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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**

**Nedzhmi Ali**

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CAP tools to reduce price volatility in agricultural markets  
(2016/2034(INI))



**Amendment 1**  
**Notis Marias**

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

*Draft opinion*

A. whereas the recent bouts of extreme price volatility in global agricultural markets portend rising and more frequent threats to world food security;

*Amendment*

A. whereas the recent bouts of extreme price volatility in global agricultural markets portend rising and more frequent threats to world food security, *the future of farmers and their livelihood, particularly in the southern European countries such as Greece, Italy, Portugal and Cyprus;*

Or. el

**Amendment 2**  
**Richard Ashworth**

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

*Draft opinion*

A. whereas the recent bouts of extreme price volatility in global agricultural markets portend rising and more frequent threats to world food security;

*Amendment*

A. whereas the recent bouts of extreme price volatility in global agricultural markets portend rising and more frequent threats to world food security; *undermines investment and modernization, as well as discouraging new entrants and generational renewal in the agricultural sector;*

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Giovanni La Via**

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

*Draft opinion*

A. whereas the recent bouts of extreme price volatility in global agricultural markets portend rising and more frequent threats to world food security;

*Amendment*

A. whereas the recent bouts of extreme price volatility in global agricultural markets portend rising and more frequent threats to world food security ***and greater market vulnerability***;

Or. it

**Amendment 4**  
**Sophie Montel**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Aa. whereas the tools of the common agricultural policy (CAP) have not helped to reduce this volatility;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 5**  
**Sophie Montel**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Ab. whereas agriculture has to meet the major challenge of world population growth;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 6**  
**Sophie Montel**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Ac. whereas political choices, such as the imposition of brutal trade embargoes, notably the one imposed on Russia, can increase the volatility of agricultural product prices;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 7**  
**Sophie Montel**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Ad. whereas market opening and economic globalisation in recent decades have accentuated price volatility;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 8**  
**Sophie Montel**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Ae. whereas price volatility creates a climate of uncertainty in farming and curbs its capacity to invest;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 9**  
**Jean-Paul Denanot**

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

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas high levels of price and income volatility for farmers are related to the market fundamentals of supply and demand, *but* can be *intensified* by other macro-economic variables, the broad political and legislative environment, and speculation on agricultural products which, when sold as financial assets, are exposed to shocks on related commodity markets (such as the energy and metal markets);

*Amendment*

B. whereas high levels of price and income volatility for farmers are related to the market fundamentals of supply and demand, *whose effects have been felt since the 1990s on account of farming moving closer to the markets as a result both of deregulation of common market organisations within the CAP, and the greater willingness to open up to international markets brought about by the EU's trade policy; whereas this price and income instability can however* be *aggravated* by other macro-economic variables, the broad political and legislative environment, and speculation on agricultural products which, when sold as financial assets, are exposed to shocks on related commodity markets (such as the energy and metal markets);

Or. fr

**Amendment 10**  
**Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nedzhmi Ali, Nils Torvalds**

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

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas high levels of price and income volatility for farmers are related to the market fundamentals of supply and demand, but can be intensified by other macro-economic variables, the broad political and legislative environment, and speculation on agricultural products which, when sold as financial assets, are exposed to shocks on related commodity markets (such as the energy and metal markets);

*Amendment*

B. whereas high levels of price and income volatility for farmers are related to the market fundamentals of supply and demand, but can be intensified by other macro-economic variables, the broad political and legislative environment, *geopolitics and embargoes*, and speculation on agricultural products which, when sold as financial assets, are exposed to shocks on related commodity markets (such as the energy and metal markets);

## Amendment 11

Notis Marias

### Draft opinion

#### Recital B

#### *Draft opinion*

B. whereas high levels of price and income volatility for farmers are related to the *market fundamentals of supply and demand*, but can be intensified by other macro-economic variables, the broad political and legislative environment, and speculation on agricultural products which, when sold as financial assets, are exposed to shocks on related commodity markets (such as the energy and metal markets);

#### *Amendment*

B. whereas high levels of price and income volatility for farmers are related to the *austerity policies imposed in the EU Member States*, but can *also* be intensified by other macro-economic variables, the broad political and legislative environment, and speculation on agricultural products which, when sold as financial assets, are exposed to shocks on related commodity markets (such as the energy and metal markets);

Or. el

## Amendment 12

Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nedzhmi Ali, Nils Torvalds

### Draft opinion

#### Recital B a (new)

#### *Draft opinion*

#### *Amendment*

*Ba. whereas price volatility increases the unpredictability of farmers' incomes and causes distress for European farmers whose costs remain high;*

Or. en

## Amendment 13

Jean-Paul Denanot

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

*Draft opinion*

C. whereas the increased vulnerability is being triggered by an increase in extreme weather events and the impact of climate change on agricultural production levels, as well as by structural factors such as energy and fertiliser prices, exchange rates or interest rates;

*Amendment*

C. whereas the increased vulnerability is being triggered by an increase in extreme weather events and the impact of climate change on agricultural production levels, as well as by structural factors such as energy and fertiliser prices, exchange rates or interest rates; ***urges farmers to exert better control over the use of inputs on their farms which are expensive to purchase and can have repercussions for the environment;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 14**  
**Notis Marias**

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

*Draft opinion*

C whereas the increased vulnerability is being triggered by an increase in extreme weather events and the impact of climate change on agricultural production levels, as well as by structural factors such as energy and fertiliser prices, exchange rates or interest rates;

*Amendment*

C whereas the increased vulnerability is being triggered by an increase in extreme weather events and the impact of climate change on agricultural production levels, as well as by structural factors such as energy and fertiliser prices, exchange rates or interest rates, ***not to mention the extortionate taxes imposed on farmers in southern European countries such as Greece, Italy, Portugal and Cyprus;***

Or. el

**Amendment 15**  
**Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Stanisław Ożóg**

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



*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Ca. whereas milk producers have suffered huge losses as a result of the Russian embargo and the catastrophic drought of 2015;***

Or. pl

**Amendment 16**  
**Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Stanisław Ożóg**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Cb. whereas heavy fines have been imposed on a large proportion of farms for exceeding the milk quotas in 2014/2015;***

Or. pl

**Amendment 17**  
**Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Stanisław Ożóg**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Cc. whereas pork producers have been affected by low purchase prices for many months as a result of the Russian embargo and, above all, African swine fever;***

Or. pl

**Amendment 18**  
**Notis Marias**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Emphasises that the EU is both the world's largest importer and exporter of agri-food products, but the options of using CAP rural development programmes (RDPs) to contribute towards insurance, mutual funds and income stabilisation schemes for farmers have ***not been very successful***;

*Amendment*

1. Emphasises that the EU is both the world's largest importer and exporter of agri-food products, but the options of using CAP rural development programmes (RDPs) to contribute towards insurance, mutual funds and income stabilisation schemes for farmers have ***had no tangible results***;

Or. el

**Amendment 19**  
**Richard Ashworth**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Notes that direct payments continue to provide a degree of financial stability for farmers, particularly during protracted periods of low prices; considers that direct payments have demonstrated better value for money than the previous practice of direct market intervention;***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Sophie Montel**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Adds that failing to be crowned with success is an abiding feature of the***

**Amendment 21**  
**Sophie Montel**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Calls for *better synergies between CAP and other EU policies, in particular regarding energy, water supply, land use, biodiversity and ecosystems, and the development of remote and mountainous areas;*

*Amendment*

2. Calls for *an end to the CAP which has done so much harm to farmers;*

**Amendment 22**  
**Notis Marias**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Calls for better synergies between CAP and other EU policies, in particular regarding energy, water supply, land use, biodiversity and ecosystems, *and* the development of remote and mountainous areas;

*Amendment*

2. Calls for better synergies between CAP and other EU policies, in particular regarding energy, water supply, land use, biodiversity and ecosystems, the development of remote *island* and mountainous areas *and the reorganisation of primary production;*

**Amendment 23**  
**Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Stanisław Ożóg**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a. Emphasises, furthermore, that direct payments should remain a CAP instrument beyond 2020, to support and stabilise farm income, to compensate for the costs arising from complying with high EU standards (as regards production methods, in particular environmental requirements), and to maintain agricultural production in the least-favoured regions; points out that direct payments should thus be geared towards ensuring that farming is economically stable, as well as guaranteeing food and environmental security; points out, in that context, that it is essential to level out direct payment rates in order to ensure a level playing field for competition in the EU's single market, as well as for sustainable exploitation;**

Or. pl

**Amendment 24**  
**Victor Negrescu**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a. Calls for the introduction of a transparent system for monitoring the price evolution of agricultural products from production to distribution, visible for consumers;**

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Victor Negrescu**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2b. Calls for introducing a variation threshold in farm subsidies in relation to the quantity of products on the market, the prices, the regions and costs of production;**

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Sophie Montel**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3. Calls for the creation of a system to protection farmers' incomes through the use of 'risk management' tools, changing the efforts undertaken so far in the 2014-2020 CAP reform;**

**deleted**

Or. fr

**Amendment 27**  
**Jean-Paul Denanot**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3. Calls for the creation of a system to *protection* farmers' incomes through the use of 'risk management' tools, changing the efforts undertaken so far in the 2014-2020 CAP reform;**

**3. Calls for the creation of a system to *protect* farmers' incomes through the *wider* use of 'risk management' tools, *such as insurance and mutual funds used alongside crisis management and prevention tools*, changing the efforts undertaken so far in the 2014-2020 CAP**

reform;

Or. fr

**Amendment 28**  
**Richard Ashworth**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Calls *for the creation of a system to protection farmers' incomes through the use* of 'risk management' tools, *changing the efforts undertaken so far in the 2014-2020 CAP reform*;

*Amendment*

3. Calls *on the Commission to work closely with national authorities and farming groups to raise awareness and understanding* of 'risk management' tools *available within Pillar II of the 2014-2020 CAP*;

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Victor Negrescu**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Calls for the creation of a system to *protection* farmers' incomes through the use of 'risk management' tools, changing the efforts undertaken so far in the 2014-2020 CAP reform;

*Amendment*

3. Calls for the creation of a system to *protect* farmers' incomes through the use of 'risk management' tools, changing the efforts undertaken so far in the 2014-2020 CAP reform;

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Giovanni La Via**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Calls for greater transparency in agricultural markets so that information concerning prices is accessible to all stakeholders;***

Or. it

**Amendment 31**  
**Jean-Paul Denanot**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Takes the view that combating excessive price volatility calls for new solutions making markets function better and based on deployment of a set of combinable and/or complementary public- and private-sector tools; states that, as the ongoing very serious farming crises have demonstrated, it is essential to build new crisis prevention and market adjustment mechanisms into a subsequent CAP that are tailored to specific production circumstances, flexible, effective, rapidly deployable and capable of being brought into play where it is necessary to do so in order to rectify major market disruptions;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 32**  
**Esteban González Pons**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Considers that any future risk***

*management scheme has to comply with, and where necessary complete, insurance systems adopted at national level by Member States, so as not to jeopardise all that has been achieved so far.*

Or. es

**Amendment 33**  
**Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Stanisław Ożóg**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Calls for consideration to be given to the use of funds from the general budget (or the so-called crisis reserve) as a source of funding for these and other Commission activities aimed at improving the situation in agricultural markets;*

Or. pl

**Amendment 34**  
**Victor Negrescu**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Calls for the creation of a European map presenting in real-time the availability of agricultural products on the market, from their production to their distribution;*

Or. en

**Amendment 35**  
**Jean-Paul Denanot**



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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3b.** *Believes a mandatory precautionary savings scheme for farmers should be set up to replace the current European crisis reserve, to cover risks of all kinds, partly through direct aid, so as to set aside some reserves in good years that can be deployed during difficult times;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 36**  
**Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Stanisław Ożóg**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3b.** *Stresses that it is essential to level out direct payment rates between Member States in order to ensure a level playing field for competition in the EU's single market, as well as for the sustainable exploitation of agricultural resources at EU level;*

Or. pl

**Amendment 37**  
**Jean-Paul Denanot**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3c.** *Considers that food humanitarian aid may give producers a useful role as a safety net;*

**Amendment 38**  
**Richard Ashworth**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Urges the Commission and the Member States to monitor the significant price volatility of agricultural products by improving the European Food Prices Monitoring Tool (FPMT).

*Amendment*

4. Urges the Commission and the Member States to monitor the significant price volatility of agricultural products by improving the European Food Prices Monitoring Tool (FPMT); ***believes that timely market information can improve farmers' ability to react to market volatility and plan accordingly;***

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Giovanni La Via**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Urges the Commission and the Member States to monitor the significant price volatility of agricultural products by improving the European Food Prices Monitoring Tool (FPMT).

*Amendment*

4. Urges the Commission and the Member States to monitor the significant price volatility of agricultural products by ***establishing European agricultural price observatories for individual sectors and by*** improving the European Food Prices Monitoring Tool (FPMT).

Or. it

**Amendment 40**  
**Raffaele Fitto**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Urges the Commission and the Member States to monitor the significant price volatility of agricultural products by improving the European Food Prices Monitoring Tool (FPMT).

*Amendment*

4. Urges the Commission and the Member States to monitor the significant price volatility of agricultural products by improving the European Food Prices Monitoring Tool (FPMT) **and by combating agricultural price speculation.**

Or. it

**Amendment 41**  
**Notis Marias**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Urges the Commission and the Member States **to monitor** the significant price volatility of agricultural products **by improving the European Food Prices Monitoring Tool (FPMT).**

*Amendment*

4. Urges the Commission and the Member States to **take measures in response to** the significant price volatility of agricultural products;

Or. el

**Amendment 42**  
**Sophie Montel**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Urges **the Commission and** the Member States to monitor the significant price volatility of agricultural products by improving the European Food Prices Monitoring Tool (FPMT).

*Amendment*

4. Urges the Member States to monitor the significant price volatility of agricultural products by improving the European Food Prices Monitoring Tool (FPMT).

Or. fr

**Amendment 43**  
**Raffaele Fitto**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 – point 1 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**(1) *Calls for intervention instruments in support of farmers' income to be strengthened and implemented more swiftly in areas affected by serious natural disasters.***

Or. it

**Amendment 44**  
**Richard Ashworth**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. *Considers that funding from the Rural Development Programme should be targeted towards ensuring farmers receive the training and education required to make adequate use of risk management tools; believes this would allow farmers to better anticipate and manage price volatility;***

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Notis Marias**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. *Calls on the Commission to ensure that the Member States, in particular Greece, pay farmers and stockbreeders***

*on time and in full the subsidies and aid to which they are entitled under the CAP, paying special attention to compensatory allowances;*

Or. el

**Amendment 46**  
**Andrej Plenković**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Calls the Commission to consider policy measures that are increasing the competitiveness of food supply chains that contribute to fair and stable prices;*

Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nedzhmi Ali, Nils Torvalds**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Calls for concrete tools to reduce negative social repercussions of price volatility to European farmers;*

Or. en

**Amendment 48**  
**Notis Marias**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4b.** *Calls on the Commission to inform Parliament of any delays by Member States, especially Greece, in the payment of CAP subsidies and aid owing to farmers and to take action against those Member States that fail to make such payments on time;*

Or. el

**Amendment 49**  
**Andrej Plenković**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4b.** *Calls the Commission to analyse and assess hedging functions of European agricultural commodity derivatives markets and their related infrastructure in the physical agricultural markets;*

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Notis Marias**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4c.** *Calls on the Commission to verify the correct implementation by the Member States, especially Greece, of CAP provisions in respect of grassland. In this context, particular consideration should be given to safeguarding the acquired rights of farmers, especially in Member States such as Greece with predominantly mountainous terrain;*

**Amendment 51**

**Notis Marias**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4d. Calls on the Commission to take steps to ensure full compensation and financial assistance for farmers and stockbreeders in Member States such as Greece and Cyprus where crops and livestock, machinery, equipment and infrastructures have sustained major damage caused by fires, floods or other natural disasters.***