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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Catherine Stihler
(PE584.229v01)

on the European Semester for economic policy coordination: implementation
of 2016 priorities
(2016/2101(INI))

Amendment 1
Notis Marias

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Paragraph 1

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1. ***Reiterates the importance of a well-functioning and integrated Single Market to the recovery of the European economy after the financial crisis; supports the inclusion of Country-Specific Recommendations (CSRs) which go beyond narrow fiscal and macroeconomic targets and allow for a more balanced policy mix with the potential to help sustain a socially balanced recovery; welcomes this repositioning, as well as the streamlined structure of CSRs;***

Amendment

1. ***Emphasises the need for a well-functioning and integrated Single Market for the recovery of the European economy after the financial crisis;***

Or. el

Amendment 2
Robert Rochefort

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Amendment

1. Reiterates the importance of a well-functioning and integrated Single Market to the recovery of the European economy after the financial crisis, ***and its contribution to sustainable, future-oriented growth; calls, therefore, for*** the inclusion of Country-Specific Recommendations (CSRs) which go beyond fiscal and macroeconomic targets and allow for a more balanced policy mix with the potential to help ***establish sustainable growth that fosters economic, social and environmental progress, progress that will, inter alia, foster support for and recognition of the benefits***

of the internal market among EU citizens; encourages the repositioning of CSRs along these lines; welcomes the streamlined structure of CSRs;

Or. fr

Amendment 3
Adam Szejnfeld

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1. Reiterates the importance of a well-functioning and integrated Single Market to the recovery of the European economy after the financial crisis; supports the inclusion of Country-Specific Recommendations (CSRs) which go beyond fiscal and macroeconomic targets and *foster greater stability, increased economic growth and employment and greater competitiveness, without which there cannot be* a socially balanced recovery; welcomes this repositioning, as well as the streamlined structure of CSRs;

Or. pl

Amendment 4
Richard Sulík

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Or. en

Amendment 5 **Dariusz Rosati**

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1. Reiterates the importance of a well-functioning, *competitive* and integrated Single Market, *strictly based on all of the EU's four freedoms*. to the recovery of the European economy after the financial crisis; supports the inclusion of Country-Specific Recommendations (CSRs) which go beyond narrow fiscal and macroeconomic targets and allow for a more balanced policy mix with the potential to help sustain a socially balanced recovery; welcomes this repositioning, as well as the streamlined structure of CSRs;

Or. en

Amendment 6 **Antanas Guoga, Dita Charanzová**

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Or. en

Amendment 7
Pascal Durand

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Or. fr

Amendment 8
Enrico Gasbarra

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Or. it

Amendment 9
Maria Grapini

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Or. ro

Amendment 10

Notis Marias

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2. *Welcomes* the large number of CSRs *that* support a well-functioning and integrated Single Market, including financing and investment opportunities which support *businesses* and help create jobs, e-government, public procurement and mutual recognition of qualifications; stresses that enforcement is key if the impact from these policy areas is to be felt;

Amendment

2. *Stresses the fact that a* large number of CSRs *should* support a well-functioning and integrated Single Market, including financing and investment opportunities which support *SMEs in particular* and help create jobs, e-government, public procurement and mutual recognition of qualifications; stresses that enforcement is key if the impact from these policy areas is to be felt;

Or. el

Amendment 11

Enrico Gasbarra

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2. Welcomes the large number of CSRs that support a well-functioning and integrated Single Market, including financing and investment opportunities which support businesses and help create jobs, e-government, public procurement and mutual recognition of qualifications; stresses that enforcement is key if the impact from these policy areas is to be felt;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the large number of CSRs that support a well-functioning and integrated Single Market, including financing and investment opportunities which support businesses and help create jobs, e-government, public procurement and mutual recognition of qualifications; stresses that enforcement is key if the impact from these policy areas is to be felt; *considers it crucial, in this regard, that the Commission pay as much attention as possible, in connection with CSRs, to introducing long-term reforms which have a significant impact, especially in relation to social investments, quality employment and training;*

Or. it

Amendment 12
Antanas Guoga, Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion
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2. Welcomes the large number of CSRs that support a well-functioning and integrated Single Market, including financing and investment opportunities which support businesses and help create jobs, e-government, public procurement and mutual recognition of qualifications; stresses that enforcement is key if the impact from these policy areas is to be felt;

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Or. en

Amendment 13
Notis Marias

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Paragraph 3

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3. Calls on the Commission to monitor the progress made by the Member States, and reiterates the importance of the formal inclusion of the Single Market pillar in the European Semester so as to enable continuous monitoring of Single Market indicators, allowing for systematic follow-up and assessment of Member States' progress on CSRs;

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Or. el

Amendment 14
Dariusz Rosati

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Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to monitor the progress made by the Member States; ***States that, while the Single Market is a backbone on the EU economy, Single Market issues should be included in the already existing pillars of the European Semester; Stresses, nevertheless, that CSRs on Single Market-related questions should continue be proposed by the Commission.***

Or. en

Amendment 15
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Antonio López-Istúriz White

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Or. en

Amendment 16
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
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Or. it

Amendment 17
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Antonio López-Istúriz White

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Takes note that Member States play a crucial role in the good governance and proper functioning of the single market, and that they therefore need to jointly exercise proactive ownership and management of the single market, generating a new political impetus through consolidated state-of-health reports on the single market and the formal inclusion of the single market as a pillar of governance in the European Semester;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Richard Sulík

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Acknowledges the new structure of CSRs in 2016, which allows for more effective targeting on key identified challenges; stresses, however, that progress by Member States on all CSRs should not be overlooked;

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Or. en

Amendment 19
Antanas Guoga, Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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5. Stresses the importance of ensuring consistency between ongoing and future Commission Single Market initiatives and the European Semester process, in particular those involving the Single Market and Digital Single Market Strategies;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 20
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses the importance of ensuring consistency between ongoing and future Commission Single Market initiatives and the European Semester process, in particular those involving the Single Market and Digital Single Market Strategies;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of ensuring consistency between ongoing and future Commission Single Market initiatives and the European Semester process, in particular those involving the Single Market and Digital Single Market Strategies; ***recalls the need to carry out appropriate and fair economic and social reforms and to tackle red tape and protectionism, in order to improve productivity and the competitiveness of the European economy;***

Or. ro

Amendment 21
Pascal Durand

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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Or. fr

Amendment 22
Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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5. Stresses the importance of ensuring consistency between ongoing and future Commission Single Market initiatives and the European Semester process, in particular those involving the Single Market *and* Digital Single Market Strategies;

Amendment

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Or. hr

Amendment 23
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Commission to take into account future policies, such as those relating to the Capital Markets Union and the digital single market, as well as the situation on the ground in each country, when drawing up the CSRs, with a view to preparing the Member States in advance and hence ensuring smooth implementation of those policies;

Or. ro

Amendment 24
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Antonio López-Istúriz White

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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Amendment

6. *Supports* an inclusive and

6. *Underlines the importance of* an

transparent process *for* the European Semester;

inclusive and transparent process *leading to relevant and necessary reforms through* the European Semester;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Supports an inclusive and transparent process for the European Semester;

Amendment

6. Supports an inclusive and transparent process for the European Semester; *stresses the importance of listening to the voices of social and democratic representatives, the majority of whom, over the past few years, have been calling for a review of the European Semester procedure, to the benefit, in particular, of investments, the quality of social spending and extraordinary measures for employment and training;*

Or. it

Amendment 26
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Supports an inclusive and transparent process for the European Semester;

Amendment

6. Supports an inclusive and transparent process for the European Semester *as well as a continuous communication process;*

Or. ro

Amendment 27

Notis Marias

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Member States to do all they can to **foster** a healthy business environment through innovation, R&D and digitalisation, in order to create jobs, particularly through micro-businesses and SMEs;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Member States to do all they can to **create** a healthy business environment through innovation, R&D and digitalisation, in order to create jobs, particularly through **strengthening** micro-businesses and SMEs **in southern European countries, such as Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Cyprus, which have been affected by the austerity measures**;

Or. el

Amendment 28

Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Member States to do all they can to foster a healthy business environment through innovation, R&D and digitalisation, in order to create jobs, particularly through micro-businesses and **SMEs**;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Member States to do all they can to foster a healthy business environment through innovation, R&D and digitalisation, in order to create jobs, particularly through micro-businesses, **SMEs and the promotion of public-private partnerships (PPPs); reiterates, in this regard, its support for extraordinary measures which allow quality investments to be kept separate from general macro-economic standards, as long as they are geared to well-defined criteria relating to decent employment, sustainable growth and social policies**;

Or. it

Amendment 29
Adam Szejnfeld

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Member States to do all they can to foster a healthy business environment through innovation, R&D and digitalisation, in order to create jobs, particularly through micro-businesses and SMEs;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Member States to do all they can to foster a healthy business environment ***by further reducing red tape and improving administrative efficiency and the quality of legislation, as well as*** through innovation, R&D and digitalisation, in order to create jobs, particularly through micro-businesses and SMEs;

Or. pl

Amendment 30
Pascal Durand

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

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Amendment

7. Calls on the Member States to do all they can to foster a healthy business environment through innovation, ***energy efficiency***, R&D and digitalisation, in order to create jobs, particularly through micro-businesses and SMEs, ***including enterprises in the social economy***;

Or. fr

Amendment 31
Antanas Guoga, Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

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Amendment

7. Calls on the Member States to do all they can to foster a healthy business environment through innovation, R&D and digitalisation, in order to create jobs, particularly through micro-businesses, *startups* and SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Antonio López-Istúriz White

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Welcomes the Commission's determination to address the lack of tax coordination within the EU, in particular the difficulties faced by SMEs as a result of the complexity of differing national VAT regulations; calls on the Commission to assess the feasibility of further coordination and, in particular, to assess the possibility of a simplified VAT approach in the Digital Single Market;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Maria Grapini

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Welcomes the new rules on e-commerce brought forward by the Commission; believes these to be an essential precondition for prosperous

cross-border e-commerce, to the benefit of SMEs and consumers in particular;

Or. ro

Amendment 34
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. *Calls on the Commission to establish an efficient monitoring system to ensure that procedures do not prevent SMEs from participating in public procurement;*

Or. ro

Amendment 35
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. *Condemns* the barriers which still exist that hinder a well-functioning and integrated Single Market, in particular the partial transposition and implementation of the Services Directive by many Member States, *and calls on the Commission to enforce more effectively what Member States have signed up to in European law;*

8. *Points to* the barriers which still exist that hinder a well-functioning and integrated Single Market, in particular the partial transposition and implementation of the Services Directive by many Member States;

Or. el

Amendment 36
Adam Szejnfeld

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

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Amendment

8. Condemns the barriers which still exist, ***or have been created***, that hinder a well-functioning and integrated Single Market; ***draws attention***, in particular, ***to*** the partial transposition and implementation of the Services Directive by many Member States, and calls on the Commission to enforce more effectively what Member States have signed up to in European law;

Or. pl

Amendment 37
Antanas Guoga, Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

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Amendment

8. Condemns the barriers which still exist that hinder a well-functioning and integrated Single Market, in particular the partial transposition and implementation of the Services Directive by many Member States, and calls on the Commission to enforce more effectively what Member States have signed up to in European law; ***recalls the Commission's promise to - if necessary - use infringement procedures to ensure full implementation of legislation on the single market of goods, services and in the digital sphere and to ensure structural reforms in product, services and labour markets in Member States;***

Or. en

Amendment 38
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

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Amendment

8. Condemns the barriers which still exist that hinder a well-functioning and integrated Single Market, in particular the partial transposition and implementation of the Services Directive by many Member States, and calls on the Commission to enforce more effectively what Member States have signed up to in European law; ***highlights, among those existing barriers, the obstacles which prevent persons with disabilities from fully enjoying the benefits of the internal market; hopes that the Disability Act launched by the Commission may be promptly implemented and will focus effectively on specific measures to promote inclusion and access;***

Or. it

Amendment 39
Dariusz Rosati

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Condemns the barriers which still exist that hinder a well-functioning and integrated Single Market, in particular the partial transposition and implementation of the Services Directive by many Member States, and calls on the Commission to enforce more effectively what Member States have signed up to in European law;

Amendment

8. Condemns the barriers which still exist, ***which are being created and will be created in the future***, that hinder a well-functioning and integrated Single Market, in particular the partial transposition and implementation of the Services Directive by many Member States, and calls on the Commission to enforce more effectively what Member States have signed up to in European law;

Amendment 40
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

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8. Condemns the barriers which still exist that hinder a well-functioning and integrated Single Market, in particular the partial transposition and implementation of the Services Directive by many Member States, and calls on the Commission to enforce more effectively what Member States have signed up to in European law ***in the interests of greater consumer protection;***

Or. ro

Amendment 41
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Notes that further action is required to better implement mutual recognition of professional qualifications, ***and welcomes the exercise of mapping regulated qualifications, which will create an interactive public database that can aid Member States' National Action Plans;***

Amendment

9. Notes that further action is required to better implement mutual recognition of professional qualifications;

Or. el

Amendment 42
Adam Szejnfeld

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

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9. Notes that further action is required to better implement mutual recognition of professional qualifications, and welcomes the exercise of mapping regulated qualifications, which will create an interactive public database that can aid Member States' National Action Plans;

Amendment

9. ***Stresses that many Member State rules governing access to regulated professions do not meet actual needs and disturb the balance of the market;*** notes that further action is required to better implement mutual recognition of professional qualifications, and welcomes the exercise of mapping regulated qualifications, which will create an interactive public database that can aid Member States' National Action Plans;

Or. pl

Amendment 43
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
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9. Notes that further action is required to better implement mutual recognition of professional qualifications, and welcomes the exercise of mapping regulated qualifications, which will create an interactive public database that can aid Member States' National Action Plans; ***points out that the system relating to the recognition of professional qualifications is underpinned by the principles of reciprocal trust between legal systems and mutual checking of the quality of qualifications; calls, therefore, for greater efforts on the part of Member States and the Commission to speed up the process to approximate national systems for monitoring and issuing qualifications;***

Or. it

Amendment 44
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Antonio López-Istúriz White

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Notes that further action is required to better implement mutual recognition of professional qualifications, **and** welcomes the exercise of mapping regulated qualifications, which will create an interactive public database that can aid Member States' National Action Plans;

Amendment

9. Notes that further action is required to better implement mutual recognition of professional qualifications, ***stresses that correct enforcement and better regulation are essential, given the fragmentation of the Single Market, which restricts economic activity and consumer choice, and should cover all business sectors and apply to existing and future legislation;*** welcomes the exercise of mapping regulated qualifications, which will create an interactive public database that can aid Member States' National Action Plans;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Antanas Guoga, Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Notes that further action is required to better implement mutual recognition of professional qualifications, and welcomes the exercise of mapping regulated qualifications, which will create an interactive public database that can aid Member States' National Action Plans;

Amendment

9. Notes that further action is required to better implement mutual recognition ***principle including mutual recognition*** of professional qualifications, and welcomes the exercise of mapping regulated qualifications, which will create an interactive public database that can aid Member States' National Action Plans;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. **Regrets** that CSRs continue to point to deficiencies in public procurement such as the lack of competition and transparency, with 21 Member States failing to fully transpose the legislative package; calls on the Commission to act swiftly to ensure that Member States meet their legal obligations by taking the necessary infringement procedures;

Amendment

10. **Notes** that CSRs continue to point to deficiencies in public procurement such as the lack of competition and transparency, with 21 Member States failing to fully transpose the legislative package; calls on the Commission to act swiftly to ensure that Member States meet their legal obligations by taking the necessary infringement procedures;

Or. el

Amendment 47
Enrico Gasbarra

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10. Regrets that CSRs continue to point to deficiencies in public procurement such as the lack of competition and transparency, with 21 Member States failing to fully transpose the legislative package; calls on the Commission to act swiftly to ensure that Member States meet their legal obligations by taking the necessary infringement procedures; ***reiterates, in this regard, the importance of systematically monitoring transparency in the general government sector as a crucial criterion for increasing trust in Europe and as a way of promoting a virtuous circle of growth and investment;***

Or. it

Amendment 48
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Regrets that CSRs continue to point to deficiencies in public procurement such as the lack of competition and transparency, with 21 Member States failing to fully transpose the legislative package; calls on the Commission to act swiftly to ensure that Member States meet their legal obligations by taking the necessary infringement procedures;

Amendment

10. Regrets that CSRs continue to point to deficiencies in public procurement such as the lack of competition and transparency, with 21 Member States failing to fully transpose the legislative package, ***resulting in distortions in the market***; calls on the Commission to act swiftly to ensure that Member States meet their legal obligations by taking the necessary infringement procedures;

Or. ro

Amendment 49
Richard Sulík

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Reminds the Commission that reducing administrative barriers for businesses and Member States and strict compliance with the principle of subsidiarity when proposing new EU laws will necessarily bring about more effective implementation of CSRs;

Or. sk

Amendment 50
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Supports the Member States in their endeavours to modernise public services, in particular through e-government, and calls for better cross-border cooperation and interoperability of public administrations to the benefit of all citizens;

Amendment

11. Supports the Member States in their endeavours to modernise public services, in particular through e-government, and calls for better cross-border cooperation and interoperability of public administrations to the benefit of all citizens; ***considers it to be of great importance, in order to facilitate structural reforms and long-term growth, to concentrate a substantial part of the Juncker Plan investments on digital distribution programmes for small companies and general government; calls, therefore, for a greater focus on this goal in the next strategic expenditure guidelines of the Plan;***

Or. it

Amendment 51

Richard Sulík

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Supports the Member States in their endeavours to modernise public services, in particular through e-government, and calls for better cross-border cooperation and interoperability of public administrations to the benefit of all citizens;

Amendment

11. Supports the Member States in their endeavours to modernise public services, in particular through e-government, and calls for better cross-border cooperation and interoperability of public administrations to the benefit of all citizens, ***and at the same time calls on the Commission, where digitalisation of public services is financed from the EU budget, to engage in more effective monitoring of the transparency and appropriate use of the funds, including checks on the related public procurement contracts;***

Or. sk

Amendment 52
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Supports the Member States in their endeavours to modernise public services, in particular through e-government, and calls for better cross-border cooperation and interoperability of public administrations to the benefit of all citizens;

Amendment

11. Supports the Member States in their endeavours to modernise public services, in particular through e-government, and calls for better cross-border cooperation and interoperability of public administrations to the benefit of all citizens, ***always in accordance with the principle of personal data protection;***

Or. el

Amendment 53
Antanas Guoga, Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Supports the Member States in their endeavours to modernise public services, in particular through e-government, and calls for better cross-border cooperation and interoperability of public administrations to the benefit of all citizens;

Amendment

11. Supports the Member States in their endeavours to modernise public services, in particular through e-government, and calls for better cross-border cooperation, ***de-bureaucratization*** and interoperability of public administrations to the benefit of all citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Adam Szejnfeld

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Supports the Member States in their endeavours to modernise public services, in particular through e-government, and calls for better cross-border cooperation and interoperability of public administrations to the benefit of all citizens;

Amendment

11. Supports the Member States in their endeavours to modernise public services, in particular through e-government, and calls for better cross-border cooperation and interoperability of public administrations to the benefit of all **businesses and** citizens;

Or. pl

Amendment 55

Ivan Jakovčić

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 11**

Draft opinion

11. Supports the Member States in their endeavours to modernise public services, in particular through e-government, and calls for better cross-border cooperation and interoperability of public administrations to the benefit of all citizens;

Amendment

11. Supports the Member States in their endeavours to modernise public **administrations and their** services, in particular through e-government, and calls for better cross-border cooperation and interoperability of public administrations to the benefit of all citizens;

Or. hr

Amendment 56

Richard Sulík

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 12**

Draft opinion

12. Notes that several CSRs focus on skills and labour markets; stresses that the right skills are key to ensuring productivity and output growth; calls on the Commission and the Member States to pursue and adopt digital **and lifelong**

Amendment

12. Notes that several CSRs focus on skills and labour markets; stresses that the right skills are key to ensuring productivity and output growth; calls on the Commission and the Member States to pursue and adopt digital programmes as a

learning programmes as a matter of urgency.

matter of urgency.

Or. sk

Amendment 57
Robert Rochefort

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Notes that several CSRs focus on skills and labour markets; stresses that the right skills are key to ensuring productivity and *output* growth; calls on the Commission and the Member States to pursue *and* adopt digital and lifelong learning programmes as a matter of urgency.

Amendment

12. Notes that several CSRs focus on skills and labour markets; stresses that the right skills *and good initial and lifelong training* are key to ensuring productivity and growth; calls on the Commission and the Member States to pursue, adopt *and step up* digital and lifelong learning programmes as a matter of urgency; *stresses, moreover, the need to enable and encourage both students and apprentices to take an apprenticeship, traineeship or study trip abroad as part of their training.*

Or. fr

Amendment 58
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Notes that several CSRs focus on skills and labour markets; stresses that the right skills are key to ensuring productivity and output growth; calls on the Commission and the Member States to pursue and adopt digital and lifelong learning programmes *as a matter of urgency.*

Amendment

12. Notes that several CSRs focus on skills and labour markets; stresses that the right skills are key to ensuring productivity and output growth; calls on the Commission and the Member States to pursue and adopt digital and lifelong learning programmes.

Or. el

Amendment 59
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Notes that several CSRs focus on skills and labour markets; stresses that the right skills are key to ensuring productivity and output growth; calls on the Commission and the Member States to pursue and adopt digital and lifelong learning programmes as a matter of urgency.

Amendment

12. Notes that several CSRs focus on skills and labour markets; stresses that the right skills are key to ensuring productivity and output growth; calls on the Commission and the Member States to pursue and adopt digital and lifelong learning programmes as a matter of urgency; ***considers it vital, therefore, in order to achieve this goal, to grant Member States broad leeway for investing in vocational training and education, starting with greater national co-financing margins to support the main EU projects in these areas.***

Or. it

Amendment 60
Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Notes that several CSRs focus on skills and labour markets; stresses that the right skills are key to ensuring productivity and output growth; calls on the Commission and the Member States to pursue and adopt digital and lifelong learning programmes as a matter of urgency.

Amendment

12. Notes that several CSRs focus on skills and labour markets; stresses that the right skills are key to ensuring ***competitiveness and*** productivity and output growth; calls on the Commission and the Member States to pursue and adopt digital and lifelong learning programmes as a matter of urgency.

Or. hr

Amendment 61
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12a. Welcomes the greater emphasis placed on labour markets in the country reports, highlighting serious structural problems such as long-term unemployment and the poor implementation of active labour market policies; stresses the fact that too many of the problems identified have not been addressed by way of targeted recommendations.

Or. ro

Amendment 62
Adam Szejnfeld

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12a. Notes that the full potential of public-private partnerships (PPP) has not yet been harnessed in the majority of EU Member States; calls for the harmonisation of Member State framework rules on PPPs, the dissemination of best practices and the promotion of PPPs;

Or. pl