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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 143**

**Draft opinion**  
**Michel Dantin**  
(PE573.109v01-00)

Cohesion policy in mountainous regions of the EU  
(2015/2279(INI))



**Amendment 1**  
**Michel Dantin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital -A (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***-A. - having regard to Title III of the Third Part of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union concerning, in particular, agriculture<sup>1 a</sup>,***

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***<sup>1 a</sup> This suggestion will have to be included as a citation in the motion for a resolution if adopted by the committee responsible.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 2**  
**Michel Dantin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital -A a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***-Aa. - having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009<sup>1 a 1 b</sup>,***

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***<sup>1 a</sup> This suggestion will have to be included as a citation in the motion for a resolution if adopted by the committee***

*responsible.*

<sup>1b</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 608.

Or. fr

**Amendment 3**  
**Michel Dantin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital -A b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***-Ab. - having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005<sup>1a 1b</sup>,***

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<sup>1a</sup> *This suggestion will have to be included as a citation in the motion for a resolution if adopted by the committee responsible.*

<sup>1b</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 487.

Or. fr

**Amendment 4**  
**Michel Dantin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital -A c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***-Ac. - having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in***

*agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007<sup>1 a 1 b</sup>,*

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*<sup>1 a</sup> This suggestion will have to be included as a citation in the motion for a resolution if adopted by the committee responsible.*

*<sup>1 b</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 5**  
**Michel Dantin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital -A d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*-Ad. - having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1144/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on information provision and promotion measures concerning agricultural products implemented in the internal market and in third countries and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 3/2008<sup>1 a 1 b</sup>,*

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*<sup>1 a</sup> This suggestion will have to be included as a citation in the motion for a resolution if adopted by the committee responsible.*

*<sup>1 b</sup> OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 56.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 6**  
**Michel Dantin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital -A e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**-Ae. - having regard to its resolution of 22 September 2010 on the European strategy for the economic and social development of mountain regions, islands and sparsely populated areas<sup>1 a 1 b</sup>,**

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**<sup>1 a</sup> This suggestion will have to be included as a citation in the motion for a resolution if adopted by the committee responsible.**

**<sup>1 b</sup> Texts adopted, P7\_TA(2010)0341.**

Or. fr

**Amendment 7**  
**Michel Dantin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital -A f (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**-Af. - having regard to its resolution of 11 December 2013 on maintaining milk production in mountain areas, disadvantaged areas and outermost regions after the expiry of the milk quota<sup>1 a 1 b</sup>,**

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**<sup>1 a</sup> This suggestion will have to be included as a citation in the motion for a resolution if adopted by the committee responsible.**

**<sup>1 b</sup> Texts adopted, P7\_TA(2013)0577.**

Or. fr

**Amendment 8**  
**Momchil Nekov, Michela Giuffrida**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A**

*Draft opinion*

A. whereas the additional costs associated with climatic and topographical conditions, remoteness and isolation hinder the economic and social development of mountainous regions; whereas also efforts to maintain agricultural economic production in EU regions must be accompanied by physical and digital accessibility as well as access to public services for the inhabitants of such regions;

*Amendment*

A. whereas the additional costs associated with climatic and topographical conditions, remoteness ***from economic centres, lack of sufficient infrastructure***, and isolation hinder the economic and social development of mountainous regions; whereas also efforts to maintain agricultural economic production in EU regions must be accompanied by physical and digital accessibility as well as access to public services for the inhabitants of such regions; ***whereas the broadband connection gives opportunities for economic, educational, social and cultural activities; whereas the mountainous regions are generally lacking sufficient digital infrastructure and broadband coverage;***

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Norbert Erdős**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A**

*Draft opinion*

A. whereas the additional costs associated with climatic and topographical conditions, remoteness and isolation hinder the economic and social development of mountainous regions; whereas also efforts to maintain agricultural economic production in EU regions must be accompanied by physical and digital accessibility as well as access to public services for the inhabitants of such regions;

*Amendment*

A. whereas the additional costs associated with climatic and topographical conditions, remoteness and isolation hinder the economic and social development of mountainous regions, ***areas undergoing revegetation, overseas areas and areas suffering from other natural or economic disadvantages***; whereas also efforts to maintain agricultural economic production in EU regions must be accompanied by

physical and digital accessibility as well as access to public services for the inhabitants of such regions;

Or. hu

## **Amendment 10**

**Maria Noichl**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Recital A**

##### *Draft opinion*

A. whereas the additional costs associated with climatic and topographical conditions, remoteness and isolation hinder the economic and social development of mountainous regions; *whereas also efforts to maintain agricultural economic production in EU regions must be accompanied by physical and digital accessibility as well as access to public services for the inhabitants of such regions;*

##### *Amendment*

A. whereas the additional costs associated with climatic and topographical conditions, remoteness and isolation hinder the economic, *cultural* and social development of mountainous regions; whereas also efforts to maintain agricultural economic production in EU regions must be accompanied by physical and digital accessibility as well as access to public services for the inhabitants of such regions;

Or. de

## **Amendment 11**

**Michel Dantin**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Recital A**

##### *Draft opinion*

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##### *Amendment*

A. whereas the additional costs associated with climatic and topographical conditions, remoteness and isolation hinder the economic and social development of mountainous regions; whereas also efforts to maintain agricultural economic production in EU regions must be accompanied by physical and digital accessibility as well as access to public

services for the inhabitants of *such* regions;

services for the inhabitants of *said* regions;

Or. fr

**Amendment 12**  
**James Nicholson**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A**

*Draft opinion*

A. whereas the additional costs associated with climatic and topographical conditions, remoteness and isolation hinder the economic and social development of mountainous regions; whereas also efforts to maintain agricultural economic production in EU regions must be accompanied by physical and digital accessibility as well as access to public services for the inhabitants of such regions;

*Amendment*

A. whereas the additional costs associated with climatic and topographical conditions, remoteness and isolation hinder the economic and social development of mountainous regions; whereas also efforts to maintain agricultural economic production in EU regions must be accompanied by physical and digital accessibility **and infrastructure** as well as access to public services for the inhabitants of such regions;

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Momchil Nekov, Marc Tarabella, Michela Giuffrida**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Aa. whereas agriculture, together with tourism, is a main sources of incomes for mountain communities; whereas mountain farming represents 18% of all agricultural enterprises in Europe, utilising 15% of agricultural land and 18% of the agricultural workforce; whereas animal production is the dominant output in EU mountain areas with diary production and the grazing***

*livestock meat sector having the highest share; whereas in addition to animal breeding and crop-growing mountainous regions have other agricultural potential and resources such as forests and products thereof;*

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Michel Dantin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Aa. whereas particular attention should be paid to small farms faced with higher production input costs because of the specific nature of mountainous regions;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 15**  
**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Estefanía Torres Martínez, Miguel Viegas, Matt Carthy**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Aa. whereas the role and contribution of women are of fundamental importance in maintaining mountainous regions;*

Or. es

**Amendment 16**  
**Herbert Dorfmann, Albert Deß, Elisabeth Köstinger**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas it is essential to secure agricultural **and** food production and ***maintain*** added value ***in these regions***;

*Amendment*

B. whereas it is essential to secure ***multifunctional*** agricultural ***production in these regions, which, in addition to*** food production, ***also affords access to other sources of income*** and ***thus possesses*** added value ***for the region***;

Or. de

**Amendment 17**  
**James Nicholson**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas it is essential to secure agricultural and food production and ***maintain*** added value in these regions;

*Amendment*

B. whereas it is essential to secure agricultural and food production and ***sustainable employment while maintaining*** added value in these regions;

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Michel Dantin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas it is essential to secure agricultural and food production and maintain added value in these regions;

*Amendment*

B. whereas it is essential to secure agricultural and food production and maintain added value in these regions ***in view of milk quotas coming to an end, increased competition, rising production costs, price volatility and environmental challenges***;

Or. fr

**Amendment 19**

**Louis Michel**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas it is essential to secure agricultural and food production and maintain added value in these regions;

*Amendment*

B. whereas it is essential to secure agricultural and food production and maintain added value in these regions ***which account for 40 % of the EU's total surface area;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 20**

**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Estefanía Torres Martínez, Miguel Viegas**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas it is essential to secure agricultural and food production and maintain added value in these regions;

*Amendment*

B. whereas it is essential to secure agricultural and food production and maintain added value in these regions; ***whereas there is a need for access to land so as to maintain production;***

Or. es

**Amendment 21**

**Momchil Nekov, Marc Tarabella, Michela Giuffrida**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas it is essential to secure agricultural and food production and maintain added value in these regions;

*Amendment*

B. whereas it is essential to secure agricultural and food production and maintain added value in these regions;

*whereas mountainous regions preserve unique conditions and traditional know-how; whereas quality products contribute to the sustainable development of mountain areas;*

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Maria Noichl**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Ba. whereas this added value can be increased even further by means of diversification of farms, for example by means of sustainable tourism all the year round;*

Or. de

**Amendment 23**  
**Momchil Nekov, Michela Giuffrida**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Ba. whereas farming and agricultural activities in mountainous regions are small scale and/or family-run; whereas Producers' organisations from mountainous regions have the potential to strengthen the negotiating power of producers from these regions, while at the same time combat unfair trading practices towards them;*

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Herbert Dorfmann, Albert Deß, Elisabeth Köstinger**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C**

*Draft opinion*

C. whereas a response must be found to the challenges posed by desertification and lack of generational renewal in mountain areas;

*Amendment*

C. whereas a response must be found to the challenges posed by ***the abandonment of farmland and the associated growth of scrub and trees, or*** desertification, and lack of generational renewal in mountain areas;

Or. de

**Amendment 25**  
**Maria Noichl**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C**

*Draft opinion*

C. whereas a response must be found to the challenges posed by ***desertification*** and lack of generational renewal in mountain areas;

*Amendment*

C. whereas a response must be found to the challenges posed by ***the impact of climate change*** and lack of generational renewal in mountain areas;

Or. de

**Amendment 26**  
**Laurențiu Rebeaga, Edouard Ferrand, Philippe Loiseau**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C**

*Draft opinion*

C. whereas a response must be found to the challenges posed by desertification ***and*** lack of generational renewal in mountain areas;

*Amendment*

C. whereas a response must be found to the challenges posed by desertification, lack of generational renewal ***and raising the quality of life*** in mountain areas;

**Amendment 27**  
**Paolo De Castro**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C**

*Draft opinion*

C. whereas a response must be found to the challenges posed by desertification and lack of generational renewal in mountain areas;

*Amendment*

C. whereas a response must be found to the challenges posed by desertification and lack of generational renewal in mountain areas ***in order to guard against environmental, landscape and hydrogeological impacts that also have a knock-on effect on lowland built-up areas;***

Or. it

**Amendment 28**  
**Momchil Nekov, Michela Giuffrida**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C**

*Draft opinion*

C. whereas a response must be found to the challenges posed by desertification and lack of generational renewal in mountain areas;

*Amendment*

C. whereas a response must be found to the challenges posed by desertification, ***depopulation, gender stratification*** and lack of generational renewal in mountain areas;

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Momchil Nekov, Michela Giuffrida**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital D**

*Draft opinion*

D. whereas mountain areas make a positive contribution to sustainable development and the preservation of regional ecosystems;

*Amendment*

D. whereas mountain areas make a positive contribution to sustainable development and the preservation of regional ecosystems ***and have the chance to contribute to the fight against climate change;***

Or. en

**Amendment 30**

**Viorica Dăncilă, Daniel Buda**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital D**

*Draft opinion*

D. whereas mountain areas make a positive contribution to sustainable development and the preservation of regional ecosystems;

*Amendment*

D. whereas mountain areas make a positive contribution to sustainable development and the preservation of regional ecosystems, ***and in many cases offer great potential for conversion to organic farming and quality agriculture systems;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 31**

**Ivan Jakovčić, Ulrike Müller, Jasenko Selimovic**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital D**

*Draft opinion*

D. whereas mountain areas make a positive contribution to sustainable development and the preservation of regional ecosystems;

*Amendment*

D. whereas mountain areas ***by agriculture, tourism and craft*** make a positive contribution to sustainable development, ***to maintenance of cultural landscapes*** and the preservation of regional ecosystems;

Or. en

**Amendment 32**  
**Marian Harkin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital D**

*Draft opinion*

D. whereas mountain areas make a positive contribution to sustainable development and the preservation of regional ecosystems;

*Amendment*

D. whereas mountain areas make a positive contribution to sustainable development, ***tourism*** and the preservation of regional ecosystems;

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Ivan Jakovčić, Ulrike Müller, Jasenko Selimovic**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Da. whereas mountainous cross-border cooperation, tourism and craft represent a sustainable way to foster economic and social development of mountainous regions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Maria Heubuch**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Da. whereas the mountain grassland managed by small farms has great ecological and economic importance;***

*ruminants are the principal users of grasslands, keeping landscapes accessible and inhabited and so benefiting local food production, tourism, biodiversity and the environment;*

Or. en

**Amendment 35**

**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Estefanía Torres Martínez, Miguel Viegas**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital D a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Da. whereas public services are of fundamental importance in maintaining the population of and activity in mountainous regions;*

Or. es

**Amendment 36**

**Herbert Dorfmann, Albert Deß, Elisabeth Köstinger**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital D a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Da. whereas farming in mountain areas is very important for the hydrogeological stability not only of mountain areas but also of plains below them;*

Or. de

**Amendment 37**

**Franc Bogovič**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital D a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Da. whereas large parts of mountain areas are protected within the Natura 2000 ecological network and under other types of nature conservation arrangements, a fact which on the one hand limits economic activity, but also helps to bolster more sustainable forms of farming and to link farming more closely with other economic activities; whereas if mountain areas are to develop, coordinated action needs to be pursued both in the agricultural, forestry, and tourism sectors and in the sphere of cultural and natural heritage conservation;*

Or. sl

**Amendment 38**  
**Franc Bogovič**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital D b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Db. whereas because of the exodus from mountain areas, farmland is becoming overgrown and game and wild animal habitats are being altered, with the result that predators are causing severe damage, in particular among sheep, goats, and cattle;*

Or. sl

**Amendment 39**  
**Daniel Buda**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Da. whereas the lack of investment in mountain areas contributes to the widening gap between these and other areas;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 40**

**Maria Heubuch**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Recital D b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Db. whereas milk production is of vital importance to small farmers in areas with a large proportion of mountain grassland;***

Or. en

**Amendment 41**

**Maria Heubuch**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Recital D c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Dc. whereas mountain milk accounts for around 10% of milk from the EU-27, but constitutes 2/3 of milk and involves 3/4 of producers in Austria, Slovenia and Finland, and that the corresponding figures also remain very significant in a further ten or so countries; whereas in most of these humid mountain regions, and also in outermost regions, milk herds are the principal users of grasslands, keeping landscapes accessible and***

*inhabited and so benefiting tourism,  
biodiversity and the environment;*

Or. en

**Amendment 42**

**Laurențiu Rebegea, Edouard Ferrand, Philippe Loiseau**

**Draft opinion**

**Subheading 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*given the need to take into account the proportionate and concomitant use of agricultural, forestry, energy, artisanal, tourist and cultural resources in so-called 'mountain areas' and in given areas within mountain areas*

Or. ro

**Amendment 43**

**Elisabeth Köstinger, Herbert Dorfmann**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

1. Regrets that despite the sector-specific measures that have been taken, there does not yet exist a fully-fledged EU approach to mountain regions; proposes in this regard that efforts be made to adopt a *common definition of* mountain regions;

1. Regrets that despite the sector-specific measures that have been taken, there does not yet exist a fully-fledged EU approach to mountain regions *aimed at improving the coordination of the policies concerned*; proposes in this regard that efforts be made to adopt a *coherent approach to defining* mountain regions;

Or. de

**Amendment 44**

**Michel Dantin**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Regrets that despite the sector-specific measures that have been taken, there does not yet exist a fully-fledged EU approach to mountain regions; proposes in this regard that efforts be made to adopt a common definition of mountain regions;

*Amendment*

1. Regrets that despite the sector-specific measures that have been taken, there does not yet exist a fully-fledged EU approach to mountain regions; proposes in this regard that efforts be made to adopt a common, ***operational and exact*** definition of mountain regions ***within cohesion policy, without however calling into question the definition of mountain areas used in the context of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFDR)***;

Or. fr

**Amendment 45**  
**Momchil Nekov, Marc Tarabella, Michela Giuffrida**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Regrets that despite the sector-specific measures that have been taken, there does not yet exist a fully-fledged EU approach to mountain regions; proposes in this regard that efforts be made to adopt a common definition of mountain regions;

*Amendment*

1. Regrets that despite the sector-specific measures that have been taken ***and specific support instruments have been developed by the EU***, there does not yet exist a fully-fledged EU approach to mountain regions; proposes in this regard that efforts be made to adopt a common definition of mountain regions, ***taking into account that these regions are characterised by a considerable limitation of the possibility for using the land, difficult climatic conditions and the use of very expensive special equipment among others***;

Or. en

**Amendment 46**  
**Norbert Erdős**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Regrets that despite the sector-specific measures that have been taken, there does not yet exist a fully-fledged EU approach to mountain regions; proposes in this regard that efforts be made to adopt a common definition of mountain regions;

*Amendment*

1. Regrets that despite the sector-specific measures that have been taken, there does not yet exist a fully-fledged EU approach to mountain regions, ***and that European measures have so far been insufficient to assist areas undergoing revegetation, overseas areas and areas suffering from other natural or economic disadvantages***; proposes in this regard that efforts be made to adopt a common definition of mountain regions ***and more effective measures for the regions referred to above***;

Or. hu

**Amendment 47**  
**Nicola Caputo**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Regrets that despite the sector-specific measures that have been taken, there does not yet exist a fully-fledged EU approach to mountain regions; proposes in this regard that efforts be made to adopt a common definition of mountain regions;

*Amendment*

1. Regrets that despite the sector-specific measures that have been taken, there does not yet exist a fully-fledged EU approach to mountain regions; proposes in this regard that efforts be made to adopt a common definition of mountain regions ***that takes proper account of specific factors such as gradient, altitude, accessibility, vegetation and soil productivity***;

Or. it

**Amendment 48**  
**Laurențiu Rebegea, Edouard Ferrand, Philippe Loiseau**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Regrets that despite the sector-specific measures that have been taken, there does not yet exist a fully-fledged EU approach to mountain regions; proposes in this regard that efforts be made to adopt a common definition of mountain regions;

*Amendment*

1. Regrets that despite the sector-specific measures that have been taken, there does not yet exist a fully-fledged EU approach to mountain regions; proposes ***that clear criteria be established for defining mountain areas (e.g. a minimum altitude of 600 metres) and*** in this regard that efforts be made to adopt a common definition of mountain regions;

Or. ro

**Amendment 49**  
**Marian Harkin**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Regrets that despite the sector-specific measures that have been taken, there does not yet exist a fully-fledged EU approach to mountain regions; proposes in this regard that efforts be made to adopt a common definition of mountain regions;

*Amendment*

1. Regrets that despite the sector-specific measures that have been taken, there does not yet exist a fully-fledged EU approach to mountain regions; proposes in this regard that efforts be made to adopt a common definition of mountain regions ***in line with the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) so as to cover areas where agricultural production is inhibited due to very difficult climatic conditions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Miguel Viegas, Estefanía Torres Martínez**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Believes it necessary to protect farmland, according priority to farming above all other activities;***

Or. es

**Amendment 51**  
**Viorica Dăncilă**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Considers it regrettable that a system of agricultural vocational training tailored to the specific characteristics of mountain areas is not and has not been available to farms in those areas; proposes therefore that a pan-European review be conducted with a view to adopting such a system of agricultural vocational training tailored to the specific characteristics of mountain areas;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 52**  
**Michel Dantin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

3. Considers that the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) should form an integral part of the smart specialisation strategies of regions with mountain areas; calls therefore on the

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Commission, Member States and the regions to strengthen synergies between different funds and measures for mountain areas in preparing, examining and adopting operational programmes;

Commission, Member States and the regions to strengthen synergies between different funds and measures for mountain areas in preparing, examining and adopting operational programmes *when the 2014-2020 multiannual financial framework is reviewed or operational programmes are modified*;

Or. fr

### **Amendment 53**

**Herbert Dorfmann, Albert Deß, Elisabeth Köstinger**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 3**

##### *Draft opinion*

3. Considers that the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) should form an integral part of the smart specialisation strategies of *regions with* mountain areas; calls therefore on the Commission, Member States and the regions to strengthen synergies between different funds and measures for mountain areas in preparing, examining and adopting operational programmes;

##### *Amendment*

3. Considers that the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) should form an integral part of the smart specialisation *and multifunctional development* strategies of mountain areas; calls therefore on the Commission, Member States and the regions to strengthen synergies between different funds and measures for mountain areas in preparing, examining and adopting operational programmes;

Or. de

### **Amendment 54**

**Norbert Erdős**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 3**

##### *Draft opinion*

3. Considers that the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) should form an integral part of the smart specialisation strategies of regions with

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3. Considers that the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) should form an integral part of the smart specialisation strategies of regions with

mountain areas; calls therefore on the Commission, Member States and the regions to strengthen synergies between different funds and measures for mountain areas in preparing, examining and adopting operational programmes;

mountain areas, ***areas undergoing revegetation, overseas areas and areas suffering from other natural or economic disadvantages***; calls therefore on the Commission, Member States and the regions to strengthen synergies between different funds and measures for mountain areas in preparing, examining and adopting operational programmes;

Or. hu

### **Amendment 55**

**Ivan Jakovčić, Ulrike Müller, Jasenko Selimovic**

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

##### *Draft opinion*

3. Considers that the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) should form an integral part of the smart specialisation strategies of regions with mountain areas; calls therefore on the Commission, Member States and the regions to strengthen synergies between different funds and measures for mountain areas in preparing, examining and adopting operational programmes;

##### *Amendment*

3. Considers that the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) should form an integral part of the smart specialisation strategies of regions with mountain areas; ***notes that administrative burden poses a crucial obstacle to the mainly small communities in mountainous regions and thereby threatens the successful implementation of the programmes***; calls therefore on the Commission, Member States and the regions to strengthen synergies between different funds and measures for mountain areas in preparing, examining and adopting operational programmes ***and to promote the reduction of bureaucracy regarding the application and administration of the use of funds in order to give small communities better access to funding***;

Or. en

### **Amendment 56**

**Marco Zullo**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Considers that the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) should form an integral part of the smart specialisation strategies of regions with mountain areas; calls therefore on the Commission, Member States and the regions to strengthen synergies between different funds and measures for mountain areas in preparing, examining and adopting operational programmes;

*Amendment*

3. Considers that the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) should form an integral part of the smart specialisation strategies of regions with mountain areas; calls therefore on the Commission, Member States and the regions to strengthen synergies between different funds and measures for mountain areas in preparing, examining and adopting operational programmes; ***calls also for greater use to be made of EU initiatives such as Interreg and LAG to foster the development of economic diversification projects and coordinated marketing strategies that take proper account of regional resources, local networks and cooperative working methods;***

Or. it

**Amendment 57**  
**Nicola Caputo**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Believes that mountain farming can play an important role in biodiversity protection and climate change mitigation, as carbon is absorbed by grazing land and forests;***

Or. it

**Amendment 58**  
**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Estefanía Torres Martínez, Miguel Viegas**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Calls on the Commission to include specific measures for mountainous regions in all policies;***

Or. es

**Amendment 59**  
**Momchil Nekov, Michela Giuffrida**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

4. Calls on the Commission and Member States to develop strategies between local authorities, civil society and economic players in mountain ranges in order to determine joint action plans for the promotion, development and protection of the mountain ranges in question; welcomes and supports in this regard the Alpine macro-regional strategy initiative;

4. Calls on the Commission and Member States to develop strategies between local authorities, civil society and economic players in mountain ranges in order to determine joint action plans for the promotion, development and protection of the mountain ranges in question; ***stresses the importance of programmes and initiatives aiming at stable and quality job-creation in the mountainous regions;*** welcomes and supports in this regard the Alpine macro-regional strategy initiative; ***urges the Commission, the Member States, and candidate-countries to look for a similar approach in their respective mountainous regions, which would help reaching social cohesion;***

Or. en

**Amendment 60**  
**Norbert Erdős**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Calls on the Commission and Member States to develop strategies between local authorities, civil society and economic players in mountain ranges in order to determine joint action plans for the promotion, development and protection of the mountain ranges in question; welcomes and supports in this regard the Alpine macro-regional strategy initiative;

*Amendment*

4. Calls on the Commission and Member States to develop strategies between local authorities, civil society and economic players in mountain ranges, ***areas undergoing revegetation, overseas areas and areas suffering from other natural or economic disadvantages*** in order to determine joint action plans for the promotion, development and protection of the mountain ranges in question; welcomes and supports in this regard the Alpine macro-regional strategy initiative;

Or. hu

**Amendment 61**  
**Tibor Szanyi**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Calls on the Commission and Member States to develop strategies between local authorities, civil society and economic players in mountain ranges in order to determine joint action plans for the promotion, development and protection of the mountain ranges in question; welcomes and supports in this regard the Alpine macro-regional strategy initiative;

*Amendment*

4. Calls on the Commission and Member States to develop strategies between local authorities, civil society and economic players in mountain ranges in order to determine joint action plans for the promotion, development and protection of the mountain ranges in question; welcomes and supports in this regard the Alpine macro-regional strategy initiative ***and the Community-led Local Development tool;***

Or. en

**Amendment 62**  
**Maria Noichl**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Calls on the Commission and Member States to develop strategies between local authorities, civil society and economic players in mountain ranges in order to determine joint action plans for the promotion, development and protection of the mountain ranges in question; welcomes and supports in this regard the Alpine macro-regional strategy initiative;

*Amendment*

4. Calls on the Commission and Member States to develop strategies between local authorities, civil society and economic players in mountain ranges in order to determine joint action plans for the promotion, development and protection of the mountain ranges in question; welcomes and supports in this regard the Alpine macro-regional strategy initiative; ***stresses furthermore the traditional natural and cultural heritage of mountain regions, which the EU should protect, particularly against excessive burdens such as traffic passing through them;***

Or. de

**Amendment 63**

**Ivan Jakovčić, Ulrike Müller, Jasenko Selimovic**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Calls on the Commission and Member States to develop strategies between local authorities, civil society and economic players in mountain ranges in order to determine joint action plans for the promotion, development and protection of the mountain ranges in question; welcomes and supports in this regard the Alpine macro-regional strategy initiative;

*Amendment*

4. Calls on the Commission and Member States to develop strategies between local ***and regional*** authorities, civil society and economic players in mountain ranges in order to determine joint action plans for the promotion, development and protection of the mountain ranges in question; welcomes and supports in this regard the Alpine macro-regional strategy initiative, ***and calls on the Commission to take into account the lessons learnt from the implementation of other EU macro-regional strategies;***

Or. en

**Amendment 64**  
**Viorica Dăncilă, Daniel Buda**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Calls on the Commission and Member States to develop strategies between local authorities, civil society and economic players in mountain ranges in order to determine joint action plans for the promotion, development and protection of the mountain ranges in question; welcomes and supports in this regard the Alpine macro-regional strategy initiative;

*Amendment*

4. Calls on the Commission and Member States to develop strategies between local authorities, civil society and economic players in mountain ranges in order to determine joint action plans for the promotion, development and protection of the mountain ranges in question; welcomes and supports in this regard the Alpine macro-regional strategy initiative; ***recommends strengthening policies on mountain regions, since the pasturing and stock-breeding industries have an extremely important role to play in mitigating climate change and in helping to adjust and reduce vulnerability to it, particularly through sound grassland management;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 65**  
**Vladimir Urutchev**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Reiterates the need for an integrated sustainable governance in the form of EU strategy for Europe's mountainous regions which cover 36% of Europe's geographic space and make up large and increasing part of EU periphery due to a range of socio-economic, political and environmental challenges. This is particularly the case of South-Eastern Europe, where mountain areas are among the poorest in Europe, located along EU's***

*politically most sensitive external borders;*

Or. en

**Amendment 66**  
**James Nicholson**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Reiterates the importance of simplification and flexibility in the administration of the CAP and highlights the difficult physical and environmental challenges, as well as accessibility of markets, facing producers in mountainous regions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 67**  
**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Estefanía Torres Martínez, Miguel Viegas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Subheading 2**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

Investments, *competitiveness* and economic diversification

Investments and economic diversification

Or. es

**Amendment 68**  
**Michel Dantin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Believes that the CAP should not only aim to compensate mountain regions for the disadvantages they face but also give them the means to capitalise on their assets;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 69**  
**Paolo De Castro**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Believes that the social and economic development of mountain areas can be boosted by promoting farming and farm-based services, such as on-farm processing, direct sales, farm stays, social farming and renewable energy production;***

Or. it

**Amendment 70**  
**Herbert Dorfmann, Albert Deß**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

5. Stresses the importance of aid under the first pillar of the CAP in maintaining agricultural production and income for farmers in mountain areas; recalls that Member States ***have the option of establishing specific direct aid and coupled payments to help attain these objectives;***

5. Stresses the importance of aid under the first pillar of the CAP in maintaining agricultural production and income for farmers in mountain areas; recalls that, ***in many Member States, some decoupled aid under the first pillar is far less generous than in prime farming areas, because of inadequate internal convergence, which***

*further limits the competitiveness of farms;*

Or. de

**Amendment 71**  
**Maria Noichl**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. *Stresses the importance of* aid under the first pillar of the CAP *in maintaining* agricultural production and income for farmers in mountain areas; recalls that Member States have the option of establishing specific direct aid and coupled payments to help attain these objectives;

*Amendment*

5. *Considers that* aid under the first pillar of the CAP *maintains* agricultural production and income for farmers in mountain areas; recalls that Member States have the option of establishing specific direct aid and coupled payments to help attain these objectives;

Or. de

**Amendment 72**  
**Norbert Erdős**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Stresses the importance of aid under the first pillar of the CAP in maintaining agricultural production and income for farmers in mountain areas; recalls that Member States have the option of establishing specific direct aid and coupled payments to help attain these objectives;

*Amendment*

5. Stresses the importance of aid under the first pillar of the CAP in maintaining agricultural production and income for farmers in mountain areas, *areas undergoing revegetation, overseas areas and areas suffering from other natural or economic disadvantages*; recalls that Member States have the option of establishing specific direct aid and coupled payments to help attain these objectives;

Or. hu

**Amendment 73**  
**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Estefanía Torres Martínez**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Stresses the importance of aid under the first pillar of the CAP in maintaining agricultural production and income for farmers in mountain areas; recalls that Member States have the option of establishing specific direct aid and coupled payments to help attain these objectives;

*Amendment*

5. Stresses the importance of aid under the first pillar of the CAP in maintaining agricultural production and income for farmers in mountain areas; recalls that Member States have the option of establishing specific direct aid and coupled payments to help attain these objectives; ***asks the Commission to take steps to make such optional measures mandatory in all Member States;***

Or. es

**Amendment 74**  
**Michel Dantin**

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

*Draft opinion*

6. Considers that measures under the second pillar of the CAP must ensure the sustainability and diversification of agricultural production in mountain areas by supporting the emergence of projects that create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects and farm development projects and projects to maintain processing ***enterprises***; stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the competitiveness of the regional agricultural sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms;

*Amendment*

6. Considers that measures under the second pillar of the CAP must ensure the sustainability and diversification of agricultural production ***and processing industries*** in mountain areas by supporting the emergence of projects that create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects (***buildings, specific equipment, modernisation, etc.***) and farm development projects and projects to maintain processing ***work***; stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the competitiveness of the regional agricultural ***and food processing*** sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms ***through the development of initiatives such as agritourism and the development of both***

*agricultural and non-agricultural  
traditional products;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 75**  
**Vladimir Urutchev**

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

*Draft opinion*

6. Considers that measures under the second pillar of the CAP must ensure the sustainability and diversification of agricultural production in mountain areas **by supporting** the emergence of projects that create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects **and** farm development projects and projects to maintain processing enterprises; stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the competitiveness of the regional agricultural sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms;

*Amendment*

6. Considers that measures under the second pillar of the CAP must ensure the sustainability and diversification of agricultural production in mountain areas. **Such support could contribute to a "rural renaissance" through encouraging** the emergence of projects that create added value, **bio-based** innovation projects, agricultural investment projects, farm development projects and projects to maintain processing enterprises, **as well as bio-energy projects with positive environmental impact**; stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the competitiveness of the regional agricultural **and forestry** sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms **and forest businesses**;

Or. en

**Amendment 76**  
**Herbert Dorfmann, Albert Deß, Elisabeth Köstinger**

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

*Draft opinion*

6. Considers that measures under the second pillar of the CAP must ensure the sustainability and diversification of

*Amendment*

6. Considers that measures under the second pillar of the CAP must ensure the sustainability and diversification of

agricultural production in mountain areas by supporting the emergence of projects that create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects and farm development projects and projects to maintain processing enterprises; stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the competitiveness of the regional agricultural sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms;

agricultural production in mountain areas by supporting the emergence of projects that create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects and ***multifunctional*** farm development projects and projects to maintain processing enterprises; ***stresses in this context the importance of tourism in many mountain areas and the associated scope for supplementary income for farmers***; stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the competitiveness of the regional agricultural sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms;

Or. de

**Amendment 77**  
**Momchil Nekov, Michela Giuffrida**

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

*Draft opinion*

6. Considers that measures under the second pillar of the CAP must ensure the sustainability and diversification of agricultural production in mountain areas by supporting the emergence of projects that create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects and farm development projects and projects to maintain processing enterprises; stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the competitiveness of the regional agricultural sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms;

*Amendment*

6. Considers that measures under the second pillar of the CAP must ensure the sustainability and diversification of agricultural production in mountain areas by supporting the emergence of projects that create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects and farm development projects and projects to maintain processing enterprises ***and closed production cycles, in sector such as, but not limited to, the dairy sector, meat-processing and honey production*** ; stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the competitiveness of the regional agricultural sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms; ***stresses the importance of RDPs in stimulation of preserving of autochthonous breeds in mountainous regions***;

**Amendment 78****Maria Noichl****Draft opinion****Paragraph 6***Draft opinion*

6. *Considers that* measures under the second pillar of the CAP **must** ensure the sustainability and diversification of agricultural production in mountain areas by supporting the emergence of projects that create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects and farm development projects and projects to maintain processing enterprises; stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the competitiveness of the regional agricultural sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms;

*Amendment*

6. **Stresses in particular the importance of** measures under the second pillar of the CAP, **which** ensure the sustainability and diversification of agricultural production in mountain areas by supporting the emergence of projects that create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects and farm development projects and projects to maintain processing enterprises; stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the competitiveness of the regional agricultural sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms;

Or. de

**Amendment 79****Maria Heubuch**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

6. Considers that measures under the second pillar of the CAP must ensure the sustainability and diversification of agricultural production in mountain areas by supporting the emergence of projects that create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects and farm development projects and projects to maintain processing enterprises;

*Amendment*

6. Considers that measures under the second pillar of the CAP must ensure the sustainability and diversification of agricultural production in mountain areas by supporting the emergence of projects that create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects and farm development projects and projects to maintain processing enterprises;

stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the competitiveness of the regional agricultural sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms;

*points out that in-situ processing and marketing on farms or alpine pastures means greater added value for smallholdings and micro farms and enhances the tourist potential of these locations; points out that touristic facilities can further enhance their profile by using local agricultural products;* stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the competitiveness of the regional agricultural sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms;

Or. en

### **Amendment 80**

**Maria Heubuch**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 6**

#### *Draft opinion*

6. Considers that measures under the second pillar of the CAP must ensure the sustainability and diversification of agricultural production in mountain areas by supporting the emergence of projects that create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects and farm development projects and projects to maintain processing enterprises; stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the competitiveness of the regional agricultural sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms;

#### *Amendment*

6. Considers that measures under the second pillar of the CAP must ensure the sustainability and diversification of agricultural production in mountain areas by supporting the emergence of projects that create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects and farm development projects and projects to maintain processing enterprises; stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the competitiveness of the regional agricultural sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms; *encourages Member States and regions to make use of the opportunity under the Rural Development Regulation to create thematic sub-programmes focused around the needs of mountain areas, which are eligible for higher support rates for public funding;*

**Amendment 81****Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Miguel Viegas, Estefanía Torres Martínez****Draft opinion****Paragraph 6***Draft opinion*

6. Considers that measures under the second pillar of the CAP must ensure the sustainability and diversification of agricultural production in mountain areas by supporting the emergence of projects that create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects and farm development projects and projects to maintain processing enterprises; stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost *the competitiveness of* the regional agricultural sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms;

*Amendment*

6. Considers that measures under the second pillar of the CAP must ensure the sustainability and diversification of agricultural production in mountain areas by supporting the emergence of projects that create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects and farm development projects and projects to maintain processing enterprises *and to support the sale of farming produce in short supply chains and local markets*; stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the regional agricultural sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms;

Or. es

**Amendment 82****Norbert Erdős****Draft opinion****Paragraph 6***Draft opinion*

6. Considers that measures under the second pillar of the CAP must ensure the sustainability and diversification of agricultural production in mountain areas by supporting the emergence of projects that create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects and farm development projects and

*Amendment*

6. Considers that measures under the second pillar of the CAP must ensure the sustainability and diversification of agricultural production in mountain areas, *areas undergoing revegetation, overseas areas and areas suffering from other natural or economic disadvantages* by supporting the emergence of projects that

projects to maintain processing enterprises; stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the competitiveness of the regional agricultural sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms;

create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects and farm development projects and projects to maintain processing enterprises; stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the competitiveness of the regional agricultural sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms;

Or. hu

**Amendment 83**  
**Tibor Szanyi**

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

*Draft opinion*

6. Considers that measures under the second pillar of the CAP must ensure the sustainability and diversification of agricultural production in mountain areas by supporting the emergence of projects that create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects and farm development projects and projects to maintain processing enterprises; stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the competitiveness of the regional agricultural sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms;

*Amendment*

6. Considers that measures under the second pillar of the CAP must ensure the sustainability and diversification of agricultural production *also* in mountain areas by supporting the emergence of projects that create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects and farm development projects and projects to maintain processing enterprises; stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the competitiveness of the regional agricultural sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms;

Or. en

**Amendment 84**  
**Daniel Buda**

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

*Draft opinion*

6. Considers that measures under the

*Amendment*

6. Considers that measures under the

second pillar of the CAP must ensure the sustainability and diversification of agricultural production in mountain areas by supporting the emergence of projects that create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects and farm development projects and projects to maintain processing enterprises; stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the competitiveness of the regional agricultural sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms;

second pillar of the CAP must ensure the sustainability and diversification of agricultural production in mountain areas by supporting the emergence of projects that create added value, innovation projects, agricultural investment projects and farm development projects and projects to maintain processing enterprises; stresses that these funds should be used as tools to boost the competitiveness of the regional agricultural sector and / or as a means of allowing the economic diversification of farms; ***emphasises that mountain areas are able to produce food of high ecological value for a growing consumer segment and calls on the Commission and the competent authorities in the Member States to support the development of products from mountain areas;***

Or. ro

#### **Amendment 85**

**Louis Michel**

#### **Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 – subparagraph 1 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Calls for the development of targeted support to boost industries ranging from planning and production to processing and marketing;***

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 86**

**Nicola Caputo**

#### **Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Calls on the Commission to help farms to remain competitive so that they can continue to perform their land management role, which is of key importance to the hydrogeological balance in mountain areas;***

Or. it

**Amendment 87**  
**Momchil Nekov, Michela Giuffrida**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Urges the Commission and member states to allocate investments via cohesion and investment funds in broadband connection infrastructure in the mountainous regions as to combat low digitalisation and economic and social hindering of mountainous regions as compared to lowland regions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 88**  
**Vladimir Urutchev**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Given the significant role of dairy farming in mountain areas, the related serious cost disadvantages to milk production and the negative effects on mountain dairy farmers caused by the expiry of the milk quotas, underlines the***

*need for a sector-specific approach in order to ensure sustainable milk production in these areas;*

Or. en

**Amendment 89**  
**Michel Dantin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6a. Supports financing under the second pillar for water storage measures in order to ensure agricultural areas are irrigated and a minimum flow level for rivers;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 90**  
**Angélique Delahaye, Michel Dantin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6a. Considers that compensation payments for natural handicaps should allow economic activity to be maintained in mountain areas by encouraging generational renewal and preventing the phenomenon of farms being abandoned; notes in this regard the dangers of the measure being deflected towards encouraging land withholding;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 91**  
**Michel Dantin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6b. Stresses that Member States or regions may include a thematic ‘mountainous areas’ sub-programme in their rural development programme; regrets that to date none of the competent authorities have chosen to do this; considers nonetheless that this does not necessarily mean that specific aid has not been envisaged for these regions;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 92**  
**Herbert Dorfmann, Albert Deß, Elisabeth Köstinger**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

7. Recalls the essential character of measures to support generational renewal and the establishment of active young farmers, in particular by organising access to ***multidisciplinary*** training enabling them to ***carry out various activities simultaneously and successively over the year;***

7. Recalls the essential character of measures to support generational renewal and the establishment of active young farmers, in particular by organising access to training ***and further training above the level of the individual holding,*** enabling them to ***develop income combinations;***

Or. de

**Amendment 93**  
**Viorica Dăncilă**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Recalls the essential character of measures to support generational renewal and the establishment of active young farmers, in particular by organising access to multidisciplinary training enabling them to carry out various activities simultaneously and successively over the year;

*Amendment*

7. Recalls the essential character of measures to support generational renewal and the establishment of active young farmers, in particular by organising access to multidisciplinary training over the year, ***including via possible funding for certain strategic areas through thematic sub-programmes on: active young farmers and mountain areas;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 94**  
**Vladimir Urutchev**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Recalls the essential character of measures to support generational renewal and the establishment of active young farmers, in particular by organising access to multidisciplinary training enabling them to carry out various activities simultaneously and successively over the year;

*Amendment*

7. Recalls the essential character of measures to support generational renewal and the establishment of active young farmers, in particular by organising access to multidisciplinary training enabling them to carry out various activities simultaneously and successively over the year; ***Encourages in this regard the participation of young farmers in exchange schemes and e-learning platforms; Underlines the need to develop adequate ICT infrastructure and high-speed Internet in mountain regions as an essential precondition for young farmers' agri-business activities;***

Or. en

**Amendment 95**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Recalls the essential character of measures to support generational renewal and the establishment of active young farmers, in particular by organising access to multidisciplinary training enabling them to carry out various activities simultaneously and successively over the year;

*Amendment*

7. Recalls the essential character of measures to support generational renewal and the establishment of active young farmers, in particular by organising access to multidisciplinary training enabling them to carry out various activities simultaneously and successively over the year; ***encourages Member States to help local authorities in mountain areas to develop infrastructure projects aimed at making it more attractive to establish farms in those areas;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 96**  
**Louis Michel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 – subparagraph 1 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Calls for support for the creation of local dynamics and links with consumers, in order to enhance the economic value of agricultural production systems and traditional agricultural know-how;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 97**  
**Maria Heubuch**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Points out that, given the substantial***

*logistical problems arising with regard to transport and the generally small quantities of milk produced on individual farms, collection costs in mountain areas, disadvantaged areas and outermost regions, are particularly high, placing them at a major geographical and competitive disadvantage; calls on the Member States and regions accordingly to earmark state subsidies for processing plants, so as to offset the higher costs of collection compared with those in more favourable locations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 98**

**Maria Heubuch**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*7b. Calls for urgent complementary studies to assess the territorial impact of milk quota abolition by groups of countries, regions, particularly outermost regions, and soil and climate zones – mountain areas, disadvantaged areas, intermediate mixed farming areas (livestock farming, lowlands) – so that the risks of relocation and abandonment of farms in numerous regions can be anticipated and, if possible limited;*

Or. en

**Amendment 99**

**Maria Heubuch**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7c. Calls on the Commission to redefine a coherent rural and milk development project for mountain areas, for disadvantaged milk production areas and for Member States where most of the milk is produced by very small farms;***

Or. en

**Amendment 100**

**Nicola Caputo**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Believes that lighter regulation and streamlined administrative procedures for the common agricultural policy, together with an integrated approach to ESI funding, would help to foster the long-term development of mountain areas;***

Or. it

**Amendment 101**

**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Estefanía Torres Martínez**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Calls on the Commission to set up a specific, individually funded, mandatory programme concerning mountainous regions;***

Or. es

**Amendment 102**  
**Momchil Nekov, Marc Tarabella, Michela Giuffrida**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Highlights the role of scientific institutes and other educational establishments dealing with mountain agriculture and calls on the regional and national authorities to strengthen their role and financial support to advance innovation and sustainable use of resources in those regions; stresses the importance of women's role in fostering innovation and cooperation processes in mountain areas;***

Or. en

**Amendment 103**  
**Elisabeth Köstinger, Norbert Lins, Herbert Dorfmann**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Stresses the particular economic, social and ecological role of forestry in mountain areas, and observes that sustainable forestry is vital for the preservation of healthy and stable mountain forests; calls in this connection for cohesion policy to focus more on forestry, which is a very important economic factor and guarantor of jobs in mountain areas;***

Or. de

**Amendment 104**  
**Ivan Jakovčić, Ulrike Müller, Jasenko Selimovic**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*7a. Believes that sustainable and inclusive tourism can tackle the problem of desertification and the lack of generational renewal and perspective creating jobs and diversified contents for those regions; recalls the importance of investing in infrastructure, in particular in digital infrastructure, and diversified educational offers which boost competitiveness and connectivity;*

Or. en

**Amendment 105**  
**Franc Bogovič**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*7a. Draws attention to the harmful way in which the declining population density of mountain regions is making itself felt in terms of land areas used for agriculture and forestry and of farming proper, which is being adversely affected both because farmland is becoming overgrown and by attacks by wild predators on sheep, goats, and cattle;*

Or. sl

**Amendment 106**  
**Laurențiu Rebegea, Edouard Ferrand, Philippe Loiseau**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Stresses the importance of regulating certain aspects of education in mountain areas in order to refresh their inhabitants' knowledge so they can cope with new demands, with this being planned as part of the Member States' overall educational strategy;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 107**

**Daniel Buda**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Stresses the need to foster integrated production systems and takes the view that promoting related agri-tourism oriented activities will contribute to the development of mountain areas;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 108**

**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Estefanía Torres Martínez, Miguel Viegas**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7b. Calls on the Commission to introduce specific aid for small-scale farms;***

Or. es

**Amendment 109**

**Franc Bogovič**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7b. Points to the need for active synergistic cooperation between farming and other economic activities on Natura 2000 sites and in other protected areas (national parks, countryside parks, etc.) lying in mountain regions;***

Or. sl

**Amendment 110**

**Elisabeth Köstinger, Norbert Lins**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7b. Observes that women have an important role to play in preserving the proper functioning of rural areas, particularly in peripheral regions and mountain areas; considers, therefore, that European cohesion policy should focus more on improving the situation of women farmers and women in mountain areas, and in this context should provide more support, in particular, for women's potential as self-employed persons in direct marketing, tourism, craft trades and projects which are to be regarded as providing genuine job opportunities, such as green care;***

Or. de

**Amendment 111**

**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Estefanía Torres Martínez, Miguel Viegas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7c. Calls on the Commission to introduce specific measures to help people over the maximum age to be considered young farmers to return to mountainous regions as farmers;***

Or. es

**Amendment 112**  
**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Estefanía Torres Martínez, Miguel Viegas, Matt Carthy**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7d. Calls on the Commission to draw up affirmative action policies to encourage women to settle in farmland in mountainous regions and to participate in the projects listed in paragraph 6;***

Or. es

**Amendment 113**  
**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Estefanía Torres Martínez, Miguel Viegas, Matt Carthy**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7e. Calls on the Commission to draw up affirmative action policies to facilitate and promote women's involvement in all areas of decision-making under equal conditions;***

Or. es

**Amendment 114**

**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Estefanía Torres Martínez, Miguel Viegas, Matt Carthy**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 f (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7f. Calls on the Commission to draw up measures to ensure that family farms are owned by both members of couples;***

Or. es

**Amendment 115**

**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Estefanía Torres Martínez, Miguel Viegas**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 g (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7g. Calls on the Commission to safeguard free, high-quality public education and healthcare as well as public social services;***

Or. es

**Amendment 116**

**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Estefanía Torres Martínez, Miguel Viegas**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 h (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7h. Calls on the Commission to act as guarantor for the maintenance, restoration and improvement of public services to support the development of farms;***

**Amendment 117**

**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Estefanía Torres Martínez, Miguel Viegas**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 i (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7i. Calls on the Commission to guarantee public transport and public postal services in mountainous regions;***

Or. es

**Amendment 118**

**Laurențiu Rebegea, Edouard Ferrand**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7b. Calls on the Commission to include in the future TTIP negotiations the specific characteristics and ecosystems of the EU's mountain areas, which differ from those in the USA, in order to protect local producers in those areas;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 119**

**Momchil Nekov, Michela Giuffrida**

**Draft opinion**

**Subheading 3**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

Structuring the food chain

Structuring the food chain ***and other production activities***

**Amendment 120**  
**Manolis Kefalogiannis**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Notes that investing in accessibility, infrastructures and services is crucial for decreasing the effects of peripherality and isolation of disadvantaged and less developed mountainous areas;***

Or. en

**Amendment 121**  
**Maria Heubuch**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

8. Stresses the importance of establishing producer groups or organisations to strengthen the bargaining power of farmers in the food chain;

8. Stresses the importance of establishing producer groups or organisations to strengthen the bargaining power of farmers in the food chain; ***underlines the necessity of the use of supply management mechanisms by producer groups and organisations to avoid excessive market volatility and to ensure fair and stable prices for producers, particularly in the milk market, through incentives for farmers to reduce production at time of price stress and penalties for increasing production, along the lines proposed by the European Milk Board;***

Or. en

## Amendment 122

Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Estefanía Torres Martínez, Miguel Viegas

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 8

##### *Draft opinion*

8. Stresses the importance of ***establishing producer groups or*** organisations to strengthen the bargaining power of farmers in the food chain;

##### *Amendment*

8. Stresses the importance of ***farmers'*** organisations to strengthen the bargaining power of farmers in the food chain ***and in drawing up policy proposals on mountainous regions***;

Or. es

## Amendment 123

Herbert Dorfmann, Albert Deß

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 8

##### *Draft opinion*

8. Stresses the importance of establishing producer groups or organisations to strengthen the bargaining power of farmers in the food chain;

##### *Amendment*

8. Stresses the importance of establishing producer groups or organisations to strengthen the bargaining power of farmers in the food chain; ***considers that in this way local markets and short supply chains can be preserved for farms, which as a rule are small, and large markets can also be tapped for them; notes that, furthermore, in this way approaches can be initiated geared to quality and promoting and protecting products ('mountain products', Protected Designations of Origin (PDO), Protected Geographical Indications (PGI) and Traditional Specialty Guaranteed (TSG))***;

Or. de

## Amendment 124

Momchil Nekov, Michela Giuffrida

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

*Draft opinion*

8. Stresses the importance of establishing producer groups or organisations to strengthen the bargaining power of farmers in the food chain;

*Amendment*

8. Stresses the importance of establishing producer groups or organisations to strengthen the bargaining power of farmers in the food chain; ***calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider simplification of the rules governing the Producer's Organisations for producers from mountainous regions due to economic specificities of these regions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 125**  
**Maria Noichl**

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

*Draft opinion*

8. Stresses the importance of establishing producer groups or organisations to strengthen the bargaining power of farmers in the food chain;

*Amendment*

8. Stresses the importance of establishing producer groups or organisations, ***and providing lasting support for them,*** to strengthen the bargaining power of farmers in the food chain ***and thus protect small-holder structures;***

Or. de

**Amendment 126**  
**Marian Harkin**

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

*Draft opinion*

8. Stresses the importance of establishing producer groups or organisations to strengthen the bargaining power of farmers

*Amendment*

8. Stresses the importance of establishing ***co-operative*** producer groups or ***appropriate*** organisations to strengthen the

in the food chain;

bargaining power of farmers in the food chain;

Or. en

### **Amendment 127**

**Ivan Jakovčić, Ulrike Müller, Jasenko Selimovic**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 8**

##### *Draft opinion*

8. Stresses the importance of establishing producer groups or organisations to strengthen the bargaining power of farmers in the food chain;

##### *Amendment*

8. Stresses the importance of establishing producer groups or organisations to strengthen the bargaining power of farmers in the food chain; ***recalls the crucial pertinence of local and regional cultural values while structuring the agricultural production and the promotion and protection of products in mountainous regions;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 128**

**Laurențiu Rebegea, Edouard Ferrand, Philippe Loiseau**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 8 a (new)**

##### *Draft opinion*

##### *Amendment*

***8a. Emphasises the importance of slaughtering and processing being done within mountain areas so as to underpin and develop the activities of their inhabitants;***

Or. ro

### **Amendment 129**

**Laurențiu Rebegea, Edouard Ferrand, Philippe Loiseau**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***8b. Stresses the need for mountain products to be obtained from animals which are born and raised in mountain areas;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 130**  
**Herbert Dorfmann, Albert Deß**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***9. Believes that such approaches help maintain and create local markets and short supply chains and initiate approaches geared to quality and promoting and protecting products ('mountain products', Protected Designations of Origin (PDO), Protected Geographical Indications (PGI) and Traditional Specialty Guaranteed (TSG));***

***deleted***

Or. de

**Amendment 131**  
**Vladimir Urutchev**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

9. Believes that such approaches help maintain and create local markets and short supply chains and initiate approaches geared to quality and promoting and protecting products ('mountain products',

9. Believes that such approaches help maintain and create local markets and ***resource-efficient*** short supply chains and initiate approaches geared to quality and promoting and protecting products

Protected Designations of Origin (PDO), Protected Geographical Indications (PGI) and Traditional Specialty Guaranteed (TSG));

(‘mountain products’, Protected Designations of Origin (PDO), Protected Geographical Indications (PGI) and Traditional Specialty Guaranteed (TSG)); ***Underlines the added value of high-quality food production to development of sustainable tourism and preservation of the cultural heritage in mountainous regions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 132**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. Believes that such approaches help maintain and create local markets and short supply chains and initiate approaches geared to quality and promoting and protecting products (‘mountain products’, Protected Designations of Origin (PDO), Protected Geographical Indications (PGI) and Traditional Specialty Guaranteed (TSG));

*Amendment*

9. Believes that such approaches help maintain and create local markets and short supply chains and initiate approaches geared to quality and promoting and protecting products (‘mountain products’, Protected Designations of Origin (PDO), Protected Geographical Indications (PGI) and Traditional Specialty Guaranteed (TSG)); ***in this connection, encourages local authorities to provide logistic support to farmers for the transportation, sale and storage of agricultural products;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 133**  
**Ivan Jakovčić, Ulrike Müller, Jasenko Selimovic**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. Believes that such approaches help maintain and create local markets and short

*Amendment*

9. Believes that such approaches help maintain and create local ***and regional***

supply chains and initiate approaches geared to quality and promoting and protecting products ('mountain products', Protected Designations of Origin (PDO), Protected Geographical Indications (PGI) and Traditional Specialty Guaranteed (TSG));

markets and short supply chains and initiate approaches geared to quality and promoting and protecting products ('mountain products', Protected Designations of Origin (PDO), Protected Geographical Indications (PGI) and Traditional Specialty Guaranteed (TSG));

Or. en

**Amendment 134**  
**Franc Bogovič**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***9a. Believes that the marketing of the above products could be improved if they were included within the general tourism products of a given geographical area;***

Or. sl

**Amendment 135**  
**Paolo De Castro**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

10. Calls on the Commission to ***strengthen*** promotion and information initiatives concerning the 'mountain products' label and, more generally, the PDO, PGI and TSG labels.

10. Calls on the Commission to ***promote and enhance the value of agricultural and agri-food products from mountain areas by strengthening*** promotion and information initiatives concerning the 'mountain products' label and, more generally, the PDO, PGI and TSG labels.

Or. it

**Amendment 136**  
**Maria Heubuch**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft opinion*

10. Calls on the Commission to strengthen promotion and information initiatives concerning the 'mountain products' label and, more generally, the PDO, PGI and TSG labels.

*Amendment*

10. Calls on the Commission to strengthen promotion and information initiatives concerning the 'mountain products' label and, more generally, the PDO, PGI and TSG labels; ***however, expresses concern that the "mountain products" label allows for animals to spend significant parts of their lifespan outside mountain areas, and allows for significant quantities of raw materials, feed and for processing to be sourced from and to occur outside of mountain areas; therefore, questions the use of this label in terms of providing accurate information to consumers;***

Or. en

**Amendment 137**  
**Momchil Nekov, Michela Giuffrida**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft opinion*

10. Calls on the Commission to strengthen promotion and information initiatives concerning the 'mountain products' label and, more generally, the PDO, PGI and TSG labels.

*Amendment*

10. Calls on the Commission to strengthen ***the legislation, the*** promotion and information initiatives concerning the 'mountain products' label and, more generally, the PDO, PGI and TSG labels;

Or. en

**Amendment 138**  
**Viorica Dăncilă**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft opinion*

10. Calls on the Commission to strengthen promotion and information initiatives concerning the ‘mountain products’ label and, more generally, the PDO, PGI and TSG labels.

*Amendment*

**10. Stresses that the importance of mountain areas in the EU has been reflected in the new CAP through the establishing in law of an identity via the certification of mountain products, and therefore** calls on the Commission to strengthen promotion and information initiatives concerning the ‘mountain products’ label and, more generally, the PDO, PGI and TSG labels.

Or. ro

**Amendment 139**

**Maria Heubuch**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**10a. Takes the view that any transfer of volume of raw milk sourced from less favoured areas (mountainous areas, intermediate LFAs, areas with a specific natural handicap) to an area which is not a LFA, or between different types of LFA, must be authorised in advance by the inter-branch organisation to which the collector and producer concerned belong;**

Or. en

**Amendment 140**

**Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Estefanía Torres Martínez, Miguel Viegas**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**10a. Calls on the Commission to**

*introduce health and hygiene rules  
suitable for small-scale farms;*

Or. es

**Amendment 141**  
**Momchil Nekov, Michela Giuffrida**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*10a. Stresses the importance of investment towards more efficient use of agricultural and agroforestry resources in the mountainous regions; recalls the importance which forests have in providing primary and secondary materials, including wood chips, bark, sawdust, branches, etc., but also herbs, mushrooms, honey and forest fruits which could be used in pharmaceutical, cosmetic and food industries and thus help create jobs and combat depopulation in mountainous regions.*

Or. en

**Amendment 142**  
**Maria Heubuch**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*10b. Stresses the need for small scale farmers in mountain areas to keep and develop more regionalised and local markets, which can be promoted through the development of European policy on short supply chains;*

Or. en

**Amendment 143**

**Maria Heubuch**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 10 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*10c. Stresses that hygiene and marketing rules have to fit to the special size of markets and their demands, therefore the hygiene standards should be adequate and applicable for mountain farmers, farmers in disadvantaged areas and outermost regions as well as for the milk-processors in these areas;*

Or. en