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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1-25**

**Draft opinion**  
**Burkhard Balz**  
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on the European dimension in sport  
(2011/2087(INI))

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*United in diversity*

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**Amendment 1**  
**Arlene McCarthy**

**Draft opinion**  
**Citation 1**

*Draft opinion*

– whereas sport, in addition to being a socio-cultural phenomenon, is capable of generating significant revenues and could contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy,

*Amendment*

– whereas sport, in addition to being a socio-cultural phenomenon, is capable of generating significant *direct* revenues and *indirect economic dividends and therefore* contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy,

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Sophie Auconie, Pascal Canfin, Marianne Thyssen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Citation 1**

*Draft opinion*

– whereas sport, in addition to being a socio-cultural phenomenon, is capable of generating significant revenues and could contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy,

*Amendment*

– whereas sport, in addition to being a socio-cultural phenomenon, is *a dynamic economic sector* capable of generating significant revenues and could contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy,

Or. fr

**Amendment 3**  
**Sophie Auconie, Pascal Canfin, Marianne Thyssen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Citation 2**

*Draft opinion*

– whereas sport does not behave like a typical economic activity because of its specific characteristics and its organisational structures underpinned by federations, which do not operate as commercial companies,

*Amendment*

– whereas sport does not behave like a typical economic activity because of its specific characteristics and its organisational structures underpinned by federations, which do not operate as commercial companies, ***and whereas a distinction must be made between sporting and commercial interests,***

Or. fr

**Amendment 4**  
**Arlene McCarthy**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***- whereas sporting fixtures are increasingly of cross-border importance and whereas threats to the integrity of sport such as match-fixing cannot be dealt with within the borders of one Member State alone and therefore require cooperation and coordinated action by the Member States,***

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Sven Giegold**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***- having regard to its resolution of 19 February 2009 on Social Economy (2008/2250(INI)),***

**Amendment 6**  
**Olle Schmidt, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Acknowledges the importance of sports events in the process of European integration. The opportunity to visit or follow sport events on television and radio or via the Internet helps to connect Europe's citizens culturally;***

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Sven Giegold**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

2. Points out that sport fulfils many important tasks not only in society, such as the promotion of voluntary engagement, integration and health, but also as an employer, a taxpayer and an innovative promoter of the economy and of growth; the empirical economic analysis of this sector at European level is of primary importance, but additional efforts are needed in order to create an appropriate platform of reliable and comparable data;

2. Points out that sport fulfils many important tasks not only in society, such as the promotion of voluntary engagement, integration and health, but also as an employer, a taxpayer and an innovative promoter of the economy and of growth; the empirical economic analysis of this sector at European level is of primary importance, but additional efforts are needed in order to create an appropriate platform of reliable and comparable data; ***reiterates its call for the social economy sector to be comprehensively recognised in statistical terms;***

Or. xm

**Amendment 8**  
**Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 – indent 1 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*- also points out that, in addition to considerations of setting a moral example and solidarity, volunteering can only be beneficial to a Member State from an economic standpoint (huge amounts of extra income); it also makes job creation easier and results in increased employment;*

Or. hu

**Amendment 9**  
**Slawomir Witold Nitras**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2a. Calls on the European Commission and the Member States to recognise the right of sports competition organisers to be compensated by betting operators who use their competitions to run their own commercial operations, and to assist sports bodies in their fight to protect the integrity of sport;*

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Olle Schmidt, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Calls for an analysis of the economic situation among sports clubs in Europe. It has become increasingly common, primarily in football, for clubs to have problems with large financial debts;***

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Arlene McCarthy**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Laments cases of corruption and match-fixing in sport which harm the integrity of sport for fans and threaten the economic contribution from sport; calls therefore for the establishment of effective cooperation measures at EU level for the defence of integrity and fair play in sport consistent with Articles 6, 83 and 165 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, between sports event organisers, online betting operators and public authorities, for the purpose of promoting player education and coordinating action against fraud and corruption in sport by sharing information and expertise and by applying the common definition of offences and sanctions – including criminal sanctions – for sports fraud;***

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Arlene McCarthy**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Asks the Commission to clarify the application of state aids rules with respect to public funding for sport;

*Amendment*

5. Asks the Commission to clarify the application of state aids rules with respect to public funding for sport ***in order to provide legal certainty for Member States in promoting the public interest through funding for grassroots sport,***

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Olle Schmidt, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Points out the need for a deeper and more extensive analysis of sustainable economic developments in sport. Among other things, part of transfer fees should be returned to clubs at grassroots level. This is essential for the creation of a more sustainable and equitable sporting movement;***

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Recalls that revenue in the area of sport is normally used to finance events and competitions, participating organisations, the construction and maintenance of infrastructure and the promotion of youth and amateur sport; points out, therefore, that organisers need to have the right to merchandise their events themselves, in line with EU competition rules;

*Amendment*

6. Recalls that revenue in the area of sport is normally used to finance events and competitions, participating organisations, the construction and maintenance of infrastructure and the promotion of youth and amateur sport; points out, therefore, that organisers need to have the right to merchandise their events themselves, ***in a transparent way***, in line with EU competition rules;

Or. hu

**Amendment 15**  
**Syed Kamall**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Recalls that revenue in the area of sport is normally used to finance events and competitions, participating organisations, the construction and maintenance of infrastructure and the promotion of youth and amateur sport; points out, therefore, that organisers need to have the right to merchandise their events themselves, in line with EU competition rules;

*Amendment*

6. Recalls that revenue in the area of sport is normally used to finance events and competitions, participating organisations, the construction and maintenance of infrastructure and the promotion of youth and amateur ***and grassroots*** sport; points out, therefore, that organisers need to have the right to merchandise their events themselves, in line with EU competition rules;

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Arlene McCarthy**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

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6. Recalls that revenue in the area of sport is normally used to finance events and competitions, participating organisations, the construction and maintenance of infrastructure and the promotion of youth and amateur sport; points out, therefore, that organisers need to have the right to merchandise their events themselves, in line with EU competition rules; ***notes the important role of training academies and the need to ensure their long-term viability and success through appropriate protection;***

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Arlene McCarthy**

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

*Draft opinion*

7. Acknowledges the link between the economic value of sport and the protection of intellectual property rights (IPR); calls on the Commission and the Member States to provide appropriate protection for IPR;

*Amendment*

7. Acknowledges the link between the economic value of sport and the protection of intellectual property rights (IPR); calls on the Commission and the Member States to provide appropriate protection for IPR; ***stresses that on-line betting is one form of commercial exploitation of sporting events and calls on the Commission to put forward proposals to ensure a fair return for sporting events and to safeguard the integrity of grassroots sport and develop it;***

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Sophie Auconie, Pascal Canfin, Marianne Thyssen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Recalls that the EU is, in accordance with Article 165 TFEU, committed to promoting the equity and protecting the integrity of sport; considers therefore that the EU should introduce European-level structural cooperation in order to coordinate the fight against fraud and corruption in sport;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 19**  
**Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 – introductory part**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

8. Supports any form of self-regulation in the sport sectors aimed at reinforcing accountability, transparency and financial stability; considers it essential, for the credibility of this kind of regulation, that an effective system of scrutiny and a balanced mix of sanctions and incentives be implemented;

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Or. hu

**Amendment 20**  
**Sophie Auconie, Pascal Canfin, Marianne Thyssen**

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

*Draft opinion*

8. Supports any form of self-regulation in the sport sectors aimed at reinforcing accountability, transparency and financial stability; considers it essential, for the credibility of this kind of regulation, that an effective system of scrutiny and a balanced mix of sanctions and incentives be implemented;

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8. Supports any form of self-regulation in the sport sectors aimed at reinforcing accountability, transparency and financial stability; considers it essential, for the credibility of this kind of regulation, that an effective system of scrutiny and a balanced mix of sanctions and incentives be implemented; ***calls on the Commission to examine the possibility of a legislative instrument, on the basis of Article 114 TFEU, aimed at ensuring the existence of harmonised rules of sound financial management for European professional sports clubs;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 21**  
**Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 – indent 1 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***- stresses that the mutual recognition of courses and specialist training within a unified European framework for professionals working in sport as specialists (referees, coaches) is particularly important as it makes a long-term contribution to increasing competitiveness, which would in turn enable major revenue loss to be avoided;***

Or. hu

**Amendment 22**  
**Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 – indent 2 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***- is of the opinion that continuing with incentives in the field of sport within the next multiannual financial framework would be desirable and justifiable, whether as part of an independent EU sports programme or as a sub-programme;***

Or. hu

**Amendment 23**  
**Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 – indent 3 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***- points out that the introduction by the Commission of satellite accounting in the sport sector is extremely timely, as it enables activities connected with sport to be assessed at national level in accordance with uniform standards, which makes it possible to detect anomalies and brings added value to the European economy and the single market;***

Or. hu

**Amendment 24**  
**Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Olle Schmidt**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***8a. Calls for the creation and implementation of internal regulations on the high level of debt in professional sport which would be capable of tackling its causes. These regulations should be proposed by sports institutions across Europe in common understanding with each other in order to put in place a coherent framework for the whole continent;***

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Sophie Auconie, Pascal Canfin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***8a. Calls on the Commission to put forward specific proposals to remedy the shortcomings and discrepancies in the legislation concerning the activities – which are by their nature, cross-border – of sports agents which were documented by the independent study carried out in 2009 on behalf of the Commission;***

Or. fr