near real time information on energy consumption and related costs; calls therefore for the rapid deployment of ICT, e.g. mobile applications, online platforms, data hubs and smart meters within a clear framework on data protection, security, and access to data for all market participants, thereby ensuring that consumers retain control over their data;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of access to real time or near real time information on energy consumption and related costs; calls therefore for the rapid deployment of ICT, e.g. mobile applications, online platforms, data hubs and smart meters within a clear framework on data protection, security, and access to data for all market participants, thereby ensuring that consumers retain control over their data; ***stresses that cyber-security measures for consumers should be provide by energy providers in regards to smart meters and asks the Commission to re-assess breach notification and other security recommendations to energy meter providers in light of the recently agreed NIS Directive;***

Or. en

Amendment 40

Theresa Griffin, Catherine Stihler, Lucy Anderson

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses the importance of access to real time or near real time information on energy consumption and related costs; calls therefore for the rapid deployment of ICT, e.g. mobile applications, online platforms, data hubs and smart meters within a clear framework on data protection, security, and access to data for all market participants, thereby ensuring that consumers retain control over their data;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of access to real time or near real time information on energy consumption and related costs; calls therefore for the rapid deployment of ICT, e.g. mobile applications, online platforms, data hubs and smart meters within a clear framework on data protection, security, and access to data for all market participants, thereby ensuring that consumers retain control over their data; ***emphasises that the development of smart technologies must not leave the most vulnerable or less engaged consumers behind, nor see bills rise;***

Or. en

Amendment 41

Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses the importance of access to real time or near real time information on energy consumption and related costs; calls ***therefore*** for the rapid deployment of ICT, e.g. mobile applications, online platforms, data hubs and smart meters within a clear framework on data protection, security, and access to data for all market participants, thereby ensuring that consumers retain control over their data;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of access to real time or near real time information on energy consumption and related costs ***so that consumers have greater control over their consumption and efficient energy use;*** calls for the rapid deployment of ICT, e.g. mobile applications, online platforms, data hubs and smart meters within a clear framework on data protection, security, and access to data for all market participants, thereby ensuring that consumers retain control over their data;

Amendment 42
Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. In light of technological developments, believes that more frequent meter readings has become cost-efficient, and in order to properly inform consumers of actual energy consumption and costs frequently enough to enable them to regulate their own energy consumption, asks the Member States to ensure a maximum allowed period of six months between meter readings for individual households, including through consumer reported meter readings;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Stresses the importance of consumers having access to market information regarding energy providers, enabling them to select the best option and freely choose their provider;

Or. ro

Amendment 44
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Asks the Commission with reference to the establishment of this new agreement for energy consumers that maximum use be made of Internet technology and renewable energy in order to: increase transparency, monitor consumption and empower consumers, enabling and not restricting the role of the prosumer (producer of own pollution-free energy);

Or. es

Amendment 45
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Highlights the role big data plays in smart decision-making by consumers in order to use energy more efficiently;

Or. es

Amendment 46
Marcus Pretzell

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to take further action to improve the frequency of energy bills and their clarity and transparency as regards types of energy sources,

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consumption and price structure; calls for EU guidelines on price comparison tools, *e.g. on* transparency and reliability, *and for access for all consumers to at least one price comparison tool for energy services;*

consumption and price structure; calls for EU guidelines on price comparison tools *revealing* transparency and reliability *as well as better competition of all market players, regardless of whether these are large scale companies or SMEs;*

Or. en

Amendment 47
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to take further action to improve the frequency of energy bills and their clarity and transparency as regards types of energy sources, consumption and price structure; calls for EU guidelines on price comparison tools, *e.g. on* transparency and reliability, and for access for all consumers to at least one price comparison tool for energy services;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to take further action to improve the frequency of energy bills and their clarity and transparency as regards types of energy sources, consumption and price structure; calls for EU guidelines on price comparison tools, *in particular* on transparency and reliability *and the possibility of easily comparing the offers of individual providers*, and for access for all consumers to at least one price comparison tool for energy services;

Or. cs

Amendment 48
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to take further action to improve the frequency of energy bills and their clarity and transparency as regards types of energy sources, consumption and price structure; calls for

Amendment

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EU guidelines on price comparison tools, e.g. on transparency and reliability, and for access for all consumers to at least one price comparison tool for energy services;

urges the Commission to continue its efforts to ensure active consumer participation, for example by means of minimum billing information requirements, so as to protect the interests of small consumers in particular; calls for EU guidelines on price comparison tools, e.g. on transparency and reliability, and for access for all consumers to at least one price comparison tool for energy services;

Or. ro

Amendment 49

Theresa Griffin, Lucy Anderson

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to take further action to improve the frequency of energy bills and their clarity and transparency as regards types of energy sources, consumption and price structure; calls for EU guidelines on price comparison tools, e.g. on transparency and reliability, and for access for all consumers to at least one price comparison tool for energy services;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to take further action to improve the frequency of energy bills and their clarity and transparency as regards types of energy sources, consumption and price structure; calls for EU guidelines on price comparison tools, e.g. on transparency and reliability, and for access for all consumers to at least one ***independent, up-to-date and understandable*** price comparison tool for energy services; ***recommends that consideration be given to requiring energy bills to include comparisons of offers in order to enable all consumers, even those with no internet access or skills, to see whether they could save money by switching; believes that peer-based comparisons should also be included in bills to help reduce energy use;***

Or. en

Amendment 50

Philippe Juvin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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6. Calls on the Commission to take further action to improve the **frequency** of energy bills and their clarity and transparency as regards types of energy sources, consumption and price structure; calls for EU guidelines on price comparison tools, e.g. on transparency and reliability, and for access for all consumers to at least one price comparison tool for energy services;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to take further action to improve the **clarity and transparency** of energy bills and their clarity and transparency as regards types of energy sources, consumption and price structure; calls for EU guidelines on price comparison tools, e.g. on transparency and reliability, and for access for all consumers to at least one price comparison tool for energy services;

Or. fr

Amendment 51

Antonio López-Istúriz White, Eva Paunova, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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6. Calls on the Commission to take further action to improve the frequency of energy bills and their clarity and transparency as regards types of energy sources, consumption **and** price structure; calls for EU guidelines on price comparison tools, e.g. on transparency and reliability, and for access for all consumers to at least one price comparison tool for energy services;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to take further action to improve the frequency of energy bills and their clarity and transparency as regards types of energy sources, consumption, price structure, **the processing of enquiries and complaints, and energy efficiency measures**; calls for EU guidelines on price comparison tools, e.g. on transparency and reliability, and for access for all consumers to at least one price comparison tool for energy services; **believes that energy bills should not be weighed down with excessive or unjustified taxes and fees**;

Or. es

Amendment 52
Robert Rochefort

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to take further action to improve the frequency of energy bills and their clarity and transparency as regards types of energy sources, consumption and price structure; calls for EU guidelines on price comparison tools, e.g. on transparency and reliability, and for access for all consumers to at least one price comparison tool for energy services;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to take further action to improve the frequency of energy bills and their clarity and transparency as regards types of energy sources, consumption and price structure; calls for EU guidelines on price comparison tools, e.g. on transparency and reliability, and for access for all consumers to at least one ***easily accessible and understandable*** price comparison tool ***covering suppliers, contract types, prices and types and proportions of energy sources used*** for energy services;

Or. fr

Amendment 53
Liisa Jaakonsaari

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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6. Calls on the Commission to take further action to improve the frequency of energy bills and their clarity and transparency as regards types of energy sources, consumption and price structure; calls for EU guidelines on price comparison tools, e.g. on transparency and reliability, and for access for all consumers to at least one price comparison tool for energy services;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to take further action to improve the frequency of energy bills and their clarity, ***comparability*** and transparency as regards types of energy sources, consumption, ***taxes*** and price structure; calls for EU guidelines on price comparison tools, e.g. on transparency and reliability, and for access for all consumers to at least one price comparison tool for energy services;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Robert Jarosław Iwaszkiewicz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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6. Calls on the Commission to take further action to improve the frequency of energy bills and their clarity and transparency as regards types of energy sources, consumption and price structure; calls for EU guidelines on price comparison tools, e.g. on transparency and reliability, and for access for all consumers to at least one price comparison tool for energy services;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to take further action to improve the frequency of energy bills and their clarity and transparency as regards types of energy sources, consumption and price structure; calls for EU guidelines on price comparison tools, e.g. on transparency and reliability, and for access for all consumers to at least one price comparison tool for energy services;
calls for more effective rules on calculating consumers' future energy consumption;

Or. pl

Amendment 55
Theresa Griffin, Biljana Borzan, Catherine Stihler, Lucy Anderson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Recommends that consideration be given to requiring energy suppliers to automatically place customers on the most advantageous tariff, based on historic consumption patterns; notes, given that switching rates are low throughout Europe, that many households, especially the most vulnerable, are not engaged in the energy market and are stuck on outdated expensive tariffs;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Highlights that smart meters and similar devices must create decrease in charges in energy bills and return of investment in reasonable time;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. While the supporting the transparency set out in the third energy package as to consumer energy invoices, stresses that essential information, such as the global average price per kWh for an invoicing period, should be present in a clear, easily visible and highlighted fashion before the breakdown of the invoiced amount; underlines that a clear average price per kWh, including all fees and taxes, is needed to allow consumers to correctly compare their current rate to other possible offers by their current or other energy companies;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Robert Rochefort

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Urges authorities combating unfair trade practices and those processing complaints in the energy sector to cooperate more closely with their counterparts in other Member States in ensuring respect for consumer rights; welcomes the Commission's intention to consider incorporating laws specifically concerning energy into the Annex to the Regulation on Consumer Protection Cooperation;

Or. fr

Amendment 59

Theresa Griffin, Lucy Anderson

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Believes that collective switching schemes and campaigns should be promoted in order to help consumers find a better deal; emphasises that such schemes must be independent, trustworthy, comprehensive and inclusive, reaching those who are less engaged; suggests that local authorities, regulators and consumer organisations and other not-for-profit organisations are well placed to fulfil this role, and that support from European funds for such activities should be considered;

Or. en

Amendment 60

Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Strongly believes that all energy providers' websites and digital invoicing should be full accessible to persons with disabilities and meet the relevant requirements of European Standard EN 301 549;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Strongly believes that social tariffs must not only be permitted, but also promoted among low-income, vulnerable consumers; stresses that access to affordable energy services is a basic social right;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Robert Jarosław Iwaszkiewicz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

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electricity balancing responsibility for prosumers, *fair distribution of costs and benefits, and* a high level of consumer protection.

electricity balancing responsibility for prosumers, *as well as* a high level of consumer protection.

Or. pl

Amendment 63

Theresa Griffin, Biljana Borzan, Catherine Stihler, Lucy Anderson

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Believes that a key objective of the review of the electricity market design should be to give consumers more choices and better control over their participation in a fully functioning and efficient energy market; calls for simple market access *and electricity balancing responsibility* for prosumers, fair distribution of costs and benefits, and a high level of consumer protection;

Amendment

7. Believes that a key objective of the review of the electricity market design should be to give consumers more choices and better control over their participation in a fully functioning and efficient energy market; calls for simple market access for prosumers, fair distribution of costs and benefits, and a high level of consumer protection;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Maria Grapini

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

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Amendment

7. Believes that a key objective of the review of the electricity market design should be to give consumers more choices and better control over their participation in a fully functioning and efficient energy market; *stresses the importance of increasing the bargaining power of consumers, especially smaller ones, through collective schemes*; calls for simple market access and electricity

balancing responsibility for prosumers, fair distribution of costs and benefits, and a high level of consumer protection;

Or. ro

Amendment 65
Marcus Pretzell

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

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Amendment

7. Believes that a key objective of the review of the electricity market design should be to give consumers ***a better understanding of the composition and functioning of the energy markets and the composition of energy prices including the add-ons for ETS, renewable energy etc.***, more choices and better control over their participation in a fully functioning and efficient energy market; calls for simple market access and electricity balancing responsibility for prosumers, fair distribution of costs and benefits, and a high level of consumer protection;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Liisa Jaakonsaari

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

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7. Believes that a key objective of the review of the electricity market design should be to ***ensure stable and affordable energy prices through sufficient investment into the electricity market, and*** give consumers more choices and better

electricity balancing responsibility for prosumers, fair distribution of costs and benefits, and a high level of consumer protection;

control over their participation in a fully functioning and efficient energy market; calls for simple market access and electricity balancing responsibility for prosumers, fair distribution of costs and benefits, and a high level of consumer protection;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Marc Tarabella

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Recalls that access to energy at a fair price is a right for all; calls for special attention to be paid to vulnerable consumers;

Or. fr

Amendment 68
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls on the Commission, when implementing the new energy consumer policy, to take account of vulnerable consumer groups, improve the collection of data on energy poverty and lay down common minimum criteria for the identification of vulnerable consumers and energy poverty;

Or. cs

Amendment 69
Theresa Griffin, Lucy Anderson, Catherine Stihler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Insists that the provisions of the directives on unfair commercial practices and consumer rights relating to doorstep selling, unfair terms or practices and aggressive marketing techniques be properly implemented and enforced by Member States so as to protect energy consumers;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls on the Commission to step up aid to the Covenant of Mayors as a tool to facilitate sharing of good practices by local authorities, the regions and the Member States, and so that local authorities are informed about financial aid available to them so they may pool resources to set up local supply networks and be able to connect to other power nodes throughout the regions, thereby improving consumers' access to energy;

Or. es

Amendment 71
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Notes the growing number of collective energy switching campaigns in the Member States; recognises the advantages collective switching can bring to consumers; stresses that the organisers of collective switching campaigns must be independent and act transparently;

Or. cs

Amendment 72
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7c. Supports the introduction of fair metering and billing on the basis of real individual consumption, especially in buildings with multiple residential units or in multi-purpose buildings; stresses that consumers should not have to bear an excessive proportion of the cost of installing smart meters;

Or. cs