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Reform of the common organisation of the market in wine
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Amendment by Gerardo Galeote

Amendment 1

Paragraph 1

1. Notes that in many areas wine production *is playing a vital role as a driving force in rural development and saving vast areas from desertification, as well as forming part of the cultural heritage and the EU landscape and being imbued with local traditions*; believes that the EU needs to seriously take into account, when adjusting the regulation governing the wine sector, the increasing depopulation, which *is posing the threat of socio-economic and environmental repercussions to* many European regions.

Or. es

Amendment by Jean Marie Beaupuy

Amendment 2

Paragraph 1

1. Notes that in many areas *vineyards, in addition to their direct economic value, are important in terms of culture, tourism and the environment*; believes that the EU needs, *among other things*, to seriously take into account, when adjusting the regulation governing the wine sector, the increasing de-population which challenges livelihoods in many European regions;

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Amendment by Antonio De Blasio

Amendment 3

Paragraph 1

1. Notes that in many areas wine-production preserves the cultural heritage and the landscape and is imbued with local traditions; believes that the EU needs to seriously take into account, when adjusting the regulation governing the wine sector, the increasing de-population which challenges livelihoods in many European regions; ***therefore recommends the restructuring programme in place of a grubbing-up regime;***

Or. hu

Amendment by Gerardo Galeote

Amendment 4

Paragraph 2

2. Points out that the difficulties facing the wine sector, ***caused primarily by the*** increasing wine imports from third countries, ***need to be tackled by laying down a set of basic priorities not taken into account in the Commission communication, including for example encouraging moderate and responsible consumption, reallocating budget resources with a view to reaching new consumers and winning new markets, and promoting quality and boosting research.***

Or. es

Amendment by Antonio De Blasio

Amendment 5

Paragraph 2

2. Points out that the difficulties facing the wine sector, such as overproduction, significantly falling EU wine consumption (especially of table wines), increasing wine imports from third countries, increasing wine stocks which exceed one year's production and have little prospect of being disposed, exert a downward pressure on prices and producers' incomes; ***therefore stresses that production must be reduced in regions which produce a surplus;***

Or. hu

Amendment by Gerardo Galeote

Amendment 6

Paragraph 3

3. Notes that these increasing challenges and *handicaps affecting* the wine sector necessitate ***changes to the rules*** so as to make ***the sector more*** sustainable and competitive, while keeping specific common market organisation mechanisms for it; ***believes that the EU's wine sector needs a clear-cut declaration of political intent by the EU to enhance the place of wines and the wine sector in our society by framing a genuine European wine policy based on the common market organisation.***

Or. es

Amendment by Jean Marie Beaupuy

Amendment 7

Paragraph 3

3. Notes that these increasing challenges (***deletion***) in the balance between supply and demand in the wine sector necessitate improvement of the regulations governing the sector so as to make it sustainable and competitive, while keeping specific common market organisation mechanisms for it; ***regrets the absence of proposals for the establishment of a genuine promotion, communication and marketing policy for the wine sector which would make it possible to gain or even recapture new markets and new consumers;***

Or. fr

Amendment by Jean Marie Beaupuy

Amendment 8

Paragraph 5

5. Stresses the need to maintain the Community budget and not transfer funds from the first pillar to the second pillar of the CAP, which concerns rural development, ***since this might result in the dilution of resources at the expense of the wine sector; demands that the measures eligible for funding should be clearly specified, so as to guarantee that the funds are in fact used for the wine sector;***

Or. fr

Amendment by Gerardo Galeote

Amendment 9

Paragraph 6

6. Considers that a grubbing-up regime discussed by the Commission in its communication of 22 June 2006 would severely damage the economic and social situation in European regions, *encouraging a shift in production towards non-Community countries*, and is not in line with the objective of economic and social cohesion stated in the Treaty establishing the European Community; points out that the Community has given itself the task of pursuing 'actions leading to the strengthening of social and economic cohesion' (Article 158(1) of the EC Treaty), with special emphasis on 'reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions or islands, including rural areas' (Article 158(2) of the EC Treaty).

Or. es

Amendment by Jean Marie Beaupuy

Amendment 10

Paragraph 6

6. Considers that a grubbing-up regime discussed by the Commission in its Communication of 22 June 2006 would severely damage the economic and social situation in European regions and is not in line with the objective of economic and social cohesion stated in the Treaty establishing the European Community; *proposes the introduction of quality criteria to accompany grubbing-up plans drawn up by the competent regional or national authorities, in consultation with the inter-branch association*; points out that the Community has given itself the task of pursuing "actions leading to the strengthening of social and economic cohesion" (Article 158(1) of the EC Treaty), with special emphasis on "reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions or islands, including rural areas" (Article 158(2) of the EC Treaty);

Or. fr

Amendment by Jean Marie Beaupuy

Amendment 11

Paragraph 7

7. Calls on the Commission to propose measures to modernise European wine production techniques, marketing methods and labelling and improve consumer demand; *considers – given the Commission's support for the liberalisation of wine-making practices to take*

account of the European Union's international obligations – that banning Community producers from using sugar enrichment would run counter to the aim of achieving competitiveness for the European wine sector and would create a form of reverse discrimination which European wine-growers would find impossible to understand;

Or. fr

Amendment by Gerardo Galeote

Amendment 12
Paragraph 7 a (new)

7a. Believes that the competitiveness of the wine sector could be improved by systematic information and promotion campaigns aimed at winning back market shares in the Community and capturing other markets in developing countries; takes the view, therefore, that a specific promotion fund should be set up under the common market organisation and managed by professional and inter-trade bodies and organisations.

Or. es

Amendment by Jean Marie Beaupuy

Amendment 13
Paragraph 7 a (new)

7a. Calls for the development of a proactive wine-promotion policy, not only to highlight the quality, diversity and traditional and cultural assets of European wines, but also to promote the health benefits of moderate wine consumption; this would enable the CMO to support the cultural and commercial exploitation of vineyards by means of measures to boost wine tourism;

Or. fr

Amendment by Gerardo Galeote

Amendment 14
Paragraph 8

deleted

Or. es

Amendment by Jean Marie Beaupuy

Amendment 15

Paragraph 8

8. Strongly believes that special aid should be made available to areas and regions straining under certain handicaps affecting their production capabilities; ***considers it necessary to draw attention to the effects of wine-growing on the environment, particularly the effects of traditional wine-growing in sensitive areas, such as those with natural handicaps or on small islands;***

Or. fr

Amendment by Gerardo Galeote

Amendment 16

Paragraph 8 a (new)

- 8a. Believes that where regions consider it necessary to implement plans to cut production, wine-growers should be granted aid per hectare subject to compliance with given quantitative and qualitative objectives, the minimum criteria for which should be laid down at Community level.***

Or. es

Amendment by Gerardo Galeote

Amendment 17

Paragraph 8 b (new)

- 8b. Considers that crisis distillation arrangements, with the necessary changes, should remain in place, as should a second differentiated scheme providing for market-oriented distillation to guarantee a continuing supply of vinous alcohol to the spirit drink industry; points out that potable alcohol distillation plays a useful role in maintaining the fabric of production in certain regions of the Union.***

Or. es

Amendment by Gerardo Galeote

Amendment 18

Paragraph 9 a (new)

- 9a. Takes the view that, before deciding whether or not to liberalise planting rights, it will***

be necessary, after an initial transitional period, to assess the impact of the reform, first and foremost the voluntary grubbing-up measures and hence the market saturation risks that liberalisation might entail; maintains, as regards the areas covered by protected geographical indications, that the final decision must rest in any event with the regional authorities or the appropriate regulators.

Or. es

Amendment by Gerardo Galeote

Amendment 19
Paragraph 9 b (new)

9b. *Maintains that, when allocating planting rights, Member States and their regions should give priority to young farmers, quality wines, and enterprises committed to improving the quality and marketing of their wines.*

Or. es

Amendment by Jean Marie Beaupuy

Amendment 20

Paragraph 10

10. Asks the Commission to take into account in its proposal for a reform of the common market organisation the fact that the wine sector is part of the rural development strategy since it contributes to the sustainable development of the regions and most of the jobs generated by the wine sector are carried out in rural areas; ***calls, therefore, for the rural development actions funded by the CMO for the wine sector to be clearly listed, so as to prevent these funds being used for other purposes;***

Or. fr