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Draft opinion
Giles Chichester
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on improving the delivery of benefits from EU environment measures: building confidence through better knowledge and responsiveness
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Amendment 1
Victor Boştinaru

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes the frequent concerns of petitioners in several areas of environmental policy, such as landfill and waste disposal, wildlife habitats and air and water quality; applauds their efforts to bring authority to account, and calls on the Member States to be *as* open and cooperative *as possible* with them;

Amendment

1. Notes the frequent concerns of petitioners in several areas of environmental policy, such as landfill and waste disposal, wildlife habitats and air and water quality; applauds their efforts to bring authority to account, and calls on the Member States to be open and cooperative with them;

Or. en

Amendment
Victor Boştinaru

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Urges the Member States to *balance the needs of a healthy economy with those of the environment*; emphasises that local communities must have a strong say in deciding the best balance between the needs of people and the needs of wildlife;

Amendment

2. Urges the Member States to *take all the measures required to safeguard the environment and encourage sustainable development*; emphasises that local communities must have a strong say in deciding the best balance between the needs of people and the needs of wildlife;

Or. fr

Amendment 3
Sandrine Bélier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Urges the Member States to **balance the needs** of a healthy economy **with those of the environment**; emphasises that local communities must **have a strong say in deciding the best balance between the needs of people and the needs of wildlife**;

Amendment

2. Urges the Member States to **meet environmental protection requirements to ensure the development** of a healthy economy **in the long-term**; emphasises that local communities must **be involved and informed in this process**;

Or. en

**Amendment
Rachida Dati**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

2. Urges the Member States to balance the needs of a healthy economy with those of the environment; emphasises that local communities must have a strong say in deciding the best balance between the needs of people and the needs of **wildlife**;

Amendment

2. Urges the Member States to balance the needs of a healthy **and competitive** economy with those of the environment; emphasises that local communities must have a strong say in deciding the best balance between the needs of people and the needs of **their environment**;

Or. fr

**Amendment 5
Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

2. Urges the Member States to balance the needs of a healthy economy with those of the environment; emphasises that local communities must have a strong say in deciding the best balance between the **needs of** people and **the** needs of wildlife;

Amendment

2. Urges the Member States to balance the needs of a healthy economy with those of the **sustainable** environment; emphasises that local communities must have a strong say in deciding the best balance between the **development of** people and needs of

wildlife;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Sandrine Béliet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Believes that, *since* citizens and residents of Member States *are best placed to judge the most appropriate priorities for their local neighbourhoods, the subsidiarity principle should be applied to environmental issues wherever possible;*

Amendment

3. Believes that citizens and residents of Member States *have a valuable function in reporting and acting as whistleblowers when the environment is put at risk and EU environmental legislation is violated;*

Or. en

Amendment 7
Victor Boştinaru

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Believes that, since citizens and residents of Member States are best placed to judge the most appropriate priorities for their local neighbourhoods, the subsidiarity principle should be applied to environmental issues wherever possible;

Amendment

3. Believes that, since citizens and residents of Member States are best placed to judge the most appropriate priorities for their local neighbourhoods, the subsidiarity principle should be applied to environmental issues wherever possible *and that consideration should be given to consulting the citizens concerned before any political decision is taken which would have an impact on their immediate environment;*

Or. fr

Amendment 8
Victor Boştinaru

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Considers that the ‘gold-plating’ of EU environmental legislation by Member States can have a perverse effect in terms of reducing the acceptance of such legislation; calls on the Member States to go further than required by EU directives only where there is a clear and popularly accepted need to do so;

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Sandrine Béliet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Considers that *the* ‘gold-plating’ of EU environmental legislation *by Member States can have a perverse effect in terms of reducing the acceptance of such legislation; calls on the Member States to go further than required by EU directives only where there is a clear and popularly accepted need to do so;*

Amendment

4. Considers that, *implementation* of EU environmental legislation *is to be fully implemented by Member States; encourages Member States to use the possibility offered by EU treaties to adopt or maintain national environmental standards and requirements which are more stringent than those contained in EU environmental legislation;*

Or. en

Amendment 10
Rachida Dati

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4. **Considers** that the ‘gold-plating’ of EU environmental legislation **by Member States** can have a perverse effect in terms of reducing the acceptance of such legislation; calls on the Member States to go further than required by EU directives **only where** there is a clear and popularly accepted need to do so;

Amendment

4. **Acknowledges** that the ‘gold-plating’ of EU environmental legislation can have a perverse effect in terms of reducing the acceptance of such legislation; calls on the Member States, **if they wish** to go further than required by EU directives, **to determine whether** there is a clear and popularly accepted need to do so;

Or. fr

Amendment 11
Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Considers that the ‘gold-plating’ of EU environmental legislation by Member States can have a perverse effect in terms of reducing the acceptance of such legislation; calls on the Member States to go further than required by EU directives only where there is a clear **and popularly accepted** need to do so;

Amendment

4. Considers that the ‘gold-plating’ of EU environmental legislation by Member States can have a perverse effect in terms of reducing the acceptance of such legislation; calls on the Member States to go further than required by EU directives only where there is a clear need to do so;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Sandrine Bélier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses the overwhelming need to develop **new** energy production capacities in the EU; **recognises that this cannot be**

Amendment

5. Stresses the overwhelming need to develop **renewable** energy production capacities in the EU **and urges the Union**

done without some impact on the environment, and urges the Union and the Member States to prioritise good landscaping post-production;

and the Member States to reconcile European energy transition with nature protection and to ensure good restoration and landscaping post-production;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Peter Jahr, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses the overwhelming need to develop new energy production capacities in the EU; recognises that this cannot be done without some impact on the environment, and urges the Union and the Member States *to prioritise good landscaping post-production;*

Amendment

5. Stresses the overwhelming need to develop new energy production capacities in the EU; recognises that this cannot be done without some impact on the environment, and *therefore* urges the Union and the Member States *to tackle adverse environmental effects and to restore the used areas to its former condition once a project has been finished;*

Or. en

Amendment 14
Victor Boştinaru

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses the overwhelming need to develop new energy production capacities in the EU; recognises that this cannot be done without some impact on the environment, and urges the Union and the Member States to prioritise good landscaping post-production;

Amendment

5. Stresses the overwhelming need to develop new *clean* energy production capacities in the EU; recognises that this cannot be done without some impact on the environment, and urges the Union and the Member States to prioritise good landscaping post-production;

Amendment 15
Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses the overwhelming need to develop new energy production capacities in the EU; recognises that this cannot be done without some impact on the environment, and urges the **Union** and the Member States to prioritise good landscaping post-production;

Amendment

5. Stresses the overwhelming need to develop new energy production capacities in the EU, **invest in the technology and alternative ways of producing energy**; recognises that this cannot be done without some impact on the environment, and urges the **European Commission** and the Member States to prioritise good landscaping post-production;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Rachida Dati

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Considers that high standards of information and transparency concerning environmental legislation and the application of EU rules are essential to ensure that EU environmental policy **meets with the citizens' consent**;

Amendment

6. Considers that high standards of information and transparency concerning environmental legislation and the application of EU rules are essential to ensure that EU environmental policy **is better known and understood by citizens**;

Or. fr

Amendment 17
Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Considers that high standards of information and transparency concerning environmental legislation and the application of EU rules are essential to ensure that EU environmental policy meets with the citizens' consent;

Amendment

6. Considers that high standards of information and transparency concerning environmental legislation and the application of EU rules are essential to ensure that EU environmental policy meets with the citizens' consent ***and enhance their cooperation with local authorities;***

Or. en

Amendment 18
Peter Jahr, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Considers that high standards of information and transparency concerning environmental legislation and the application of EU rules are essential to ensure that EU environmental policy meets with the citizens' consent;

Amendment

6. Considers that high standards of information and transparency concerning environmental legislation and the application of EU rules are essential to ensure that EU environmental policy meets with the citizens' consent; ***calls on the Commission, the Member States and the concerned regions to improve the flow of information and transparency through a more active and more frequent exchange among each other.***

Or. en

Amendment 19
Peter Jahr, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. With regard to projects with a possible cross-border environmental impact, calls on the Member States to comprehensively inform the affected public and authorities in the Member States concerned as soon as possible and to take the measures necessary to ensure that they are appropriate consulted;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Rachida Dati

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Applauds the introduction of environmental impact assessments; nevertheless, urges that they be developed in full coherence with more traditional impact assessments, in particular with respect to their effect on the needs of small businesses and residents, as well as on flora and fauna;

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Or. fr

Amendment 21
Sandrine Bélier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Applauds the introduction of environmental impact assessments; ***nevertheless, urges that they be developed***

7. Applauds the introduction of environmental impact assessments ***and welcomes the new proposals of the***

in full coherence with more traditional impact assessments, in particular with respect to their effect on the needs of small businesses and residents, as well as on flora and fauna;

European Commission to adapt the legislation relating to such assessments; points out that the Committee on Petitions receives each year an important number of petitions relating to environmental risks and damages linked to violations of this piece of legislation wherefore it intends to be fully engaged in the revision procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Victor Boştinaru

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Applauds the introduction of environmental impact assessments; *nevertheless, urges that they be developed in full coherence with more traditional impact assessments, in particular with respect to their effect on* the needs of small businesses and residents, *as well as on* flora and fauna;

Amendment

7. Applauds the introduction of environmental impact assessments *and calls on the Member States to ensure that the relevant legislation is implemented more effectively, taking better account of* the needs of small businesses and residents *and of* flora and fauna; *expresses concern at the slowness with which Member States often carry out such assessments and calls, in the context of the future revision of the directive, for guarantees to be introduced concerning their impartiality and objectivity;*

Or. fr

Amendment 23
Sandrine Bélier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Urges the Commission to find ways of better **reconciling its environmental policies with** the Common Fisheries Policy and the Common Agricultural Policy;

Amendment

8. Urges the Commission to find ways of better **defining and developing** the Common Fisheries Policy and the Common Agricultural Policy **in accordance with the EU environmental acquis**;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Urges the Commission to find ways of better reconciling its environmental policies with the Common Fisheries Policy and the Common Agricultural Policy;

Amendment

8. Urges the Commission to find ways of better reconciling its environmental policies with the Common Fisheries Policy and the Common Agricultural Policy **enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium sized enterprises in the fisheries and aquacultural sectors, while the objective is to promote employment and support labour mobility.**

Or. en

Amendment 25

Sandrine Bélier

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Urges the Member States to implement EU environmental legislation in the clearest, simplest and most user-friendly way.

Amendment

9. Urges the Member States to implement EU environmental legislation in the clearest, simplest and most user-friendly way **while ensuring its efficiency.**

