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Amendment 1 Victor Boştinaru

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. *Believes that COP21 has highlighted the key role* of cities and regions in *the* energy transition *and their contribution* to climate change mitigation;

Amendment

1. Emphasises the key role of Cohesion Policy and of cities and regions in achieving the objectives of the Renewable Energy Directive and of the Energy Union, in helping the low-carbon energy transition, and in contributing to climate change mitigation;

Or. en

Amendment 2 Bronis Ropė, Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. *Believes* that COP21 has highlighted the key role of cities and regions in the energy transition and their contribution to climate change mitigation;

Amendment

1. *Underlines* that COP21 has highlighted the key role of cities and regions in the energy transition and their contribution to climate change mitigation;

Or. en

Amendment 3 Andrew Lewer, Ruža Tomašić, Remo Sernagiotto

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Considers, given the specific features of renewable energy sources and the *need* to apply them on *every scale and to all*

Amendment

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sectors of activity and systems, from the smallest to the largest, that European regions, their cities, and their urban, periurban, and rural areas are the nerve-centres of the transformation to clean low-carbon societies; *across many* sectors of activity and systems, from the smallest to the largest, that European regions, their cities, and their urban, peri-urban, and rural areas are the nerve-centres of the transformation to clean low-carbon societies;

Or. en

Amendment 4 Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Considers, given the specific features of renewable energy sources and the need to apply them on every scale and to all sectors of activity and systems, from the smallest to the largest, that European regions, their cities, and their urban, peri-urban, and rural areas are the nerve-centres of the transformation to clean *low-carbon societies*;

Amendment

2. Considers, *with a view to building a genuine circular economy and* given the specific features of renewable energy sources and the need to apply them on every scale and to all sectors of activity and systems, from the smallest to the largest, that European regions, their cities, and their urban, peri-urban, and rural areas are the nerve-centres of the transformation to clean *societies with low emissions of carbon and other pollutants, such as heavy metals and dioxins*;

Or. it

Amendment 5 Bronis Ropė, Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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cities, and their urban, peri-urban, and rural areas are the nerve-centres of the transformation to clean low-carbon societies; cities, and their urban, peri-urban, and rural areas are the *equally important* nervecentres of the transformation to clean lowcarbon societies;

Or. en

Amendment 6 Victor Boştinaru

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Considers, given the specific features of renewable energy sources and the need to apply them on every scale and to all sectors of activity and systems, from the smallest to the largest, that European regions, their cities, and their urban, peri-urban, and rural areas are the nerve-centres of the transformation to clean low-carbon societies;

Amendment

2. Considers, given the specific features of renewable energy sources and the need to apply them on every scale and to all sectors of activity and systems, from the smallest to the largest, that European regions, their cities, and their urban, peri-urban, and rural areas are the nerve-centres of the transformation to clean low-carbon societies; *underlines that the increase in the use of renewable energy sources also serves the objective of making them more affordable and of creating more jobs in the green sector;*

Or. en

Amendment 7 Daniel Buda

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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areas are the nerve-centres of the transformation to clean low-carbon societies; areas are the nerve-centres of the transformation to clean low-carbon societies; *takes the view that regional-level renewable energy sources should be exploited more efficiently;*

Or. ro

Amendment 8 Stanislav Polčák

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Recalls that dependence on certain non-renewable energy sources has, in addition to its climate impact, undeniable geopolitical and security implications;

Or. cs

Amendment 9 Victor Boştinaru

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Considers that the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund *ought to do much to meet* the targets set by Directive 2009/28/EC;

Amendment

3. Considers that the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund *can significantly contribute to meeting* the targets set by Directive 2009/28/EC *and by the 2030 Framework for Climate and Energy, especially in light of the prominent role of the thematic objective ''Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors''; reminds the common provisions in the two Funds supporting the eligibility of projects related to energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources in private households, public buildings and enterprises;*

Amendment 10 Andrew Lewer, Ruža Tomašić, Remo Sernagiotto

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Considers that the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund *ought to do much to meet* the targets set by Directive 2009/28/EC;

Amendment

3. Considers that the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund *should contribute as much as possible to meeting* the targets set by Directive 2009/28/EC, *whilst bearing in mind the EU's overarching investment priorities of supporting job creation and driving economic growth*;

Or. en

Amendment 11 Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Considers that the *ERDF* and *the Cohesion Fund* ought to do much to meet the targets set by Directive 2009/28/EC; Amendment

3. Considers that the *Structural* and *Investment Funds and Horizon 2020* ought to do much to *fund research and innovation in connection with renewable energy generation and to help* meet the targets set by Directive 2009/28/EC and *swiftly phase out the use of fossil fuels in all Member States*;

Or. it

Amendment 12 Bronis Ropė, Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Considers that the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund ought to do much to meet the targets set by Directive 2009/28/EC;

Amendment

3. Underlines the importance of thematic concentration in Cohesion Policy which should contribute channelling investment towards low-carbon economy including renewable energies; Considers that the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund ought to do much to meet the targets set by Directive 2009/28/EC; Calls on the Member States to increase their efforts and make best use of the funding opportunities for this purpose;

Or. en

Amendment 13 Maria Spyraki

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Considers that the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund ought to do much to meet the targets set by Directive 2009/28/EC; Amendment

3. Considers that the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund ought to do much to meet the targets set by Directive 2009/28/EC; *regional energy market integration, which could be achieved for such funding, would be an important contribution of the Cohesion Policy in that respect;*

Or. en

Amendment 14 Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 a (new) Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Points to the importance of close and detailed monitoring of the use of EU funding for efforts to increase renewables' share of the energy mix, in order to compile a database to be used in assessing future strategies, as well as to keep track of funding and to assess its effectiveness;

Or. it

Amendment 15 Victor Boştinaru

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Points out at the Cohesion Fund support for district heating, and welcomes the fact that renewable energy is increasingly being used in this sector as an alternative to fossil fuels;

Or. en

Amendment 16 Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Considers it disappointing that systems to generate electricity and produce biogas from renewable energy sources, which accounted for 1.1% of ESI Funds for the 2007-2013 period, have risen to just 1.4% of ESI Funds for the 2014-2020 period and that the Funds are therefore still

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serving only marginally to meet the targets under Directive 2009/28/EC;

Amendment 17 Andrew Lewer, Remo Sernagiotto

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. *Considers it disappointing* that systems to generate electricity and produce biogas from renewable energy sources, which accounted for 1.1% of ESI Funds for the 2007-2013 period, have risen to just 1.4% of ESI Funds for the 2014-2020 period and *that the Funds are* therefore *still serving only marginally* to meet the targets under Directive 2009/28/EC;

Amendment

4. *Notes* that systems to generate electricity and produce biogas from renewable energy sources, which accounted for 1.1% of ESI Funds for the 2007-2013 period, have risen to just 1.4% of ESI Funds for the 2014-2020 period and *the potential* therefore *for ESI Funds do to more* to meet the targets under Directive 2009/28/EC;

Or. en

Amendment 18 Urmas Paet

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses the importance of renewable energy cooperation mechanisms on electricity or heating and cooling between EU Member States rather than joint projects with non-Member States as this contributes to the independence of EU renewable energy market and therefore helps to better ensures its security;

Or. en

Amendment 19 Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Criticises the fact that, to date, the funding available under the ESI has not been used efficiently in the sector and believes that, in order to speed up progress towards meeting the targets set in Directive 2009/28/EC, more and better use needs to be made of that funding to step up renewable energy generation;

Or. it

Amendment 20 Victor Boştinaru

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Considers it unfortunate that in some Member States which are still far short of meeting the targets under the directive, the mobilisation of *the ERDF* to develop renewable energy sources remains relatively modest;

Amendment

5. Considers it unfortunate that in some Member States which are still far short of meeting the targets under the directive, the mobilisation of *ESI funds* to develop renewable energy sources remains relatively modest; *encourages the national, regional and local authorities, particularly in these Member States, to make full use of the potential offered by the ESI funds, and in this regard underlines the importance of exchanging best practices;*

Or. en

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Draft opinion Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Considers it unfortunate that in some Member States which are still far short of meeting the targets under the directive, the mobilisation of the ERDF to develop renewable energy sources remains relatively modest;

Amendment

5. Considers it unfortunate that in some Member States, which are still far short of meeting the targets under the directive, the mobilisation of the ERDF to develop renewable energy sources remains relatively modest, *whilst recognising that the different needs, resources and levels of development across EU Member States and regions must be taken into consideration*;

Or. en

Amendment 22 Victor Boștinaru

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Encourages Member States to increase their cooperation in order to achieve their targets, in particular by making use of the cooperation mechanisms set up under the Renewable Energy Directive;

Or. en

Amendment 23 Maria Spyraki

Draft opinion Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Maintains that outermost, tropical, and island regions can set themselves the goal

Amendment

6. Maintains that outermost, tropical, and island regions, *as well as regions with*

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of self-sufficiency in energy;

limited or non-existent energy systems infrastructure interconnections ("energy islands"), can set themselves the goal of self-sufficiency in energy and underlines that the goal of energy security could be achieved both through ESIF and EFSI funding so that the energy potential of the regions in question could be fully utilized;

Or. en

Amendment 24 Andrew Lewer, Ruža Tomašić, Remo Sernagiotto, Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Draft opinion Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Maintains that outermost, tropical, and island regions can set themselves the goal of self-sufficiency in energy;

Amendment

6. Maintains that outermost, tropical, and island regions can set themselves the goal of self-sufficiency in energy *and supports flexibility, taking into account local needs and resources, in this regard*;

Or. en

Amendment 25 Bronis Ropė, Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Maintains that outermost, tropical, and island regions can set themselves the goal of self-sufficiency in energy;

Amendment

6. Maintains that outermost, tropical, and island regions can set themselves the goal of self-sufficiency in energy *and encourages them to set ambitious agendas in this field*;

Or. en

Amendment 26 Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Stresses that, in order to avoid energy market imbalances that could prevent the industry from developing in the most effective manner, the Commission should seek to prevent excessive concentration in the hands of individual firms or groups and instead to promote decentralised energy generation and self-generation;

Or. it

Amendment 27 Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Believes that the Commission should endeavour to prevent the ownership and running of electricity generation plants from being concentrated in the hands of a small number of large firms, in order to ensure that the market is suitably competitive, which will have a positive spin-off in terms of job creation and wealth distribution at local level;

Or. it

Amendment 28 Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6c. Believes also that steps should be taken to encourage, in all EU regions, the greatest possible degree of self-generation from renewable sources, starting with public buildings, in order to enhance overall self-sufficiency and, thereby, energy security;

Or. it

Amendment 29 Victor Boştinaru

Draft opinion Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Encourages European regions to *continue with the* measures taken or devised *to move* towards clean transport; considers that investment in electrical charging point systems, conceived on a regional scale, should constitute a priority for all European regions;

Amendment

7. Encourages European regions to increase with measures already taken or devised and with additional efforts their endeavours towards clean transport, as the progress towards the 10% objective in renewable energy share is not fully satisfactory; considers that investment in electrical charging point systems, conceived on a regional scale, should constitute a priority for all European regions, based on their specificities and needs;

Or. en

Amendment 30 Andrew Lewer, Remo Sernagiotto, Ruža Tomašić

Draft opinion Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Encourages European regions to

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continue with the measures taken or devised to move towards clean transport; considers that investment in electrical charging point systems, conceived on a regional scale, *should* constitute a priority for all European regions; continue with the measures taken or devised to move towards clean transport; considers that investment in electrical charging point systems, conceived on a regional scale, *could* constitute a priority for all European regions;

Or. en

Amendment 31 Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Draft opinion Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Encourages European regions to continue with the measures taken or devised to move towards clean transport; considers that investment in electrical charging point systems, conceived on a regional scale, should constitute a priority for all European regions;

Amendment

7. Encourages European regions to continue with the measures taken or devised to move towards *a* clean, *sustainable, safe, effective and energyefficient* transport, *favouring the interconnectedness of urban and periurban areas, and promoting greater selfsufficiency, competitiveness, economic growth, improved road safety and better conditions of employment*; considers that investment in electrical charging point systems, conceived on a regional scale, should constitute a priority for all European regions;

Or. en

Amendment 32 Bronis Ropė, Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Encourages European regions to continue with the measures taken or devised to move towards clean transport; Amendment

7. Encourages European *cities and* regions to continue with the measures taken or devised to move towards clean transport;

considers that investment in electrical charging point systems, conceived on a regional scale, should constitute a priority for all European regions; considers that investment in electrical charging point systems, conceived on a regional scale, should constitute a priority for all European *cities and* regions *pursuing an aim to have 100% environment friendly urban mobility*;

Or. en

Amendment 33 Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Encourages European regions to continue with the measures taken or devised to move towards clean transport; Considers that investment in electrical charging point systems, conceived on a regional scale, should constitute a priority for all European regions;

Amendment

7. Encourages European regions to continue with the measures taken or devised to move towards clean transport *using energy from renewable sources*; Considers that investment in electrical charging point systems, conceived on a regional scale, should constitute a priority for all European regions;

Or. it

Amendment 34 Maria Spyraki

Draft opinion Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Encourages European regions to continue with the measures taken or devised to move towards clean transport; considers that investment in electrical charging point systems, conceived on a regional scale, should constitute a priority for all European regions;

Amendment

7. Encourages European regions to continue with the measures taken or devised to move towards clean transport; considers that investment in electrical charging point systems, conceived on a regional scale, should constitute a priority for all European regions; *urges financing of investments in renewable energy powered public transportations, in*

particular biofuels, especially in Member States which are still falling short in meeting the relevant targets;

Or. en

Amendment 35 Daniel Buda

Draft opinion Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Encourages European regions to continue with the measures taken or devised to move towards clean transport; considers that investment in electrical charging point systems, conceived on a regional scale, should constitute a priority for all European regions;

Amendment

7. Encourages European regions to continue with the measures taken or devised to move towards clean transport; considers that investment in electrical charging point systems, conceived on a regional scale, should constitute a priority for all European regions; *urges local and regional authorities to offer tax breaks and suitable infrastructure for electric transport users so that such transport becomes more attractive;*

Or. ro

Amendment 36 Victor Boștinaru

Draft opinion Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the Commission, by taking measurements in quantitative terms *and* in relation to the ESI funding *to be* mobilised for the transport sector (EUR 39.7 billion), to gauge the real impact that the Funds *will* have on greenhouse gas emission reduction and modal shift in the transport sector;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission, by taking measurements in quantitative terms in relation to the ESI funding mobilised for the transport sector (EUR 39.7 billion), to gauge the real impact that the Funds have on greenhouse gas emission reduction and modal shift in the transport sector;

Or. en

Amendment 37 Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the Commission, by taking measurements in quantitative terms and in relation to the ESI funding to be mobilised for the transport sector (EUR 39.7 billion), to gauge the real impact that the Funds will have on greenhouse *gas emission reduction* and modal shift in the transport sector;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission, by taking measurements in quantitative terms and in relation to the ESI funding to be mobilised for the transport sector (EUR 39.7 billion), to gauge the real impact that the Funds will have on *efforts to reduce emissions of* greenhouse *gases and other pollutants* and modal shift in the transport sector;

Or. it

Amendment 38 Andrew Lewer, Remo Sernagiotto, Ruža Tomašić, Maria Spyraki

Draft opinion Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to *make the* urban agenda fully *encompass all of the targets* under Directive 2009/28/EC and *the next directive covering the years up to 2030*;

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to *ensure that the EU* Urban Agenda fully *encompasses all targets agreed by Member States* under Directive 2009/28/EC and *those agreed by the Council for 2030, which contain an emissions reduction requirement with flexibility for Member States to determine their own cost effective pathways*;

Or. en

Amendment 39 Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Calls, accordingly, on the Commission and the Member States not to pursue austerity policies in the sector, so as to avoid cuts in funding and support for renewables in EU regions;

Or. it

Amendment 40 Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion Paragraph 9 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9b. Calls on the Member States to draw up operational programmes to increase the use of renewable energy, and on the Commission not to include investment in the sector in deficit calculations;

Or. it

Amendment 41 Andrew Lewer, Remo Sernagiotto, Ruža Tomašić, Maria Spyraki

Draft opinion Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Calls on the Commission, for the purposes of the new directive that will set the targets to be reached by 2030, to *devise* regional assessment indicators and *lay down the minimum thresholds to be achieved by all regions*.

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission, for the purposes of the new directive that will set the targets to be reached by 2030, to *consider, in close consultation with Member States and local and regional authorities, the impact of any new* regional assessment indicators and *indicative targets for renewable energy generation, bearing in mind the principle*

of subsidiarity and the need to reduce administrative burden.

Or. en

Amendment 42 Tamás Deutsch

Draft opinion Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Calls on the Commission, for the purposes of the new directive that will set the targets to be reached by 2030, to devise regional assessment indicators and *lay down* the minimum thresholds to be achieved by *all* regions.

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission, for the purposes of the new directive that will set the targets to be reached by 2030, to devise regional assessment indicators and *formulate recommendations concerning* the minimum thresholds to be achieved by regions.

Or. en

Amendment 43 Victor Boştinaru

Draft opinion Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Calls on the Commission, for the purposes of the new directive that will set the targets to be reached by 2030, to devise regional assessment indicators and lay down the minimum thresholds to be achieved by *all* regions.

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission, for the purposes of the new directive that will set the targets to be reached by 2030, to devise *national and* regional assessment indicators and lay down *provisions on what should be* the minimum thresholds to be achieved by *Member States and* regions, *based on their specificities, in order to achieve the EU target*.

Or. en

Amendment 44 Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Calls on the Commission, for the purposes of the new directive that will set the targets to be reached by 2030, to devise regional assessment indicators and lay down the minimum thresholds to be achieved by all regions.

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission, for the purposes of the new directive that will set the targets to be reached by 2030, to devise, *in agreement with the local and regional authorities*, regional assessment indicators and lay down the minimum thresholds to be achieved by all regions.

Or. ro

Amendment 45 Maria Spyraki

Draft opinion Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Calls on the Commission and the EIB Group to intensify their efforts in promoting the EFSI and relevant Infrastructure and Innovation Window investment platforms in order to mobilize investments in Member States with high renewable energy potential.

Or. en

Amendment 46 Bronis Ropė, Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Underlines the importance of consumers' awareness about the source of

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energy as well as about the energy mix of every supplier in the national grid, and calls for a regulatory framework that allows consumers to choose their energy supplier.

Or. en

Amendment 47 Bronis Ropė, Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion Paragraph 10 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10b. Underlines the importance of civic engagement in promoting renewable energy policies; Calls for reinforced support for partners and organisations from civil society, promoting exchanges of best practices and bottom-up planning of sustainable energy measures on the local and regional level.

Or. en

Amendment 48 Bronis Ropė, Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion Paragraph 10 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10c. Underlines the possibility for local business development and new employment opportunities in the cities and regions, offered by the extended use of energy from renewable sources, and calls for better involvement of local and regional authorities as well as of the private sector in the development of the renewable energy market.