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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**  
**Birgit Schnieber-Jastram**  
(PE485.892v01-00)

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council  
on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural  
Development (EAFRD)

Proposal for a regulation  
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**Amendment 10**  
**Franziska Keller**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(2 a) The reform should ensure that, in accordance with Article 208 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), objectives of development cooperation, including those approved in the context of the United Nations and other international organisations, are taken into account by the CAP. Measures taken under this regulation should neither undermine the right of people and sovereign states to democratically determine their own agricultural and food policies nor jeopardize the food production capacity and long-term food security of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (LDCs), and such measures should contribute to achieving the Union's commitments on mitigating climate change. In promoting sustainable agriculture, the EU should build on the conclusions of the International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD), thereby giving increased importance to the multifunctionality of agriculture, while accounting for the complexity of agricultural systems within diverse social and ecological contexts.*

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Franziska Keller**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 35 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(35 a) Agricultural knowledge, science and technology should contribute to the multifunctionality of agriculture, sustain the diversity of agriculture and food systems, maintain biodiversity, sustain natural resources, improve rural livelihoods, including increasing small-scale farm diversification, and minimize the adverse impacts of agricultural activity on people and the environment;***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Organic farming, agro-environmental measures and more broadly, sustainable farming practices have traditionally been promoted within the second pillar of the CAP dedicated to rural development. Under this CAP reform proposal, a strong focus is put on innovation within the scope of the second pillar. As agricultural knowledge, science and technology has so far benefited mainly to large farmers with the aim to increase productivity of the sector, but with unintended social and environmental consequences, it is worth specifying that agricultural knowledge, science and technology should be directed primarily at the attainment of sustainability objectives which have been served least so far.*

**Amendment 12**

**Franziska Keller, Catherine Grèze**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 38**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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***Further exploration of synergies through cooperation with local development actors in developing countries should be encouraged, with full respect for the recognition of traditional knowledge as embodied in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People and the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, with the aim to promote sustainable farming practices, compatible with the protection and improvement of the environment, soil and genetic diversity.***

Or. en

#### *Justification*

*Traditional and local knowledge and community-based innovation constitute an extensive realm of accumulated practical knowledge and knowledge-generating capacity that is needed if sustainability and development goals are to be reached. Exploration of synergies through cooperation with local development actors shall accordingly be in line with the principles embodied under the UN Convention on Biodiversity and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People regarding the protection of traditional knowledge and practices of indigenous and local communities.*

### **Amendment 13**

**Franziska Keller, Catherine Grèce**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 52**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(52) Implementation of innovative projects in the context of the EIP for agricultural productivity and sustainability should be undertaken by operational groups bringing together farmers, researchers, advisors, businesses and other actors concerned by innovation in the agricultural sector. In order to ensure that results of such projects profit to the sector as a whole, their results

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(52) Implementation of innovative projects in the context of the EIP for agricultural productivity and sustainability should ***ensure effective interdisciplinarity and*** be undertaken by operational groups bringing together farmers, researchers, advisors, businesses and other actors concerned by innovation in the agricultural sector ***with the aim to promote advanced sustainable***

should be disseminated.

*farming systems, thereby minimizing the adverse environmental impact of agricultural activity, while increasing small-scale farm diversification. Cooperation with innovation networks in developing countries, which pursue similar objectives, should be encouraged, with full respect for the principles related to the protection of traditional knowledge as embodied in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People and the UN Convention on Biological Diversity.* In order to ensure that results of such projects profit to the sector as a whole, their results should be disseminated.

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Birgit Schnieber-Jastram**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 52**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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*Amendment*

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**Amendment 15**  
**Franziska Keller**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 5 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

All of the priorities shall contribute to the cross-cutting objectives of innovation, environment and climate change mitigation and adaptation.

*Amendment*

All of the priorities shall contribute to the cross-cutting objectives of innovation, environment and climate change mitigation and adaptation ***in line with the conclusions of the International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD), and, where appropriate, reflect EU development objectives, thereby encouraging rural actors to plan and carry out local development strategies, promoting community ownership, community capacity building and innovation.***

**Amendment 16**  
**Franziska Keller**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 6 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 a. The reform shall ensure that, in accordance with Article 208 TFEU, objectives of development cooperation, including those approved in the context of the United Nations and other international organisations, are taken into account by the CAP. Measures taken***

*under this regulation shall neither undermine the right of people and sovereign states to democratically determine their own agricultural and food policies nor jeopardize the food production capacity and long-term food security of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (LDCs). Such measures shall furthermore contribute to achieving the Union's commitments on mitigating climate change. In promoting sustainable agriculture, the Union should build on the conclusions of the International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD).*

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Franziska Keller**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 29 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*2 a. It shall be obligatory for rural development programmes to offer measures to support crop rotation, the inclusion of protein crops in the rotation, and the improvement of perennial cultivations.*

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Birgit Schnieber-Jastram**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 36 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)**



*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(c a) innovation and co-operation through twinning between networks in the Union and in third countries;***

Or. en

**Amendment 19**

**Franziska Keller**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 36 – paragraph 7**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

7. Co-operation among actors located in different regions or Member States shall also be eligible for support.

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Or. en

**Amendment 20**

**Franziska Keller**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 44 – paragraph 1 – point a – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(a) inter-territorial or transnational co-operation projects;

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Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Birgit Schnieber-Jastram**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 44 – paragraph 2 – point b a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(b a) a transnational twinning partnership between Natura 2000 areas and similar agricultural ecological management areas in third countries;***

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Franziska Keller**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 61 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(d a) facilitate the exchange of research, knowledge and technology relevant for agricultural productivity and sustainability between the Union and developing countries with the specific goal of promoting advanced sustainable farming systems, thereby paying particular attention to the needs of smallholder farmers;***

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Franziska Keller**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 61 – paragraph 2 – point c a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(c a) cooperating with relevant networks and institutions in developing countries, with the specific goal of exchanging good agronomic and agro-environmental practices.***

Or. en