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# **COMPROMISE AMENDMENTS**

## **A - I**

**Draft opinion**  
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Untapping the potential of Research and Innovation in the Blue Economy to  
create Jobs and Growth  
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**Amendment A**

**Laura Agea**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 2, 8

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Notes the Commission Communication which seeks to fully exploit the employment potential of European coasts, seas and oceans through innovation – a key element in sectors such as shipbuilding, aquaculture, port infrastructure and fisheries;

*Amendment*

1. Notes the Commission Communication which seeks to fully exploit the employment potential of European coasts, seas and oceans, ***and employment interaction between land and sea***, through innovation – a key element in ***traditional and innovative*** sectors such as ***maritime transport and other shipping activities*** shipbuilding, ***tourism*** aquaculture, ***sustainable energy generation marine biotechnology, environmental protection*** port ***and leisure boat*** infrastructure and fisheries;

Or. en

**Amendment C**

**Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 11, 42**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

***1a. Stresses that small and medium-sized enterprises, start-up entrepreneurs and family businesses play a vital role as regards innovation and jobs in the blue economy; Considers as necessary, in order to create quality and sustainable jobs in the various sectors of blue economy, a better access to credit for SMEs and the improvement of the existing business networks (clusters);***

*Amendment*

Or. en

## Amendment D

<Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 18, 20, 21, 22, 23

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#### Paragraph 2

##### *Draft opinion*

2. Stresses that blue growth should never be considered in isolation from the *maintenance of the natural resources of the seas, the restoration of those which have been lost and measures which are certainly sustainable and have been proven to be so;*

##### *Amendment*

2. Stresses that blue growth should never be considered in isolation from the ***impact on the environment and people and the use of the resources in view of social, economic and environmental sustainability*** which ***also include the protection and the restoration of ecosystems based on scientific evidence; stresses the economic opportunity to develop and promote, in Europe, innovative methods to address marine pollution, including the ever more alarming contamination as a result of plastic waste, plastiglomerates and disintegrating plastic microparticles;***

Or. en

## Amendment DA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 38, 39, 43, 81, 84

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#### Paragraph 4

##### *Draft opinion*

4. Highlights the need to focus on environmental aspects and on improving the quality of the marine environment in order to ***ensure we have*** a sustainable blue economy ***without restricting*** its employment potential;

##### *Amendment*

4. Highlights the need to focus on environmental aspects and on improving the quality of the marine environment in order to ***safeguard*** a sustainable blue economy ***with the aim of boosting its growth and*** employment potential, ***specifically in emerging renewables sectors such as the offshore wind energy sector by reshaping the relevant ports and guaranteeing that for the specialised offshore shipping sector the deeply***

*concerning skills-gap in the offshore wind industry is addressed urgently; urges in this regard the Commission as well as the Member States to take measures to meet this shortage of skills; and for ocean energy, such as tidal, wave, osmotic and ocean thermal energy and energy produced by ocean currents;*

Or. en

## **Amendment F**

**Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 5**

##### *Draft opinion*

5. Takes the view that coastal *and* maritime tourism *can contribute* to economic growth and to *reducing casual or temporary work, provided that the activities are carried out in an environmentally-friendly way;*

##### *Amendment*

5. Takes the view that coastal, maritime *and inland* tourism *make a great contribution* to economic growth and to *better and sustainable jobs, especially for the most vulnerable groups, as long as these activities do not have negative social or environmental impact and take account of the principle of sustainable development; encourages Member States to exchange best practices on tourism development policies, and, with the support of the Commission, to address solutions for growth and job creation in Coastal Regions;*

Or. en

## **Amendment G**

**Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 59, 85**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Points out that the Member States and regions have a key role to play in developing the blue economy and urges the Commission to support and encourage cooperation between Member States and regions, for example Joint Programming Initiatives; stresses that a joint coordination, notably at regional and local level, of all relevant economic activities connected to the blue economy is important in order to enable a sustainable development of coastal areas.***

Or. en

#### **Amendment H**

**<Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 62, 67, 69**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Stresses the importance of social dialogue and considers that all *parties* involved in the blue economy should be represented *in that dialogue, together with the individuals or companies concerned* and civil society, *including workers, so that the latter are actively involved in the framing of policies and solutions at local level;*

*Amendment*

6. Stresses the importance of social dialogue and considers that all *the social partners* involved in the blue economy should be represented; *highlights the importance of stakeholder consultations with regard to the development of the blue economy in general, including civil society as well as regional and local authorities;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment I**

**Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 75, 77, 78**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Considers that in order to maximise sustainable economic growth and **employment** and the creation of jobs based on blue technologies, **exchanges** of ideas between **the world of research and that of business** should be encouraged, to promote **and increase their ability to cooperate and network**.

*Amendment*

7. Considers that in order to maximise sustainable economic growth and **increase** the creation of **quality and sustainable** jobs based on blue technologies, **joint development** of ideas **and exchange of best practices** between **science and businesses** should be encouraged, to promote **growth and job creation**.

Or. en