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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Kosma Złotowski
(PE587.477v1-00)

Investing in jobs and growth – maximising the contribution of European Structural and Investment Funds: an evaluation of the report under Article 16(3) of the CPR
(COM(2015)0639)

Amendment 1

Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, José Blanco López, Lucy Anderson, Hugues Bayet, Francisco Assis, Miltiadis Kyrkos

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the significant contribution made by the European Structural and Investment Funds to the construction of an efficient and safe European transport network; Stresses the **importance of** synergies between the **various** funds;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the significant contribution made by the European Structural and Investment Funds (**ESI funds**) to the construction of an efficient and safe European transport network; Stresses the **need for better synergies in implementing EU funds to promote combined funding and to increase the leverage effect of EU financial instruments in the transport sector. Draws the attention to the possibility of establishing joint monitoring committees to strengthen the** synergies between the **ESI Funds, the Connecting Europe Facility, the European fund for strategic investments and the H2020 program in the transport sector.**

Or. en

Amendment 2

José Blanco López

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the significant contribution made by the European Structural and Investment Funds to the construction of an efficient and safe European transport network; Stresses the importance of synergies between the various funds;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the significant contribution made by the European Structural and Investment Funds to the construction of an efficient and safe European transport network; stresses the importance of **improving and promoting** synergies between the various funds; **takes the view that there is a need to focus the ESIFs on the development of sustainable**

transport infrastructure;

Or. es

Amendment 3

Matthijs van Miltenburg, Dominique Riquet, Pavel Telička

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the significant contribution made by the European Structural and Investment Funds to the construction of an efficient and safe European transport network; Stresses the importance of synergies between the various funds;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the significant contribution made by the European Structural and Investment Funds to the construction of an efficient and safe European transport network; Stresses the importance of synergies *and complementarity* between the various funds, *programmes and instruments, in order to obtain the maximum added value of the investments effected;*

Or. en

Amendment 4

Kosma Złotowski

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the significant contribution made by the European Structural and Investment Funds to the construction of an efficient and safe European transport network; Stresses the importance of synergies between the various funds;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the significant contribution made by the European Structural and Investment Funds to the construction of an efficient and safe European transport network; stresses the importance of synergies between the various funds *and points out the need for the various needs of the Member States to be taken into account under the various funds;*

Or. pl

Amendment 5
Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the significant contribution made by the European Structural and Investment Funds to the construction of an efficient and safe European transport network; Stresses the importance of synergies between the various funds;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the significant contribution made by the European Structural and Investment Funds to the construction of an efficient and safe European transport network; Stresses the importance of synergies between the various funds; *notes their importance for the development of tourism in the Union's regions;*

Or. pt

Amendment 6
Davor Škrlec, Karima Delli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the significant contribution made by the European Structural and Investment Funds to the construction of an efficient and safe European transport network; Stresses the importance of synergies between the various funds;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the significant contribution made by the European Structural and Investment Funds to the construction of an efficient and safe European transport network; Stresses the importance of synergies between the various funds *and networks;*

Or. en

Amendment 7
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the significant contribution made by the European Structural and Investment Funds to the construction of an efficient and safe European transport network; Stresses the importance of synergies between the various funds;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the significant contribution made by the European Structural and Investment Funds to the construction of an ***up-to-date***, efficient and safe European transport network; Stresses the importance of synergies between the various funds;

Or. el

Amendment 8
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. ***Welcomes*** the significant contribution made by the European Structural and Investment Funds to the construction of an efficient and safe European transport network; Stresses the importance of synergies between the various funds;

Amendment

1. ***Notes*** the significant contribution made by the European Structural and Investment Funds to the construction of an efficient and safe European transport network; Stresses the importance of synergies between the various funds;

Or. el

Amendment 9
José Blanco López

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

1a. Emphasises that the European Structural and Investment Funds have become the main – and, in countries hit hard by the crisis, practically the only – source of investment, and that they are becoming not only a key instrument for

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social and territorial cohesion, but also a vital lever when it comes to maintaining business and jobs;

Or. es

Amendment 10
Marie-Christine Arnautu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Regrets the proportion of jobs attributed to workers from outside Europe in the construction or improvement of road or rail routes financed by the ESI Funds, to the detriment of European workers;

Or. fr

Amendment 11
Davor Škrlec, Karima Delli, Stelios Kouloglou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Underlines that co-funding transport infrastructure projects should be oriented towards reduction of climate change, accidents and minimising external costs;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Marie-Christine Arnautu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Regrets the proportion of jobs in western Europe allocated to workers posted there for the construction or improvement of roads or railways financed by the ESI Funds, to the detriment of local workers;

Or. fr

Amendment 13
Davor Škrlec, Karima Delli, Stelios Kouloglou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Stresses the importance of national general transport plans for the effective spending of funds;

2. Stresses the importance of ***citizens' participation, transparency and sustainability of national general and master*** transport plans for the effective spending of funds;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Merja Kyllönen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Stresses the importance of national general transport plans for the effective spending of funds;

2. Stresses the importance of national general transport plans ***and their coordination at supranational and EU level*** for the effective spending of funds;

Or. fi

Amendment 15
Kosma Złotowski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses the importance of national *general* transport plans for the effective spending of funds;

Amendment

2. Stresses the importance of national transport plans for the effective spending of funds *and the establishment of a coherent vision of the development of individual modes of transport*;

Or. pl

Amendment 16
Matthijs van Miltenburg, Dominique Riquet, Pavel Telička

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses the importance of national general transport plans for the effective spending of funds;

Amendment

2. Stresses the importance of national general transport plans *as well as sustainable urban mobility plans* for the effective spending of funds;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses the importance of the European Structural and Investment Funds, which focus chiefly on boosting jobs and investment and will help the

Member States to eliminate certain transport infrastructure disparities at regional and national level, creating a European Union with smaller dissimilarities;

Or. ro

Amendment 18

Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Lucy Anderson, Hugues Bayet, Francisco Assis, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses that ESI funds should focus on sustainable transport infrastructures. Underlines that Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans play a significant role in implementing ESI funds and achieving objective 4 of the Common Strategic Framework (CSF), "Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors".

Or. en

Amendment 19

Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Hugues Bayet, José Blanco López, Lucy Anderson, Francisco Assis, Olga Sehnalová, Miltiadis Kyrkos

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Calls on the Commission to earmark appropriate funding for sustainable urban mobility under the European Regional and Development Fund.

Or. en

Amendment 20

Matthijs van Miltenburg, Dominique Riquet, Pavel Telička

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses the need to use European Structural and Investment Funds to complement the gaps that exist between completed infrastructure projects, particularly in cross-border regions;

Amendment

3. Stresses the need to use European Structural and Investment Funds to complement the gaps that exist between completed infrastructure projects, particularly in cross-border regions; ***recalls that ESI Funds can be used for investments in smart mobility and intelligent transport systems (ITS), and in particular sustainable public transport in cities and regions;***

Or. en

Amendment 21

Stelios Kouloglou, Tania González Peñas, Merja Kyllönen, Karima Delli

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses the need to use European Structural and Investment Funds to complement the gaps that exist between completed infrastructure projects, particularly in cross-border regions;

Amendment

3. Stresses the need to use European Structural and Investment Funds ***in synergy with the Connecting Europe Facility and the European Fund for Strategic Investments*** to complement the gaps that exist between completed infrastructure projects, particularly in cross-border regions;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Karima Delli, Davor Škrlec, Stelios Kouloglou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses the need to use European Structural and Investment Funds to complement the gaps that exist between completed infrastructure projects, particularly in cross-border regions;

Amendment

3. Stresses the need to use European Structural and Investment Funds to complement the gaps that exist between completed infrastructure projects, particularly in cross-border regions, ***including dismantled and abandoned cross-border regional rail connections (missing links)***;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Marie-Christine Arnautu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses the need to use European Structural and Investment Funds to complement the gaps that exist between completed infrastructure projects, particularly in cross-border regions;

Amendment

3. Stresses the need to use European Structural and Investment Funds, ***which are unable to reduce unemployment and poverty in the EU, but can*** complement the gaps that exist between completed infrastructure projects, particularly in cross-border regions;

Or. fr

Amendment 24
Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses the need to use European Structural and Investment Funds to complement the gaps that exist between

Amendment

3. Stresses the need to use European Structural and Investment Funds to complement the gaps that exist between

completed infrastructure projects,
particularly in cross-border regions;

completed infrastructure projects,
particularly in cross-border regions, *where
these gaps act as a brake on improving
economic and social cohesion*;

Or. hr

Amendment 25
Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses the need to use European Structural and Investment Funds to complement the gaps that exist between completed infrastructure projects, particularly in cross-border regions;

Amendment

3. Stresses the need to use European Structural and Investment Funds to complement the gaps that exist between completed infrastructure projects, particularly in cross-border regions *and in the outermost regions set out in Article 349 TFEU*;

Or. pt

Amendment 26
Marie-Christine Arnautu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses the need to use European Structural and Investment Funds to complement the gaps that exist between completed infrastructure projects, particularly in cross-border regions;

Amendment

3. Stresses the need to use European Structural and Investment Funds, *which are unable to boost economic growth, but can* complement the gaps that exist between completed infrastructure projects, particularly in cross-border regions;

Or. fr

Amendment 27
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses the need to use European Structural and Investment Funds to complement the gaps that exist between completed infrastructure projects, particularly in cross-border regions;

Amendment

3. Stresses the need to use European Structural and Investment Funds to complement the gaps **and remove the bottlenecks** that exist between completed infrastructure projects, particularly in cross-border regions;

Or. cs

Amendment 28
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses the need to use European Structural and Investment Funds to complement the gaps that exist **between completed infrastructure projects**, particularly in cross-border regions;

Amendment

3. Stresses the need to use European Structural and Investment Funds to **complete infrastructure projects and** complement the gaps that exist, particularly in cross-border regions;

Or. el

Amendment 29
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses the need to use European Structural and Investment Funds to complement the gaps that exist between completed infrastructure projects,

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(Does not affect the English version.)

particularly in cross-border regions;

Or. ro

Amendment 30
Kosma Zlotowski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. *Points out that there is a particular need to maximise the contribution of the structural funds when it comes to achieving the objectives of the EU Urban Agenda; emphasises that integrated territorial investment is important in order to build a comprehensive, energy-efficient and passenger-friendly public transport network;*

Or. pl

Amendment 31
Marie-Christine Arnautu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. *Regrets that the construction of 7 500 km of new railway lines has been decided without any serious utility study being conducted at a time when rail freight is collapsing everywhere in the Union;*

Or. fr

Amendment 32
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses that in order to complete the missing cross-border sections, transport master plans need to be coordinated between neighbouring Member States;

Or. cs

Amendment 33
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Stresses the need to fund projects for sustainable, accessible, safe and intermodal public transport and transport terminals;

Or. cs

Amendment 34
Merja Kyllönen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Notes the need to provide professional support to Member States during planning and implementation of the most capital-intensive infrastructure projects.

4. Notes the need to provide professional support to Member States during planning and implementation of the most capital-intensive infrastructure projects. ***observes that knowledge of the EU's funding instruments and of the associated application procedures in the Member States ought to be improved with the Commission's assistance in order that***

funding can be distributed on an equal footing and effectively;

Or. fi

Amendment 35
Kosma Złotowski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes the need to provide professional support to Member States during planning and implementation of the most capital-intensive infrastructure projects;

Amendment

4. Notes the need to provide professional support to Member States during planning and implementation of the most *essential and* capital-intensive infrastructure projects; *appreciates the impact of the Jaspers facility and reiterates that poor investment planning results in major delays in the completion of projects and in the inefficient use of funding;*

Or. pl

Amendment 36
Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes the need to provide *professional* support to Member States during planning and implementation of the most capital-intensive infrastructure projects;

Amendment

4. Notes the need to provide *technical* support *and practical assistance* to Member States, *regions and localities* during *applications for funding, in the* planning and implementation of the most *and least* capital-intensive infrastructure projects *in order to remedy the lack of expertise in Member States;*

Or. pt

Amendment 37
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes the need to provide professional support to Member States during planning and implementation of the most capital-intensive infrastructure projects;

Amendment

4. Notes the need to provide professional support to Member States during planning and implementation of the most capital-intensive infrastructure projects, *in order to guarantee optimum quality and costs*;

Or. ro

Amendment 38
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes the need to provide professional support to Member States during planning and implementation of the most capital-intensive infrastructure projects.

Amendment

4. Notes the need to provide professional, *technical and/or technological* support to Member States during planning and implementation of the most capital-intensive infrastructure projects.

Or. el

Amendment 39
Georgi Pirinski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes the need to provide

Amendment

4. Notes the need to provide *technical*

professional support to Member States during planning and implementation of the most capital-intensive infrastructure projects;

assistance to Member States during planning and implementation of the most capital-intensive infrastructure projects;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Matthijs van Miltenburg, Dominique Riquet, Pavel Telička

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Points out that the ESI Funds play an important role in facilitating the shift towards a low-carbon economy and combating climate change;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Davor Škrlec, Karima Delli

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Urges the Commission to publish annually lists of EU structural and investment co-funded transport infrastructure projects and corresponding amounts, as happens with the CEF co-funded transport projects;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Kosma Zlotowski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recalls that completion of the core TEN-T network is a European transport policy priority and that structural and investment funds are ***an important*** tool in the implementation of this project;

Amendment

5. Recalls that completion of the core TEN-T network is a European transport policy priority and that structural and investment funds are ***the main*** tool in the implementation of this project; ***emphasises the need to tap the potential of the European Structural and Investment Funds to connect the potential of the core and supplementary TEN-T networks with regional and local transport infrastructure;***

Or. pl

Amendment 43
Georgi Pirinski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recalls that completion of the core TEN-T network is a European transport policy priority and that structural and investment funds are an important tool in the implementation of this project;

Amendment

5. Recalls that completion of the core TEN-T network is a European transport policy priority and that structural and investment funds are an important tool in the implementation of this project; ***recognizes the importance of the Cohesion Fund for improvement of infrastructure and connectivity in Europe and insists that this fund be preserved in the new financial framework post 2020;***

Or. en

Amendment 44
Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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Draft opinion

5. Recalls that completion of the core TEN-T network is a European transport policy priority and that structural and investment funds are an important tool in the implementation of this project;

Amendment

5. Recalls that completion of the core TEN-T network is a European transport policy priority and that structural and investment funds are an important tool in the implementation of this project; ***Notes the importance of interconnecting projects between the secondary network and the core network;***

Or. pt

Amendment 45

Davor Škrlec, Karima Delli

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recalls that completion of the core TEN-T network is a European transport policy priority and that structural and investment funds are an important tool in the implementation of this project;

Amendment

5. Recalls that completion of the core TEN-T network is a European transport ***infrastructure*** policy priority and that structural and investment funds ***must correspond to the criteria of TEN-T and CEF as they*** are an important tool in the implementation of this project;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Stelios Kouloglou, Tania González Peñas, Merja Kyllönen, Karima Delli

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recalls that completion of the core TEN-T network is a European transport policy priority and that structural and investment funds are an important tool in the implementation of this ***project;***

Amendment

5. Recalls that completion of the core TEN-T network is a European transport policy priority and that structural and investment funds are an important tool in the implementation of this ***policy priority***

Amendment 47
Isabella De Monte

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recalls that completion of the core TEN-T network is a European transport policy priority and that structural and investment funds are an *important* tool in the implementation of this project;

Amendment

5. Recalls that completion of the core TEN-T network is a European transport policy priority and that structural and investment funds are an *essential* tool in the implementation of this project;

Or. it

Amendment 48
Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Francisco Assis, Olga Sehnalová, Hugues Bayet, José Blanco López, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Commission to take into account the main features of long-term investments in transport infrastructures. Underlines that investments in sustainable transport infrastructures require a substantial public intervention and might be less attractive for the private sector as they yield too low or uncertain return on investment.

Or. en

Amendment 49
Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Hugues Bayet, Lucy Anderson, Francisco Assis, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Recalls that the leverage effect of the EU financial instruments is very low, or non-existent in the transport sector. Therefore, stresses that grants are the most appropriate instruments for supporting transport infrastructures under ESI funds.

Or. en

Amendment 50
Georgi Pirinski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Recalls that funds allocated to financing the 'Connecting Europe' facility were depleted in order to recapitalise the European Fund for Strategic Investments; expresses hope that these funds will be used to finance infrastructure projects;

6. Recalls that funds allocated to financing the 'Connecting Europe' facility were depleted in order to recapitalise the European Fund for Strategic Investments; expresses hope that these funds will be used to finance infrastructure projects; ***strongly requests that the cuts in CEF to finance the EFSI programme are restored within the framework of the revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework;***

Or. en

Amendment 51
Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, José Blanco López, Lucy Anderson, Hugues Bayet, Francisco Assis, Isabella De Monte, Ismail Ertug, Miltiadis Kyrkos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Recalls that funds allocated to financing the 'Connecting Europe' facility were depleted in order to recapitalise the European Fund for Strategic Investments; ***expresses hope that these funds will be used to finance infrastructure projects;***

Amendment

6. Recalls that funds allocated to financing the 'Connecting Europe' facility were depleted in order to recapitalise the European Fund for Strategic Investments; ***recalls that transport remains a top priority of the European Fund for Strategic Investments. Draws the attention to the possibility of combining EFSI financial instruments with ESI funds on one project.***

Or. en

Amendment 52
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Recalls that funds allocated to financing the 'Connecting Europe' facility were depleted in order to recapitalise the European Fund for Strategic Investments; expresses hope that these funds will be used to finance infrastructure projects;

Amendment

6. Recalls that funds allocated to financing the 'Connecting Europe' facility were depleted in order to recapitalise the European Fund for Strategic Investments; expresses hope that these funds will be used to finance infrastructure projects, ***with the aim of improving connectivity;***

Or. ro

Amendment 53
Kosma Zlotowski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Recalls that funds allocated to financing the 'Connecting Europe' facility were depleted in order to recapitalise the

Amendment

6. Recalls that funds allocated to financing the 'Connecting Europe' facility were depleted in order to recapitalise the

European Fund for Strategic Investments;
expresses hope that these funds will be
used to finance infrastructure projects;

European Fund for Strategic Investments;
expresses hope that these funds will be
used to finance infrastructure projects, *with
a particular focus on rail infrastructure*;

Or. pl

Amendment 54

Davor Škrlec, Karima Delli, Stelios Kouloglou

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Recalls that funds allocated to financing the 'Connecting Europe' facility were depleted in order to recapitalise the European Fund for Strategic Investments; expresses hope that these funds will be used to finance infrastructure projects;

Amendment

6. Recalls that funds allocated to financing the 'Connecting Europe' facility were depleted in order to recapitalise the European Fund for Strategic Investments; expresses hope that these funds will be used to finance *sustainable transport* infrastructure projects;

Or. en

Amendment 55

Isabella De Monte

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Recalls that funds allocated to financing the 'Connecting Europe' facility were depleted in order to recapitalise the European Fund for Strategic Investments; expresses hope that these funds will be used to finance infrastructure projects;

Amendment

6. Recalls that funds allocated to financing the 'Connecting Europe' facility were *heavily* depleted in order to recapitalise the European Fund for Strategic Investments; expresses hope that these funds will be used to finance infrastructure projects;

Or. it

Amendment 56
Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Recalls that funds allocated to financing the 'Connecting Europe' facility were depleted in order to recapitalise the European Fund for Strategic Investments; ***expresses hope that*** these funds ***will*** be used to finance infrastructure projects;

Amendment

6. Recalls that funds allocated to financing the 'Connecting Europe' facility were depleted in order to recapitalise the European Fund for Strategic Investments; ***calls for*** these funds ***to*** be used to finance infrastructure projects;

Or. hr

Amendment 57
Kosma Zlotowski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Emphasises that the multimodality of transport should be a vital factor in the assessment of infrastructure projects financed by the European Structural and Investment Funds, but that it should not be the only criterion used to assess proposed projects, especially in the case of Member States with major investment needs in the area of transport infrastructure;

Or. pl

Amendment 58
Dubravka Šuica

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Stresses that funding under the cohesion policy is exceptionally important for the development of transport infrastructure in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe; calls for the necessary resources to be secured and for the level of financing to be maintained in the next multiannual financial framework;

Amendment

7. Stresses that funding under the cohesion policy is exceptionally important for the development of transport infrastructure in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe; calls for the necessary resources to be secured and for the level of financing to be maintained in the next multiannual financial framework, ***and also for support to be maintained for the interconnection and investment projects in the construction and modernisation of roads, railways and navigable waterways;***

Or. hr

Amendment 59
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Stresses that funding under the cohesion policy is exceptionally important for the development of transport infrastructure in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe; calls for the necessary resources to be secured and for the level of financing to be maintained in the next multiannual financial framework;

Amendment

7. Stresses that funding under the cohesion policy, ***job creation, sustainable development and the implementation of innovative technologies*** is exceptionally important for the development of transport infrastructure in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe; calls for the necessary resources to be secured and for the level of financing to be maintained in the next multiannual financial framework;

Or. el

Amendment 60
Georgi Pirinski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Stresses that funding under the cohesion policy is exceptionally important for the development of transport infrastructure in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe; calls for the necessary resources to be secured and for the level of financing to be maintained in the next multiannual financial framework;

Amendment

7. Stresses that funding under the cohesion policy is exceptionally important for the development of transport infrastructure, ***in particular in Europe's less developed regions*** in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe; calls for the necessary resources to be secured and for the level of financing to be maintained in the next multiannual financial framework;

Or. en

Amendment 61

Inés Ayala Sender, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Stresses that funding under the cohesion policy is exceptionally important for the development of transport infrastructure in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe; calls for the necessary resources to be secured and for the level of financing to be maintained in the next multiannual financial framework;

Amendment

7. Stresses that funding under the cohesion policy is exceptionally important for the development of transport infrastructure in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, ***as well as in other countries***; calls for the necessary resources to be secured and for the level of financing to be maintained in the next multiannual financial framework ***for the entire EU***;

Or. es

Amendment 62

Notis Marias

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Stresses that funding under the cohesion policy is exceptionally important

Amendment

7. Stresses that funding under the cohesion policy is exceptionally important

for the development of transport infrastructure in the countries of Central and **Eastern** Europe; calls for the necessary resources to be secured and for the level of financing to be maintained in the next multiannual financial framework;

for the development of transport infrastructure in the countries of Central, **Eastern** and **Southeastern** Europe; calls for the necessary resources to be secured and for the level of financing to be maintained in the next multiannual financial framework;

Or. el

Amendment 63
Marie-Christine Arnautu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. **Stresses** that funding under the cohesion policy **is exceptionally important** for the development of transport infrastructure in the countries of Central **and Eastern Europe**; **calls for the necessary resources to be secured and for the level of financing to be maintained in the next multiannual financial framework**;

Amendment

7. **Regrets** that funding under the cohesion policy, **which has become indispensable** for the development of transport infrastructure in the countries of central, eastern and **southern Europe**, **results in depriving these countries of their financial independence**;

Or. fr

Amendment 64
Matthijs van Miltenburg, Dominique Riquet, Pavel Telička

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Stresses that funding under the cohesion policy is exceptionally important for the development of transport infrastructure in **the countries of Central and Eastern** Europe; calls for the necessary resources to be secured and for the level of financing to be maintained in the next multiannual financial framework;

Amendment

7. Stresses that funding under the cohesion policy is exceptionally important for the development of transport infrastructure in Europe; calls for the necessary resources to be secured and for the level of financing to be maintained in the next multiannual financial framework;

Amendment 65

Stelios Kouloglou, Tania González Peñas, Merja Kyllönen, Karima Delli

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Stresses that funding under the cohesion policy is exceptionally important for the development of transport infrastructure in *the* countries *of Central and Eastern Europe*; calls for the necessary resources to be secured and for the level of financing to be maintained in the next multiannual financial framework;

Amendment

7. Stresses that funding under the cohesion policy is exceptionally important for the development of transport infrastructure in *all* countries; calls for the necessary resources to be secured and for the level of financing to be maintained in the next multiannual financial framework;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 – indent 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

- *Recalls the allocation within the Connecting Europe Facility for the Cohesion countries and the importance of technical support for these countries, and the arrangement whereby, if the amount is not fully used, it is reallocated to the same Cohesion countries;*

Or. pt

Amendment 67

Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 – indent 2 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

- ***Recalls that the European Structural and Investment Funds and the Connecting Europe Facility are central to the development of maritime region transport infrastructure, particularly in the outermost regions, in order to offset the lack of maritime links between the island regions and the Internal Market; Notes therefore the importance of ensuring resources for the development of the motorways of the sea and maritime infrastructure;***

Or. pt

Amendment 68
Kosma Złotowski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Reiterates the fact that road transport is still the most important mode of transport for people and goods in the EU, and that therefore the need for investment under the European Structural and Investment Funds is greatest in the area of road transport infrastructure;

Or. pl

Amendment 69
Kosma Złotowski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. *Calls for increased efforts to be made with regard to cutting down on wastage and spending European Structural and Investment funding more effectively when it comes to airport infrastructure;*

Or. pl

Amendment 70
Kosma Zlotowski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7c. *Notes that there are major disparities in the level of development and use of inland waterway transport in the Member States; emphasises the need for the European Structural and Investment Funds to be used to bridge this gap;*

Or. pl

Amendment 71
Merja Kyllönen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Notes that major administrative barriers to accessing European Structural and Investment Funds exist, particularly for SMEs;

8. Notes that major administrative barriers to accessing European Structural and Investment Funds exist, particularly for SMEs; ***stresses that the Structural and Investment Funds are of particularly great importance for the purpose of facilitating small and medium-sized local and regional infrastructure investments***

which are important for people's everyday lives;

Or. fi

Amendment 72

Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Hugues Bayet, Francisco Assis, José Blanco López, Miltiadis Kyrkos

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Notes that major administrative barriers to accessing European Structural and Investment Funds exist, particularly for SMEs;

Amendment

8. Notes that major administrative barriers to accessing European Structural and Investment Funds exist, particularly for SMEs; *Underlines that excluding ESI funds from the state aid rules will significantly facilitate the access to ESI funds for SMEs and local entrepreneurs which are facing major administrative barriers.*

Or. en

Amendment 73

Kosma Złotowski

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Notes that major administrative barriers to accessing European Structural and Investment Funds exist, *particularly for SMEs;*

Amendment

8. Notes that major administrative barriers to accessing European Structural and Investment Funds exist; *calls for more flexibility in the preparation of guidelines and in the assessment of completed infrastructure projects which have received funding from this source;*

Or. pl

Amendment 74
Dubravka Šuica

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Notes that major administrative barriers to accessing European Structural and Investment Funds exist, particularly for SMEs;

Amendment

8. Notes that major administrative barriers to accessing European Structural and Investment Funds exist, particularly for SMEs; ***Stresses that specific measures must be put in place to simplify the administrative formalities;***

Or. hr

Amendment 75
Stelios Kouloglou, Tania González Peñas, Merja Kyllönen, Karima Delli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Notes that major administrative barriers to accessing European Structural and Investment Funds exist, particularly for SMEs;

Amendment

8. Notes that major administrative barriers to accessing European Structural and Investment Funds exist, particularly for SMEs; ***calls for simple and effective implementation tools***

Or. en

Amendment 76
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Notes that major administrative barriers to accessing European Structural and Investment Funds exist, particularly for SMEs;

Amendment

8. Notes that major administrative ***and bureaucratic*** barriers to accessing European Structural and Investment Funds exist, particularly for SMEs;

Amendment 77
Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 – indent 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

- *Stresses the need for support for the digitisation of the transport system; and in this context underlines the importance of ensuring funds for SMEs;*

Or. pt

Amendment 78
Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Hugues Bayet, Francisco Assis, José Blanco López, Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

- 8a. Underlines that the thematic concentration establishing ESI funds' investments priorities might limit the capacity of local authorities to invest in transport infrastructures, especially in the more developed regions where at least 80 % of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) resources at national level shall be allocated to two or more of the thematic objectives 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Common Strategic Framework. Therefore calls on the Commission to allow more flexibilities for regions to decide on which priorities they want to focus. Stresses that objective 7 of the CSC, "Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures", should be taken into account as key action of the ERDF.*

Or. en

Amendment 79

Inés Ayala Sender, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Takes the view that countries with economic problems find it very hard to cofinance European projects owing to the strict manner in which the Stability and Growth Pact is applied when calculating the government deficit; urges the Commission to be more flexible in assessing national investment for the cofinancing of European TEN-T transport project commitments when it comes to calculating the government deficit;

Or. es

Amendment 80

Maria Grapini

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Notes the need to improve access conditions in strategic areas such as transport by simplifying the procedures;

Or. ro

Amendment 81

Maria Grapini

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. *Calls for better information and cooperation with the Member States with a view to strengthening the administrative capacity of the European Structural and Investment Funds so as to ensure that the local and national authorities managing these funds are as efficient as possible;*

Or. ro

Amendment 82
Marie-Christine Arnautu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. *Calls for the broader inclusion of local and regional authorities in the processes of designing national general transport plans and allocating resources for infrastructure projects.*

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 83
Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. *Calls for the broader inclusion of local and regional authorities in the processes of designing national general transport plans and allocating resources for infrastructure projects.*

9. *Calls for the broader inclusion of local and regional authorities in the processes of designing national general transport plans and allocating resources for infrastructure projects, **particularly in cross-border regions.***

Or. hr

Amendment 84

Stelios Kouloglou, Tania González Peñas, Merja Kyllönen, Karima Delli

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls for the broader inclusion of local and regional authorities in the processes of designing national general transport plans and allocating resources for infrastructure projects.

Amendment

9. Calls for the broader inclusion of local and regional authorities **and active participation of transport unions** in the processes of designing national general transport plans and allocating resources for infrastructure projects.

Or. en

Amendment 85

Davor Škrlec, Karima Delli

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls for the broader inclusion of local and regional authorities in the processes of designing national general transport plans and allocating resources for infrastructure projects.

Amendment

9. Calls for the broader inclusion of local and regional authorities in the processes of designing national general **and master** transport plans and allocating resources for infrastructure projects.

Or. en

Amendment 86

Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Hugues Bayet

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Calls for neutralisation in the calculation of debt and deficit in public investment carried out by Member States' public operators under the ESI funds,

particularly with regard to the impact of the new ESA 2010 system of accounts, which prevents Member States from excluding their co-financing share to the ESI Funds in the calculation of their budgetary deficit and thus using these funds to escape from the economic crisis and re-launch growth and employment;

Or. en

Amendment 87

Inés Ayala Sender, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Member States to improve coordination between their national transport plans and the TEN-T targets and deadlines; urges the Commission to bring in a specific mechanism to step up the coordination between EU planning and the national plans; suggests the inclusion in the European Semester of a chapter to monitor coherence between national investment in transport infrastructure and the TEN-T objectives;

Or. es

Amendment 88

Maria Grapini

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Calls for cross-border transport plans to be improved through the involvement of the national authorities.

Or. ro

Amendment 89
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9b. *Takes the view that indicators should be found that will guarantee the fair distribution of European funds while also taking account of specific territorial needs.*

Or. ro

Amendment 90
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9c. *Points out that more efficient transport development can be achieved only through European territorial cooperation and the smart distribution of funds.*

Or. ro