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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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Enhanced intra-EU solidarity in the field of asylum
(COM(2011)0835 – 2012/2032(INI))

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Amendment 1
Elisabeth Jeggle

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Considers it essential to ensure cooperation with the countries of origin and transit of refugees through support for regional protection programmes, a suitable resettlement policy, diplomatic representations in third countries and the correct application of exceptions to visa rules to ensure improved access to the Common European Asylum System;

Amendment

1. Considers it essential to ensure cooperation with the countries of origin and transit of refugees through support for regional protection programmes, a suitable resettlement policy, diplomatic representations in third countries and the correct application of exceptions to visa rules to ensure improved access to the Common European Asylum System; ***while at the same time informing about the consequences of irregular migration to the EU and of the consequences in case of the abuse of the Common European Asylum System; considers it in this sense as essential to inform in the countries of origin and transit also about regular forms of migration to the EU;***

Or. en

Amendment 2
Takis Hadjigeorgiou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Code which allows member states to issue visas for humanitarian reasons.

Or. en

Amendment 3
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
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Or. fr

Amendment 4
Hélène Flautre

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Considers it essential to ***ensure cooperation with*** the countries of origin and transit of refugees ***through support for*** regional protection programmes, ***a suitable***

Amendment

1. Considers it essential to ***develop a sustained and open dialogue between the EU and the*** countries of origin and transit of refugees ***so as to ensure an effective***

resettlement policy, diplomatic representations in third countries and the correct application of exceptions to visa rules to ensure improved access to the Common European Asylum System;

protection of refugees based on the principle of solidarity as enshrined in Article 21 of TEU; calls in this regard on the Commission to provide the Parliament with a thorough evaluation of the effectiveness of regional protection programmes in terms of protection of refugees; calls on the EU Member States to commit themselves to duly implement the EU Joint Resettlement Programme;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Renate Weber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 – point 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(1) Underlines that the principle of solidarity and responsibility sharing, which is enshrined in the Treaties, should be applied not only among EU Member States, but also between the EU and the non-EU countries;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Renate Weber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 – point 2 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(2) Welcomes the external dimension of the comprehensive solidarity framework between member States, as well as of the inter-agency cooperation, as it will inevitably lead, inter alia, to the increase of the protection standards for asylum

seekers and the full respect of the asylum seekers' rights;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Renate Weber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 – point 3 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(3) Welcomes the initiative of introducing joint processing mechanisms, which should offer added value with respect to the quality of the decision-making process, ensuring and facilitating fair, efficient and rapid procedures, therefore benefiting both asylum seekers and Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Renate Weber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 – point 4 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(4) Notes that if joint processing is to lead to common decision-making process, then the concept of common European lists of safe third countries and safe countries of origin must replace the national lists and they must be adopted jointly by the Council and the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Elisabeth Jeggle

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Highlights the importance for the EU foreign policy to promote sustainable democratic and socio-economic development for countries of origin and transit in order to enable their people with perspectives for a life in dignity;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Renate Weber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Welcomes the proposal for a Migration and Asylum Fund, in particular the external dimension thereof, which must dovetail with other areas of EU external action, in particular its development and external aid policies;

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Or. en

Amendment 11
Hélène Flautre

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Considers it essential that the EuU does not export the responsibility of processing asylum claims to third countries and that the respect of the principle of non refoulement is fully ensured;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Elisabeth Jeggle

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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3. Calls on the Member States to provide without delay updated information regarding asylum seekers and detention centres facilitating the provision of more reliable statistics and the centralisation of this information through the EASO, providing it with the necessary powers and resources in accordance with its founding regulation;

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Or. en

Amendment 13
Takis Hadjigeorgiou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to provide without delay updated **accurate and reliable** information **and data** regarding asylum seekers and **asylum-related issues, such as** detention centres, facilitating the provision of more reliable statistics and the centralisation of this information through the EASO, providing it with the necessary powers and resources in accordance with its founding regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Or. fr

Amendment 15
Renate Weber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – point 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(1) Calls on the Member States to adapt, taking into account the centralised information provided by the EASO, its asylum practices and procedures based on solidarity and burden-sharing principles to the international environment or crises in the third countries;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Elisabeth Jeggle

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Calls for the EUREMA relocation pilot project to be more widely adopted and for the establishment of a ***permanent*** programme for resettlement between Member States of beneficiaries of international protection;

4. Calls for the EUREMA relocation pilot project to be more widely adopted and for the establishment of a programme for resettlement between Member States of beneficiaries of international protection, ***in case of imminent and disproportionate pressure on the asylum system of an individual member state;***

Or. en

Amendment 17
Takis Hadjigeorgiou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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Amendment

4. Calls for the EUREMA relocation pilot project to be more widely adopted and for the establishment of a permanent programme for resettlement between

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Member States of beneficiaries of international protection;

establishment of a permanent programme for resettlement between Member States of beneficiaries of international protection; ***emphasises that intra-EU relocation and EU resettlement programmes are complementary actions aimed at showing both intra- and extra-EU solidarity and neither of them should prejudice the other.***

Or. en

Amendment 18
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for the EUREMA relocation pilot project to be more widely adopted and for the establishment of a permanent programme for resettlement between Member States of beneficiaries of international protection;

Amendment

4. Calls for the EUREMA relocation pilot project to be more widely adopted and for ***Member States to participate more actively in such initiatives, and for*** the establishment of a permanent programme for resettlement between Member States of beneficiaries of international protection; ***emphasises that intra-EU relocation and resettlement programmes are complementary actions aimed at showing both intra- and extra-EU solidarity and neither of them should prejudice the other;***

Or. fr

Amendment 19
Hélène Flautre

Draft opinion
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4. Calls for the EUREMA relocation pilot project to be more widely adopted and for the establishment of a permanent programme for resettlement between Member States of beneficiaries of international protection;

Amendment

4. Calls for the EUREMA relocation pilot project to be more widely adopted and for the establishment of a permanent programme for resettlement between Member States of beneficiaries of international protection ***that should notably allow asylum seekers and refugees to choose the country they want to go to;***

Or. en

Amendment 20
Elisabeth Jeggle

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Considers that the Dublin system has failed to meet its objective of establishing a fair division of asylum responsibilities between the Member States;

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deleted

Or. en

Amendment 21
Takis Hadjigeorgiou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Considers that the Dublin system has failed to meet its objective of establishing a fair division of asylum responsibilities between the Member States;

Amendment

5. Considers that the Dublin system has failed to meet its objective of establishing a fair division of asylum responsibilities between the Member States ***as it disproportionately shifts responsibility towards Member States located at the***

external borders of the EU; stresses the need to review and reform the logic underlying the Dublin regulation and envisage alternative mechanisms for the allocation of responsibility for asylum applications;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Considers that the Dublin system has failed to meet its objective of establishing a fair division of asylum responsibilities between the Member States;

Amendment

5. Considers that the Dublin system has failed to meet its objective of establishing a fair division of asylum responsibilities between the Member States, *as it disproportionately shifts responsibility towards Member States located at the external borders of the EU, and stresses the need to review and reform the logic underlying the Dublin Regulation and other mechanisms in order to consider how responsibility for asylum applications is allocated;*

Or. fr

Amendment 23
Elisabeth Jeggle

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Emphasises that all Member States have the obligation to fully implement and apply Union law and international agreements on asylum; notes that all

Member States face specific challenges under the CEAS and hence need different support to carry out the appropriate tasks adequately;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Takis Hadjigeorgiou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Stresses the need to ensure more orderly and managed entry in the EU of persons in need of international protection in order to gain access to a fair asylum procedure in the EU in a safe and reliable manner, in the spirit of responsibility sharing between EU Member States and with third countries; reiterates in this respect the importance to establish national protected entry procedures for asylum seekers in their countries of origin as well as those unable to obtain protection in third countries of transit.

Or. en

Amendment 25
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Stresses the need to ensure that people in need of international protection are able to enter the EU to gain access there to a fair asylum procedure without putting

their lives at risk or falling into the hands of traffickers; reiterates, in this respect, the importance of establishing national protected entry procedures for asylum seekers in countries of origin and transit;

Or. fr

Amendment 26
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Recommends that Member States and the Commission draw up an EU protocol for the Mediterranean region in order to close the gaps which still remain in regard to the application of international laws concerning search and rescue areas, and in particular in connection with rescue, landing and reception services;

Or. fr

Amendment 27
Elisabeth Jeggle

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Urges the Council and the Commission to ensure that readmission agreements negotiated with third countries ***exclude those persons who declare themselves to be asylum seekers, refugees or persons in need of protection.***

7. Urges the Council and the Commission to ensure that readmission agreements negotiated with third countries ***are robust and respect the EU asylum acquis; urges in so far the Council and the Commission to encourage their third country interlocutors to meet up with their respective obligations to take back the applicants whose asylum claims have***

been considered as unfounded;

Or. en