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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 36**

**Draft opinion**  
**Inese Vaidere**  
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on Innovation Union: transforming Europe for a post-crisis world  
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**Amendment 1**  
**Joe Higgins**

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

*Draft opinion*

**1. Points out that internationalisation and innovation are key drivers of competitiveness and growth and are crucial to the EU 2020 strategic goals;**

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Yannick Jadot**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Points out that internationalisation and innovation **are** key drivers of competitiveness and growth **and** are crucial **to** the EU 2020 strategic goals;

*Amendment*

1. Points out that ***selective*** internationalisation and innovation ***can be*** key drivers of competitiveness and growth ***if they are part and parcel of a long term EU industrial strategy; regards it as crucial in implementing*** the EU 2020 strategic goals ***to define and support especially those productive areas in which the EU is able to maintain or gain competitive advantages over the next 30 years;***

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Francesca Balzani**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Points out that internationalisation and innovation are key drivers of competitiveness and growth and are crucial to the EU 2020 strategic goals;

*Amendment*

1. Points out that internationalisation and innovation are key drivers of **external** competitiveness and growth and are crucial to the EU 2020 strategic goals;

Or. it

**Amendment 4**  
**Yannick Jadot**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. underlines the importance of climate and energy efficient and renewable technologies in the shift towards a sustainable global economy; recognizes the lead position of the EU in many key sectors for climate-friendly and resource-efficient industrial production; calls on the Commission to define strategies of internationalisation and innovation in these sectors;***

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Joe Higgins**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Points out that the EU has seen its worst social and economic crisis since its existence, the end of which is still not in sight; this crisis has led to high unemployment, particularly amongst***

*young people, and cuts in social services  
in many European countries;*

Or. en

**Amendment 6  
Francesca Balzani**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Stresses the need to transform the EU's trade and innovation policy into a true vehicle for job creation, the eradication of poverty and sustainable development worldwide; firmly believes that consistency between the internal and external aspects of EU policies is indispensable and that the shaping of a new trade policy must be consistent with a strong, job-creating industrial and innovation policy in order to ensure economic growth and in turn create more and better jobs;*

Or. it

**Amendment 7  
Francesca Balzani**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1b. Believes that, in order to develop a competitive trade policy, it is essential to attain the objective of investing 3% of the EU's GDP in R&D activities by 2020;*

Or. it

**Amendment 8**  
**Joe Higgins**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2. Points out that standardisation can lead to innovation and competitiveness by facilitating access to markets and by enabling interoperability; encourages the Commission to increase the promotion of European standards internationally;**

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Marielle De Sarnez**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

2. Points out that standardisation can lead to innovation and competitiveness by facilitating access to markets and by enabling interoperability; encourages the Commission to increase the promotion of European standards *internationally*;

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Or. fr

**Amendment 10**  
**Inese Vaidere**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Points out that standardisation ***can lead to innovation and competitiveness*** by facilitating access to markets and by enabling interoperability; encourages the Commission to increase the promotion of European standards internationally;

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Joe Higgins**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Stresses therefore that all strategies in relation to transforming Europe for a post-crisis world need to be guided by sustainable job creation, strong and effective public services that are run in the interests of workers and users of public services;***

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Joe Higgins**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3. Considers that, in the EU's innovation policies, particular attention must be paid to supporting eco-compatible, energy-saving and low-carbon production, protecting IPR, improving SMEs' access***

*deleted*

*to funding, making SMEs internationally active, liberalising protected markets, stabilising exchange rates, fostering the legal protection of EU companies abroad and combating unfair competition and counterfeiting;*

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Yannick Jadot**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Considers that, in the EU's innovation policies, particular attention must be paid to supporting eco-compatible, energy-saving and low-carbon production, *protecting IPR, improving SMEs' access to funding, making SMEs internationally active, liberalising protected markets, stabilising exchange rates, fostering the legal protection of EU companies abroad and combating unfair competition and counterfeiting;*

*Amendment*

3. Considers that, in the EU's innovation policies, particular attention must be paid to supporting *start-up and scale economy of* eco-compatible, energy-saving and low-carbon production, *so that internationalisation is not in substitution but in addition to domestic demand; considers a strong domestic industrial base as the best guarantee to resist to competitive pressures and often unfair practices which come along with internationalization and open global markets;*

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Francesca Balzani**

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

*Draft opinion*

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saving and low-carbon production *and technologies*, protecting IPR, improving SMEs' access to funding, making SMEs internationally active, liberalising protected markets, stabilising exchange rates, fostering the legal protection of EU companies abroad and combating unfair competition and counterfeiting;

Or. it

**Amendment 15**  
**Inese Vaidere**

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

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

3. Considers that, in the EU's innovation policies, particular attention must be paid to supporting eco-compatible, energy-saving and low-carbon production, protecting *affordable* IPR, improving SMEs' access to funding, making SMEs internationally active, liberalising protected markets, stabilising exchange rates, fostering the legal protection of EU companies abroad and combating unfair competition, *piracy* and counterfeiting;

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Joe Higgins**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Underlines that, given the severe implications of climate change internationally, there is an urgency to***

*invest in more research on how to combat and reverse the effects of climate change; the research into a sustainable economy can only be successful when done on a cross-border level and conducted in the interests of the well being of the population and not in the interest of enhanced competitiveness and profit-making;*

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Francesca Balzani**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Believes that an efficient innovation and growth policy must inevitably invest in research programmes which facilitate mobility and exchanges between researchers at international level and strengthen cooperation between the worlds of science and business (Marie Curie Actions);*

Or. it

**Amendment 18**  
**Inese Vaidere**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*(a) Notes that social challenges remain an important focus of the Innovation Union; underlines that its overarching objective should be long-term development and competitiveness of the EU;*

**Amendment 19**  
**Inese Vaidere**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***(b) Notes that prioritization of innovations to limited areas should be avoided in order not to lose valuable innovative potential in the long term;***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Joe Higgins**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4. Regrets that our international partners have not opened their internal public procurement markets to EU companies in the same way that the EU internal market is open to third-country enterprises;***

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Yannick Jadot**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

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***4. Considers the EU public procurement markets an important factor for the scale***

procurement markets to *EU companies in the same way that the EU internal market is open to third-country enterprises;*

*introduction of new eco-compatible products and services; asks the Commission to reconsider its policy of unconditionally open procurement markets within the Government Procurement Agreement of the WTO and in negotiations of Free Trade Agreements with third countries, given that expectations that other countries open their procurement markets to EU companies have been disappointed;*

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Joe Higgins**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Notices the strong drive by European investors and big business to open up public procurement and services "markets" through international trade agreements; underlines the negative effects this has on the quality of services as well as wage levels; stresses that all institutions concerned with research and development must be democratically run, publically funded and exempted from market principles;*

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Joe Higgins**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5. Insists on the need to focus particularly on non-tariff barriers, which, as tariffs are gradually reduced or eliminated, tend to become the main obstacles to international trade;**

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 24  
Yannick Jadot**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 25  
Joe Higgins**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a. Acknowledges that technology transfer in the interest of development and with respect to achieving the MDGs needs to be an important aspect of European trade policy;**

Or. en

**Amendment 26**

**Joe Higgins**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6. Encourages the simplification of SME innovation and start-up policies; supports the creation of a European service to facilitate Innovation Partnerships; regards political and financial support as crucial in fostering innovation;**

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 27**

**Yannick Jadot**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

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*sectoral clusters* as crucial in fostering innovation;

Or. en

**Amendment 28**

**Inese Vaidere**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

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Or. en

**Amendment 29**

**Joe Higgins**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Reiterates the negative effects of enforcing stronger IPR rules and patent rights in the interests of large corporations in general and the pharmaceutical industry in particular; emphasises that combating counterfeiting must have as its sole objective the protection of consumers' interests, their health and general well being;***

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Joe Higgins**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

*7. Points out that the single European patent and the European Company Statute need to be adopted to promote the transition to extra-Community trade; underlines the need to reduce costs for EU patents in order to make them more competitive vis-à-vis US and Japanese prices;*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 31**  
**Yannick Jadot**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Points out that the single European patent and the European Company Statute need to be **adopted** to promote the transition to extra-Community trade; underlines the need to **reduce** costs for EU patents in order to make them more competitive vis-à-vis US and Japanese prices;

*Amendment*

7. Points out that the **pending** single European patent and the European Company Statute need to be **adapted** to **acknowledge the contribution of public research and innovation financing and public interests regarding the dissemination of innovation, and to promote the transition to extra-Community trade; underlines the need to upgrade the quality while reducing** costs for EU patents in order to make them more **innovation-oriented and** competitive vis-à-vis US and Japanese prices;

Or. en

**Amendment 32**  
**Inese Vaidere**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Points out that the single European patent and the European Company Statute need to be adopted to promote the transition to extra-Community trade; underlines the need to reduce costs *for* EU *patents* in order to make them more competitive vis-à-vis US and Japanese prices;

*Amendment*

7. Points out that the single European patent and the European Company Statute need to be adopted to promote the transition to extra-Community trade; underlines the need to reduce *the* costs *of an EU patent and IPR, taking into account the existing economic disparities among EU Member States*, in order to make them more competitive vis-à-vis US and Japanese prices;

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Joe Higgins**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

*8. Acknowledges that the transfer of EU high-technology knowhow to third countries should be monitored in order to avoid unfair competition, piracy and counterfeiting.*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Yannick Jadot**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Acknowledges that the transfer of EU high-technology knowhow to third countries should be monitored in order to avoid unfair competition, ***piracy and counterfeiting***.

*Amendment*

8. Acknowledges that the transfer of EU high-technology knowhow to third countries should be ***notified to and monitored by the Commission*** in order to ***gain better information of innovation patterns and future developments, and to*** avoid unfair competition;

Or. en

**Amendment 35**  
**William (The Earl of) Dartmouth**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***8a. Notwithstanding all the above, innovation cannot be legislated nor can it be generated by regulation; therefore calls on the Commission to interfere as little as possible and to ensure that as a starting point the Commission refrains from damaging that which it aims to encourage;***

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Yannick Jadot**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***8a. Recognizes that the fight against climate change and the strive towards energy efficiency and de-materialization of industrial production implies an active***

*policy of global dissemination of novel technologies; is aware of the fact that policy-induced dissemination of technology could run counter to existing ownership principles of intellectual property which might make public compensation systems for innovators necessary.*

Or. en