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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 27**

**Draft opinion**  
**Martin Kastler**  
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SOLVIT  
(2013/2154(INI))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Claudette Abela Baldacchino**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to continue to improve the effective work of the SOLVIT network on the informal, swift resolution of cross-border disputes related to the internal market using procedures which are as accessible as possible for *members of the public*;

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to continue to improve the effective work of the SOLVIT network on the informal, swift resolution of cross-border disputes related to the internal market using procedures which are as accessible as possible for *the citizens*;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Claudette Abela Baldacchino**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Highlights in particular the importance of SOLVIT for mobile workers with regard to questions of equal treatment and the solving of cross-border problems;*

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Claudette Abela Baldacchino**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1b. Calls on Member States and the*

*Commission to ensure equal access to SOLVIT centres and online portals for all, and persons with a disability and elderly in particular, and to develop all options of establishing contact between users and SOLVIT centres in this context;*

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Emer Costello**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Encourages the efforts made towards the clarification and broadening of the competencies to include all ‘structural cases’ which are at variance with EU *law and the principles of the* internal market;

*Amendment*

2. Encourages the efforts made towards the clarification and broadening of the competencies to include all ‘structural cases’ which are at variance with EU internal market *law*;

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Antigoni Papadopoulou**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2a. Highlights the role of transnational dispute settlement networks in enforcing, managing and ensuring the daily implementation of European legislation by national authorities;*

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Antigoni Papadopoulou**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2b. Underlines that informal conflict resolution has become an important tool for addressing misapplications following transpositions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Antigoni Papadopoulou**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2c. Believes that a pan European coordination is essential in supporting transnational dispute settlement networks, to improve further compliance of domestic authorities and the well-functioning of the single market;***

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Philippe Boulland**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

3. Calls for a special focus on all cross-border labour law issues, paying particular attention to pensions;

3. Calls for a special focus on all cross-border labour law ***and social rights (unemployment benefits, recognition of diplomas, etc.)*** issues, paying particular

attention to pensions;

Or. fr

**Amendment 9**  
**Danuta Jazłowiecka**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Calls for a special focus on all cross-border labour law issues, paying particular attention to pensions;

*Amendment*

3. Calls for a special focus on all cross-border labour law issues, paying particular attention *e.g.* to pensions ***and posting of workers***;

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Claudette Abela Baldacchino**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Calls for a special focus on all cross-border labour law issues, paying particular attention to pensions;

*Amendment*

3. Calls for a special focus on all cross-border labour law issues, paying particular attention to ***questions related to*** pensions;

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Antigoni Papadopoulou**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Calls for Member States fruitful***

*cooperation on providing information on national rules and procedures regarding EU rights; recommends that this information is practical, jargon free, up-to-date and available in relevant languages;*

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Antigoni Papadopoulou**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3b. Encourages the establishment of a link between the national portals with Your Europe;*

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Antigoni Papadopoulou**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3c. Proposes that SOLVIT centres performance should be continuously improved, especially as regards social security cases; encourages Member States to strengthen synergies between SOLVIT and the respective administration for the better co-ordination of Social Security Systems;*

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Danuta Jazłowiecka**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Welcomes all measures to improve quality control, to establish uniform minimum requirements for the SOLVIT centres, and to improve links with other EU advisory networks;

*Amendment*

4. Welcomes all measures to improve quality control, to establish uniform minimum requirements for the SOLVIT centres, and to improve **visible** links with other EU advisory networks;

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Claudette Abela Baldacchino**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. Calls on Member States to ensure adequate resources for the SOLVIT centres;**

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Claudette Abela Baldacchino**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

5. Calls for **a** stepping-up **of** SOLVIT public relations **work that is in touch with the people** in order to significantly raise awareness of **the SOLVIT centres by 2020 at the latest;**

5. Calls for stepping-up SOLVIT public relations **and linking SOLVIT with other related actors and platforms** in order to significantly raise awareness of SOLVIT **by the year 2020 and create multiplier effects;**



**Amendment 17**  
**Danuta Jazłowiecka**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Calls for a stepping-up of SOLVIT public relations work that is in touch with the people in order to significantly raise awareness of the SOLVIT centres by 2020 at the latest;

*Amendment*

5. Calls for a stepping-up of SOLVIT public relations work that is in touch with the people in order to significantly raise awareness of the SOLVIT centres by 2020 at the latest; ***welcomes the Commission's commitment to provide assistance to such activities;***

**Amendment 18**  
**Danuta Jazłowiecka**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Welcomes the Commission's recommendation regarding the need for providing information about alternative problem-solving networks or source of information, including other possible ways of redress, on both national and Union level, in cases ineligible for SOLVIT;***

**Amendment 19**  
**Danuta Jazłowiecka**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5b. Underlines the importance of spreading the knowledge about the SOLVIT cases database;***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Antigoni Papadopoulou**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Suggests that Member States should work closely with the Commission to improve the SOLVIT system by securing a coherent approach throughout the European Union and improving its visibility especially for those people and countries facing a deep financial crisis, high records of unemployment, poverty and social exclusion; underlines that valid and accessible information could lead to decent work and decent life;***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Claudette Abela Baldacchino**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Calls on Member States to increase the awareness of public authorities about SOLVIT in order to better inform citizens***

***and enterprises how to assert their rights in the internal market;***

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Claudette Abela Baldacchino**

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

*Draft opinion*

6. Proposes that the ***network of SOLVIT centres be gradually developed in order, in particular, to give the*** European regions the opportunity to establish regional ***and recognised*** centres ('SolvitRegio') ***covering their own administrative competencies as this can help to*** raise awareness of the services offered ***and bring these closer to citizens;***

*Amendment*

6. Proposes, ***while being aware*** that the ***actual resolution of disputes needs to take place at the level of national administrations, to gradually develop the network of SOLVIT centres by giving*** European regions the opportunity to establish regional ***SOLVIT*** centres ('SolvitRegio'), ***which can help to bring SOLVIT closer to citizens and*** raise awareness of the services offered;

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Claudette Abela Baldacchino**

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

*Draft opinion*

7. Particularly welcomes the protection of personal data demonstrated by ***the*** SOLVIT centres and calls for this protection to be ***continually*** increased ***in line with*** demands;

*Amendment*

7. Particularly welcomes the protection of personal data demonstrated by SOLVIT centres and calls for this protection to be ***continuously monitored and, whenever necessary, increased to meet the data protection demands of the users;***

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Antigoni Papadopoulou**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Recalls that, in times of social, economic and job crisis, SOLVIT services, free of charge and citizen-friendly, are necessary for the benefit of people living and working throughout the European Union;***

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Philippe Boulland**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Takes the view that the home pages of all of the European institutions' websites should include a link to the SOLVIT site;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 26**  
**Philippe Boulland**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7b. Calls on the Commission to set up an EU-wide SOLVIT awareness-raising campaign alongside the European Year of Citizens and the 2014 European election campaign;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 27**  
**Philippe Boulland**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7c. Calls for the SOLVIT site to be made more user-friendly for the visually impaired.***

Or. fr