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Draft opinion
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European broadband: investing in digitally driven growth
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Amendment 1
Hannu Takkula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the Commission is aiming to combat the digital divide and provide broadband for all, *a service of vital importance for the development of the most sparsely populated areas*;

Amendment

1. Notes that the Commission is aiming to combat the digital divide and provide broadband for all, *and to improve digital literacy and skills*;

Or. fi

Amendment 2
Sabine Verheyen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the Commission is aiming to combat the digital divide and provide broadband for all, a service of vital importance for the development of the most sparsely populated areas;

Amendment

1. Notes that the Commission is aiming to combat the digital divide and provide broadband for all, *since this is* a service of vital importance for the development of the most sparsely populated areas; *calls on the Commission to urge the Member States, in pursuance of the objectives of the Digital Agenda and once widespread broadband coverage has been achieved in Europe, to provide rural areas too with adequate fast and ultra-fast networks; with this in mind, the roll-out of FTTB and FTTH should be intensified so as to avoid the creation of uneconomic transitional solutions*;

Or. de

Amendment 3
Georgios Papanikolaou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the Commission is aiming to combat the digital divide and provide broadband for all, a service of vital importance for the development of the most sparsely populated areas;

Amendment

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Or. el

Amendment 4
Georgios Papanikolaou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recalls that the new technologies and access to high-speed connections impact positively on citizens' education, information, communications and recreation ;

Or. el

Amendment 5
Marco Scurria

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Considers that it is essential to address the barriers that are keeping part of the population offline and to engage as many

stakeholders as possible to provide: 1- training and public access to broadband services 2- economic assistance for the acquisition of broadband services and equipment 3- incentives for the development of technology and content aimed at specific user's needs;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Morten Løkkegaard

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. *Points to the* need to employ national and regional means of obtaining public financial support for broadband in areas where commercial investment is unlikely to occur;

Amendment

2. *Takes the view that, while the roll-out of digital infrastructure should initially be market-driven and technology-neutral, there may be a* need to employ national and regional means of obtaining public financial support for broadband in areas where commercial investment is unlikely to occur; *considers, however, that this should not take the form of subsidies but of public procurement procedures committing the parties to roll-out under market conditions as part of a commercial contract;*

Or. da

Amendment 7
Hannu Takkula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Points to the need to employ national and regional means of obtaining public

Amendment

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financial support for broadband in areas where commercial investment is unlikely to occur;

financial support for broadband in areas - *e.g. sparsely populated regions* - where commercial investment is unlikely to occur *but where broadband is a key tool in their development*;

Or. fi

Amendment 8
Seán Kelly

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Points to the need to employ national and regional means of obtaining public financial support for broadband in areas where commercial investment is unlikely to occur;

Amendment

2. Points to the need to *use innovative financial instruments, such as loan guarantees, to incentivise the private sector to roll out broadband, as well as the need to* employ national and regional means of obtaining public financial support for broadband *connections* in areas where commercial investment is unlikely to occur;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Points to the need to employ national and regional means of obtaining public financial support *for* broadband *in* areas *where* commercial investment is unlikely to occur;

Amendment

2. Points to the need to employ national and regional means of obtaining public financial support *in order to guarantee standards in respect of quality, diversity of content and the democratisation of access to* broadband, *with special emphasis on* areas *in which* commercial investment is unlikely to occur;

Amendment 10
Sabine Verheyen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Points to the need to employ national and regional means of obtaining public financial support for broadband in areas where commercial investment is unlikely to occur;

Amendment

2. Points to the need to employ **European**, national and regional means of obtaining public financial support for broadband in areas where commercial investment is unlikely to occur; ***notes, however, that the cost in administrative and planning terms of implementing EU subsidy programmes, particularly for SMEs and for local and regional authorities, is considerable, and that a legal uncertainty exists in practice which often inhibits planned investments; calls therefore on the Commission to examine to what extent the subsidy rules can be simplified and rendered more attractive to investors, and how better coordination can be achieved between European and national programmes;***

Amendment 11
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Reaffirms the principle of network neutrality and takes the view that open, equal access to telecommunications infrastructure and information technology is vital to ensure social, economic and cultural progress;

Amendment 12
Sabine Verheyen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Maintains that first-rate content must constitute a priority for the emerging broadband networks and must help to promote access to, and the sharing of, cultural goods and services, open up spaces for creativity and expression, and foster exchanges between creative people;

Amendment

3. *Does not affect English text.*

Amendment 13
Malika Benarab-Attou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Amendment 14
Malika Benarab-Attou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that, *when carrying out their specific task, public service* broadcasters must seek to offer a high standard of pluralist audio-visual content, using the new broadcasting platforms provided by broadband technology;

Amendment

4. Notes that broadcasters must seek to offer a high standard *and a wide range* of pluralist audio-visual content *to the population as a whole*, using *existing broadcasting platforms and* the new broadcasting platforms provided by broadband technology, *particularly for on-demand services, provided that these networks meet the same service quality requirements and maximise efficiency with regard to frequency use*;

Or. fr

Amendment 15
Petra Kammerevert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that, *when carrying out their specific task, public service* broadcasters *must seek* to offer a high standard of pluralist audio-visual content, using *the new* broadcasting platforms provided *by* broadband *technology*;

Amendment

4. Notes that, broadcasters *should be able* to offer a high standard of pluralist audio-visual content, using *existing* broadcasting platforms, *including terrestrial platforms, as well as broadband networks, in particular for on-demand services*, provided *that the* broadband *networks fulfil the same requirements in terms of quality of service and seek to maximize their spectrum efficiency and coverage*;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Helga Trüpel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

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Amendment

4. Notes that, broadcasters *should be able* to offer a high standard of pluralist audio-visual content, using *existing* broadcasting platforms, *including terrestrial platforms, as well as broadband networks, in particular for on-demand services*, provided *that the* broadband *networks fulfil the same requirements in terms of quality of service and seek to maximize their spectrum efficiency and coverage*;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Morten Løkkegaard

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that, when carrying out their specific task, public service broadcasters must seek to offer a high standard of pluralist audio-visual content, using the new broadcasting platforms provided by broadband *technology*;

Amendment

4. Notes that, when carrying out their specific task, public service broadcasters must seek to offer a high standard of pluralist audio-visual content, using the new broadcasting platforms provided by broadband *and other technological platforms*;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Petra Kammerevert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Notes the linkage between the construction and deployment of mobile broadband networks on the one hand and frequency policy on the other, and stresses with this in mind that European frequency policy must take account in equal measure of the economic, social and cultural value of radio frequencies; emphasises therefore that the construction and deployment of mobile broadband networks must not jeopardise existing use of frequencies by users such as radio and PMSE, which are of major importance for the creation and dissemination of cultural content, linguistic and cultural diversity and diversity of opinion, and must allow them adequate room for development;

Or. de

Amendment 19
Sabine Verheyen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Notes the linkage between the deployment of mobile broadband networks and frequency policy, and stresses that European frequency policy must take account in equal measure of the economic, social and cultural value of radio frequencies; emphasises, furthermore, the need for effective use of the existing frequencies and calls for technology neutrality;

Or. de

Amendment 20
Helga Trüpel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Refers to the context of the establishment and development of mobile Broadband networks and spectrum policy, and emphasize against this background that the European spectrum policy has to take equally into account the economic, social and cultural value of radio frequencies; therefore stresses that the establishment and development of mobile Broadband networks must not endanger the use of existing spectrum users, such as radio and PMSE, which are of great importance for the creation and dissemination of cultural content, linguistic and cultural diversity and pluralism and must allow them sufficient room for development;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Helga Trüpel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Notes that, in order to offer a high standard of pluralist audio-visual content at an affordable price to the consumer, broadcasters must be able to chose between the different broadcasting platforms by taking account of technical and cost efficiency: Broadband for on demand services, and terrestrial television for the transmission of linear content to large audiences;

Amendment 22
Marco Scurria

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Recalls that achieving 100% broadband access and enabling 100% adoption, will be an utterly wasted effort, if the priorities do not also include a robust strategy for ensuring cyber security and online safety. As broadband services play an increasingly instrumental role in virtually all facets of our cultural, economic, social and governmental institutions, a secure and safe environment is an imperative;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Malika Benarab-Attou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Recommends that Member States favour a policy making for ***the widest possible*** access to content, the priority being to connect public services, especially schools and universities, to broadband networks so as to encourage knowledge-sharing ***and promote*** cultural and linguistic diversity;

5. Recommends that Member States favour a policy making for ***equal*** access to content, the priority being to connect public services, especially schools and universities, to broadband networks so as to encourage knowledge-sharing, ***as well as the promotion of*** cultural and linguistic diversity ***and the enhancement of Europe's cultural heritage;***

Or. fr

Amendment 24
Sabine Verheyen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recommends that Member States favour a policy making for the widest possible access to content, the priority being to connect public *services*, especially schools and universities, to broadband networks so as to encourage knowledge-sharing and promote cultural and linguistic diversity;

Amendment

5. Recommends that Member States favour a policy making for the widest possible access to content, the priority being to connect public *establishments*, especially schools, *libraries* and universities, to broadband networks so as to encourage knowledge-sharing and promote cultural and linguistic diversity; ***notes, furthermore, that education and culture are not factors separated from the economy as a whole, and stresses the considerable added value created by this sector;***

Or. de

Amendment 25
Hannu Takkula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recommends that Member States favour a policy making for the widest possible access to content, the priority being to connect public services, especially schools and universities, to broadband networks so as to encourage knowledge-sharing and promote cultural and linguistic diversity;

Amendment

5. Recommends that Member States favour a policy making for the widest possible access to content, the priority being to connect public services, especially schools, ***other educational establishments*** and universities, to broadband networks so as to encourage knowledge-sharing and promote cultural and linguistic diversity;

Or. fi

Amendment 26
Marco Scurria

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Stresses the importance of recognising and embracing all existing broadband platforms, users and services as part of the broadband ecosystem. This will help ensuring 100% broadband access and delivering the many societal benefits envisioned. This will promote 100% broadband adoption;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Hannu Takkula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Suggests that public policies be implemented to support the introduction of new technologies and ***ease the transition to a digital education service***; calls on the Commission to encourage exchanges of best practice between Member States.

6. Suggests that public policies be implemented to support the introduction of new technologies and ***that the introduction of digital teaching methods be promoted***; calls on the Commission to encourage exchanges of best practice between Member States.

Or. fi

Amendment 28
Sabine Verheyen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Suggests that public policies ***be implemented*** to support the introduction of new technologies and ease the transition to a digital education service; calls on the Commission to encourage exchanges of best practice between Member States.

Amendment

6. Suggests that ***the Member States be urged to implement*** public policies to support the introduction of new technologies and ease the transition to a digital education service; calls on the Commission to encourage exchanges of best practice between Member States.

Or. de

Amendment 29
Marek Henryk Migalski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

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Amendment

6. Suggests that public policies be implemented to support the introduction of new technologies and ease the transition to a digital education service; calls on the Commission to encourage exchanges of best practice between Member States ***and between Member States and countries outside the EU.***

Or. pl

Amendment 30
Morten Løkkegaard

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Stresses that the roll-out of digital infrastructure creates good opportunities for distance learning, particularly in the outermost regions.

Amendment 31
Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Piotr Borys

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission to publish guidelines on investing in broadband networks for local and regional authorities as soon as possible in order to promote the full use of EU resources;

Or. pl

Amendment 32
Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Piotr Borys

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Calls on the Commission to publish guidelines on the use of funding from public-private partnerships and other financial instruments as soon as possible in order to facilitate the building of broadband networks;

Or. pl

Amendment 33
Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Piotr Borys

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6c. Emphasises that the development of new information and communications technologies, together with broadband internet, is a great opportunity to further improve communication and dialogue between the citizens and institutions of the European Union.

Or. pl