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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 62**

**Draft opinion**  
**Jorgo Chatzimarkakis**  
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on Europe, the world's No 1 tourist destination – a new political framework for  
tourism in Europe  
(2010/2206(INI))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Gaston Franco**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Notes that the competitiveness of European tourism industry will only be guaranteed by using best technologies available, ***therefore*** skills, experiences and best practices in tourism sector ***should be shared***; underlines the importance of mutual recognition of diplomas and qualifications in tourism sector across Europe;

*Amendment*

1. Notes that the competitiveness of *the* European tourism industry will only be guaranteed by using *the* best technologies available; ***considers that these technologies will be developed through broadband internet, which should be deployed in all areas and used to benefit all tourism structures of whatever size; considers that other new technologies will permit the sustainable management of buildings and resources with the aim of participating in the development of environmentally-friendly tourism that fosters local activities; calls on Member States and local authorities to share*** skills, experiences and best practices in *the* tourism sector; underlines the importance of mutual recognition of diplomas and qualifications in *the* tourism sector across Europe;

Or. fr

**Amendment 2**  
**Teresa Riera Madurell**

**Draft opinion**  
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be shared; ***recalls that a quality tourism market specialising in new demand sectors needs a highly skilled labour force trained in attending to new requirements;*** underlines the importance of mutual recognition of diplomas and qualifications in *the tourist sector across Europe and of current training plans being better matched to sector demand*; urges the Commission to encourage involvement by the tourism sector in the Leonardo programme;

Or. es

**Amendment 3**  
**Francesco De Angelis**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Notes that the competitiveness of European tourism industry will only be guaranteed by ***using best technologies available, therefore skills, experiences and best practices in tourism sector should be shared;*** underlines the ***importance of mutual recognition of diplomas and qualifications*** in tourism sector ***across Europe;***

*Amendment*

1. Notes that the competitiveness of *the European tourism industry* will only be guaranteed by ***improving vocational skills in order to facilitate the adaptation to new technologies;*** underlines the ***need to promote and supplement EU programmes in order to encourage vocational training*** in the tourism sector;

Or. it

**Amendment 4**  
**Daniël van der Stoep**

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

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European tourism industry will only be guaranteed by using *the* best technologies available *and that* therefore skills, experiences and best practices *in the* tourism sector should be shared; underlines the importance of mutual recognition of diplomas and qualifications *in the* tourism sector across Europe, *but reserves the right for Member States at any time to interpret foreign diplomas and qualifications in accordance with domestic criteria and consequently to recognise them or refuse to do so;*

Or. nl

**Amendment 5**  
**Lambert van Nistelrooij**

**Draft opinion**  
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1. Notes that the competitiveness of European tourism industry will only be guaranteed by using best technologies available, therefore skills, experiences and best practices in tourism sector should be shared; *therefore encourages a "smart specialisation approach" where regions focus on their relative strengths where they can become excellent*; underlines the importance of mutual recognition of diplomas and qualifications in tourism sector across Europe;

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Pilar del Castillo Vera**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Stresses that digital services can contribute to Europe making full use of the single market through opportunities for the European tourism sector; calls for an effective policy on a digital single market that makes online services in Europe more competitive, accessible, transnational and transparent, giving consumers the highest possible level of protection; calls on the EU institutions to remove the key regulatory and administrative obstacles to cross-border online transactions before 2013; calls on the Commission to further its ongoing assessment of the Community acquis affecting the digital single market and to propose targeted legislative action on key impediments;*

Or. es

**Amendment 7**

**Gaston Franco**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Proposes the creation of a European and Mediterranean tourism observatory that will measure the performance of European tourism, focusing in particular on exchanges of best practice in relation to new forms of civic tourism that respect our environment, local values, local cultures and communities; stresses the need to promote structures such as bed and breakfast, farm tourism, eco-lodges, home exchange, coach surfing, cultural tourism, etc;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 8**  
**Ilda Figueiredo**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Urges the Member States to promote regional planning which will help to prevent the emergence of speculative tourism undertakings which have a highly detrimental effect on the conservation of nature and of the cultural and historical heritage and which neither form part of nor involve local communities;*

Or. pt

**Amendment 9**  
**Gaston Franco**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1b. Calls for a substantial 'tourism' chapter to be incorporated in the future 'competitiveness and innovation' programme that will make it possible to promote: new energy-saving and environmentally-friendly technologies and IT services, experimenting with new sustainable tourism approaches in specific geographical areas with the aim of balancing coastal tourism, creating tourism 'clusters', funding experiments with a view to new destination areas, in particular cross-border areas, whilst providing support to the local authorities concerned;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 10**  
**Pilar del Castillo Vera**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Ib. Welcomes the Commission's proposal for a joint 'ICT Tourism' platform to facilitate the adaptation of the tourism sector and its enterprises to the development of the new information and communication technologies market;*

Or. es

**Amendment 11**  
**Pilar del Castillo Vera**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Ic. Highlights the fact that, for there to be greater confidence in the digital environment and for the European tourism sector to be able to benefit from all the opportunities this offers, all Europeans must be informed of their basic digital rights and obligations through a European Charter on citizens' and users' rights in the digital environment, which duly consolidates and updates the Community acquis; believes that this Charter should consolidate the Community acquis and include, in particular, users' rights in regard to privacy protection, vulnerable users and digital content;*

Or. es

**Amendment 12**  
**Gaston Franco**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Ic. Stresses the need to preserve and upgrade tourism-related jobs; recommends that particular attention be paid to training for people working in the sector in languages, use of the internet and use of electronic information-processing systems; encourages the creation of specialised masters programmes in tourism such as that offered by the Euro-Mediterranean University EMUNI, as well as training programmes linked to business needs;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 13**  
**Teresa Riera Madurell**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

2. Believes that better coordination of R&D in the field of tourism will result in benefits for the sustainability of the tourism sector;

2. Believes that better coordination of R&D in the field of tourism will result in benefits for the sustainability of the tourism sector; *urges, therefore, the Commission to create a Virtual Tourism Monitoring Centre that does not just link up research institutions, but also enterprises and public authorities, with the aim of driving forward market research through use of competitive intelligence systems, providing enterprises and public bodies with forward-looking information on the development of supply*

*and demand, and creating the conditions for improved strategic positioning of enterprises and the public sector;*

Or. es

**Amendment 14**  
**Gaston Franco**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Believes that better coordination of R&D in the field of tourism will result in benefits for the sustainability of the tourism sector;

*Amendment*

2. Believes that better coordination of R&D in the field of tourism will result in benefits for the sustainability of the tourism sector; *notes that e-commerce has become the main means of researching and choosing tourist destinations; regrets the domination of large foreign purchasing centres and the fact that Europe is lagging behind in this field; suggests studying the introduction of a European tourism metasearch engine and continuing with research in the field of secure electronic payments;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 15**  
**Zigmantas Balčytis**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Believes that better coordination of R&D in the field of tourism will result in benefits for the sustainability of the tourism sector;

*Amendment*

2. Believes that better coordination of R&D in the field of tourism will result in benefits for the sustainability of the tourism sector; *supports the creation of information and communication technology (ICT) platforms in the field of*

*tourism to facilitate adjustment by businesses in the tourism industry to the development of ICTs, to enable tourism businesses – particularly SMEs – to speed up the deployment of information society tools and services and to contribute to the industry's competitiveness;*

Or. lt

**Amendment 16**  
**Ilda Figueiredo**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Believes that better coordination of R&D in the field of tourism will result in benefits for the sustainability of the tourism sector;

*Amendment*

2. Believes that better coordination of R&D in the field of tourism will result in benefits for the sustainability of the tourism sector; *stresses that tourism should be seen as a factor of economic, social and environmental development that can contribute to territorial cohesion;*

Or. pt

**Amendment 17**  
**Antonio Cancian**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Believes that better *coordination of R&D* in the field of tourism will result in benefits for the sustainability of the tourism sector;

*Amendment*

2. Believes that better *use of innovative products and services* in the field of tourism will result in benefits for the sustainability of the tourism sector, *particularly with reference to the relationship between ICT and tourism;*

Or. it

**Amendment 18**  
**Teresa Riera Madurell**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2a. The tourism sector is extremely dependent on the climate, which determines the length and quality of tourism seasons, while simultaneously contributing to climate change through greenhouse gas emissions produced in the main by transport and tourist accommodation; points out that the sector can play an important role in achieving the Union's objectives through an energy policy focused on buildings; calls on the Member States and the Commission to encourage the tourist sector to adopt strategies on energy efficiency and the introduction of renewables;*

Or. es

**Amendment 19**  
**Ilda Figueiredo**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2a. Stresses that sustainably developed tourism-related activities must offer local economies (especially in disadvantaged regions) a long-term source of revenue, must help to promote stable employment with entitlements and must support other economic activities (both upstream and downstream), yet at the same time it must safeguard and enhance the cultural, historical, landscape and environmental*

*heritage;*

Or. pt

**Amendment 20**

**Reinhard Bütkofer on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Emphasises that more sustainability means more quality and increased customer satisfaction. Thus welcomes Commission initiatives for the development of sustainable management indicators, a charter for sustainable and responsible tourism, and a strategy for sustainable coastal and marine tourism;***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**

**Ilda Figueiredo**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2b. Takes the view that the tourism sector should contribute to the development of the related regional industry, generating economic development and employment at regional level, and stresses the need for a horizontal approach to the sector in terms of Community policies and funds, for example via the creation of a specific Community programme, complementing the Member States' actions, to promote the sector and encourage synergies***

*between the various social and economic players involved;*

Or. pt

**Amendment 22**  
**Teresa Riera Madurell**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2b. Notes that innovation in the tourism sector often occurs through cooperation, partnerships and the creation of networks in fields such as technology, marketing, distribution and employee mobility; calls for the Commission to promote decisively the tourism sector's involvement in the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme;***

Or. es

**Amendment 23**  
**Peter Skinner**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

3. Highlights the need to diversify the portfolio of tourism services in Europe; calls for an EU-wide promotion of tourism in EU and for enhanced cooperation between Member States when promoting tourism;

3. Highlights the need to diversify the portfolio of tourism services in Europe; calls for an EU-wide promotion of tourism in EU and for enhanced cooperation between Member States when promoting tourism; ***highlights also that for Europe to keep its leading position as a tourist destination and remain competitive, it is important to ensure acceptable minimum common safety, reliability, and accessibility requirements in European***

*tourism services are achieved, in particular for what concerns Fire-Safety systems;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 24**

**Gaston Franco, Jean-Pierre Audy**

##### **Draft opinion**

###### **Paragraph 3**

###### *Draft opinion*

3. Highlights the need to diversify the portfolio of tourism services in Europe; calls for ***an EU-wide promotion of tourism in EU*** and for enhanced cooperation between Member States when promoting tourism;

###### *Amendment*

3. Highlights the need to diversify the portfolio of tourism services in Europe; ***stresses the need to make tourism less seasonal, which is a key factor in the competitiveness of the European tourism sector;*** calls for ***the launching of a large-scale campaign to promote European tourism in Europe and at world level*** and for enhanced cooperation between Member States when promoting tourism, ***whilst respecting the wish of national and local destinations to communicate on their own behalf;***

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 25**

**Francesco De Angelis**

##### **Draft opinion**

###### **Paragraph 3**

###### *Draft opinion*

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3. Highlights the need to diversify the portfolio of tourism services in Europe;

Or. it

**Amendment 26**

**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Highlights the need to diversify the portfolio of tourism services in Europe; calls for an EU-wide promotion of tourism in EU and for enhanced cooperation between Member States when promoting tourism;

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3. Highlights the need to diversify the portfolio of tourism services in Europe; calls for an EU-wide promotion of tourism in EU and for enhanced cooperation between Member States when promoting tourism; *stresses the importance of promoting Europe world-wide as a tourist destination based on its rich cultural, historical and folklore heritage;*

Or. el

**Amendment 27**

**Ioan Enciu**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Highlights the need to diversify the portfolio of tourism services in Europe; calls for an EU-wide promotion of tourism in EU and for enhanced cooperation between Member States when promoting tourism;

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3. Highlights the need to diversify the portfolio of tourism services in Europe; calls for an EU-wide promotion of tourism in EU and for enhanced cooperation between Member States when promoting tourism, *notes the rich tourism opportunities in regions that can offer low cost holidays and that can benefit consumers and the industry;*

Or. en

**Amendment 28**  
**Zigmantas Balčytis**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Highlights the need to diversify the portfolio of tourism services in Europe; calls for *an* EU-wide promotion of tourism in EU and for enhanced cooperation between Member States when promoting tourism;

*Amendment*

3. Highlights the need to diversify the portfolio of tourism services in Europe *and promote the development of sustainable, responsible and high-quality tourism*; calls for EU-wide promotion of tourism in *the* EU and for enhanced cooperation between Member States when promoting tourism;

Or. lt

**Amendment 29**  
**Eija-Riitta Korhola**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Recognises the long distances within the EU especially between the remote Member States of north and south and underlines therefore the importance of air-traffic for the tourism inside the EU as well as from the third countries; calls on the Commission therefore to refrain from laying down excessive legislative burdens on the European airlines that add to their difficulties within the context of global competition;*

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Ilda Figueiredo**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Is aware that the main challenges to sustainable tourism include reducing the seasonal nature of demand, increasing the prosperity of local communities and improving their quality of life, minimising the impact caused by the use of resources and the production of waste, conserving and promoting the natural and cultural heritage;*

Or. pt

**Amendment 31**  
**Theodoros Skylakakis**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Notes that because of climate change in the next few years, major environmental changes are expected, such as rising sea levels, increasing temperatures and more widespread drought, while tourism will be the main area that will suffer from climate change in Mediterranean;*

Or. el

**Amendment 32**

**Reinhard Bütikofer on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Calls for further work to be undertaken in the tourism sector for the establishment of benchmarks, standards and certification including environmental and social criteria and also promote and facilitate their uptake by businesses in the tourism sector;*

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Francesco De Angelis**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Emphasises that sustainability criteria in sectors linked to tourism should be adhered to in developing tourism and hopes to see networks created for the exchange of information, technology and good practice among Member States;*

Or. it

**Amendment 34**  
**Silvia-Adriana Țicău**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Recognises the insufficiently exploited potential of sporting, cultural, balneary and social tourism and calls on the Member States to ensure the necessary*

*conditions for the development of these forms of tourism;*

Or. ro

**Amendment 35**  
**Eija-Riitta Korhola**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3b. Takes note of the Eyjafjallajökull eruptions in Iceland last year that resulted in airspace closures which led to major disruptions for the airline industry and travelling public; considers the huge cost impact on the airline industry and EU economy at large not to be sufficiently justified on safety grounds; recommends therefore the EU to revise its procedures along the rest of the world and to give the responsibility for dealing with the potential hazards of volcanic ash to the airlines, which are best equipped to deal with this along other hazards such as lightning strikes, bad weather etc. as part of their Safety Management Systems;*

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Eija-Riitta Korhola**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3c. Notes that the European air traffic management (ATM) system has suffered from fragmentation and inefficiencies for decades and that the cost to the airlines*

*could be cut by approximately €3.3 bn per year adding to their competitiveness, safety would be enhanced and 16 million tonnes of unnecessary CO<sub>2</sub> emissions could be avoided if the system were operated more efficiently; welcomes the Single European Sky Second Package (SES II), which provide for the essential tools to implement a Single European Sky from 2012 onwards; calls therefore on the Commission to ensure that for SESAR, launched as the technological element of the SES to provide further benefits beyond the SES, the required public funding is made available to support its deployment as a public-private partnership, so that the benefits will materialize without the airlines having to take additional financial risks alone;*

Or. en

**Amendment 37**

**Peter Skinner**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers, in view of demographic changes, that the health tourism has the biggest potential to undergo a significant growth in the future; believes that a European certified system of quality standards and controls in this field such as a 'blue cross system' for medical or wellness facilities, e.g. in hotels offering health treatments like health-checks, would significantly improve the competitiveness of European health tourism;

*Amendment*

4. Considers, in view of demographic changes, that the health tourism has the biggest potential to undergo a significant growth in the future; believes that a European certified system of quality standards and controls in this field such as a 'blue cross system' for medical or wellness facilities, e.g. in hotels offering health treatments like health-checks, would significantly improve the competitiveness of European health tourism. *In order to achieve such improvement, stresses the necessity to set clear minimum requirements for medical history checks, patient information provision, the advertising and marketing of aesthetic*

*surgery services, the educational requirements for the health service provider/surgeon (within the limits of existing legislation), as well as any follow-up services and advice, together with transparent and fair complaints-handling and dispute resolution mechanisms;*

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Jean-Pierre Audy**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers, in view of demographic changes, that *the* health tourism has the biggest potential to undergo a significant growth in the future; believes that a European certified system of quality standards and controls in this field such as a 'blue cross system' for medical or wellness facilities, e.g. in hotels offering health treatments like health-checks, would significantly improve the competitiveness of European health tourism;

*Amendment*

4. Considers, in view of demographic changes, that health ***and wellness*** tourism has the biggest potential to undergo a significant growth in the future; believes that a European certified system of quality standards and controls in this field such as a 'blue cross system' for medical or wellness facilities, e.g. in hotels offering health treatments like health-checks, would significantly improve the competitiveness of European health tourism; ***proposes in this context that spa activities be developed in order to make this area a European speciality;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 39**  
**Lambert van Nistelrooij**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers, in view of ***demographic***

*Amendment*

4. Considers, in view of ***an ageing society***,

*changes*, that the health tourism has the biggest potential to undergo a significant growth in the future; believes that a European certified system of quality standards and controls in this field such as a 'blue cross system' for medical or wellness facilities, e.g. in hotels offering health treatments like health-checks, would significantly improve the competitiveness of European health tourism;

that the health tourism has the biggest potential to undergo a significant growth in the future; believes that a European certified system of quality standards and controls in this field such as a 'blue cross system' for medical or wellness facilities, e.g. in hotels offering health treatments like health-checks, would significantly improve the competitiveness of European health tourism;

Or. en

**Amendment 40**  
**Gaston Franco**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. Stresses the need to promote European business tourism in the EU and the world, given its economic importance for certain places in Europe and the number of services linked to hosting and organising trade fairs, exhibitions, conferences and other business events (hotel and catering, shops, transport, communication and event-management agencies, etc.);**

Or. fr

**Amendment 41**  
**Francesco De Angelis**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. Advocates developing and diversifying tourism based on the 'European heritage'**

*label' and complementing strategies for natural heritage tourism by the creation and award of quality labels enabling European destinations to be distinguished from other international destinations;*

Or. it

**Amendment 42**  
**Gaston Franco**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4b. Takes the view that the drawing-up of a European Charter on sustainable and responsible tourism must take account of the political recommendations issued by the International Taskforce for Sustainable Tourism Development (GTI-DTD) set up as part of the Marrakech process, in particular the adoption of sustainable modes of consumption and production for tourism and the life-cycle approach in the tourism value chain; hopes that the European strategy for sustainable and competitive tourism will complement the action taken within the world partnership for sustainable tourism;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 43**  
**Gaston Franco**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4c. Stresses the economic importance of*

*'shopping tourism', since purchasing luxury products is a key motivation for a significant number of tourists, particularly from Asia, to visit the EU, given that European firms and brands are world leaders in the luxury goods sector; stresses that this type of tourism is expanding rapidly but the EU faces strong competition from other international destinations; therefore recommends working with the luxury goods sector on new measures and offers that will enable the EU to preserve its attractiveness and competitiveness;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 44**  
**Ilda Figueiredo**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Stresses that the role of enterprises, including SMEs, should be widely recognised when developing tourism policy in Europe; believes that the legislative framework should therefore be more business-friendly, take into account specific needs of enterprises in tourism industry ***such as flexible working time arrangements;***

*Amendment*

5. Stresses that the role of enterprises, including SMEs, should be widely recognised when developing tourism policy in Europe; believes that the legislative framework should therefore be more business-friendly, take into account specific needs of enterprises in tourism industry;

Or. pt

**Amendment 45**  
**Gaston Franco**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Stresses that the role of enterprises, including SMEs, should be widely recognised when developing tourism policy in Europe; believes that the legislative framework should therefore be more business-friendly, take into account specific needs of enterprises in tourism industry such as flexible working time arrangements;

*Amendment*

5. Stresses that the role of enterprises, including SMEs, ***and of local authorities*** should be widely recognised when developing tourism policy in Europe; believes that the legislative framework should therefore be more business-friendly ***and*** take into account specific needs of enterprises in ***the*** tourism industry such as flexible working time arrangements, ***whilst respecting labour law***;

Or. fr

**Amendment 46**  
**Ioan Enciu**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Stresses that the role of enterprises, including SMEs, should be widely recognised when developing tourism policy in Europe; believes that the legislative framework should therefore be more business-friendly, ***take*** into account specific needs of enterprises in tourism industry such as flexible working time arrangements;

*Amendment*

5. Stresses that the role of enterprises, including SMEs, should be widely recognised when developing tourism policy in Europe; believes that the legislative framework should therefore be more business-friendly, ***stresses the need to maintain employment in this sector, takes*** into account specific needs of enterprises in ***the*** tourism industry such as flexible working time arrangements;

Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Antonio Cancian**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Stresses that the role of enterprises, **including** SMEs, should be widely recognised when developing tourism policy in Europe; believes that the legislative framework should therefore be more business-friendly, take into account specific needs of enterprises in tourism industry such as flexible working time arrangements;

*Amendment*

5. Stresses that the role of enterprises, **in particular micro-enterprises and** SMEs, should be widely recognised when developing tourism policy in Europe; believes that the legislative framework should therefore be more business-friendly **and** take into account **the** specific needs of enterprises in **the** tourism industry such as flexible working time arrangements;

Or. it

**Amendment 48**  
**Zigmantas Balčytis**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Stresses that the role of enterprises, including SMEs, should be widely recognised when developing tourism policy in Europe; believes that the legislative framework should therefore be more **business-friendly**, take into account specific needs of enterprises in tourism industry such as flexible working time arrangements;

*Amendment*

5. Stresses that the role of enterprises, including SMEs, should be widely recognised when developing tourism policy in Europe; believes that the legislative **and fiscal** framework should therefore be more **friendly to these enterprises and** take into account specific needs of enterprises in **the** tourism industry such as flexible working time arrangements;

Or. lt

**Amendment 49**  
**Gaston Franco**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5a, Stresses that, thanks to their geographical situation, the outermost regions (ORs) and overseas countries and territories (OCTs) are the European Union's windows to the world and they respond perfectly to some of the options proposed by the Commission, in particular the development of out-of-season tourism for EU citizens; points out that the ORs also offer nearby countries such as the United States, Canada and the BRIC group of countries, particularly Brazil, the opportunity to discover the specific features of tourism on European territory, which combines safe travel, health infrastructure and quality hotel and catering facilities;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 50**

Ilda Figueiredo

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5a. Calls for occupations linked to the tourism sector to be covered by laws which safeguard workers' rights and which promote worthwhile jobs and the acquisition of skills by workers in the sector - to be achieved by (inter alia) suitable vocational training, better working conditions, the promotion of stable employment contracts and fair, decent wage levels;*

Or. pt

**Amendment 51**  
**Francesco De Angelis**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5a. Believes that the promotion of competitiveness in enterprises in the tourism industry should be backed by additional financial instruments under the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP), with a view to supporting innovative and sustainable tourism;*

Or. it

**Amendment 52**  
**Antonio Cancian**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5a. Believes it important for Ecolabel, the European label for environmental sustainability, to have a higher profile, highlighting tourist accommodation where ample use is made of renewable energy sources and of technologies and materials that permit high standards of energy efficiency;*

Or. it

**Amendment 53**  
**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a.** *Stresses that it is important that small and medium-sized, family and seasonal tourist enterprises in particular exploit the new technologies and e-commerce, so as to upgrade and promote their tourist products;*

Or. el

**Amendment 54**

**Teresa Riera Madurell**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a.** *Recalls that this sector generates more than 5 % of the EU's GDP, for which reason greater analysis of the impact Community legislation has on the tourism industries is seen as essential;*

Or. es

**Amendment 55**

**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5b.** *Stresses the importance of encouraging the voluntary EU Ecolabel for European tourist accommodation in order to promote environmental and energy sustainability in the tourism sector;*

Or. el

**Amendment 56**  
**Antonio Cancian**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5b. Believes that rules on classification of accommodation should be harmonised in line with common Europe-wide standards and assessment criteria;*

Or. it

**Amendment 57**  
**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5c. Proposes a single European website/observatory for mapping and promoting Europe's cultural and natural heritage (combining European monuments and regions which have been awarded the European Heritage Label, have been designated UNESCO heritage sites, have Blue Flag European beaches, etc.).*

Or. el

**Amendment 58**  
**Gaston Franco**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6a. Proposes considering the creation of a Euro-Mediterranean organisation for tourism cooperation and development in order to make the Mediterranean a single statistical area, produce analyses as a guide to business and public authorities in their decision-making, promote destinations, and create a network linking centres offering training in tourism-related jobs;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 59**

**Peter Skinner**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6a. Highlights that safety of services and sport or leisure services was identified as a priority by the European Commission in its 2003 report on the 'Safety of Services for Consumers' but regrets that no follow up actions have been taken. In this context, calls for the European Commission to introduce a European legislative framework for the safety of services;*

Or. en

**Amendment 60**

**Silvia-Adriana Țicău**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6a. Calls on the Commission, bearing in mind the importance of respecting tourists' rights and the fact that a third of the complaints submitted to SOLVIT concern breaches of passenger rights, to speed up the amendment/adoption of the Package Travel Directive (Directive 90/314/EEC);*

Or. ro

**Amendment 61**

**Silvia-Adriana Țicău**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6b. Calls on the Commission and Member States to make efficient use of the European funds allocated to tourism in order both to guarantee the creation of new jobs and to boost the competitiveness of SMEs in the tourism sector;*

Or. ro

**Amendment 62**

**Silvia-Adriana Țicău**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6c. Points out that tourism development depends on the existence of transport infrastructure and calls on the Member States to give priority to the development of transport infrastructure and*

*intermodality between forms of transport.*

Or. ro