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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 124**

**Draft opinion**

**Renato Soru**

(PE567.734v01-00)

on Towards a Digital Single Market Act  
(2015/2147(INI))



**Amendment 1**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Stresses that sustainable economic growth in Europe can only be achieved ***through productivity gains and developing sectors characterised by high added value***; encourages in this sense all the efforts made by the Commission in supporting the transition towards a digital economy;

*Amendment*

1. Stresses that sustainable economic growth in Europe can only be achieved ***by channelling resources towards long-term investment in research and development, especially in socially useful sectors with a low environmental impact***; encourages in this sense all the efforts made by the Commission in supporting the transition towards a digital economy;

Or. it

**Amendment 2**  
**Michel Reimon**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Stresses that sustainable economic growth in Europe can only be achieved through ***productivity gains and*** developing sectors characterised by high added value; encourages in this sense all the efforts made by the Commission in supporting the transition towards a digital economy;

*Amendment*

1. Stresses that sustainable economic growth in Europe can only be achieved through developing sectors characterised by high ***social, environmental and economic*** added value; encourages in this sense all the efforts made by the Commission in supporting the transition towards a digital economy;

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Neena Gill**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Stresses that sustainable economic growth in Europe can **only** be achieved through productivity gains and developing sectors characterised by high added value; encourages in this sense all the efforts made by the Commission in supporting the transition towards a digital economy;

*Amendment*

1. Stresses that sustainable economic growth in Europe can **in particular** be achieved through productivity gains and developing sectors characterised by high added value; encourages in this sense all the efforts made by the Commission in supporting the transition towards a digital economy; ***stresses the need to establish global links.***

Or. en

**Amendment 4**

**Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Andreas Schwab, Philippe Juvin, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Dariusz Rosati, Eva Paunova**

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

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

1. Stresses that sustainable economic growth in Europe can only be achieved through productivity gains and developing sectors characterised by high added value; encourages in this sense all the efforts made by the Commission in supporting the transition towards a digital economy; ***considers it essential to remedy the current fragmentation of national rules on digital services and to build a more innovative and transparent Digital Single Market based on fair competition and providing a high level of consumer protection; calls on the Commission to comply with the planned schedule aimed at achieving a true Digital Single Market, in order to contribute to the EU's economic growth and improve its competitiveness;***

Or. en

## Amendment 5

Eva Paunova

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 1

##### *Draft opinion*

1. Stresses that sustainable economic growth in Europe can only be achieved through productivity *gains* and developing sectors characterised by high added value; encourages in this sense all the efforts made by the Commission in supporting the transition towards a digital economy;

##### *Amendment*

1. Stresses that sustainable economic growth in Europe can only be achieved through ***higher levels of*** productivity and ***innovation***, developing sectors characterised by high added value; encourages in this sense all the efforts made by the Commission in supporting the transition towards a digital economy;

Or. en

## Amendment 6

Krišjānis Kariņš

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 1 a (new)

##### *Draft opinion*

##### *Amendment*

***1a. Stresses the fact that functioning of digital economy with maximum benefits and high added value for the consumers and the businesses across the EU can be achieved only if current legal fragmentation is overcome; emphasizes that current differences in rules, such as VAT rules applicable to the sale of goods and services, in the EU hamper cross-border sales, therefore, reducing the potential economic growth and competitiveness, which could be reached if the EU would not have barriers that exist today;***

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Pilar del Castillo Vera**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Underlines that the positive impacts of the digitalisation of the financial services in terms of cost effectiveness and improved "tailor-made" services for customers have the potential to provide friendly financial products and services that simplify consumer's experience.*

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Michel Reimon**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Stresses that, when measures are proposed in the context of the DSM, care must always be taken to ensure that people who cannot or do not wish to use digital goods and services are not unreasonably disadvantaged in terms of economic or social participation;*

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Renato Soru**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Highlights the importance of the Digital Single Market for the European economy; recalls that according to estimates from the EC the development of the DSM could contribute € 415 billion a year to the European economy and create 3.8 million new jobs. Underlines that not only is the digital sector growing at sustained rates, but that digital technologies offer new possibilities also in traditional sectors of the European economy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 10**

**Philippe Juvin, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Alain Cadec, Antonio Tajani, Alain Lamassoure, Andreas Schwab**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Sees the digitisation of the economy as an ineluctable and beneficial development – spurring progress, growth and innovation among European companies, not least SMES – and believes it should be supported;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 11**

**Pilar del Castillo Vera**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1b. Welcomes the Commission's 'Free***

*flow of data' initiative that tackles restrictions on the free movement of data for reasons other than the protection of personal data within the EU and unjustified restrictions on the location of data''.*

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Renato Soru**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1b. Invites the EC to promote the "Digital first" approach in the functioning of public Institutions and in designing legislative acts; considers that the digital first strategy could bring benefits in terms of cost savings, environmental sustainability and better services, thus reducing the gap between citizens and European Institutions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Pilar del Castillo Vera**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1c. Notes however that the threat to personal privacy constitutes a major challenge for it affects trust in the digital environment in general, and in particular in digital financial services,*

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Pilar del Castillo Vera**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1d. Considers that for innovation and the digital economy to thrive the protection of personal data must take into consideration a context where services require a large amount of data and request actions be taken to encourage an inclusive big data eco-system for growth,*

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Pilar del Castillo Vera**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1e. Stresses the need to effectively adopt high data protection standards without being bound to geolocalization.*

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

2. Notes that, in order to *achieve* economic *convergence through* European regions, the digital divide must to be reduced

2. Notes that, in order to *revitalise* economic *growth and employment, combat social exclusion, and reduce*

substantially and access to the internet guaranteed to all European citizens and companies; encourages further public and private investment in *infrastructure*; *welcomes the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) 's intended efforts in this area*;

*socio-economic disparities among* European regions, the digital divide must be reduced substantially and access to the internet guaranteed to all European citizens and companies, *especially SMEs*; encourages further public and private investment in *research and development*;

Or. it

**Amendment 17**  
**Eva Paunova**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Notes that, in order to achieve economic convergence *through* European regions, the digital divide must *to* be reduced substantially and *access to the internet* guaranteed to all European citizens *and companies*; encourages further public and private investment in infrastructure; welcomes the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) *'s intended efforts in this area*;

*Amendment*

2. Notes that, in order to achieve economic convergence *throughout all* European regions, the digital divide must be reduced substantially and *internet access must be* guaranteed to all European citizens, *businesses and public institutions*; encourages further public and private investment in *digital* infrastructure; welcomes the *foreseen contribution of the* European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) *and its capacity to provide greater access to finance of projects with high added value*;

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Andreas Schwab**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Notes that, in order to achieve economic convergence through European regions, the digital divide must *to* be reduced

*Amendment*

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substantially and access to the internet guaranteed to all European citizens and companies; *encourages* further public and private investment in infrastructure; welcomes the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)'s intended efforts in this area;

and *fair, open and non-discriminatory* access to the internet guaranteed to all European citizens and companies; *stresses that* further public and private investment in infrastructure *is needed, and calls on the Commission in this context to reconsider the current application of State aid rules*; welcomes the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)'s intended efforts in this area;

Or. de

**Amendment 19**  
**Barbara Kappel**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Notes that, in order to achieve economic convergence through European regions, the digital divide must to be reduced substantially and access to the internet guaranteed to all European citizens and companies; encourages further public and private investment in infrastructure; welcomes the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)'s intended efforts in this area;

*Amendment*

2. Notes that, in order to achieve economic convergence through European regions, the digital divide must to be reduced substantially and access to the internet guaranteed to all European citizens and companies; encourages further public and private investment in infrastructure, *particularly by establishing a regulatory framework which creates more incentives for private investment in electronic communications infrastructure*; welcomes the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)'s intended efforts in this area;

Or. de

**Amendment 20**  
**Aldo Patriciello**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Notes that, in order to achieve economic convergence through European regions, the digital divide must to be reduced substantially and access to the internet guaranteed to all European citizens and companies; encourages further public and private investment in infrastructure; welcomes the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)'s intended efforts in this area;

*Amendment*

2. Notes that, in order to achieve economic convergence through European regions, the digital divide must to be reduced substantially and access to the internet guaranteed to all European citizens and companies ***by promoting programmes and funds to enable the development of the Internet to reach as far as the EU's outlying areas***; encourages further public and private investment in infrastructure; welcomes the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)'s intended efforts in this area;

Or. it

**Amendment 21**

**Michel Reimon**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Notes that, in order to achieve economic convergence through European regions, the digital divide must to be reduced substantially and access to the internet guaranteed to all European citizens and companies; encourages further public and private investment in infrastructure; welcomes the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)'s intended efforts in this area;

*Amendment*

2. Notes that, in order to achieve economic convergence through European regions, the digital divide must to be reduced substantially and access to the internet guaranteed to all European citizens and companies; ***Stresses that digital technologies such as the internet are more than a market since the crucial infrastructure is a public good that is part of the "commons" increasingly important to normal daily life***; encourages further public and private investment in infrastructure; welcomes the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)'s intended efforts in this area;

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Krišjānis Kariņš**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Notes that, in order to achieve economic convergence through European regions, the digital divide must to be reduced substantially and access to the internet guaranteed to all European citizens and companies; encourages further public and private investment in infrastructure; welcomes the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)'s intended efforts in this area;

*Amendment*

2. Notes that, in order to achieve economic convergence through European regions, the digital divide must to be reduced substantially and access to the internet guaranteed to all European citizens and companies; ***stresses that internet access for all can be assured only with the right infrastructure in place; therefore,*** encourages further public and private investment in infrastructure; welcomes the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)'s intended efforts in this area;

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Philippe Juvin, Eva Paunova**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Notes that, in order to achieve economic convergence through European regions, the digital divide must to be reduced substantially and access to the internet guaranteed to all European citizens and companies; encourages further public and private investment in infrastructure; welcomes the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)'s intended efforts in this area;

*Amendment*

2. Notes that, in order to achieve economic convergence through European regions, the digital divide must to be reduced substantially and access to the internet guaranteed to all European citizens and companies; encourages further public and private investment in infrastructure; ***considers that these investments should serve to strengthen EU competitiveness in key growth sectors in the Digital Single Market;*** welcomes the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)'s intended efforts in this area;

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Elisa Ferreira**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2a. Considers that for an effective establishment of a Digital Single Market, end-users must be confident that consistent protection standards are safeguarded and businesses need to be assured that they can rely on a common and fair regulatory framework that enforces similar rules for similar services;*

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2a. Notes that Member States are not taking sufficient advantage of the opportunities offered by digitisation to facilitate the direct purchase of sovereign public debt by small savers and investors;*

Or. es

**Amendment 26**  
**Pilar del Castillo Vera**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2a. Welcomes the adoption of the review of the payment services directive; stresses that if the Union is to enhance EU wide e-commerce, pan-EU instant e-/m-payments under a common standard and the appropriate implementation of the review of the payment services directive must be achieved without delay,*

Or. en

**Amendment 27**

**Renato Soru**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2a. Points out that in spite of the high unemployment rates in the EU, many jobs remain vacant owing to the shortage of matching skills; notes that if the economic opportunities offered by the DSM are to be exploited, it is essential to pursue employment and education policies designed to improve Europeans' digital skills; calls on the Commission to draw up programmes to help achieve those aims;*

Or. it

**Amendment 28**

**Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2b. Urges the Member States accordingly to consider the establishment of a pan-*

**Amendment 29**  
**Pilar del Castillo Vera**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2b. Considers that pan-European e-/m-payment systems ("e-SEPA") spur crossborder e-commerce through more efficient and faster retail payments. Notes that valuable lessons can be taken from experiences such as Faster Payments or PayM.*

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

3. Points out that, for the digital economy to flourish, access to capital for ***both new and existing enterprises*** must be improved; ***welcomes the work of the Commission on the Capital Markets Union; encourages further legislative harmonisation in areas*** such as crowd-funding and ***digital currencies***;

3. Points out that, for the digital economy to flourish, access to capital for ***SMEs and micro enterprises*** must be improved ***and the emergence of start-ups must also be encouraged***; ***notes that, to that end, the development of innovative financing channels*** such as crowd-funding and ***peer-to-peer lending needs to be supported and encouraged***;

Or. it

## Amendment 31

Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Philippe Juvin, Dariusz Rosati, Krišjānis Kariņš

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 3

##### *Draft opinion*

3. Points out that, for the digital economy to flourish, access to capital for both new and existing enterprises must be improved; welcomes the work of the Commission on the Capital Markets Union; ***encourages further legislative harmonisation in areas such as crowd-funding and digital currencies;***

##### *Amendment*

3. Points out that, for the digital economy to flourish, access to capital for both new and existing enterprises must be improved; welcomes the work of the Commission on the Capital Markets Union; ***a key pillar of the Investment Plan, aiming to tackle investment shortages head-on by increasing and diversifying the alternative funding sources for Europe's businesses and long-term projects including capital markets, venture capital and crowd-funding;***

Or. en

## Amendment 32

Kay Swinburne

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 3

##### *Draft opinion*

3. Points out that, for the digital economy to flourish, access to capital for both new and existing enterprises must be improved; welcomes the work of the Commission on the Capital Markets Union; encourages further ***legislative harmonisation*** in areas such as crowd-funding and digital currencies;

##### *Amendment*

3. Points out that, for the digital economy to flourish, access to capital for both new and existing enterprises must be improved; welcomes the work of the Commission on the Capital Markets Union; encourages further ***consultation and evaluation of existing and future legislation*** in areas such as crowd-funding and digital currencies ***so it can be tailored to encourage innovation while protecting investors;***

Or. en

### Amendment 33

Eva Paunova

#### Draft opinion

##### Paragraph 3

###### *Draft opinion*

3. Points out that, for the digital economy to flourish, access to capital for both new and existing enterprises must be improved; welcomes the work of the Commission on the Capital Markets Union; encourages further legislative *harmonisation in areas* such as crowd-funding and digital currencies;

###### *Amendment*

3. Points out that, for the digital economy to flourish, access to capital for both new and existing enterprises must be improved; welcomes the work of the Commission on the Capital Markets Union *and the Investment plan for Europe*; encourages further legislative *improvements supporting better financing of the economy* such as crowd-funding, *private investment* and digital currencies;

Or. en

### Amendment 34

Neena Gill

#### Draft opinion

##### Paragraph 3

###### *Draft opinion*

3. Points out that, for the digital economy to flourish, access to capital for both new and existing enterprises must be improved; welcomes the work of the Commission on the Capital Markets Union; encourages further legislative harmonisation in areas such as crowd-funding and digital currencies;

###### *Amendment*

3. Points out that, for the digital economy to flourish, access to capital for both new and existing enterprises must be improved; welcomes the work of the Commission on the Capital Markets Union; encourages further legislative harmonisation in areas such as crowd-funding and digital currencies; *underlines further the need to stimulate the venture capital regime in the EU.*

Or. en

### Amendment 35

Dariusz Rosati, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Points out that, for the digital economy to flourish, access to capital for both new and existing enterprises must be improved; welcomes the work of the Commission on the Capital Markets Union; encourages further legislative harmonisation in areas such as crowd-funding and digital currencies;

*Amendment*

3. Points out that, for the digital economy to flourish, access to capital for both new and existing enterprises must be improved; ***in this respect involvement of financial instruments, such as venture capital for best projects is crucial***; welcomes the work of the Commission on the Capital Markets Union; encourages further legislative harmonisation in areas such as crowd-funding and digital currencies;

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Cătălin Sorin Ivan**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Points out that, for the digital economy to flourish, access to capital for both new and existing enterprises must be improved; welcomes the work of the Commission on the Capital Markets Union; encourages further legislative harmonisation in areas such as crowd-funding and digital currencies;

*Amendment*

3. Points out that, for the digital economy to flourish, access to capital for both new and existing enterprises must be improved ***and the administrative burden reduced***; welcomes the work of the Commission on the Capital Markets Union; encourages further legislative harmonisation in areas such as crowd-funding and digital currencies;

Or. ro

**Amendment 37**  
**Olle Ludvigsson**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Stresses that an efficient and customer-friendly payment system is a crucial underpinning of the Digital Single Market; welcomes the progress that has in recent years been made in enabling access, enhancing competition, improving security and facilitating cross-border activities in the payment services market (for example through SEPA, the new payment accounts directive, the new regulation on interchange fees and the revised payment services directive); underlines that additional measures should be considered in the coming years in order to keep up with innovative developments and to pave the way for further cross-border integration;***

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Pervenche Berès**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Calls on the Commission to submit a proposal, in accordance with the commitments given and as soon as possible, to reduce rates of VAT for the press, digital publishing, books and on-line publications;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 39**  
**Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Notes that the digital single market and the single capital market complement each other strongly;***

Or. es

**Amendment 40**  
**Kay Swinburne**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Calls for support to be given by ESMA to innovations in regulated sectors such as post trade infrastructure and data reporting to ensure that regulation is not used as a barrier to entry by existing market players to hinder development of new technologies which could increase efficiency and reduce costs, such as block chain and distributed ledger technology;***

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Renato Soru**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Points out that cybersecurity is central to the establishment of the digital single market, especially in the banking and financial sector, payment systems, and e-commerce, and therefore calls on the Commission to monitor threats, first and foremost computerised fraud and cyber-attacks, strengthen prevention measures,***

*lay down a framework making for a Europe-wide coordinated response to cybercrime, and devise Europe-wide awareness campaigns to alert EU citizens to the threats to cybersecurity;*

Or. it

**Amendment 42**  
**Kay Swinburne**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3b. Calls upon the Commission to take full account of the specificities of financial data and the needs of global regulators and supervisors when negotiating data privacy and data sharing agreements;*

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Renato Soru**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3b. Stresses that it is essential to have simple, efficient, and safe payment systems to enable the digital single market to develop and grow; welcomes the advances in terms of EU legislation on payment systems; and calls on the Commission to take these developments into account when implementing its DSM strategy;*

Or. it

**Amendment 44**  
**Renato Soru**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3c. Considers that digital technologies will open up access to credit to many who have traditionally been excluded from the banking and financial system, thus promoting social and economic development; calls on the Commission to devise an inclusion strategy enabling weaker population groups to gain access to the digital single market and hence to new financial and banking services;***

Or. it

**Amendment 45**  
**Kay Swinburne**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4. Considers that a cross-border taxation system is needed to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to support extending the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to all sectors;***

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 46**  
**Cora van Nieuwenhuizen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

**4. Considers that a cross-border taxation system is needed to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to support extending the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to all sectors;**

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Krišjānis Kariņš**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

**4. Considers that a cross-border taxation system is needed to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to support extending the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to all sectors;**

*Amendment*

**4. Considers that digitalisation of certain aspects in the field of taxation across the EU could help to counter tax avoidance practices by capturing tax-related data in more efficient manner while also abiding the principle of subsidiarity and data privacy; stresses the fact that on 26th of June, 2017 an EU wide register for beneficial ownership has to be operational, aiding in tracking down possible tax avoidance and profit shifting; emphasises the significance of digitalisation in the process of setting up the register of beneficial ownership;**

Or. en

**Amendment 48**  
**Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers that *a cross-border taxation system is needed to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to support extending the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to all sectors;*

*Amendment*

4. Considers that *the increasing use of digitalisation across the European Union will facilitate the more efficient and timely capture of tax-related data and information; encourages the Commission to promote the digital economy which will also provide greater transparency over tax-related data and information so as to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by several digital platforms.*

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Dariusz Rosati**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers that a cross-border *taxation system* is needed to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices *used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to support extending the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to all sectors;*

*Amendment*

4. Considers that a *coordination of cross-border tax systems, while respecting the fact that tax-related issues are fully national competences*, is needed to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices; *encourages the Commission to promote the digital economy which will provide greater transparency over tax-related information in order to prevent tax avoidance practices.*

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Andreas Schwab**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers that **a cross-border taxation system is needed** to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission **to support extending** the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to all sectors;

*Amendment*

4. Considers that, **as such fields of policy as the digital internal market are regulated supranationally, there is also a need for greater cooperation among Member States and coordination of tax policies** to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission, **after a careful ex-ante assessment, to consider whether** the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies **should be extended** to all sectors, **without imposing additional notification requirements on SMEs and mid-cap undertakings**;

Or. de

**Amendment 51**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers that a cross-border taxation system is needed to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to support extending the public country-by-country reporting **regime on taxes** for multinational companies to all sectors;

*Amendment*

4. Considers that a cross-border taxation system is needed to prevent the tax avoidance **and evasion** practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to **do more to support extending the obligation of public country-by-country accounting and tax data** reporting for multinational companies to **apply to** all sectors;

Or. it

**Amendment 52**  
**Nils Torvalds, Kaja Kallas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers that a cross-border taxation system is needed to create a true European Single Market and to prevent *the* tax avoidance practices *used by several digital platforms*, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to support extending the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to all sectors;

*Amendment*

4. Considers that a cross-border taxation system is needed to create a true European Single Market and to prevent tax avoidance practices, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to support extending the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to all sectors;

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Kay Swinburne**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers that *a cross-border* taxation system *is needed to create* a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to support extending the *public* country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to all sectors;

*Amendment*

4. Considers that *coordinating* taxation system *across the European Union would assist in creating* a true European Single Market and *help* to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to support extending the country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to all sectors;

Or. en

**Amendment 54**  
**Anneliese Dodds, Catherine Stihler, Richard Corbett, Neena Gill**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers that a cross-border taxation *system* is needed to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the *tax avoidance* practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to *support extending the* public country-by-country reporting *regime on taxes* for multinational companies *to* all sectors;

*Amendment*

4. Considers that a *truly pan-European approach to* cross-border taxation *issues* is needed to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the *aggressive tax planning* practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to *make mandatory and public* for multinational companies *in* all sectors;

Or. en

**Amendment 55**  
**Eva Paunova**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers that a cross-border taxation system is needed to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by *several* digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to *support* extending the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to *all* sectors;

*Amendment*

4. Considers that a cross-border taxation system is needed to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices *that can be* used by digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to *consider* extending the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to *other* sectors *where deemed necessary and appropriate*;

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Esther de Lange**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

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*Draft opinion*

4. Considers that ***a cross-border taxation system is needed*** to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to support extending the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to all sectors;

*Amendment*

4. Considers that ***the pan-European problem of tax avoidance and tax evasion needs to be tackled in order*** to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to support extending the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to all sectors;

Or. en

**Amendment 57**

**Henna Virkkunen, Philippe Juvin, Michal Boni**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers that ***a cross-border*** taxation ***system is needed to create*** a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to support extending the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to all sectors;

*Amendment*

4. Considers that ***a harmonisation of taxation levels could enhance the creation of*** a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to support extending the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to all sectors;

Or. en

**Amendment 58**

**Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers that a cross-border taxation

*Amendment*

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system is needed to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to support extending the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to all sectors;

system is needed to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to support extending the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to all sectors *as well as a CCCTB*;

Or. en

## **Amendment 59**

**Petr Ježek, Dita Charanzová**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 4**

##### *Draft opinion*

4. Considers that a cross-border taxation system is needed to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to support extending the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to all sectors;

##### *Amendment*

4. Considers that a cross-border taxation system is needed to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to *provide a clear definition of R&D investments and of permanent establishment in order to restore the link between taxation and economic substance, thus taking into account the specificities of the digital economy*; calls on the Commission to support extending the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to all sectors; *asks the Commission to take into account the result of its consultation conducted on this subject and, at a minimum, the OECD anti BEPS project latest recommendations on CBCR when drafting its proposal*;

Or. en

## **Amendment 60**

**Michel Reimon**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 4**

##### *Draft opinion*

4. Considers that a cross-border taxation system is needed to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to support extending the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to all sectors;

##### *Amendment*

4. Considers that a cross-border taxation system is needed to create a true European Single Market and to prevent the tax avoidance practices used by several digital platforms, as highlighted by recent inquiries; calls on the Commission to support extending the public country-by-country reporting regime on taxes for multinational companies to all sectors; ***Calls for the same exemptions that are applied to offline trade to be applied in the online environment, for example by extending exemptions from VAT for hardcopy books to electronic books;***

Or. en

## **Amendment 61**

**Andreas Schwab**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 4 a (new)**

##### *Draft opinion*

##### *Amendment*

***4a. Calls on the Commission to establish appropriate reference points for taxation of digital content and services; calls on the Commission to submit a proposal for amending the VAT Directive in order to ensure that goods are treated equally, irrespective of whether they are in physical or digital form;***

Or. de

**Amendment 62**  
**Kay Swinburne**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Calls for support for small businesses and for the single market to be fit for purpose in a digital age; In this regard, stresses concern about VatMoss rules which are hampering small online entrepreneurs by obliging them to collect and process VAT payments, even if they conduct a small volume of overseas trade; Welcomes in this regard recent suggestions from the Commission on the introduction of minimum thresholds but believes that an interim solution is also urgently required;*

Or. en

**Amendment 63**  
**Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Andreas Schwab, Philippe Juvin, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Dariusz Rosati, Eva Paunova**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Reiterates the need for renewed efforts to combat fraud and tax avoidance and evasion, and therefore calls for more emphasis to be placed on good tax governance in the Single market; reminds that savings of EUR 9 billion per year could be generated through measures such as the standardisation of electronic invoices and coordination of cross-border tax systems; stresses therefore the need to strengthen and improve tax coordination, with due respect for national competences, so as to prevent unfair competition and market distortions and*

*ensure equal opportunities in the Digital Single Market;*

Or. en

**Amendment 64**  
**Pilar del Castillo Vera**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Underlines the need to foster innovation and to promote a level playing field with respect to the same operational, security and capital requirements for all financial operators in the digital economy;*

Or. en

**Amendment 65**  
**Esther de Lange**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Points to the taxation problems in particular small and medium enterprises face when operating across borders. In light of this, calls on the Commission to explore options to tackle these obstacles SMEs are being confronted with;*

Or. en

**Amendment 66**  
**Renato Soru**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Invites the EC to bring forward a legislative proposal to adjust the definition of "permanent establishment" so that companies cannot artificially avoid having a taxable presence in Member States in which they have economic activity. In particular, this definition should address situations in which companies engaging in fully dematerialised digital activities, are considered to have a permanent establishment in a Member State if they maintain a significant digital presence in the economy of that Country;***

Or. en

**Amendment 67**

**Philippe Juvin, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Alain Cadec, Antonio Tajani, Alain Lamassoure**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Believes that the existing tax framework cannot continue to be applied given the specificities of the digital economy, and therefore calls on the Member States to come up with a new taxation policy suitable for the digital economy; emphasises that, with a view to ensuring fair competition and boosting EU citizens' confidence in the fairness of tax systems, a European strategy for adapting existing tax arrangements to make them applicable to digital companies is urgently needed;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 68**

**Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Notes that, to move towards a true digital single market, it is necessary to create a suitable tax framework to achieve VAT harmonisation in the digital sector, also ensuring fiscal equilibrium with a view to preventing fiscal relocation in the European Union as being discussed within the OECD;*

Or. es

**Amendment 69**

**Philippe De Backer, Kaja Kallas**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Considers as a priority the development of a simplified online VAT system to reduce compliance costs for small and innovative companies operating across Europe; Calls in addition on the Commission to facilitate exchange of best practices between tax authorities and stakeholders to develop appropriate solutions for payments of taxes in the sharing economy.*

Or. en

**Amendment 70**

**Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Andreas Schwab, Philippe Juvin, Eva Paunova, Krišjānis Kariņš**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4b. Stresses that dismantling barriers to the cross-border development of e-commerce is of the utmost importance due to the fact that cross-border parcel delivery and VAT rules applicable to the sale of goods and services – which, due to their fragmentation and a lack of transparency, hamper cross-border e-commerce; believes that the interoperability of systems, and the use of common standards are needed to ensure in order to build a truly inclusive Digital Single Market;***

Or. en

**Amendment 71  
Esther de Lange**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4b. Calls on the Commission to put emphasis on reducing VAT-related burdens. In this regard, appreciates the work of the OECD and their international VAT/GST guidelines, recommending tax for online transactions to be collected in the consumer's home country;***

Or. en

**Amendment 72  
Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, José Blanco López, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4b. Calls on the Commission to submit legislation regarding cross-border contracts encouraging measures to lighten administrative burdens and overcome obstacles in the way of businesses and consumers conducting market transactions, especially those resulting from the existence of different VAT systems, in a bid to achieve a genuine digital single market;***

Or. es

**Amendment 73**

**Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Dariusz Rosati**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4c. Underlines that there is a need for EU Single Market rules to be workable for the digital era, and that this entails implementation of Single Market rules for online payments, development of safe e-solutions Europe-wide (e.g. e-invoicing and digital signature), and clarifying VAT requirements where appropriate, in order to generate trust in e-commerce, improve the quality of information provided to European consumers about their rights, and ensure that the same level of protection is available to consumers online as that which they are used to in their traditional markets;***

Or. en

**Amendment 74**

**Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Philippe Juvin, Eva Paunova**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4d. Stresses the importance of electronic identification and trust services for increasing the volume and quality of electronic trade with a view to growth; recalls, therefore, on the Member States to take all necessary measures to implement the Regulation (EU) N° 910/2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market by 1 July 2016;***

Or. en

**Amendment 75**  
**Jill Seymour**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to create a legislative framework ensuring the development of innovative ideas, protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules;***

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 76**  
**Nils Torvalds, Kaja Kallas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5. Supports the Commission's decision to***

***deleted***

*review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to create a legislative framework ensuring the development of innovative ideas, protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 77**

**Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Philippe Juvin, Krišjānis Kariņš**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 5**

##### *Draft opinion*

5. Supports the *Commission's* decision to *review internet* platforms; encourages the Commission to create *a legislative* framework ensuring the development of innovative ideas, *protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules*;

##### *Amendment*

5. Supports the *Commission's* decision to *launch a public debate with two consultations on geo-blocking and on* platforms, *online intermediaries, data, cloud computing and the collaborative economy*; encourages the Commission to create *an appropriate* framework ensuring the development of innovative ideas *and creating the right conditions and a level playing field for digital networks and innovative services to flourish; and maximise the growth potential of the digital economy*;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 78**

**Philippe Juvin, Alain Cadec, Antonio Tajani, Alain Lamassoure**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 5**

##### *Draft opinion*

5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages *the Commission* to create a legislative framework *ensuring the development of*

##### *Amendment*

5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms *and* encourages *it* to create a *suitable* legislative *and tax* framework *for these new business models*,

*innovative ideas, protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules;*

*setting out in particular a new concept of territoriality in order to prevent unfair competition and tax optimisation;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 79**  
**Andreas Schwab**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

*5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to create a legislative framework ensuring the development of innovative ideas, protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules;*

*Amendment*

*5. Welcomes the consultation initiated by the Commission on the role of platforms in the digital economy; encourages the Commission first to assess thoroughly whether further regulation is needed in order to ensure fair competitive conditions for all market operators, the development of innovative ideas, protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules; stresses that a definition of the platform concept is needed in order to have a clear point of departure for a review under competition law;*

Or. de

**Amendment 80**  
**Eva Paunova**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to *create a* legislative framework *ensuring* the development of innovative ideas, protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules;

*Amendment*

5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to *make sure that the* legislative framework *ensures* the development of innovative ideas, protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules;

**Amendment 81**  
**Cătălin Sorin Ivan**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to create a legislative framework ensuring the development of *innovative ideas*, protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules;

*Amendment*

5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to create a legislative framework ensuring the development of *research and innovation*, protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules;

Or. ro

**Amendment 82**  
**Dariusz Rosati**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to create a legislative framework ensuring the development of innovative ideas, *protection of work standards* and compliance with existing fiscal rules;

*Amendment*

5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to create a legislative framework ensuring the development of innovative ideas and compliance with existing fiscal rules;

Or. en

**Amendment 83**  
**Barbara Kappel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to create a legislative framework ensuring the development of innovative ideas, protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules;

*Amendment*

5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to create a legislative framework ensuring the development of innovative ideas, protection of **consumers** *and* work standards, **fair competition** and compliance with existing fiscal rules;

Or. de

**Amendment 84**  
**Aldo Patriciello**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to create a legislative framework ensuring the development of innovative ideas, protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules;

*Amendment*

5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to create a legislative framework ensuring the development of innovative ideas, protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules, **and providing effective means, including the necessary penalty provisions, to combat the tax evasion practices used by several digital platforms;**

Or. it

**Amendment 85**  
**Neena Gill**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to create a legislative

*Amendment*

5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to create a legislative

framework ensuring the development of innovative ideas, protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules;

framework *specifying the exact role of intermediaries*, ensuring the development of innovative ideas, protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules;

Or. en

**Amendment 86**  
**Kay Swinburne**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to create a legislative framework ensuring the development of innovative ideas, protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules;

*Amendment*

5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to create a legislative framework ensuring the development of innovative ideas, protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules; *Acknowledges that the rapid rate of technological developments in the digital market calls for a technologically neutral framework for future initiatives;*

Or. en

**Amendment 87**  
**Anneliese Dodds, Catherine Stihler, Richard Corbett, Neena Gill**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to create a legislative framework ensuring the development of innovative ideas, protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules;

*Amendment*

5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to create a legislative framework ensuring the development of innovative ideas, protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules; *encourages the Commission, when doing so, to ensure that this*

*legislative framework encourages online platforms to do more to ease administrative burdens on the smallest online businesses that make use of their services;*

Or. en

**Amendment 88**

**Michel Reimon**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to create a legislative framework ensuring the development of innovative ideas, protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules;

*Amendment*

5. Supports the Commission's decision to review internet platforms; encourages the Commission to create a legislative framework ensuring the development of innovative ideas, protection of work standards and compliance with existing fiscal rules; *welcomes the Commissions intention to pursue the final elimination of roaming surcharges, whatever they might take, in particular for data and to take steps to improve the affordability of access to high-performance fixed and wireless broadband infrastructure;*

Or. en

**Amendment 89**

**Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5a. Regrets the long duration of the investigations into Google's practices and the fact that these investigations have already dragged on for several years*

*without any final results; welcomes, therefore, the Statement of Objections sent by the Commission to Google on comparison shopping service; calls on the Commission to continue to examine determinedly all concerns identified in its investigations, including all other areas of vertical search, as it is ultimately part of ensuring a level playing field for all market players in the digital market;*

Or. en

**Amendment 90**  
**Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Andreas Schwab**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5a. Welcomes the Commission's intention to put an end to unjustified geo-blocking practices that reduce consumer choice; finds it essential to ensure the appropriate implementation of Article 20.2 of the Services Directive, which forbids discrimination in the provision of services on the basis of nationality and/or place of residence, and Article 8 (3) of the Consumer Rights Directive, which requires trading websites to indicate at the latest at the beginning of the ordering process whether any deliver restrictions apply and which means of payment are accepted.;*

Or. en

**Amendment 91**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Urges the Commission to help Member States make the necessary public investment in research and development in order to promote digitisation of the economy and, to that end, to allow them to exclude such investment from the calculation of budgetary parameters for the purposes of the European Semester;***

Or. it

**Amendment 92**

**Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Notes that access to certain web content from a number of Member States is being denied; urges the Commission to take steps to eliminate this inadmissible practice;***

Or. es

**Amendment 93**

**Elisa Ferreira**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Calls on the Commission to assess the levels of transparency, use of information and abusive use of personal data on online platforms, and to propose adequate regulation if needed;***

Or. en

**Amendment 94**  
**Pilar del Castillo Vera**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Considers that given the borderless nature of the digital environment there is a need to ensure coherence and coordination between regulators, law enforcement agencies and the judicial system; within the EU, but also globally;***

Or. en

**Amendment 95**  
**Anneliese Dodds, Catherine Stihler, Richard Corbett, Neena Gill**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Calls on the Council and the Commission to immediately suspend the new rules on place of supply for VAT on digital services for the first €20,000 of cross-border digital sales and allow businesses to return to being subject to their domestic VAT rules for that revenue; calls for this suspension to apply for as long as it takes the Commission to introduce the common EU-wide Digital VAT threshold which was promised in the Digital Single Market Strategy, and again at the FISCALIS conference in September 2015;***

Or. en

**Amendment 96**  
**Cora van Nieuwenhuizen, Philippe De Backer**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Believes that digital payment services are crucial to the economy; calls on the Commission to remove any barriers to paying online in the Union and to ensure that all commercial EU websites that accept payment services such as online banking and credit cards do not discriminate on the basis of the Member State of registration of these payment services;***

Or. en

**Amendment 97**  
**Andreas Schwab**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

6. Believes that the development of a European digital economy requires a sufficient level of competition and plurality of service providers, ***and underlines that the presence of network effects allows for the creation of semi-monopolistic positions;*** supports the Commission's efforts in preventing and punishing abuses; ***encourages the Commission to remove barriers to entry in the field of digital economy in sectors where few players, according to the Commission's competition standards, are dominant;*** ***supports actions for stronger interoperability and portability across all digital sectors as a further way of opening the market to competition.***

6. Believes that the development of a European digital economy requires a sufficient level of competition and plurality of service providers; ***observes that certain features of the digital economy, such as network effects, can allow for, and consolidate, dominant positions;*** supports the Commission's efforts in preventing and punishing abuses;

**Amendment 98****Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Krišjānis Kariņš****Draft opinion****Paragraph 6***Draft opinion*

6. Believes that the development of a European digital economy requires a sufficient level of competition and plurality of service providers, and underlines that the presence of network effects allows for the creation of *semi-monopolistic* positions; supports the *Commission's* efforts in preventing *and punishing* abuses; *encourages the Commission to remove barriers to entry in the field of digital economy in sectors where few players*, according to the *Commission's* competition standards, *are dominant*; supports actions for stronger interoperability and portability across all digital sectors as a further way of opening the market to competition.

*Amendment*

6. Believes that the development of a European digital economy requires a sufficient level of competition and plurality of service providers, and underlines that the presence of network effects allows for the creation of *potentially monopolistic* positions; supports the *Commission's* efforts in preventing *market* abuses *and upholding consumers' interests*; according to the *Commission's* competition standards; supports actions for stronger interoperability and portability across all digital sectors as a further way of opening the market to competition;

**Amendment 99****Nils Torvalds, Kaja Kallas****Draft opinion****Paragraph 6***Draft opinion*

6. Believes that the development of a European digital economy requires a *sufficient level of* competition and plurality of service providers, and underlines that the presence of network effects *allows for the creation of semi-monopolistic positions*; supports the Commission's

*Amendment*

6. Believes that the development of a European digital economy requires a *European framework which fosters* competition and plurality of service providers, and underlines that the presence of network effects *can lead to abuses of a dominant position*; supports the

efforts in preventing and punishing abuses; encourages the Commission to remove barriers to entry *in the field of digital economy in sectors where few players, according to the Commission's competition standards, are dominant*; supports actions for stronger interoperability and portability across all digital sectors as a further way of opening the market to competition.

Commission's efforts in preventing and punishing abuses; encourages the Commission to remove barriers to entry; supports actions for stronger interoperability and portability across all digital sectors as a further way of opening the market to competition.

Or. en

**Amendment 100**  
**Eva Paunova**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Believes that the development of a European digital economy requires a sufficient level of competition and plurality of service providers, and underlines that the presence of network effects allows for the creation of semi-monopolistic positions; supports the Commission's efforts in preventing and *punishing* abuses; encourages the Commission to remove barriers to entry in the field of digital economy in sectors where few players, according to *the Commission's competition standards, are dominant*; supports actions for stronger interoperability and portability across all digital sectors as a further way of opening the market to competition.

*Amendment*

6. Believes that the development of a European digital economy requires a sufficient level of competition and plurality of service providers, and underlines that the presence of network effects allows for the creation of semi-monopolistic positions; supports the Commission's efforts in preventing and *sanctioning* abuses; encourages the Commission to remove barriers to entry in the field of digital economy in sectors where few players, according to *EU competition law have been found to abuse their dominant position*; supports actions for stronger interoperability and portability across all digital sectors, *as well as net neutrality*, as a further way of opening the market to competition.

Or. en

**Amendment 101**  
**Neena Gill**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Believes that the development of a European digital economy requires a sufficient level of competition and plurality of service providers, **and** underlines that the presence of network effects allows for the creation of semi-monopolistic positions; supports the Commission's efforts in preventing and punishing abuses; encourages the Commission to remove barriers to entry in the field of digital economy in sectors where few players, according to the Commission's competition standards, are dominant; supports actions for stronger interoperability and portability across all digital sectors as a further way of opening the market to competition.

*Amendment*

6. Believes that the development of a European digital economy requires a sufficient level of competition and plurality of service providers. ***Considers some digital initiatives as an opportunity to modernise existing legislation while ensuring and safeguarding social rights.*** Underlines that the presence of network effects allows for the creation of semi-monopolistic positions; supports the Commission's efforts in preventing and punishing abuses; encourages the Commission to remove barriers to entry in the field of digital economy in sectors where few players, according to the Commission's competition standards, are dominant; supports actions for stronger interoperability and portability across all digital sectors as a further way of opening the market to competition.

Or. en

**Amendment 102**  
**Tibor Szanyi**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Believes that the development of a European digital economy requires a sufficient level of competition and plurality of service providers, and underlines that the presence of network effects allows for the creation of semi-monopolistic positions; supports the Commission's efforts in preventing and punishing abuses; encourages the Commission to remove barriers to entry in the field of digital economy in sectors where few players,

*Amendment*

6. Believes that the development of a European digital economy requires a sufficient level of competition and plurality of service providers, and underlines that the presence of network effects allows for the creation of semi-monopolistic positions; supports the Commission's efforts in preventing and punishing abuses; encourages the Commission to remove barriers to entry in the field of digital economy in sectors where few players,

according to the Commission's competition standards, are dominant; supports actions for stronger interoperability and portability across all digital sectors as a further way of opening the market to competition.

according to the Commission's competition standards, are dominant ***and at the same time impede its development***; supports actions for stronger interoperability and portability across all digital sectors as a further way of opening the market to competition.

Or. hu

### **Amendment 103**

**Michel Reimon**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 6**

##### *Draft opinion*

6. Believes that the development of a European digital economy requires a sufficient level of competition and plurality of service providers, and underlines that the presence of network effects allows for the creation of semi-monopolistic positions; supports the Commission's efforts in preventing and punishing abuses; encourages the Commission to remove barriers to entry in the field of digital economy in sectors where few players, according to the Commission's competition standards, are dominant; supports actions for stronger interoperability and portability across all digital sectors as a further way of opening the market to competition.

##### *Amendment*

6. Believes that the development of a European digital economy requires a sufficient level of competition and plurality of service providers, and underlines that the presence of network effects allows for the creation of semi-monopolistic positions; supports the Commission's efforts in preventing and punishing abuses; encourages the Commission to remove barriers to entry in the field of digital economy in sectors where few players, according to the Commission's competition standards, are dominant; ***stresses the importance of the judgement on October the 6th 2015 of the ECJ, to abolish the EU-US data sharing agreement known as Safe Harbour and the chance it provides for innovative European start-ups and newcomers to the digital market***; supports actions for stronger interoperability and portability across all digital sectors as a further way of opening the market to competition.

Or. en

**Amendment 104**  
**Alfred Sant**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Believes that the development of a European digital economy requires a sufficient level of competition and plurality of service providers, and underlines that the presence of network effects allows for the creation of semi-monopolistic positions; supports the Commission's efforts in preventing and punishing abuses; encourages the Commission to remove barriers to entry in the field of digital economy in sectors where few players, according to the Commission's competition standards, are dominant; supports actions for stronger interoperability and portability across all digital sectors as a further way of opening the market to competition.

*Amendment*

6. Believes that the development of a European digital economy requires a sufficient level of competition and plurality of service providers, and underlines that the presence of network effects allows for the creation of semi-monopolistic positions; supports the Commission's efforts in preventing and punishing abuses; encourages the Commission to remove barriers to entry in the field of digital economy in sectors where few players, according to the Commission's competition standards, are dominant; ***considers that state aid under conditions of full transparency might be an optimal solution in ensuring that first entries in the digital market are able to consolidate their market position***; supports actions for stronger interoperability and portability across all digital sectors as a further way of opening the market to competition.

Or. en

**Amendment 105**  
**Andreas Schwab**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Encourages the Commission to remove barriers to entry to the field of the digital economy in sectors where a few players, according to the Commission's competition standards, are dominant; welcomes in this connection the sectoral investigation of e-commerce launched as***

*part of the strategy for a digital internal market; calls on the Commission to take measures to combat discriminatory practices in all sectors of on-line shopping and on-line payments;*

Or. de

**Amendment 106**

**Dariusz Rosati, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6a. Welcomes the launch of the Public Consultation on Modernising VAT for cross-border e-commerce by the Commission in September 2015 and perceives it as a crucial first step in order to facilitate the way VAT is settled cross-border online transactions. Calls on the Commission to report and assess the results of this public consultation to the Parliament and a wider public after it ends.*

Or. en

**Amendment 107**

**Elisa Ferreira**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6a. Stresses that consumers should enjoy the same level of protection regardless of what products and where they purchase them, i.e., on e-commerce platforms or in traditional commerce.*

Or. en

**Amendment 108**

**Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Philippe Juvin, Dariusz Rosati, Eva Paunova, Krišjānis Kariņš**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6a. Stresses that a thorough analysis of different types of 'Sharing Economy' platforms should be carried out, with a view to ensuring that relevant legislation allows the development of these services to enable new forms of consumption and production, while at the same time, guaranteeing high levels of consumer protection;*

Or. en

**Amendment 109**

**Pilar del Castillo Vera**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6a. welcomes the Commission's initiative for a new e-Government Action Plan; notes that interoperable e-signatures and the related eIDAS Regulation is highly relevant for the digital single market in financial services, providing new tools for banks and insurance companies, such as electronic identification for the digital onboarding process or e-signature instruments for contracts or payments;*

Or. en

**Amendment 110**

**Anneliese Dodds, Catherine Stihler, Richard Corbett**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6a. Believes that, while more should be done to remove barriers to entry for new and emerging digital businesses, those businesses must at the same time be required to respect longstanding domestic regulations such as those covering taxation, health and safety legislation and workers' rights, and must operate to the same high standards that existing businesses are required to in these areas.*

Or. en

**Amendment 111**  
**Michel Reimon**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6a. stresses the importance of accompanying the development of a Digital Single Market with an up to date and effective framework to ensure e-business continuity and protection against cybercrime particularly in critical areas such as banking services;*

Or. en

**Amendment 112**  
**Renato Soru**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Points out that the economic principles which have defined the development and spread of the Internet, namely network neutrality, openness, and non-discrimination, are being undermined by the spread of closed ecosystems within the Web; maintains that the emergence and growth of such ecosystems, and the oligopoly-based structure that they have created on the market in digital services and goods, are adversely affecting consumer interests and innovation and in the long term, therefore, might even jeopardise the development of the DSM;***

Or. it

**Amendment 113**

**Danuta Jazłowiecka, Michał Boni**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Calls on the Commission to quickly take the initiative to amend the law to reflect technological progress and eliminate a serious obstacle to the development of the e-book and e-paper market;***

Or. en

**Amendment 114**

**Marietje Schaake**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Calls on the Commission to avoid different VAT rates for paper books and digital books.***

Or. en

**Amendment 115**

**Dariusz Rosati, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6b. Notes that Commission launched, already in May, an antitrust competition inquiry into the e-commerce sector in the European Union; Supports the Commission's decision to launch a public debate with two public consultations: on geo-blocking and other geographically based restrictions when shopping and accessing information in the EU and on the regulatory environment for platforms, online intermediaries, data and cloud computing and the collaborative economy; Calls on the Commission to report to the European Parliament and general public in the first quarter of 2016 with the results of those consultations and preliminary findings of the e-commerce sector inquiry;***

Or. en

**Amendment 116**

**Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Dariusz Rosati, Krišjānis Kariņš**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6b. Stresses that the Commission must continue to enforce antitrust rules, particularly the Regulation on Vertical Restraints and the accompanying guidelines, to ensure that the special rules on selective distribution are not used to restrict the availability of products via online commerce channels and to prevent competition to the detriment of consumers;***

Or. en

**Amendment 117**

**Renato Soru**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6b. Considers that the distinguishing characteristics of the digital economy, resulting in particular from the fact that marginal costs tend to diminish, falling down to zero, and network effects are strong, are conducive to economies of scale and hence to concentration; calls on the Commission to devise a competition policy taking into account the specific features of the digital economy and the related challenges;***

Or. it

**Amendment 118**

**Dariusz Rosati, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Michał Boni**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6c. Calls on the Commission to prepare a bold proposal to review the VAT Directive (2006/112/EC) in order to make cross-border VAT system clearer and less burdensome for businesses, especially SMEs.***

Or. en

**Amendment 119**

**Renato Soru**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6c. Points to the importance of the data economy for the development of the DSM; notes that the only way to surmount the challenges and threats to the establishment of a digital single market which have arisen out of the Court of Justice's 'Safe Harbour' ruling is to adopt a common legislative approach at European level, and therefore calls on the Commission to work towards a regulatory framework serving both to ensure respect for user rights as regards data processing and to develop this sector of the digital economy;***

Or. it

**Amendment 120**

**Renato Soru**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6d. Maintains that all data related to users***

*and user-generated content constitute a historic, social, and economic heritage of intrinsic value to the reference communities and should therefore be considered a common good for the use of those communities;*

Or. it

**Amendment 121**  
**Renato Soru**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6e. Welcomes the opportunities offered by the collaborative economy model, which makes for more efficient use of resources and environmentally and economically sustainable economic growth; points out that this model is particularly well suited to the management of public assets; calls on the Commission, therefore, to encourage public authorities to develop and use models of this type;*

Or. it

**Amendment 122**  
**Renato Soru**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 f (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6f. Points out that overlapping collaborative and market economy models could distort free competition on some markets; calls on the Commission to work towards a regulatory framework which, while promoting the development of the collaborative economy, will keep the*

*'playing field' level and ensure compliance with EU legislation, in particular on tax and labour law matters;*

Or. it

**Amendment 123**

**Renato Soru**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 g (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6g. Notes that the development of the DSM could be helped if there were innovation clusters within the EU, that is to say, geographical areas with a high concentration of digital enterprise and skills; calls on the Commission to encourage the further development of such areas and the dissemination of best practice and knowledge;*

Or. it

**Amendment 124**

**Renato Soru**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 h (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6h. Points to the importance of business incubators, business angels, and a variety of stakeholders and agencies, both public and private, working to develop businesses in the digital sector; calls on the Commission to establish a strategy enabling these stakeholders to become involved in the development of the DSM and laying the foundations for a European network of business incubators;*

Or. it