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Draft opinion
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on the Evolution of EU Macro-Regional Strategies: Present Practice and Future Prospects, especially in the Mediterranean
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Amendment 1

Vincent Peillon, Carmen Romero López, Ana Gomes, Raimon Obiols, Pier Antonio Panzeri

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Paragraph 1

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1. Welcomes the concept of a macro-regional strategy, which, on the basis of the experience gained in existing macro-regions (Baltic Sea and Danube regions), can encourage Member States, regions, local authorities and third countries to ***manage resources in such a way as to foster growth, prosperity, security and sustainable protection of the environment*** in areas sharing common geographic, historic and cultural characteristics;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the concept of a macro-regional strategy, which, on the basis of the experience gained in existing macro-regions (Baltic Sea and Danube regions), can encourage Member States, regions, local authorities and third countries to ***develop territorial cooperation projects, particularly concerning economic and environmental issues***, in areas sharing common geographic, historic and cultural characteristics;

Or. fr

Amendment 2

Willy Meyer

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Welcomes the concept of a macro-regional strategy, which, on the basis of the experience gained in existing macro-regions (Baltic Sea and Danube regions), can encourage Member States, regions, local authorities and third countries to manage resources in such a way as to ***mitigate the devastating effects of the crisis and foster job creation***, growth, prosperity, security and sustainable protection of the environment in areas sharing common geographic, historic and

cultural characteristics;

Or. es

Amendment 3
Ivari Padar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Or. en

Amendment 4
Göran Färm

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

1a. Requests a more long-term financing solution for macro-regional strategies, within the framework of the EU budget, in order to finance actions not covered by the Cohesion Policy i.e. cooperation with third countries; experiences from the Baltic Sea strategy show furthermore a need for "seed money" for planning and

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preparing projects supporting the strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Rolandas Paksas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

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Amendment

1a. Notes that macro-regions are not an institutional level of the European Union; considers that macro-regional strategies should not cover all policy areas, but should home in on those challenges that are common to an entire macro-region and that can be identified in accordance with the principle of partnership;

Or. It

Amendment 6
Ivari Padar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the Commission and Council to take into account EU macro-regional strategies when deciding on budgetary envelopes such as cohesion and structural funds, research and development, and in particular regional cooperation; in addition, calls on the Commission and Council to evaluate whether macro-regional strategies need direct funding to guarantee successful implementation;

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Ivari Padar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

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1b. Notes that a coordinated policy between the EU and non-EU member countries within the macro-regional strategies should be encouraged for the common concerns (environment, migration etc) with the support of the neighbourhood policies;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Ivari Padar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

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1c. Welcomes the macro-regional strategy as a tool to encourage dialogue and increase relations and cooperation in the framework of the EU neighbourhood policy, both in the Eastern and Southern dimensions;

Or. en

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Ivari Padar

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Paragraph 1 d (new)

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1d. Welcomes the events of the Arab Spring and considers them to be a powerful incentive to develop new and active neighbourhood policies linking these, at least in part, with a macro-regional strategy;

Or. en

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2. Calls on the Commission and the European External Action Service to lend specific support to the idea of an Ionian-Adriatic macro-region, taking due account of neighbourhood policies; to promote closer cooperation within *a* specific area which includes EU Member States and neighbouring countries which have the Mediterranean Sea as the major, but not sole, element of their common heritage; ***and to seek synergies with relevant institutions, such as the European Investment Bank and the Union for the Mediterranean;***

2. Emphasises, in the light of the many economic, social and environmental challenges faced by all Mediterranean regions, the importance of creating a macro-region for the Mediterranean as a whole, so as to promote closer cooperation within this specific area which includes EU Member States and neighbouring countries which have the Mediterranean Sea as the major, but not sole, element of their common heritage, taking due account of neighbourhood policies; believes that this macro-region should, at the same time, facilitate cooperation on a sub-regional level for specific projects;

Or. fr

**Amendment 11
Marietje Schaake**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2**

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2. Calls on the Commission and the European External Action Service to lend specific support to the idea of an Ionian-Adriatic macro-region, taking due account of ***neighbourhood policies***; to promote closer cooperation within a specific area which includes EU Member States and neighbouring countries which have the Mediterranean Sea as the major, but not sole, element of their common heritage; and to seek synergies with relevant institutions, such as the European Investment Bank and the Union for the Mediterranean;

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2. Calls on the Commission and the European External Action Service to lend specific support to the idea of an Ionian-Adriatic macro-region, taking due account of ***the European Neighbourhood Policy***; to promote closer cooperation within a specific ***geographic*** area which includes EU Member States, ***EU candidate-*** and neighbouring countries, which have the Mediterranean Sea as the major, but not sole, element of their common heritage; and to seek synergies with relevant institutions ***and partnerships***, such as the European Investment Bank and the Union for the Mediterranean;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Willy Meyer

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Or. es

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Paragraph 2 a (new)

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2a. Emphasises that a Mediterranean macro-region could give the Union for the Mediterranean's specific projects real added value, so that they complement each other, particularly in the form of financial contributions, where appropriate;

Or. fr

Amendment 14

Rolandas Paksas

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Paragraph 2 a (new)

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2a. Stresses that the Adriatic-Ionian macro-regional strategy is a significant factor in reconciliation between territories of the Western Balkans and may assist these countries' efforts to join the EU;

Or. It

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Paragraph 2 b (new)

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Amendment

2b. Believes that it is necessary, in order to implement a Mediterranean macro-regional strategy, to build on the experience and work of existing regional institutions and to seek possible synergies with them, particularly, in addition to the UFM, the European Investment Bank and ARLEM;

Or. fr

Amendment 16
Andreas Mölzer

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3. Considers that **appropriate** resources should be devoted to the development of a new Ionian-Adriatic macro-regional strategy, with sufficient safeguards to ensure that **existing** financing is used in an effective manner, promoting, where necessary, the principle of 'more for more', and always in strict compliance with the rule of law and on the basis of respect for human rights;

3. Considers that resources should be devoted to the development of a new Ionian-Adriatic macro-regional strategy **from the existing budgets for this area**, with sufficient safeguards to ensure that financing is used in an effective manner, promoting, where necessary, the principle of 'more for more', and always in strict compliance with the rule of law and on the basis of respect for human rights;

Or. de

Amendment 17
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3. Considers that appropriate resources should be devoted to the development of a ***new Ionian-Adriatic*** macro-regional strategy, ***with sufficient safeguards to ensure*** that existing financing is used in ***an effective manner***, promoting, where necessary, the principle of 'more for more', and always in strict compliance with the rule of law and on the basis of respect for human rights;

Amendment

3. Considers that appropriate resources should be devoted to the development of a ***Mediterranean*** macro-regional strategy, ***while ensuring*** that existing financing is used ***as effectively as possible***, promoting, where necessary, the principle of 'more for more', and always in strict compliance with the rule of law and on the basis of respect for human rights;

Or. fr

Amendment 18

Willy Meyer

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Paragraph 3

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3. Considers that appropriate resources should be devoted to the development of a new Ionian-Adriatic macro-regional strategy, with sufficient safeguards to ensure that existing financing is used in an effective manner, promoting, where necessary, the principle of 'more for more', and always in strict compliance with the rule of law and on the basis of respect for human rights;

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3. Considers that appropriate resources should be devoted to the development of a new Ionian-Adriatic macro-regional strategy, with sufficient safeguards to ensure that existing financing is used in an effective manner, ***benefiting the social classes most affected by the economic crisis and*** promoting, where necessary, the principle of 'more for more', and always in strict compliance with the rule of law and on the basis of respect for human rights;

Or. es

Amendment 19

Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
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3. Considers that appropriate resources **should** be devoted to the development of a new Ionian-Adriatic macro-regional strategy, with sufficient safeguards to ensure that existing financing is used in an effective manner, promoting, where necessary, the principle of ‘more for more’, and always in strict compliance with the rule of law and on the basis of respect for human rights;

Amendment

3. Considers that appropriate resources **could** be devoted to the development of a new Ionian-Adriatic macro-regional strategy, with sufficient safeguards to ensure that existing financing is used in an effective manner, promoting, where necessary, the principle of ‘more for more’, and always in strict compliance with the rule of law and on the basis of respect for human rights, **fundamental freedoms and democracy**;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Pino Arlacchi

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3a. Calls for any resources intended for the Ionian-Adriatic macro-region to be allocated according to criteria reflecting the demographic and territorial scale of each sub-entity;

Or. it

Amendment 21

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Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Emphasises the need to involve, right from when the strategy is laid down, the

non-EU Member States and regions to be integrated into a Mediterranean macro-region, using the Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument for this purpose;

Or. fr

Amendment 22

Vincent Peillon, Carmen Romero López, Ana Gomes, Raimon Obiols, Pier Antonio Panzeri

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4. Emphasises that major areas of intervention for *the Ionian-Adriatic macro-region should* be the promotion of sustainable tourism, which could help small and medium-sized enterprises; the development of sustainable maritime transport, which could alleviate the problems relating to road transport; the introduction of measures to protect the Mediterranean Sea against pollution; *and the strengthening of effective public administration, to tackle any possible issues of inefficient governance;*

Amendment

4. Emphasises that major areas of intervention for *a Mediterranean macro-region could, in particular,* be the promotion of sustainable tourism, which could help small and medium-sized enterprises; the development of sustainable maritime transport, which could alleviate the problems relating to road transport; the introduction of measures to protect the Mediterranean Sea against pollution; *maritime security and safety and protection of the maritime environment, by establishing an integrated network of reporting and surveillance systems for maritime activities; the development of transregional energy networks; and scientific and academic cooperation;*

Or. fr

Amendment 23

Nikolaos Salavrakos

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

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4. Emphasises that major areas of intervention for the Ionian-Adriatic macro-region should be the promotion of sustainable tourism, which could help small and medium-sized enterprises; the development of sustainable maritime transport, which could alleviate the problems relating to road transport; the introduction of measures to protect the Mediterranean Sea against pollution; and the strengthening of effective public administration, to tackle any possible issues of inefficient governance;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that major areas of intervention for the Ionian-Adriatic macro-region should be the promotion of sustainable tourism, which could help small and medium-sized enterprises; the development of sustainable maritime transport, which could alleviate the problems relating to road transport; the ***creation of networks for culture, education and training, promoting employment and enhancing good neighbourly relations***; the introduction of measures to protect the Mediterranean Sea against pollution, ***overfishing and illegal fishing***; and the strengthening of effective public administration, to tackle any possible issues of inefficient governance;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Andreas Mölzer

Draft opinion

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4. Emphasises that major areas of intervention for the Ionian-Adriatic macro-region should be the promotion of sustainable tourism, which could help small and medium-sized enterprises; the development of sustainable maritime transport, which could alleviate the problems relating to road transport; the introduction of measures to protect the Mediterranean Sea against pollution; ***and the strengthening*** of effective public administration, to tackle any possible issues of inefficient governance;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that major areas of intervention for the Ionian-Adriatic macro-region should be the promotion of sustainable tourism, which could help small and medium-sized enterprises; ***as well as*** the development of sustainable maritime transport, which could alleviate the problems relating to road transport; the introduction of measures to protect the Mediterranean Sea against pollution; ***development of strategies for more*** effective public administration, to tackle any possible issues of inefficient governance, ***and drafting strategies for combating illegal immigration into the***

EU;

Or. de

Amendment 25
Rolandas Paksas

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4. Emphasises that major areas of intervention for the Ionian-Adriatic macro-region should be the promotion of sustainable tourism, which could help small and medium-sized enterprises; the development of sustainable maritime transport, which could alleviate the problems relating to road transport; the introduction of measures to protect the Mediterranean Sea against pollution; and the strengthening of effective public administration, *to tackle* any possible issues of inefficient governance;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that major areas of intervention for the Ionian-Adriatic macro-region should be the promotion of sustainable tourism, which could help small and medium-sized enterprises; the development of sustainable maritime transport, which could alleviate the problems relating to road transport; the introduction of measures to protect the Mediterranean Sea against pollution; the strengthening of effective public administration, *with a particular focus on management training and the tackling of* any possible issues of inefficient governance; *considers that the macro-regional strategy also needs to take account of issues such as environmental protection and conservation, energy, climate change, research and innovation, preservation of cultural resources, increasing competitiveness and job creation;*

Or. It

Amendment 26
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that major areas of intervention for the Ionian-Adriatic macro-region should be the promotion of sustainable tourism, which could help small and medium-sized enterprises; the development of sustainable maritime transport, which could alleviate the problems relating to road transport; the introduction of measures to protect the Mediterranean Sea against pollution; and the strengthening of effective public administration, ***to tackle any possible issues of inefficient governance;***

Amendment

4. Emphasises that major areas of intervention for the Ionian-Adriatic macro-region should be the promotion of sustainable tourism, which could help small and medium-sized enterprises; the development of sustainable maritime transport, which could alleviate the problems relating to road transport; the introduction of measures to protect the Mediterranean Sea against pollution; and the strengthening of ***good governance and*** effective public administration;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Willy Meyer

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that major areas of intervention for the Ionian-Adriatic macro-region should be the promotion of sustainable tourism, which could help small and medium-sized enterprises; the development of sustainable maritime transport, which could alleviate the problems relating to road transport; the introduction of measures to protect the Mediterranean Sea against pollution; and the strengthening of effective public administration, ***to tackle any possible issues of inefficient governance;***

Amendment

4. Emphasises that major areas of intervention for the Ionian-Adriatic macro-region should be ***job creation through*** the promotion of sustainable tourism, which could help small and medium-sized enterprises; the development of sustainable maritime transport, which could alleviate the problems relating to road transport; the introduction of measures to protect the Mediterranean Sea against pollution; and the strengthening of effective public administration, ***to tackle any possible issues of inefficient governance;***

Or. es

Amendment 28

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Regards it as crucial that the new macro-region should contribute to the definition of a new strategy for the proper management of immigration flows;

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Or. fr

Amendment 29

Willy Meyer

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Regards it as crucial that the new macro-region should contribute to the definition of a new strategy for the proper management of immigration flows;

5. Regards it as crucial that the new macro-region should contribute to the definition of a new strategy for the proper management of immigration flows, ***approaching it on the basis of a strategy, involving third countries, of combating poverty and championing employment and fair trade, thus contributing to stability in the macro-region;***

Or. es

Amendment 30

Andreas Mölzer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Regards it as crucial that the new macro-region should ***contribute to the definition of a new*** strategy for the proper management of immigration flows;

Amendment

5. Regards it as crucial that the new macro-region should ***make a major contribution to an effective*** strategy for the proper management of immigration flows;

Or. de

Amendment 31
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Regards it ***as crucial*** that the new macro-region should contribute to the definition of a new strategy for the proper management of immigration flows;

Amendment

5. Regards it ***important*** that the new macro-region should contribute to the definition of a new strategy for the proper management of immigration flows ***and mutual benefits of increased mobility***;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Vincent Peillon, Carmen Romero López, Ana Gomes, Raimon Obiols, Pier Antonio Panzeri

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Union to consider developing an EU macro-regional strategy specific to the Mediterranean, covering countries or regions which share one or more common features or common challenges in the area of defence and security, such as maritime security, maritime safety and the protection of the marine environment; through the

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deleted

creation of an integrated network of reporting and surveillance systems for maritime activities.

Or. fr

Amendment 33
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Union to consider developing an EU macro-regional strategy specific to the Mediterranean, covering countries or regions which share one or more common features or common challenges in the area of defence and security, such as maritime security, maritime safety and the protection of the marine environment; through the creation of an integrated network of reporting and surveillance systems for maritime activities.

Amendment

6. Calls on the Union to consider developing an EU macro-regional strategy specific to the Mediterranean, covering countries or regions which share one or more common features or common challenges in the area of defence and security, such as maritime security, maritime safety and the protection of the marine environment; through the creation of an integrated network of reporting and surveillance systems for maritime activities. ***Calls on the Union to assess the possibilities and mutual benefits of developing a comprehensive EU macro-regional strategy for the Southern Mediterranean.***

Or. en

Amendment 34
Willy Meyer
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

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Or. es

Amendment 35
Göran Färm

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Considers that the creation of future macro-regional strategies must be the result of a 'bottom-up' process, based on genuine motivation of stakeholders on the ground, avoiding a random approach, and preventing incoherence;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Mario Mauro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls for such a strategy to include as one of its main priorities the development of south-south trade, the creation of regional markets and reduction of trade tariffs and barriers between countries in the region;

Amendment 37
Mario Mauro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Underlines that innovation, energy, education and tourism are key areas for growth where synergies and regional cooperation could and should be strengthened in order to create sustainable growth in the Mediterranean region;

Or. en