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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 11**

**Draft opinion**  
**Jens Nilsson**  
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Eco-innovation - Jobs and growth through environmental policy  
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**Amendment 1**  
**Elisabeth Schroedter, Nikos Chrysogelos**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Underlines the broad dimension of the eco-innovation concept, given that it is defined as any form of innovation aiming at progress towards the goal of sustainable development, through reducing impacts on the environment **or** achieving a more efficient and responsible use of resources;

*Amendment*

1. Underlines the broad dimension of the eco-innovation concept, given that it is defined as any form of innovation aiming at progress towards the goal of sustainable development, through reducing impacts on the environment, achieving a more efficient and responsible use of resources ***or improving the ecological performance of production, products and services; draws attention to the job potential in a sustainable economy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Elisabeth Schroedter, Nikos Chrysogelos**

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

*Draft opinion*

***1a. Supports the Commission's flagship initiative under the Europe 2020 strategy to make the change towards a sustainable economy now, to make economic growth less dependent on consumption of resources and energy, to reduce climate-damaging emissions and thus to act against global warming; welcomes the intention to align legal framework conditions, market economy incentive instruments, subsidies and public procurement with that objective;***

*Amendment*

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Elisabeth Schroedter, Nikos Chrysogelos**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Highlights the untapped environmental-benefit potential of eco-innovation, given that it is expected to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions through, inter alia, increased use of recycled materials and production of quality products with less impact on the environment and the facilitating of more environmentally friendly production processes and services; stresses the need to target actions on bottlenecks and barriers in the way of the commercialisation of eco-innovation, and the internationalisation of these products and services;

*Amendment*

2. Highlights the untapped environmental-benefit potential of eco-innovation, given that it is expected to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions through, inter alia, increased use of recycled materials and production of quality products with less impact on the environment and the facilitating of more environmentally friendly production processes and services; ***points to the benefits for fiscal policies when the potentials of eco-innovation are exploited to the full and efficiency gains can be realised not least in budgetary terms***; stresses the need to target actions on bottlenecks and barriers in the way of the commercialisation of eco-innovation, and the internationalisation of these products and services;

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Riikka Pakarinen**

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

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Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Elisabeth Schroedter, Nikos Chrysogelos**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Believes that more should be done to internalise external costs; calls on the Commission to use existing policy tools – or develop new tools if necessary – to attribute costs, and to ensure that future policy proposals reflect its findings;***

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Elisabeth Schroedter, Nikos Chrysogelos**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to determine environmental standards and financial incentives creating reliable framework conditions for at least 10 years, and thereby creating legal and planning certainty which is a prerequisite for exploiting the growth opportunities of eco-innovation;***

**Amendment 7**

**Elisabeth Schroedter, Nikos Chrysogelos**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Stresses that eco-innovation should benefit from the emerging EU financial instruments and vehicles of the Innovation Union and Resource-Efficient Europe Flagships, as well as the post-2013 Cohesion Policy and Horizon 2020;

*Amendment*

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**Amendment 8**

**Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Points out that the future cohesion policy includes a smart specialisation strategy as an ex-ante conditionality for EU regions and encourages the regions to ***integrate*** eco-innovation ***in their*** smart specialisation strategies;

*Amendment*

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**Amendment 9**  
**Elisabeth Schroedter, Nikos Chrysogelos**

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

*Draft opinion*

8. Stresses that, while eco-industries today provide 3.4 million jobs and an estimated annual turnover of EUR 319 billion, the potential for creating regional growth and environmental benefits remains largely untapped, and recalls, in this connection, that the cost of inaction will be high;

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Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Elisabeth Schroedter, Nikos Chrysogelos**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***9 a. recommends promoting the creative and innovative potential of young people for contributing to sustainable development, and improving their access to funding;***

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Elisabeth Schroedter, Nikos Chrysogelos**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***9 b. Stresses that targeted investment for***

*the ecological transformation of the EU's disadvantaged regions is one of the most useful instruments for achieving the strategic objectives of regional convergence and territorial cohesion;*

Or. en