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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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on the implementation of EU water legislation, ahead of a necessary overall
approach to European water challenges
(2011/2297(INI))

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Amendment 1
Kent Johansson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 3
Adam Gierek

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. pl

Amendment 4
Bendt Bendtsen, Krišjānis Kariņš

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Or. en

Amendment 5
Gaston Franco

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the European Commission to put forward specific proposals for saving water, such as implementing measures on water efficiency in buildings or introducing water consumption labels for water-using appliances (washing machines, etc.);

Or. fr

Amendment 6
Gaston Franco

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Insists on the urgent need to conduct an audit on the state of the European water network to assess quality, degeneration and interconnectivity because it is possible that as much as 70 % of the water in European cities is lost as a result of leaks in the water system, and to encourage infrastructure investments;

Or. fr

Amendment 7
Romana Jordan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Notes the lack of knowledge and

information about the challenges related to water management, the availability of water resources and the securing of water supplies, and, in view of the scale and complexity of these challenges, calls on the European Commission and the Council to take this area into account as one of the key areas in preparing the multiannual financial framework (2014–2020);

Or. sl

Amendment 8
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Notes that water management has direct effects on human health, energy production, agriculture and food security, and efficient water management is a fundamental prerequisite for poverty reduction;

Or. ro

Amendment 9
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Notes that every enterprise depends on water resources and believes that the future of industry in Europe depends on the effective response to the current water challenges;

2. Notes that every **human and economic** enterprise depends on water resources and believes that the future of industry in Europe depends on the effective response to the current water challenges; **therefore stresses the need for sustainable water**

management in Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Kent Johansson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Notes that every enterprise depends on water resources and believes that the future of industry in Europe depends on the effective response to the current water challenges;

Amendment

2. Notes that every enterprise depends on water resources and believes that the future of industry in Europe depends on the effective response to the current water challenges *and a responsible management of existing water resources;*

Or. en

Amendment 11
Andreas Mölzer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Notes that every enterprise depends on water resources and believes that the future of industry in Europe depends on *the* effective response to the current water challenges;

Amendment

2. Notes that every enterprise depends on water resources and believes that the future of industry in Europe depends on *an* effective *and sustainable* response to the current water challenges;

Or. de

Amendment 12
Adam Gierek

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses that privatisation of supplying the population with drinking water must not result in the owner's monopoly or full market facilitation of these services, which must be treated as public services;

Or. pl

**Amendment 13
Gaston Franco**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Encourages a hierarchical approach to water management, depending on the end use of water between consumption and its use, noting that it is important to decouple the use of water (consumption or industry) and to treat it appropriately;

Or. fr

**Amendment 14
Gaston Franco**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Observes that water is the only resource for which there is no replacement;

Or. fr

Amendment 15
Gaston Franco

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Observes that pricing should be consistent with water-saving, and that prices should be transparent and incremental, and should reflect the true cost of the services provided;

Or. fr

Amendment 16
Gaston Franco

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2d. Observes that manufacturers wish to receive clear and accessible information about the quality of water, and that it is therefore up to operators to publish data on water quality and to warn manufacturers of any substantial changes to water composition;

Or. fr

Amendment 17
Gaston Franco

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2e. Notes that the quality of bathing water has an impact on tourism; calls for the

Blue Flag to be extended to all bathing areas in Europe including rivers, lakes and pools;

Or. fr

Amendment 18
Gaston Franco

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2f. Stresses that sustainable tourism encourages the conservation of water; calls for the provision of training in connection with saving water and the sustainable use thereof for tourism professionals, particularly in coastal areas and in thermal belts;

Or. fr

Amendment 19
Gaston Franco

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2g. Insists that for a water management policy to be effective, it needs to be implemented close to the resource; calls for the European Commission to take into account areas with natural handicaps, such as mountain or island territories;

Or. fr

Amendment 20
Gaston Franco

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2h. Observes that agri-food industries distributing water need to take account of health and safety during heatwaves or in other exceptional circumstances, and that their presence in the territory should therefore be assessed, and their development and access to the entire territory encouraged;

Or. fr

Amendment 21
Gaston Franco

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 i (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2i. Calls on the European Commission to encourage businesses to use materials that require less water through support for R&D and through structural funds in areas where the resource is at its most scarce;

Or. fr

Amendment 22
Andreas Mölzer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Welcomes the further coordination and development of European water policies based on River Basin Management Plans and the Water Information System for Europe (WISE);

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 23
Adam Gierek

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission to conduct a relevant analysis of the ways to prevent the effects of flooding, due to a noticeably frequent flood risk in Member States' territories in recent years;

Or. pl

Amendment 24
Andreas Mölzer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Notes the potential for better data management, based on an improvement in statistical information **and the use of GMES monitoring of the state of water resources** and the pressures on **them** from economic activity;

4. Notes the potential for better data management, based on an improvement in statistical information and the pressures on **these resources** from economic activity;

Or. de

Amendment 25
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes the potential for better data management, based on an improvement in statistical information and the use of GMES monitoring of the state of water resources and the pressures on them from economic activity;

Amendment

4. Notes the potential for better data management, based on an improvement in statistical information, ***the use of data collection stations and water information systems, as well as*** the use of GMES monitoring of the state of water resources and the pressures on them from economic activity;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Gaston Franco

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Notes that it is important to encourage research and innovation in connection with water and that the development of European clusters in this area must be supported;

Or. fr

Amendment 27
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses the importance of the availability of water resources for EU industrial policy; calls on the Member States to ensure the necessary investment in the purification and recycling of waste water processes in order to maintain and improve water quality;

Or. ro

Amendment 28
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Stresses the importance of the transfer of knowledge and technology relating to water conservation, water collection, irrigation techniques, groundwater management and waste water treatment;

Or. ro

Amendment 29
Andreas Mölzer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Notes the potential of hydropower as a form of CO₂-neutral and own-resource-based energy production that can effectively respond to the demands of European energy supply; calls for the development of new and innovative energy solutions in this area;

5. Notes the potential of hydropower as a form of CO₂-neutral and own-resource-based energy production that can effectively respond to ***a large part of*** the demands of European energy supply; calls for the development of new and innovative energy solutions in this area;

Or. de

Amendment 30
Gaston Franco

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Observes that waste water can be used as a source of energy by recovering the heat or energy from the organic matter it carries, and that this opportunity should be exploited;

Or. fr

Amendment 31
Bendt Bendtsen, Krišjānis Kariņš

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Notes the great potential in applying water re-use technologies treating wastewater in agriculture and both domestic and commercial buildings;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Encourages the Commission to develop

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a coherent approach to the internalisation of the costs resulting from water use ***and*** water pollution;

a coherent approach to the internalisation of the costs resulting from water use, water pollution ***and water treatment***;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Romana Jordan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls for transnational and regional cooperation when responding to the transboundary effects that lead to a shortage of quality water resources, in order to secure a safe water supply in the spirit of good neighbourly relations between states;

Or. sl

Amendment 34
Adam Gierek

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Calls for enhanced international cooperation with third countries and international organisations to tackle effectively the current water management challenges facing society.

7. Calls for enhanced international cooperation with third countries, ***considering cooperation especially with those third countries that are neighbours of the EU***, and international organisations to tackle effectively the current water management challenges facing society.

Or. pl

Amendment 35
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls for enhanced international cooperation with third countries and international organisations to tackle effectively the current water management challenges facing society.

Amendment

7. Calls for enhanced international cooperation with third countries and international organisations to tackle effectively the current **and future** water management challenges facing society.

Or. en

Amendment 36
Adam Gierek

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. States that the growing demand for water, together with the process of steppe formation or even the desertification of some regions in the Member States, requires urgent irrigation investments;

Or. pl

Amendment 37
Adam Gierek

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Notes that investments in hydrotechnical infrastructure should be considered to a greater extent than they have been so far in the new EU financial

strategy on cohesion funds;

Or. pl

Amendment 38
Gaston Franco

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls on the European Commission to encourage optimisation of the successive uses of water extracted from the water cycle, including recycling water used for agricultural and industrial purposes where appropriate;

Or. fr

Amendment 39
Gaston Franco

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Calls on the European Commission to facilitate access to solutions to water shortages, such as artificially recharging groundwater reservoirs, water harvesting and developing alternative irrigation techniques;

Or. fr

Amendment 40
Gaston Franco

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7c. Insists that water pollution be primarily controlled and managed at source;

Or. fr

Amendment 41
Gaston Franco

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7d. Observes that the majority of water is used by the agricultural sector, and that the most effective practices and techniques for saving water must be encouraged through the common agricultural policy where possible;

Or. fr

Amendment 42
Gaston Franco

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7e. Observes that the standards that apply to farmers are already high and closely monitored; calls for the strengthening of eco-conditionality for the common agricultural policy on the basis of existing obligations;

Or. fr

Amendment 43
Gaston Franco

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7f. Believes that the contribution for financing the system must be no less than that of the permanent residence in cases where secondary residences benefit from the same resource availability;

Or. fr

Amendment 44
Gaston Franco

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7g. Recognises the Mediterranean as a common heritage of both banks, and calls for the permanent exchange of information on industrial policies that may affect the Sea.

Or. fr