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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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Amendment 1
Kerstin Westphal

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the Commission's proposals aimed at deepening the single market;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission's proposals aimed at deepening the single market, ***but regrets the absence of an ambitious consumer protection agenda and a social clause;***

Or. de

Amendment 2
Sophie Auconie, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the Commission's proposals aimed at deepening the single market;

Amendment

1. Observes that European Union policies on the single market and regional development are highly complementary and are both conducive to a Europe marked by cohesion and competitiveness; welcomes the Commission's proposals aimed at deepening the single market;

Or. fr

Amendment 3
Heide Rühle

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Deplores the fact that the Commission proposal gives no consideration to the

reorientation of cohesion policy and that no package of measures relates to the increased significance of cohesion policy attributable to the Lisbon Treaty;

Or. de

Amendment 4
Heide Rühle

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that in a globalised world the single market has to ensure the best possible business environment for enterprises, and to take the specific nature of SMEs into account in order to foster job creation, innovation and entrepreneurship in all EU regions, including rural areas; welcomes, therefore, the planned assessment of the ‘Small Business Act’ and the reinforcement of the ‘Think Small First’ principle;

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Or. de

Amendment 5
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

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values, improvement of the profile of the entrepreneur and support for the business spirit and self-employment in all EU regions, including rural areas; welcomes, therefore, the planned assessment of the ‘Small Business Act’ and the reinforcement of the ‘Think Small First’ principle;

Or. es

Amendment 6
Georgios Stavrakakis, Kerstin Westphal

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Or. en

Amendment 7
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Or. en

Amendment 8

Sophie Auconie, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid

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2. Stresses that in a globalised world the single market has to ensure the best possible business environment for enterprises, and to take the specific nature ***and diversity*** of SMEs into account in order to foster job creation, innovation and entrepreneurship in all EU regions, including rural areas; welcomes, therefore, the planned assessment of the ‘Small Business Act’ and the reinforcement of the ‘Think Small First’ principle; ***draws attention to the importance of local businesses for social ties, employment and dynamism in disadvantaged areas, particularly urban districts facing difficulties or sparsely populated areas; calls for them to receive staunch support***

under the Union's regional policy;

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Heide Rühle

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Asks the Commission and the Member States to put an end to delays and flaws in the transposition of the single market directives, so as to ensure undistorted competition;

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Or. de

Amendment 10
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Notes the fact that the single market for patents remains incomplete; encourages, in that respect, the promotion of a Community patent which can enhance innovation, growth and competitiveness and hence give European companies the chance to reap the full benefits of the EU Single Market.

Or. en

Amendment 11
Kerstin Westphal

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Stresses that single market accessibility for all EU regions is a prerequisite for the free movement of people, goods, capital and services, and thus for a strong and dynamic single market; points out, in this connection, the essential role played by the Union's regional policy in terms of developing infrastructure, particularly in the less developed and outermost regions; calls for the development of innovative sources of funding (such as public-private partnerships, project bonds and user charges); calls on the Commission and the Member States jointly to address the complexity of the rules governing revenue-generating projects;

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4. Stresses that single market accessibility for all EU regions is a prerequisite for the free movement of people, goods, capital and services, and thus for a strong and dynamic single market; ***stresses that progress with the internal market and further development of the Union's regions are interdependent***; points out, in this connection, the essential role played by the Union's regional policy in terms of developing infrastructure, particularly in the less developed and outermost regions; calls for the development of innovative sources of funding (such as public-private partnerships, project bonds and user charges); calls on the Commission and the Member States jointly to address the complexity of the rules governing revenue-generating projects;

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Amendment 12
Heide Rühle

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4. Stresses that single market accessibility for all EU regions is a prerequisite for the free movement of people, goods, capital and services, and thus for a strong and dynamic single market; points out, in this connection, the essential role played by the Union's regional policy ***with regard to economically and socially coherent development of the regions***; calls for the development of innovative sources of funding; calls on the Commission and the Member States jointly to address the complexity of the rules governing revenue-

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Or. de

Amendment 13
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

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4. Stresses that ***real and effective*** single market accessibility for all EU regions is a prerequisite for the free movement of people, goods, capital and services, and thus for a strong and dynamic single market; points out, in this connection, the essential role played by the Union's regional policy in terms of developing infrastructure ***oriented to that end***, particularly in the less developed and outermost regions ***and in those with specific territorial characteristics***; calls for the development of innovative sources of funding (such as public-private partnerships, project bonds and user charges), ***as key instruments in favouring project execution***; calls on the Commission and the Member States jointly to address the complexity of the rules governing revenue-generating projects;

Or. es

Amendment 14
Oldřich Vlasák

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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Or. en

Amendment 15
Luís Paulo Alves

Draft opinion
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objectives of the trans-European transport networks to be extended to those regions; calls for the development of innovative sources of funding (such as public-private partnerships, project bonds and user charges); calls on the Commission and the Member States jointly to address the complexity of the rules governing revenue-generating projects;

Or. pt

Amendment 16
Georgios Stavrakakis

Draft opinion
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Or. en

Amendment 17
Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Sophie Auconie

Draft opinion
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4. Stresses that single market accessibility for all EU regions is a prerequisite for the free movement of people, goods, capital and services, and thus for a strong and dynamic single market; points out, in this connection, the essential role played by the Union's regional policy in terms of developing infrastructure, particularly in the less developed, **border** and outermost regions; **advocates a regional approach making use of the Structural Funds to encourage investment in cross-border energy, transport, communication, health, environmental, research and education infrastructure in order to provide access to essential services for all and to ensure harmonious functioning of the internal market**; calls for the development of innovative sources of funding (such as public-private partnerships, project bonds and user charges); calls on the Commission and the Member States jointly to address the complexity of the rules governing revenue-generating projects;

Or. fr

Amendment 18
Petru Constantin Luhan

Draft opinion
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and services, and thus for *deriving full benefit from all the advantages of* a strong and dynamic single market; points out, in this connection, the essential role played by the Union's regional policy in terms of developing infrastructure, particularly in the less developed and outermost regions; calls for the development of innovative sources of funding (such as public-private partnerships, project bonds and user charges); calls on the Commission and the Member States jointly to address the complexity of the rules governing revenue-generating projects;

Or. ro

Amendment 19
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Draft opinion
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Or. en

Amendment 20
Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion
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Or. ro

Amendment 21
Kerstin Westphal

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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Amendment

5. Underlines that regional policy implementation is crucial for the success of the Europe 2020 strategy and the deepening of the single market; points out that EU structural funding should be allocated in a dynamic, forward-looking manner to prepare EU regions for socioeconomic change; calls for a more

international trade agreements and to prepare EU regions for socioeconomic change; calls for a more user-friendly regional policy, but also for stricter rules against ‘fund-shopping’, by means of which some enterprises may misuse the Union's financial instruments;

user-friendly regional policy, but also for **maximum transparency and** stricter rules against ‘fund-shopping’, by means of which some enterprises may misuse the Union's financial instruments;

Or. de

Amendment 22
Heide Rühle

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Underlines that **regional** policy implementation is crucial for **the success of the Europe 2020 strategy and** the deepening of the single market; points out that EU structural funding should be allocated in a **dynamic**, forward-looking manner, i.e. so as to cushion further the possible adverse effects on regions of **international trade agreements** and to prepare EU regions for socioeconomic change; calls for a more user-friendly regional policy, but also for stricter rules against ‘fund-shopping’, by means of which some enterprises may misuse the Union's financial instruments;

Amendment

5. Underlines that **cohesion** policy implementation is crucial for the **economic and social** deepening of the single market; points out that EU structural funding should be allocated in a forward-looking manner, i.e. so as to cushion further the possible adverse effects on regions of **global developments such as the economic crisis or climate change** and to prepare EU regions for socioeconomic **and climate** change; calls for a more user-friendly regional policy, but also for stricter rules against ‘fund-shopping’, by means of which some enterprises may misuse the Union's financial instruments;

Or. de

Amendment 23
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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5. Underlines that regional policy implementation is crucial for the success of the Europe 2020 strategy and the deepening of the single market; points out, ***in this connection***, that EU structural funding should be allocated in a dynamic, forward-looking manner, ***notably*** so as to cushion further the possible adverse effects on ***the EU's*** regions of international trade agreements and to prepare ***them*** for ***what is ever more necessary and inevitable*** socioeconomic change; calls for a more user-friendly regional policy, but also for stricter rules against ‘fund-shopping’, by means of which some enterprises may ***abuse*** the Union's financial instruments;

Or. es

Amendment 24
Oldřich Vlasák

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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Amendment 25
Luís Paulo Alves

Draft opinion
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Or. pt

Amendment 26
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Draft opinion
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that EU structural funding should be allocated in a dynamic, forward-looking manner, i.e. so as to cushion further the possible adverse effects on regions of international trade agreements and to prepare EU regions for socioeconomic change; calls for a more user-friendly regional policy, but also for stricter rules against ‘fund-shopping’, by means of which some enterprises may misuse the Union's financial instruments;

upon the Commission to establish a real correlation between the Single Market Act and the EU2020; points out that EU structural funding should be allocated in a dynamic, forward-looking manner, i.e. so as to cushion further the possible adverse effects on regions of international trade agreements and to prepare EU regions for socioeconomic change; calls for a more user-friendly regional policy, but also for stricter rules against ‘fund-shopping’, by means of which some enterprises may misuse the Union's financial instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Draft opinion
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5. Underlines that regional policy implementation is crucial for the success of the Europe 2020 strategy and the deepening of the single market; points out that EU structural funding should be allocated in a ***flexible***, dynamic, forward-looking manner, i.e. so as to cushion further the possible adverse effects on regions of international trade agreements and to prepare EU regions for socioeconomic change; calls for a more user-friendly regional policy, but also for stricter rules against ‘fund-shopping’, by means of which some enterprises may misuse the Union's financial instruments; ***Underlines the need for deeper harmonisation and integration of the Structural Funds rules, avoiding the breakdown of a project into different parts to apply to different funds; Recommends that the focus be put not just on the regularity of expenditure but on quality of***

interventions and that resources be concentrated in potentiating assistance on the management side;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Nuno Teixeira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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5. Underlines **the importance of the regions and of** regional policy implementation for the success of the Europe 2020 strategy and the deepening of the single market; points out that EU structural funding should be allocated in a dynamic, forward-looking manner, i.e. so as to cushion further the possible adverse effects on regions of international trade agreements and to prepare EU regions for socioeconomic change; calls for a more user-friendly regional policy, but also for stricter rules against ‘fund-shopping’, by means of which some enterprises may misuse the Union's financial instruments;

Or. pt

Amendment 29
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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Commission to take into account concerns regarding the ‘threshold effect’ between border regions that enjoy comparable degrees of development but receive significantly different levels of financial support under the Union's regional policy; calls for a debate on creating *a* fair **intermediate category** between the current ‘convergence’ and ‘regional competitiveness and employment’ objectives;

Commission to take into account concerns regarding the ‘threshold effect’ between border regions that enjoy comparable degrees of development but receive significantly different levels of financial support under the Union's regional policy; calls for a debate on creating fair **transition measures** between the current ‘convergence’ and ‘regional competitiveness and employment’ objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Franz Obermayr

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

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Amendment 31
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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Amendment 32
Markus Pieper, Sabine Verheyen

Draft opinion
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significantly different levels of financial support under the Union's regional policy; calls for a debate on fair *transitional rules for regions leaving* the current 'convergence' and *merging into* 'regional competitiveness and employment' objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Sophie Auconie

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Underlines that regions situated on the internal borders of the single market are the first to experience the consequences of removing those borders; asks the Commission to take into account concerns regarding the 'threshold effect' between border regions that enjoy comparable degrees of development but receive significantly different levels of financial support under the Union's regional policy; calls for a debate on creating a fair intermediate category *between* the current 'convergence' and 'regional competitiveness and employment' objectives;

Amendment

6. Underlines that regions situated on the internal borders of the single market are the first to experience the consequences of removing those borders; asks the Commission to take into account concerns regarding the 'threshold effect' between border regions that enjoy comparable degrees of development but receive significantly different levels of financial support under the Union's regional policy; calls for a debate on creating a fair *and legitimate* intermediate category *to complement* the current 'convergence' and 'regional competitiveness and employment' objectives;

Or. fr

Amendment 34

Lambert van Nistelrooij

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. To boost the regional competitiveness, emphasises the importance of "smart specialisation" of regions; the EU single market can only flourish as a whole when all actors and all regions, but also SMEs in all sectors, including the public sector, the social economy and citizens themselves are involved; not only a few high-tech areas, but all regions in Europe and every Member State, each focusing on its own strengths ("smart specialisation") within Europe;

Or. en

**Amendment 35
Kerstin Westphal**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 7**

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Asks the Commission to clarify the 'conditionality principle' mentioned in the debate on the future of the Union's regional policy, which, if it is not adequately implemented, could lead to the imposition of damaging and useless sanctions on potential beneficiaries under regional policy, i.e. enterprises and EU citizens;

deleted

Or. de

**Amendment 36
Heide Rühle**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 7**

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Asks the Commission to clarify the ‘conditionality principle’ mentioned in the debate on the future of the Union's regional policy, which, if it is not adequately implemented, could lead to the imposition of damaging and useless sanctions on potential beneficiaries under regional policy, i.e. enterprises and EU citizens;

deleted

Or. de

**Amendment 37
Franz Obermayr**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 7**

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Asks the Commission to clarify the ‘conditionality principle’ mentioned in the debate on the future of the Union's regional policy, which, if it is not adequately implemented, ***could lead to the imposition of damaging and useless sanctions on potential beneficiaries under regional policy, i.e. enterprises and EU citizens;***

7. Asks the Commission to clarify the ‘conditionality principle’ mentioned in the debate on the future of the Union's regional policy, which, if it is not adequately implemented, ***may possibly have an adverse impact on those to whom it is wrongly addressed, such as enterprises and EU citizens; stresses, however, that, in the extreme case, failure to implement necessary structural reforms and to comply with the Stability Pact could also lead to sanctions in the field of regional funding, as, without the requisite structures and budgetary discipline, this funding is liable to be dissipated ineffectively;***

Or. de

Amendment 38
Heide Rühle

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Welcomes the Commission's intention of reviewing public procurement rules with the aim of bringing them into line with EU objectives and policies, simplifying the procedures, particularly for small local and regional authorities, and facilitating better access to public contracts for SMEs;

Or. de

Amendment 39
Heide Rühle

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Criticises the fact that, in advance of the consultation on modernising European public procurement policy, it is intended that new legislative rules on contracting out services should be adopted; in the light of the 'better regulation' initiative, considers this counterproductive, as it could result in further fragmentation of the rules on public procurement and will increase legal uncertainty;

Or. de

Amendment 40
Sabine Verheyen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Stresses that services are a unique source of development for the single market; emphasises that the Services Directive is an essential step towards a true single market for services, and that the transposition process should take place as quickly as possible and in a transparent manner; underlines, in particular, the need for socially and regionally equitable access to services of general interest;

Amendment

8. Stresses that services are a unique source of development for the single market; emphasises that the Services Directive is an essential step towards a true single market for services, and that the transposition process should take place as quickly as possible and in a transparent manner; underlines, in particular, the need for socially and regionally equitable access to services of general interest, ***while having due regard to subsidiarity and for the right to local self-government of regional and local authorities;***

Or. en

Amendment 41
Georgios Stavrakakis, Kerstin Westphal

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Stresses that services are a unique source of development for the single market; emphasises that the Services Directive is an essential step towards a true single market for services, and that the transposition process should take place as quickly as possible and in a transparent manner; underlines, in particular, the need for socially and regionally equitable access to services of general interest;

Amendment

8. Stresses that services are a unique source of development for the single market; emphasises that the Services Directive is an essential step towards a true single market for services, and that the transposition process should take place as quickly as possible and in a transparent manner; underlines, in particular, the need for socially and regionally equitable access to services of general interest ***by making full use of the possibilities provided by the Lisbon Treaty namely the Protocol No 26;***

Or. en

Amendment 42
Iosif Matula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Stresses that services are a unique source of development for the single market; emphasises that ***the Services Directive*** is an essential step towards a true single market for services, and that the transposition process should take place as quickly as possible and in a transparent manner; underlines, in particular, the need for socially and regionally equitable access to services of general interest;

Amendment

8. Stresses that services are a unique source of development for the single market; emphasises that ***adapting the Directive to the concrete needs of services*** is an essential step towards a true single market for services, and that the transposition process should take place as quickly as possible and in a transparent manner; underlines, in particular, the need for socially and regionally equitable access to services of general interest; ***insists on the need to consolidate territorial cooperation with a view to ensuring the cohesive development of crossborder regions***;

Or. ro

Amendment 43
Petru Constantin Luhan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Stresses that services are a unique source of development for the single market; emphasises that the Services Directive is an essential step towards a true single market for services, and that the transposition process should take place as quickly as possible and in a transparent manner; underlines, in particular, the need for socially and regionally equitable access to services of general interest;

Amendment

8. Stresses that services are a unique source of development for the single market; emphasises that the Services Directive is an essential step towards a true single market for services, and that the transposition process should take place as quickly as possible and in a transparent manner; ***calls on the Commission to take all necessary measures with a view to the implementation of the Directive in all Member States and to support those***

Member States experiencing problems or delays in implementing it; underlines, in particular, the need for socially and regionally equitable access to services of general interest;

Or. ro

Amendment 44
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Emphasizes the role of Trans-European Networks in promoting the single market, economic growth and the creation of employment; welcomes, in that respect, the Commission's proposal to adopt in 2011 a revision of the Community guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network as well as a proposal on a global framework for the funding of transport infrastructure;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Sophie Auconie, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Stresses that the single market requires an adequately funded regional policy for the period after 2013 and that its budget must on no account be less than that which applies during the current period, 2007-2013;

Amendment 46
Oldřich Vlasák

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Underscores the potential for the EU's regions to play their considerable role in assisting the Commission's drive to create a digital Single Market; highlights, in this regard, the importance that should be placed on utilising the funds available to the EU's regions in order to overcome their lack of development in the fields of e-commerce and e-services, which could serve as a fruitful source of future growth in the regions;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. Takes the view that territorial cooperation (including European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs) and macro-regional strategies) makes a decisive contribution to removing visible and invisible internal borders within the single market; calls, in this connection, for the post-2013 budget for territorial cooperation to be increased;

9. Takes the view that territorial cooperation (including European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs) and macro-regional strategies) makes a decisive contribution to removing visible and invisible internal borders within the single market ***by using the full potential of cross border competitive clusters***; calls, in this connection, for the post-2013 budget for territorial cooperation to be increased;

Amendment 48
Oldřich Vlasák

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Takes the view that territorial cooperation (including European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs) and macro-regional strategies) makes a decisive contribution to removing visible and invisible internal borders within the single market; ***calls, in this connection, for the post-2013 budget for territorial cooperation to be increased;***

Amendment

9. Takes the view that territorial cooperation (including European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs) and macro-regional strategies) makes a decisive contribution to removing visible and invisible internal borders within the single market;

Amendment 49
Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Sophie Auconie

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Takes the view that territorial cooperation (including European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs) and macro-regional strategies) makes a decisive contribution to removing visible and invisible internal borders within the single market; calls, in this connection, for the post-2013 budget for territorial cooperation to be increased;

Amendment

9. Takes the view that territorial cooperation (including European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs) and macro-regional strategies) makes a decisive contribution to removing visible and invisible internal borders within the single market ***and further developing that market;*** calls, in this connection, for the post-2013 budget for territorial cooperation to be increased; ***would like access to European regional cooperation funding to be simplified to facilitate participation, inter alia, by private parties;***

Amendment 50
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Takes the view that territorial cooperation (including European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs) and macro-regional strategies) makes a decisive contribution to removing visible and invisible internal borders within the single market; calls, in this connection, for the post-2013 budget for territorial cooperation to be increased;

Amendment

9. Takes the view that territorial cooperation (including European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs) and macro-regional strategies) makes a decisive contribution to removing visible and invisible internal borders within the single market; calls, in this connection, for the post-2013 budget for territorial cooperation to be increased ***in order to promote multilevel cooperation across national frontiers and better exploit the potential of territorial cooperation;***

Or. en

Amendment 51
François Alfonsi, Heide Rühle

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Calls for the proposals in the chapter ‘Increasing solidarity in the single market’ to be expanded and bolstered, and particularly for account to be taken of the impact of the single market in the most disadvantaged regions in order to anticipate and support the adjustment efforts of those regions;

Or. fr

Amendment 52
Patrice Tirolien

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Stresses the specific situation referred to in Article 349 of the Lisbon Treaty, particularly insularity and remoteness, which limit the integration of these regions into the single market; encourages the Commission to continue with, and further develop, the specific provisions for these regions; recalls the need to establish the wider European neighbourhood action plan referred to in its Communication COM(2004)0343, as a complement to integration into the single market;

Or.

Amendment 53
Heide Rühle

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

Amendment

10. Welcomes the proposed creation of a European Foundation Statute; calls for the creation of a European Association Statute in order to facilitate cross-border citizens' initiatives and to contribute to the development of EU citizenship beyond frontiers;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 54
Franz Obermayr

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Welcomes the proposed creation of a European Foundation Statute; calls for the creation of a European Association Statute in order to facilitate cross-border citizens' initiatives ***and to contribute to the development of EU citizenship beyond frontiers;***

Amendment

10. Welcomes the proposed creation of a European Foundation Statute; calls for the creation of a European Association Statute in order to facilitate cross-border citizens' initiatives; ***calls in this context for it to be possible to design all these forms of citizens' activity, within their legal framework, in a manner which is free in terms of substance and should be treated by the Commission with the appropriate seriousness, and promoted by it, as participation by citizens in political life;***

Or. de

Amendment 55
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Welcomes the proposed creation of a European Foundation Statute; calls for the creation of a European Association Statute in order to facilitate cross-border citizens' initiatives and to contribute to the development of EU citizenship beyond frontiers;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the proposed creation of a European Foundation Statute ***and notes the Commission's commitment to present a regulation by the end of 2011;*** calls for the creation of a European Association Statute in order to facilitate cross-border citizens' initiatives and to contribute to the development of EU citizenship beyond frontiers;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Welcomes the proposed creation of a European Foundation Statute; calls for the creation of a European Association Statute in order to facilitate cross-border citizens' initiatives and to contribute to the development of EU citizenship beyond frontiers;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the proposed creation of a European Foundation Statute; calls for the creation of a European Association Statute in order to facilitate cross-border citizens' initiatives ***and the creation of business environments that favour innovation through suitable locally-oriented policies and intelligent specialisation*** and to contribute to the development of EU citizenship beyond frontiers;

Or. ro

Amendment 57
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10 a. Recalls the need to take account under the EU's integrated policies of the situation of regions with specific territorial characteristics, in order to enable those regions and their enterprises, workforce and citizens to be fully integrated into the EU's internal market and thus benefit in full from it;

Or. es

Amendment 58
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Appreciates the Commission's multilevel governance approach, which is necessary in order to ensure genuine participation by regional and local political and economic actors;

Amendment

11. Appreciates the Commission's multilevel governance approach, which is necessary in order to ensure genuine participation by regional and local political and economic actors; ***proposes, in order to emphasize this decentralised approach, the establishment of a 'Territorial Pact of Local and Regional Authorities on Europe 2020 Strategy' in every Member State to create a stronger ownership in the implementation of the EU 2020 Strategy;***

Or. en

Amendment 59
Iosif Matula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Appreciates the Commission's multilevel governance approach, which is necessary in order to ensure genuine participation by regional and local political and economic actors;

Amendment

11. Appreciates the Commission's multilevel governance approach; ***calls on the Member States to take the initiative in this connection and ensure a significant role for the local and regional authorities; believes this approach*** is necessary in order to ensure genuine participation by regional and local political and economic actors;

Or. ro

Amendment 60
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Appreciates the Commission's multilevel governance approach, which is necessary in order to ensure genuine participation by regional and local political and economic actors;

Amendment

11. Appreciates the Commission's multilevel governance approach, which is necessary in order to ensure genuine participation by regional and local political and economic actors. ***Stresses that the multi-level approach should be applied not only vertically but also horizontally, among actors of the same level, in all shared-competence Union policies including the cohesion policy;***

Or. en

Amendment 61
Nuno Teixeira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Appreciates the Commission's multilevel governance approach, which is necessary in order to ensure genuine participation by regional and local political and economic actors;

Amendment

11. Appreciates the Commission's multilevel governance approach, which is necessary in order to ensure genuine participation by regional and local political and economic actors; ***stresses the need for greater involvement of the regional and local authorities in the construction of the single market, in accordance with the principles of subsidiarity and partnership and at all stages of the decision-making process;***

Or. pt

Amendment 62
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Appreciates the Commission's multilevel governance approach, which is necessary in order to ensure genuine participation by regional and local political and economic actors;

Amendment

11. Appreciates the Commission's multilevel governance approach, which is necessary in order to ensure genuine participation by regional and local political and economic actors ***in decision making***;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Appreciates the Commission's multilevel governance approach, which is necessary in order to ensure genuine participation by regional and local political and economic actors;

Amendment

11. Appreciates the Commission's multilevel governance approach, which is necessary in order to ensure genuine participation by regional and local political and economic actors; ***asks for support for the development of a range of public-private partnerships at local and regional level, with a view to enabling the authorities concerned to meet the challenge of the new forms of competition evolving in the global economy***;

Or. ro

Amendment 64
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Asks the Commission further to involve the Committee of the Regions and Parliament, and to work with them in order continuously to monitor the potential and actual consequences for regions of the deepening of the single market; welcomes, therefore, the idea of a single market forum.

Amendment

12. Asks the Commission further to involve the Committee of the Regions and ***the European*** Parliament, and to work with them ***closely*** in order continuously to monitor the potential and actual consequences for regions of the deepening of the single market; welcomes, therefore, the idea of a single market forum.

Or. en

Amendment 65

Sophie Auconie, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid

Draft opinion

Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Asks the Commission ***further*** to involve the Committee of the Regions and Parliament, and to work with them in order continuously to monitor the potential and actual consequences for regions of the deepening of the single market; welcomes, therefore, the idea of a single market forum.

Amendment

12. ***Welcomes the role played by the Committee of the Regions in involving local and regional parties in the debate on the Single Market Act;*** asks the Commission ***to continue*** to involve the Committee of the Regions and Parliament, and to work with them in order continuously to monitor the potential and actual consequences for regions of the deepening of the single market; welcomes, therefore, the idea of a single market forum.

Or. fr

Amendment 66

Heide Rühle

Draft opinion

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12a. Welcomes the Commission's greater efforts to involve the general public in the consultation processes; observes that, in these consultations, the new special role of local and regional authorities should be taken into account, as it is they that implement the EU rules; therefore considers inappropriate the list given in the Commission proposal, which mentions local and regional authorities last among the consultation partners (COM(2010) 608, Proposal 48); calls on the Commission to upgrade the role of local and regional authorities accordingly, pursuant to the Lisbon Treaty;

Or. de

Amendment 67

Heide Rühle

Draft opinion

Paragraph 12 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12b. Considers it necessary to involve local and regional authorities in developing and expanding the Internal Market Information System in order to avoid unnecessary bureaucracy and excessive burdens at local level;

Or. de