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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Isabelle Thomas
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Untapping the potential of Research and Innovation in the Blue Economy to
create Jobs and Growth
(2014/2240(INI))

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Amendment 1
Lidia Senra Rodríguez

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas seas and oceans have *at last* been recognised as powerful drivers of the European economy and have significant potential as regards innovation, *growth* and jobs; whereas, however, that potential can only be tapped if certain conditions are fulfilled;

Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 2
Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas one of those conditions is a definition that includes all the activities in the blue economy;

Amendment

B. whereas one of those conditions is a definition that includes all the activities in the blue economy *and whereas these must be analysed according to an integrated approach aimed at creating a blue ecosystem encompassing all stakeholders*;

Or. pt

Amendment 3
Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas coastal areas have specific characteristics which set them apart and determine their opportunities for development in the medium and long term;

Or. es

**Amendment 4
Isabelle Thomas**

**Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas it is currently believed that the number of molecules in the sea is considerably greater than the number of molecules on land, and that they offer incredible potential for research in the fields of healthcare, cosmetics and biotechnology;

Or. fr

**Amendment 5
Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar**

**Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas the integrated maritime policy acts as a strong lever for blue economy activities, especially when it comes to finding an integrated response to all the challenges now facing Europe's seas;

Or. pt

Amendment 6
Ian Duncan

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

***Ba. whereas women are underrepresented
in the blue economy***

Or. en

Amendment 7
Isabelle Thomas

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

***Bb. whereas peripheral and island regions
often have a maritime focus, and the
development of the blue economy
contributes to ensuring the balance and
equality of all territories of the EU;***

Or. fr

Amendment 8
Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

***Bb. whereas under the previous CFP
fisheries development groups proved to be
very useful as tools for creating***

employment and wealth, and social and territorial cohesion, as well as in taking decisions and playing an active role in their own development;

Or. es

Amendment 9
Isabelle Thomas

Draft opinion
Recital B c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bc. whereas particular attention should be paid to the outermost, island regions that are intrinsically linked to the blue economy, whose biotope is especially rich and whose specific climate offers opportunities for the development of new forms of marine energy production;

Or. fr

Amendment 10
Ulrike Rodust

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

Amendment

C. whereas marine spatial planning and the *integrated* management of coastal areas are vital management tools when it comes to preventing conflicts and optimising interdependence between various sectors, and whereas, in that connection, *the move away from ICZM at EU level is deplorable;*

C. whereas marine spatial planning and the *coordinated* management of coastal areas are vital management tools when it comes to preventing conflicts and optimising interdependence between various sectors, and whereas, in that connection, *greater coordination of national and regional management plans for coastal areas is needed;*

Or. de

Amendment 11
Isabelle Thomas

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas, despite the move away from ICZM at EU level, it is essential to take account of land-sea interaction, to organise all maritime activities in such a way that they can co-exist and to avoid conflicts of use, manage interdependencies and ensure cooperation and good governance;

Or. fr

Amendment 12
Isabelle Thomas

Draft opinion
Recital C b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Cb. whereas land-sea interaction concerns in particular the pollution of the sea, often by land-based activities, while sea-based activities can also have consequences for operators on land, e.g. the fish processing sector, the construction of power plants, ports, dockyards and training facilities;

Or. fr

Amendment 13
Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

D. whereas the gathering, processing and sharing of data are inherent to investment in the blue economy;

Amendment

D. whereas the gathering, processing and sharing of data are inherent to investment in the blue economy ***and are essential in order to guarantee the technical, economic and financial viability of such investment;***

Or. es

Amendment 14
Marco Affronte

Draft opinion
Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Da. considering that currently it is estimated that between 3 and 5% of the EU's GDP comes from the overall maritime sector, which employs around 5.6 million people and generates EUR 495 billion for the European economy.

Or. en

Amendment 15
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Da. whereas infinite economic growth is impossible on a finite planet;

Or. nl

Amendment 16
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Recital D b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Db. whereas blue growth is no longer possible, as our present production and consumption already far exceed the carrying capacity of the seas;

Or. nl

Amendment 17
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Recital D c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Dc. whereas according to an estimate by the European Commission^{1a}, the European Union's fishing fleet exceeds the carrying capacity of Europe's fish stocks by a factor of 2 to 3;

^{1a} European Commission non paper (2008) Reflections on further reform of the Common Fisheries Policy.

Or. nl

Amendment 18
Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Draft opinion
Recital E

Draft opinion

E. whereas blue growth must be fully consistent with the concept of sustainable development;

Amendment

E. whereas blue growth must be fully consistent with the concept of sustainable development ***in a broad sense: environmental, economic and social;***

Or. es

Amendment 19
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Recital E

Draft opinion

E. whereas blue ***growth must be*** fully consistent with the concept of sustainable ***development;***

Amendment

E. whereas blue ***development can be permitted only if it is*** fully consistent with the concept of sustainable ***use;***

Or. nl

Amendment 20
Ulrike Rodust

Draft opinion
Recital E

Draft opinion

E. whereas blue growth must be fully consistent with the concept of sustainable development;

Amendment

E. whereas blue growth must be fully consistent with the concept of sustainable development, ***which can only be achieved if the aims of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive are rigorously pursued up to 2020;***

Or. de

Amendment 21
Isabelle Thomas

Draft opinion
Recital E a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ea. whereas the sustainable development of maritime policies should not replicate the mistakes that have been made on land, and environmental impact surveys should be carried out before the launch of new activities;

Or. fr

Amendment 22
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1b. Concludes that ‘blue growth’ is an illusion;

Or. nl

Amendment 23
Lidia Senra Rodríguez

Draft opinion
Recital E a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ea. whereas the seas and oceans are a common good that must be maintained as such and must in no way be privatised;

Or. es

Amendment 24
Isabelle Thomas

Draft opinion
Recital E b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Eb. whereas the sustainable development of maritime activities should in addition have a strong social focus, and improved workers' rights and job security will also help to drive growth;

Or. fr

Amendment 25
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1a. Calls on the Commission to reconsider the concept of 'blue growth' and the growth policy formulated in the EU 2020 Strategy;

Or. nl

Amendment 26
Lidia Senra Rodríguez

Draft opinion
Recital E b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Eb. whereas the authorities must protect them from market speculation, over-exploitation and activities that could

cause changes that have an adverse impact on life, biodiversity and the climate;

Or. es

Amendment 27
Isabelle Thomas

Draft opinion
Recital E c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ec. whereas a political aim is not a priority until it has a dedicated budget;

Or. fr

Amendment 28
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. Calls on the Commission to abandon the 'blue growth' model and replace it with genuinely sustainable use of blue areas, within the carrying capacity of our planet;

Or. nl

Amendment 29
Lidia Senra Rodríguez

Draft opinion
Recital E c (new)

Ec. whereas the authorities cannot open the door for commercialisation, and whereas economic activity must not be brought about under the criteria of growth and competitiveness that have caused the current crisis;

Or. es

Amendment 30
Sylvie Goddyn

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Urges the Commission to propose a definition of the blue economy that covers all existing or future production and employment at sea, as well as the onshore ramifications thereof; calls on the Commission to draw up an non-exhaustive, inclusive list that covers, as a minimum, the following activities: fisheries, shipbuilding, renewable marine energy, seabed mining, marine biotechnology, seaweed farming, fish farming, shellfish farming, coastal and maritime tourism, the development of offshore platforms and shipping;

Amendment

1. Urges the Commission to ***take the European Parliament's proposals into account and to*** propose a definition of the blue economy that covers all existing or future production and employment at sea, as well as the onshore ramifications thereof; calls on the Commission to draw up an non-exhaustive, inclusive list that covers, as a minimum, the following activities: fisheries, shipbuilding, renewable marine energy, seabed mining, marine biotechnology, seaweed farming, fish farming, shellfish farming, coastal and maritime tourism, the development of offshore platforms, shipping, ***the cleaning up of the sea and port areas, undersea pipeline and cable burial, and seawater desalination;***

(The activities added above create jobs and some of them can alter the quality of the maritime environment. Boyan Slat's proposal for cleaning up the seas is promising in this regard. The idea is to use the sea's currents to channel plastic waste into a kind of giant funnel floating on the surface and then extract the waste

from the water. Similarly, the seawater desalination sector continues to grow strongly. However, we still need to find an industrial use for the brines that flow back into the sea from desalination plants, as these are harmful for the ecosystem and the fishing industry. Finally, the burying of cables and oil pipelines is a booming business whose environmental impact should be tightly controlled.)

Or. fr

Amendment 31
Lidia Senra Rodríguez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Urges the Commission to propose a definition of the blue economy ***that covers all existing or future production and employment at sea***, as well as the ***onshore ramifications thereof***; ***calls on the Commission to draw up a non-exhaustive, inclusive list that covers, as a minimum, the following activities: fisheries, shipbuilding, renewable marine energy, seabed mining, marine biotechnology, seaweed farming, fish farming, shellfish farming, coastal and maritime tourism, the development of offshore platforms and shipping***;

Amendment

1. Urges the Commission to propose a definition of the blue economy ***with sustainability criteria, giving details of each activity***, as well as the ***type and degree of exploitation sought for each of the resources falling under the definition***; ***points out that prospecting, new oil drilling activities, wind farms, genetic engineering, seaweed farming and industrial aquaculture projects that put small-scale fishing at risk must be banned***;

Or. es

Amendment 32
Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Urges the Commission to propose a definition of the blue economy that covers all existing or future production and employment at sea, as well as the onshore ramifications thereof; calls on the Commission to draw up **an** non-exhaustive, inclusive list that covers, as a minimum, the following activities: fisheries, shipbuilding, renewable marine energy, seabed mining, marine biotechnology, seaweed farming, fish farming, shellfish farming, coastal and maritime tourism, the development of offshore platforms and shipping;

Amendment

1. Urges the Commission to propose a definition of the blue economy that covers all existing or future production and employment at sea, as well as the onshore ramifications thereof; calls on the Commission to ***specify those activities in the EU most likely to be of use in developing and consolidating the blue economy and, to that end, to*** draw up **a** non-exhaustive, inclusive list that covers, as a minimum, the following activities: fisheries, shipbuilding, renewable marine energy, seabed mining, marine biotechnology, seaweed farming, fish farming, shellfish farming, coastal and maritime tourism, the development of offshore platforms and shipping;

Or. pt

Amendment 33
Ulrike Rodust

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

1. Urges the Commission to propose a definition of the blue economy that covers all existing or future production and employment at sea, as well as the onshore ramifications thereof; calls on the Commission to draw up an non-exhaustive, inclusive list that covers, as a minimum, the following activities: ***maritime technology and innovation, sustainable*** fisheries, shipbuilding, renewable marine energy, ***sustainable*** seabed mining, marine biotechnology, seaweed farming, fish farming, shellfish farming, coastal and maritime tourism, the development of offshore platforms and shipping;

Amendment 34
Isabelle Thomas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Urges the European Commission to focus not only on innovation in new activities but also to consider the potential for innovation offered by all maritime activities;

Or. fr

Amendment 35
Alain Cadec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses the importance of fishing and aquaculture to the blue economy; considers that the competitiveness of fishing activities should go hand-in-hand with a sustainable management fish stocks in the framework of Common Fisheries Policy rules;

Or. fr

Amendment 36
Liadh Ní Riada

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls for the balanced development and stronger regulation of aquaculture projects so as not to cause degradation in the areas of in the vicinity of aquaculture facilities. Specifically the negative impact on local economies cause by the genetic degradation of wild fish stocks caused by escaped farmed fish, and the degradation in the context of habitat destruction and alteration alongside the chemical, pathogenic and parasitic contamination from large-scale intensive aquaculture on eco-systems.

Or. en

**Amendment 37
Marco Affronte**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses that the seas and oceans are already subject to enormous anthropogenic pressure and to the problems which that pressure causes (pollution, environmental change, climate change, over-exploitation of resources, overfishing), but that they retain major reserves of unspoilt nature and of environments that are difficult of access and hence undamaged; considers that blue growth must not therefore be pursued at the expense of the conservation of marine natural resources, the restoration of those which have been lost, and measures which are certainly and demonstrably sustainable;

Or. it

Amendment 38
Lidia Senra Rodríguez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Urges the Commission, before it draws up a proposal for a definition, to carry out a proper, thoroughgoing assessment of the impact on biodiversity, the climate, fishing, the economy and jobs of activities for development under the banner of ‘the blue economy’;

Or. es

Amendment 39
Isabelle Thomas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Points out that while activities like fishing can have a traditional aspect, they also inherently contain the potential for innovation, e.g. the development of new fishery control tools, or the building of highly selective fishing vessels that are fuel efficient, emit relatively little CO2, and are safer and more comfortable;

Or. fr

Amendment 40
Marco Affronte

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Stresses the need to concentrate on environmental aspects and on improving the quality of the marine environment in order to ensure a sustainable 'blue economy';

Or. it

Amendment 41
Marco Affronte

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Stresses that the protection and safeguarding of marine natural environments are a fundamental precondition for being able to maintain, support and develop blue economies, such as fishing and tourism;

Or. it

Amendment 42
Liadh Ní Riada

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to assess the financial requirements for blue growth, in particular in terms of data gathering, research and training; suggests that a plan for such financing be drawn up by 2020;

2. Calls on the Commission ***in close coordination with Member States*** to assess the financial requirements for blue growth, in particular in terms of data gathering, research and training; suggests that a plan for such financing be drawn up by 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Alain Cadec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Calls on the Commission to assess the financial requirements for blue growth, in particular in terms of data gathering, research and training; suggests that a plan for such financing be drawn up by 2020;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to assess the financial requirements for blue growth, in particular in terms of data gathering, research and training; suggests that a plan for such financing be drawn up by 2020; ***insists in this regard on the contribution of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF);***

Or. fr

Amendment 44
Alain Cadec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Deeply regrets the programming delays relating to the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) in certain Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 45
José Blanco López

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission to earmark funding for innovation and blue growth to finance fundamental research, R&D, training, business start-ups, environmental protection and the sale of innovative products and processes;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to earmark funding for innovation and blue growth to finance fundamental research, R&D, training, **job creation**, business start-ups, environmental protection and the sale of innovative products and processes;

Or. es

Amendment 46

Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission to earmark funding for innovation and blue growth to finance fundamental research, R&D, training, business start-ups, environmental protection and the sale of innovative products and processes;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to earmark funding for innovation and blue growth to finance fundamental research, R&D, training, business start-ups, environmental protection and the sale of innovative products, **services** and processes;

Or. es

Amendment 47

Liadh Ní Riada

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission to earmark funding for innovation and blue growth to finance fundamental research, R&D, training, business start-ups, environmental protection and the sale of innovative products and processes;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to earmark funding for innovation and blue growth to finance fundamental research, R&D, training, business start-ups, **SMEs, social enterprises, cooperatives**, environmental protection and the sale of innovative products and processes;

Amendment 48
Lidia Senra Rodríguez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission to *earmark* funding for *innovation and blue growth to finance fundamental* research, *R&D,* training, *business start-ups, environmental protection and the sale of innovative products and processes;*

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to *mobilise the* funding *necessary* for *public institutions to carry out impact assessments and for civil society organisations to be involved in the process; points out that it must apply the same criteria in addressing* research and training;

Or. es

Amendment 49
Ian Duncan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission to earmark funding for innovation and blue growth to finance fundamental research, R&D, training, business start-ups, environmental protection and the sale of innovative products and processes;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to earmark funding for innovation and blue growth to finance fundamental research, R&D, training, business start-ups, *education and apprenticeships, reducing coastal poverty, biotechnological development, transport links, energy interconnectivity, shipbuilding and reparations, coastal access to broadband,* environmental protection and the sale of innovative products and processes;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission to **earmark** funding for innovation and blue growth to finance fundamental research, R&D, training, business start-ups, environmental protection and the sale of innovative products and processes;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to **specify all of the European funds available to finance blue economy activities and concentrate them within a single platform accessible to citizens; calls for** funding for innovation and blue growth **to be earmarked** to finance fundamental research, R&D, training, business start-ups, environmental protection and the sale of innovative products and processes;

Or. pt

Amendment 51
Isabelle Thomas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Reminds the European Commission that the aim of the European Strategic Investment Fund is to foster significant infrastructure investments and ensure the financing of innovative projects; thus asks the European Commission to add the development of the blue economy to the list of aims to be met for a project to be eligible for access to the European Strategic Investment Fund;

Or. fr

Amendment 52
Alain Cadec

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Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses the importance of maritime spatial planning to ensure the sustainable and coordinated development of the blue economy; and thus requests the strengthening of the governance of the Integrated Maritime Policy at both EU and maritime basin level;

Or. fr

Amendment 53
Marco Affronte

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses the importance of acquiring a more thorough knowledge of the oceans and improving the skills necessary to apply new technologies to the marine environment;

Or. it

Amendment 54
Isabelle Thomas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3c. Insists that a blue economy KIC be set up to promote research in this field and to identify it as a priority aim of the EU rather than an optional maritime strand of an energy or food objective;

Amendment 55
Isabelle Thomas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3d. Invites the European Commission to set up an agency responsible for the development of the blue economy, data gathering, and the coordination of projects seeking to achieve this aim;

Amendment 56
Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to take specific steps to enhance contacts and cooperation between the regional and national levels within the EU, by means of INTERREG, for example;

4. Calls on the Commission to take specific steps to enhance contacts and cooperation between the regional and national levels within the EU, by means of INTERREG, for example, ***and the sea basin strategies; calls on the Commission to bring together the international protagonists operating in the blue economy and take the lead in an international project to boost this new sector of economic activity;***

Amendment 57
Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission to take the necessary steps to strengthen the role of fisheries development groups within the new CFP, providing them with more resources so that they can press ahead and improve their role and promote such inter-territorial cooperation;

Or. es

Amendment 58
Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Maintains that strategic planning should be laid down for blue economy activities, as should forms of direct financing and an action plan, in order to galvanise this sector into life by 2020; considers that each of the activities singled out should encompass specific ideas on subjects ranging from research cooperation through infrastructure investment and cooperation arrangements, which Member States should be called upon to implement by making use of EU funds, financing from the European Investment Bank (EIB), and private sector involvement, following the practices applied under the European Fund for Strategic Investments;

Or. pt

Amendment 59
Ulrike Rodust

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission to incorporate the concept of smart specialisation into sea basin strategies, so that maritime research and innovation acquire a regional focus and that regional core skills are promoted in a targeted manner;

Or. de

Amendment 60
Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Calls on the Commission to encourage business creation in the blue economy by offering incentives for entrepreneurship and for start-ups likely to make their mark in the maritime sector;

Or. pt

Amendment 61
José Blanco López

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Insists that the Commission guarantee that the findings of research that it has funded stay in the public domain;

5. Insists that the Commission guarantee **transparency in the use of funding and in ensuring** that the findings of research that

it has funded stay in the public domain;

Or. es

Amendment 62
Annie Schreijer-Pierik

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Insists that the Commission guarantee that the findings of research that it has funded stay in the public domain;

Amendment

5. Insists that the Commission guarantee that the findings of research that it has funded stay in the public domain, ***in accordance with the European public share of the total funding in relation to any private share;***

(The opinion of the Committee on Fisheries must not jeopardise the scope for Public-Private Partnerships for research and European funding thereof. It is essential to involve private research establishments and businesses in research in the interests of innovation in the blue economy. The share of the total research results which is attributable to them should therefore be left in their domain.)

Or. nl

Amendment 63
Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Insists that the Commission guarantee that the findings of research that it has funded stay in the public domain;

Amendment

5. Insists that the Commission guarantee that the findings of research that it has funded stay in the public domain, ***thereby promoting the dissemination of such***

findings;

Or. es

Amendment 64
Norica Nicolai

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Insists that the Commission guarantee that the findings of research that it has funded stay in the public domain;

Amendment

5. Insists that the Commission guarantee that the findings of research that it has funded stay in the public domain, ***while at the same time ensuring that all interested parties have easy and open access to that information free of charge;***

Or. ro

Amendment 65
José Blanco López

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Urges the Commission to return to and to encourage marine spatial planning and the integrated management of coastal areas at EU level;

Or. es

Amendment 66
Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Maintains that it is necessary to determine and promote traditional, cultural, and tourism activities which can capitalise on the specific features of local communities and help to preserve non-industrial fishing;

Or. pt

Amendment 67

Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to enhance and harmonise the systems that make it possible to process and ***use*** data;

6. Calls on the Commission to enhance and harmonise the systems that make it possible to process, ***use*** and ***disseminate*** data;

Or. es

Amendment 68

José Blanco López

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Urges the Commission to promote the gathering of regularly updated scientific data on the situation with regard to marine stocks in EU waters and outside EU waters in cooperation with other international organisations;

Or. es

Amendment 69
José Blanco López

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to support both higher education and vocational training, as well as lifelong learning programmes.

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to support both higher education and vocational training, as well as lifelong learning programmes, ***ensuring that the blue economy perspective is included therein.***

Or. es

Amendment 70
Annie Schreijer-Pierik

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to support both higher education and vocational training, as well as lifelong learning programmes.

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to support, ***coordinate and supplement^{1a}*** both higher education and vocational training, as well as lifelong learning programmes ***in the EU Member States, which are primarily responsible for education.***

^{1a} ***In accordance with Article 6 TFEU.***

(In addition to support for the creation of innovation and employment, a targeted, coordinated approach to education is also needed, as is a certain amount of supplementation. Without European coordination and supplementation, there is a risk that incoherent decisions will be taken in the education system concerning the blue economy. Nonetheless, higher education and vocational training are matters for which the national authorities of the Member States concerned are responsible. This should be explicitly

stated.)

Or. nl

Amendment 71
Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to support ***both higher education and vocational training, as well as lifelong learning programmes.***

Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 72
Liadh Ní Riada

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 73
Isabelle Thomas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Insists that every encouragement be given to the setting up of training programmes bringing together all the maritime professions; stipulates in this respect that the interaction between the various maritime training courses should foster the development of integrated maritime activities and ensure that the skills acquired can be used in a broader context;

Or. fr

Amendment 74
Lidia Senra Rodríguez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls on the Commission to guarantee the creation of local-level civil councils to monitor the exploitation of resources in marine areas (CCMERMAs), whose job it will be to review all kinds of extraction, production and academic proposals, and any other proposals, with a view to providing a completely binding opinion for the authorities responsible for approving such projects. They will also be available as additional bodies for the follow-up and monitoring of those projects. Once a project has been implemented, a negative report from the CCMERMA could prevent the start of operations. It will be mandatory to consult CCMERMAs, their decisions will be binding, and they must be provided with all existing information on projects involving intensive capitalisation of marine and oceanographic resources that

are planned in the area for which they are responsible;

Or. es

Amendment 75
Lidia Senra Rodríguez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Given that water is recognised as a common good, at least 85% of those comprising CCMERMA s will be civil society representatives from the areas closest to those in which projects are being carried out. CCMERMA s will include representatives of local residents (neighbourhood associations, etc.), and will also include, as a minimum, associations of professionals with links to the sea, trade unions, environmental organisations and universities. The remaining 15% will comprise representatives of local government and of the public authorities responsible for managing marine resources at local, national, state and European level.

Or. es

Amendment 76
Lidia Senra Rodríguez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7c. Given that the initial proposal regarding the intensive capitalisation of marine and oceanographic resources

entitled 'The Blue Economy' stems from the circles surrounding the elitist Club of Rome, which in no way represents the majority of society, but which does play a key role in disseminating the concept, as shown by its involvement in conferences held for that purpose in various countries over the past decade, and given that Monsanto, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, DuPont, BP and Algenol, as well as many other multinationals, are already well placed when it comes to the strategy for the intensive exploitation of marine and oceanographic resources, and that EU legislation could result in an increase in private control over common goods of an aquatic nature that are recognised as such for humanity in a great many international treaties, the Commission must establish an insurmountable level of control, guaranteeing that every kind of activity linked to Blue Capitalism is controlled and implemented by public institutions, which have sole rights of exploitation, with private exploitation being banned outright.

Or. es