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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 40**

**Draft opinion**

**Jens Nilsson**

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An integrated European Union policy for the Arctic  
(2016/2228(INI))



**Amendment 1**  
**Steeve Briois**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

**1. Points out that European territorial cooperation, including cooperation across the EU's external borders, is important for the regions in the Arctic; highlights that the EU funding supporting the cooperation creates clear added value and should be maintained post-2020;**

*Amendment*

**deleted**

Or. fr

**Amendment 2**  
**Tunne Kelam, Lambert van Nistelrooij**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

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**1. Points out that European territorial cooperation, including cooperation across the EU's external borders, is important for the regions in the Arctic; *notes that this cooperation contains in addition to regional impact, important geopolitical and security implications; calls on the Commission to develop a full-fledged EU Arctic Strategy taking into account all aspects of the cooperation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Notis Marias**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

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Or. el

**Amendment 4**  
**Andrew Lewer**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

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Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Underlines that €40 billion from the ERDF and Cohesion Fund are to be invested in the low-carbon economy***

*during 2014-2020 and invites all Member States and regions to take into account the necessity of a faster transition towards a more sustainable model based on the use of renewables and energy efficiency in their Operational Programmes;*

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Tunne Kelam, Lambert van Nistelrooij**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Highlights that the EU funding supporting the cooperation creates clear added value and should be maintained post-2020; commends the coordination and building complementarities between different funding programmes and supports further efforts in this regard that could set example also for other regions in and outside the EU;*

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Davor Škrlec**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Underlines that common challenges to the Arctic region, in particular the Arctic's fragile environment and the impacts of climate change, can only be tackled in cooperation between all levels of governance from local to international and by involving all relevant stakeholders*

*including from civil society;*

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Davor Škrlec**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1b. Recalls the responsibility taken by the Union in stepping-up efforts to combat climate change; considers therefore that the EU part of the Arctic region should contribute to sustainable development and mitigation of climate change in particular; stresses that ESI Funds should be used in this respect;***

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Steeve Briois**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2. Calls for the EU to be included in the Arctic Council with full observer status in order to reinforce the Arctic cooperation and to tackle the common challenges affecting the Arctic;***

***2. Points out that foreign policy is conducted exclusively at Member State level; stresses, consequently, that the EU does not have the diplomatic legitimacy to interfere in the internal affairs of the Arctic region and is not in a position to obtain full observer status from the Arctic Council;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 10**  
**Tunne Kelam, Lambert van Nistelrooij**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Calls for the EU to be included in the Arctic Council with full observer status in order to reinforce the Arctic cooperation and to tackle the common challenges affecting the Arctic;

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2. Calls for the EU to be included in the Arctic Council with full observer status in order to reinforce the Arctic cooperation and to tackle the common challenges affecting the Arctic; ***regrets that Russia as the main net beneficiary in the Arctic region has been impeding EU in progressing to obtain the full observer status, with adverse effects across a range of policies, including territorial cooperation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Andrew Lewer**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Calls for the EU to be ***included in the Arctic Council with*** full observer status in order to reinforce the Arctic cooperation and to tackle the common challenges affecting the Arctic;

*Amendment*

2. Calls for the EU to be ***granted*** full observer status in order to reinforce the Arctic cooperation and to tackle the common challenges affecting the Arctic, ***should such a status be the wish of Denmark, Sweden and Finland;***

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Tomasz Piotr Poręba**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

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2. Calls for the EU to be included in the Arctic Council with full observer status in order to reinforce the Arctic cooperation and to tackle the common challenges affecting the Arctic; ***also notes that the opportunities, challenges and risks associated with the Arctic situation are inseparably linked to current and potential economic activity;***

Or. pl

**Amendment 13**  
**Andor Deli**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

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Or. hu

**Amendment 14**  
**Claude Rolin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Stresses that global warming, which seriously affects the Arctic region, should be taken into account when drawing up the EU's integrated policy;***

Or. fr



**Amendment 15**  
**Steeve Briois**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. *Highlights the vital role the European Structural and Investment Funds have in developing the European Arctic and creating growth and jobs; draws attention to the permanent handicaps that need to be offset (Article 174 TFEU);*

*Amendment*

3. *Points out that cohesion policy is intended to reduce regional disparities within the European Union (Article 174 TFEU) and that no Arctic region is subject to EU law; considers, consequently, that the structural cohesion funds must first and foremost benefit EU Member States;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 16**  
**Davor Škrlec**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Highlights the vital role the European Structural and Investment Funds have in developing the European Arctic and creating growth and *jobs*; draws attention to the permanent handicaps that need to be offset (Article 174 TFEU);

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3. Highlights the vital role the European Structural and Investment Funds have in developing the European Arctic and creating *sustainable* growth and *quality jobs targeted towards future-oriented sectors, and the need for responsible and respectful development of the Arctic's natural resources*; draws attention to the permanent handicaps that need to be offset (Article 174 TFEU);

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

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Or. ro

**Amendment 18**  
**Steeve Briois**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

***4. Underlines that cooperating closely with the regions and sub-regions in the European Arctic is essential when building the EU-Arctic policy and EU funding for the area, as the regions and local communities have strong expertise in the key topics;***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

Or. fr

**Amendment 19**  
**Notis Marias**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Underlines that cooperating closely with the regions and sub-regions in the European Arctic is essential when building the EU-Arctic policy and EU funding for the area, as the regions and local communities have ***strong expertise in the key topics***;

*Amendment*

4. Underlines that cooperating closely with the regions and sub-regions in the European Arctic is essential when building the EU-Arctic policy and EU funding for the area, as the regions and local communities ***are the final beneficiaries of policies relating to the Arctic and in contrast with the EU*** have ***undisputed rights to the territories in which they live***;

Or. el

**Amendment 20**  
**Maurice Ponga**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

4. Underlines that cooperating closely with the regions and sub-regions, ***including overseas countries and territories***, in the European Arctic is essential when building the EU-Arctic policy and EU funding for the area, as the regions and local communities, ***including the indigenous populations***, have strong expertise in the key topics;

Or. fr

**Amendment 21**  
**Davor Škrlec**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

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European Arctic is essential when building the EU-Arctic policy and EU funding for the area, as the regions and local communities have strong expertise in the key topics, *and their views and opinions should be heard and taken into account;*

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Tomasz Piotr Poręba**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Draws attention to the progressive and direct impact of external factors originating from outside the region, such as the price of raw materials and demand for raw materials on the global market, the growth or decline in economic activity associated with this or conflicts elsewhere in the world – such as the situation in Ukraine – on the geopolitical status of the Arctic, efficient management in the region and a significant and varying number of intervening stakeholders;*

Or. pl

**Amendment 23**  
**Notis Marias**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5. Is of the opinion that a European Arctic stakeholder forum should be set up to enhance collaboration, coordination, complementarity and synergies between the different EU funding programmes;*

*deleted*

**Amendment 24**  
**Andrew Lewer**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Is of the opinion that a European Arctic stakeholder forum ***should*** be set up to enhance collaboration, coordination, complementarity and synergies between the different EU funding programmes;

*Amendment*

5. Is of the opinion that a European Arctic stakeholder forum ***could*** be set up to enhance collaboration, coordination, complementarity and synergies between the different EU funding programmes; ***urges the European Commission to ensure that the Arctic stakeholder forum's work is kept to schedule and within existing budget resources;***

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Tomasz Piotr Poręba**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

5. Is of the opinion that a European Arctic stakeholder forum should be set up to enhance collaboration, coordination, complementarity and synergies between the different EU funding programmes; ***notes that financial instruments such as the Investment Plan for Europe, the TEN-T network, InnovFin or the Enterprise Europe Network may contribute to the implementation of investment and research priorities in the region and make it easier for stakeholders to build capacity in order to make best use of financial support;***

**Amendment 26**  
**Viorica Dăncilă**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Is of the opinion that a European Arctic stakeholder forum should be set up to enhance collaboration, coordination, complementarity and synergies between the different EU funding programmes;

*Amendment*

5. Is of the opinion that a European Arctic stakeholder forum should be set up to enhance collaboration, coordination, complementarity and synergies between the different EU funding programmes, ***and a European observer to monitor the effects of climate change on the Arctic;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 27**  
**Andrew Lewer**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that all relevant regional organisations with responsibility for delivering and monitoring the delivery of ESI funding are included within the stakeholder forum, this is particularly important for ensuring that lessons are learnt and value for money is delivered;***

Or. en

**Amendment 28**  
**Tomasz Piotr Poręba**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a.** *Stresses the importance of research cooperation in the Arctic, as it plays a key role, not only because it contributes to achieving a better understanding of the processes and phenomena taking place, but also because it serves, first of all, as a basis for developing proposals to adapt to the new situation;*

Or. pl

**Amendment 29**  
**Steeve Briois**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6.** *Emphasises that the Arctic should be seen as a place of research, ecotourism, sustainable industry, green technology and know-how, as well as a site of many companies – especially SMEs – which thrive on innovative business models and innovative technologies;*

*deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 30**  
**Marc Joulaud**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6.** *Emphasises that the Arctic **should be seen as a place of** research, ecotourism,*

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sustainable industry, green technology and know-how, *as well as a site of* many companies – especially SMEs – which thrive on innovative business models and innovative technologies;

*of opportunities and some valuable assets, including, above all, its* research, ecotourism, sustainable industry, green technology and know-how, *areas that have the potential to benefit* many companies – especially SMEs – which thrive on innovative business models and innovative technologies;

Or. fr

**Amendment 31**  
**Tomasz Piotr Poręba**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Emphasises that the Arctic should be seen as a place of research, ecotourism, sustainable industry, green technology and know-how, as well as a site of many companies – especially SMEs – which thrive on innovative business models and innovative technologies;

*Amendment*

6. *Notes that in the Arctic region, EU interest include such sensitive areas as environmental protection, energy, transport and fisheries; emphasises, at the same time,* that the Arctic should be seen as a place of research, ecotourism, sustainable industry, green technology and know-how, as well as a site of many companies – especially SMEs – which thrive on innovative business models and innovative technologies;

Or. pl

**Amendment 32**  
**Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

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innovative technologies;

innovative technologies; *considers, that, as highlighted by several NGOS including Greenpeace, searching for more oil or gas in the Arctic does not solve the problem of energy dependency, while it exacerbates many other environmental problems and it can directly affect fishing and tourism in the regions where fracking is carried out;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 33**

**Davor Škrlec**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 6**

##### *Draft opinion*

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##### *Amendment*

6. Emphasises that the Arctic should be seen as a place of research, ecotourism, sustainable industry, green technology and know-how, as well as a site of many companies – especially SMEs – which thrive on innovative business models and innovative technologies; *Stresses the importance of protecting the cultural and fragile ecosystem for the inhabitants of the Arctic when investing in their socio-economic development;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 34**

**Daniel Buda**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 6**

##### *Draft opinion*

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know-how, as well as a site of many companies – especially SMEs – which thrive on innovative business models and innovative technologies;

know-how, as well as a site of many companies – especially SMEs – which thrive on innovative business models and innovative technologies; ***stresses that partnerships for research and innovation in the field of climate change with regions in the Arctic should be enhanced;***

Or. ro

#### **Amendment 35**

**Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Express its deep concern that the 2016 will set the record for least Arctic ice and that climate-related changes in Arctic ecosystems will have consequences not only at local level but also on a global scale because of the many links between the Arctic and the rest of the planet, including Europe;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 36**

**Tunne Kelam, Lambert van Nistelrooij**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Suggests exploring the possibilities to develop cyber connectedness between the regions; recommends the EU as part of its digital agenda to facilitate setting up cross-border e-governance and e-services structures for the region;***

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Notis Marias**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

**7. Reaffirms its support for establishing the EU Arctic Information Centre, with a permanent office in Rovaniemi, Finland, with the aim of making information on the Arctic more accessible; calls on the Commission take the necessary action to set up the centre.**

*Amendment*

**deleted**

Or. el

**Amendment 38**  
**Tomasz Piotr Poręba**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

**7. Reaffirms its support for establishing the EU Arctic Information Centre, with a permanent office in Rovaniemi, Finland, with the aim of making information on the Arctic more accessible; calls on the Commission take the necessary action to set up the centre.**

*Amendment*

**7. Notes the proposal to establish the EU Arctic Information Centre, with a permanent office in Rovaniemi, Finland, with the aim of making information on the Arctic more accessible; calls on the Commission take the necessary action to set up the centre.**

Or. pl

**Amendment 39**  
**Viorica Dăncilă**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

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Rovaniemi, Finland, with the aim of making information on the Arctic more accessible; calls on the Commission take the necessary action to set up the centre.

Rovaniemi, Finland, with the aim of making information on the Arctic more accessible *and of disseminating this information in all Member States, including projects funded by the EU*; calls on the Commission take the necessary action to set up the centre.

Or. ro

**Amendment 40**

**Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7a. Invites the Member states in the Arctic regions to take into consideration the proposal of the creation of a Sanctuary in the international waters of the Arctic which would prohibit, amongst other aspects, oil extraction in the area and would protect the biodiversity and endangered ecosystems in the area.**

Or. en