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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

Marian-Jean Marinescu

The next MFF: Preparing the Parliament's position on the MFF post-2020
(2017/2052(INI))

Amendment 1
João Ferreira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Highlights the importance of completing the energy union, the digital single market, the capital markets union and the European research area;

deleted

Amendment

Or. pt

Amendment 2
Angelo Ciocca, Christelle Lechevalier, Lorenzo Fontana

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Highlights the importance of completing the energy union, the digital single market, the capital markets union and the European research area;

Amendment

1. Reiterates that the free movement of capital is the ideal environment for tax avoidance and for helping major transnational corporations to maximise their profits to the detriment of other companies and of employment-related income; rejects, therefore, the capital markets union, since it runs counter to the aims set out in Article 3 TEU, in particular the well-being of the Union's peoples, full employment and social progress and economic, social and territorial cohesion;

Or. it

Amendment 3
Angelo Ciocca, Christelle Lechevalier, Lorenzo Fontana

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. *Highlights the importance of completing the energy union, the digital single market, the capital markets union and the European research area;*

Amendment

1. *Rejects the Energy Union governance model proposed by the Commission, since it is designed to transfer to the EU the exclusive competences of the Member States as enshrined in Article 194 TFEU; further notes that this governance, modelled on the European Semester, is likely to reproduce the major political conflicts between Member States caused by the latter;*

Or. it

Amendment 4

Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. *Highlights the importance of completing the energy union, the digital single market, the capital markets union and the European research area;*

Amendment

1. *Considers that the future MFF should promote increased public investment to support research and innovation, knowledge economy, environmentally sustainable infrastructure and SMEs, so that to achieve sustainable growth, creation of stable and quality jobs and a low-carbon circular economy, consistent with 2030 climate and energy efficiency goals;*

Or. en

Amendment 5

Marian-Jean Marinescu

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Highlights the importance of completing the energy union, the digital single market, the capital markets union and the European research area;

Amendment

1. Highlights the importance of completing the energy union, the digital single market, the capital markets union and the European research area; ***calls therefore on the Commission to put forward a proposal and to engage urgently with the Council and the European Parliament to define the post 2020 MFF before 2019 European elections;***

Or. en

Amendment 6
Christian Ehler, Marian-Jean Marinescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Highlights the importance of completing the energy union, the digital single market, the capital markets union and the European research area;

Amendment

1. Highlights the importance of completing the energy union, the digital single market, the capital markets union and the European research area; ***calls therefore on the Commission to put forward a proposal and to engage urgently with the Council and the European Parliament to define the post 2020 MFF before 2019 European elections.***

Or. en

Amendment 7
Dominique Riquet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Highlights the importance of completing the energy union, the digital single market, the capital markets union and the European research area;

1. Highlights the importance of completing the energy union, the digital single market, the capital markets union and the European research area *as fundamental elements of the single market, and stresses the need to devote the necessary budgetary resources to these areas*;

Or. fr

Amendment 8

Christian Ehler, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Barbara Kudrycka, Françoise Grossetête, Jerzy Buzek, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas, Eva Kaili, Lieve Wierinck

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Highlights the importance of completing the energy union, the digital single market, the capital markets union and the European research area;

Amendment

1. Highlights the importance of completing the Energy Union, the Digital Single Market, the Capital Markets Union and the European Research Area; *stresses that research and innovation policy is a key strategic component of energy, industrial and digital policies*;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Highlights the importance of completing the energy union, the digital single market, the capital markets union and the European research area;

Amendment

1. Highlights the importance of completing the energy union *with a forward-looking climate change policy*, the digital single market, the capital

markets union and the European research area;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Barbara Kudrycka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Highlights the importance of completing the energy union, the digital single market, the capital markets union *and the* European research area;

Amendment

1. Highlights the importance of completing the energy union, the digital single market, the capital markets union, European research area *and the European higher education area*;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Pirkko Ruohonen-Lerner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Highlights the importance of completing the energy union, the digital single market, the capital markets union and the European research area;

Amendment

(Does not affect the English version.)

Or. fi

Amendment 12
Christian Ehler, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Barbara Kudrycka, Jerzy Buzek, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas, Eva Kaili, Lieve Wierinck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 – point a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(a) Believes that Union spending should concentrate on policies with European added value; underlines that research and innovation, energy and ICT are areas bringing European added value as it helps to tackle major economic and societal challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Christian Ehler, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Krišjānis Kariņš, Eva Kaili, Lieve Wierinck

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 – point b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(b) Notes the importance of the Framework Programme for R&I for accelerating the transition towards a sustainable, world-leading, knowledge-based economy; believes that the next MFF should focus its resources on areas that stimulate economic growth and competitiveness, such as research and innovation according to the principles of European added value and excellence;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Christian Ehler, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Barbara Kudrycka, Françoise Grossetête, Jerzy Buzek, Algirdas Saudargas, Eva Kaili, Lieve Wierinck

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 – point c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(c) Reminds that Member States set the target of reaching 3% of GDP in R&D, of which two thirds should come from the private sector; calls on Member States to respect their national R&D investment commitments to meet this target; calls on Member States to increase their national investments in R&D and adopt a budget of at least €120 billion for the next Framework Programme for R&I; adds that increasing its budget would help to address the current oversubscription of the FP;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Christian Ehler, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Barbara Kudrycka, Eva Kaili

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 – point d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(d) Welcomes the Commissions' continuous efforts to simplify the Framework Programme for R&I; calls on the Commission to assess whether an increased use of lump sums is the best option for beneficiaries and auditors; emphasises that the introduction of a single audit approach and further acceptance of beneficiaries accounting practices would mean a major simplification for FP beneficiaries; believes that in the next FP, the bottom-up approach should be strengthened, as this would help to boost innovation; stresses that to generate excellent research and innovation, investment in scientific and technological infrastructures are essential;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Christian Ehler, Marian–Jean Marinescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 – point e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(e) Considers a priority to close, together with the post 2020 MFF, all post 2020 European policies files before 2019 European elections. Call on Commissions to put forward, as soon as possible, proposals for all European Policies, based on actual regulations updated following its application in the actual MFF.

Or. en

Amendment 17
Claude Turmes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recalls that the Paris Agreement requires all financial flows to be aligned with the agreed long-term climate objective and stresses the need for greater coherence between the EU's commitment under the Paris Agreement and its funding policies; underlines the significant, yet untapped, potential of the MFF to catalyse the transition towards a net-zero carbon European economy; subsequently calls for:- a comprehensive earmarking of at least 50% of the MFF funds towards climate related spending - making support for fossil fuels ineligible in the next MFF; - proposing a new instrument dedicated to accelerate the energy transition by supporting local authorities, energy cooperatives and

businesses

Or. en

Amendment 18

João Ferreira

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recalls that the current multiannual financial framework (MFF), covering the period 2014-2020, involved less than 1% of Member States' gross national income and represented a sharp reduction from the previous MFF, which belies any priority given by the EU to economic and social cohesion and any idea of solidarity within the EU;

Or. pt

Amendment 19

Marian-Jean Marinescu

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Considers a priority to close, together with the post 2020 MFF, all post 2020 European policies files before 2019 European elections. Call on Commissions to put forward, as soon as possible, proposals for all European Policies, based on actual regulations updated following its application in the actual MFF.

Or. en

Amendment 20

Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Whereas Council Regulation No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework (MFF) for the years 2014-2020 provides that the Commission should present its proposal for the future post-2020 MFF before 1 January 2018;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Pavel Telička

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Underlines that EU funding should primarily focus on areas and projects with clear added European value that should lead to fostering of internal market, re-industrialisation and real innovation;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Michał Boni, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Krišjānis Kariņš

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the Commission to adopt policies that remove excessive barriers in innovative sectors, to incentivise investments in research and technological development in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Jens Geier, Carlos Zorrinho, Miroslav Poche, Răzvan Popa, Constanze Krehl, Edouard Martin, Pervenche Berès

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the Commission to maintain its focus on boosting jobs and growth for the next MFF;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Jens Geier, Carlos Zorrinho, Miroslav Poche, Răzvan Popa, Constanze Krehl, Edouard Martin, Pervenche Berès

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Reiterates the need to prioritise funding in the area of research and development; calls on the Commission to continue with the successor of Horizon 2020 and to provide an increased overall budget as stated by the European Parliament (2016/2147 (INI)) in order to be able to respond to societal challenges, to secure Europe's global competitiveness, scientific and industrial leadership in innovation, and to help achieving the EU climate goals; furthermore calls for a

greater focus on implementing innovation through joint undertakings and for supporting investment in key technologies to close the investment gap in innovation;

Or. en

Amendment 25
João Ferreira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Points out that the effects of the economic and social crisis that hit the Member States from 2007/2008 onwards are still being felt, and that social, economic and territorial divergences persist; considers that cohesion policy's share of the total EU budget should be increased significantly post-2020, as the Cohesion Fund and structural funds should play a fundamental role in combating asymmetries between and within Member States;

Or. pt

Amendment 26
Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Whereas the legislative proposals for the next MFF need to be presented as soon as possible, so that the new funding can be agreed before the end of the current programming period in order to prevent delays in programming and

implementation for the new period;

Or. en

Amendment 27
João Ferreira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Rejects any proposal that the future MFF should maintain the link with macroeconomic conditionality and economic governance and national reform plans as part of the European Semester, which is continuing to give priority to financial instruments and public-private partnerships; considers that the future MFF should instead promote increased public investment, supporting productive and strategic sectors and their modernisation and sustainability, focusing on job creation, the fight against poverty, social exclusion and inequalities, environmental protection, energy efficiency and action to exploit the full potential of each country and region;

Or. pt

Amendment 28
Jens Geier, Carlos Zorrinho, Miroslav Poche, Răzvan Popa, Constanze Krehl, Edouard Martin, Peter Kouroumbashev, Pervenche Berès

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. In addition, highlights the importance for ensuring better access to markets and funding for SMEs;

emphasises the importance of continued funding for SME-related programmes, such as the SME instrument and COSME, without impediments on other programs, to further enhance the competitiveness and sustainability of SMEs in the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Whereas according to the Treaty, the Parliament and the Council constitute the two arms of the budgetary authority; therefore the Parliament should be fully involved in the decision making, as well as, in the implementation of the new MFF;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1d. Whereas the adoption of the last MFF 2014-2020, involved up to 1% of Member States' GNI, represented a sharp reduction from the previous MFF and undermined territorial, economic and social cohesion and the principle of solidarity within the EU;

Amendment 31
Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1e. Whereas suitable measures should be taken to ensure that the budgetary challenge deriving from the United Kingdom's departure from the EU does not have a negative effect on the next MFF budget;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1f. Points out that the economic and social crisis that hit the Member States in 2007/2018 is far from over, while new priorities, challenges and unforeseen crises need to be addressed; therefore post-2020 MFF budget should at least be equivalent to the current period, if not increased;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1g. Recalls its opposition to macroeconomic conditionality and rejects any proposal that the next MFF should maintain the link between disbursement of funds and the implementation of structural reforms, economic governance, European Semester and the rule of law in Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1h. Calls on the Commission to structure the next MFF in a manner that clearly reflects the current and new priorities and allow a response to unforeseen crises; in this context it underlines that new priorities should be financed with fresh money without jeopardizing long-term policy objectives and programmes like HORIZON 2020 and COSME that have clearly demonstrated their European added value and enjoy lasting popularity among beneficiaries;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Pirkko Ruohonen-Lerner

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for the new industrial policy strategy so that the EU can become the world leader in innovation, digitisation and decarbonisation; calls for the necessary financial programme to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme that facilitates the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy;

Amendment

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for the new industrial policy strategy so that the EU can become the world leader in innovation, digitisation and decarbonisation; calls for the necessary financial programme to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme that facilitates the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy; ***takes the view that the effectiveness of funding of the new industrial policy strategy should be ensured by continuous gathering of sufficient statistics to realise high-quality follow-up and regular independent impact assessments;***

Or. fi

Amendment 36

Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for ***the new*** industrial policy strategy so that ***the EU can become the world leader in innovation, digitisation and decarbonisation;*** calls for ***the necessary financial programme to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme that facilitates the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy;***

Amendment

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for ***a new job-creating*** industrial policy ***that is an important driver for growth, employment and innovation in Europe;***

Or. en

Amendment 37

Anneleen Van Bossuyt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for the new industrial policy strategy so that the EU can become the world leader in innovation, digitisation and decarbonisation; ***calls for the necessary financial programme to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme that facilitates the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy;***

Amendment

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for the new industrial policy strategy so that the EU can become the world leader in innovation, digitisation and decarbonisation;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Pavel Telička

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for the new industrial policy strategy so that the EU ***can*** become the world leader ***in innovation, digitisation and decarbonisation***; calls for the necessary financial programme to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme ***that facilitates*** the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy;

Amendment

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for the new industrial policy strategy so that the EU ***could reflect the ever increasing competition and innovation boom in digitalization, greening in other parts of the world and gradually*** become the world leader; calls for the necessary financial programme to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme ***as well as funding and guarantee facilities that would contribute to*** the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Olle Ludvigsson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for the new industrial policy strategy so that the EU can become the world leader in innovation, digitisation and decarbonisation; calls for the necessary financial programme to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme that facilitates the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy;

Amendment

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for the new industrial policy strategy so that the EU can become the world leader in innovation, digitisation and decarbonisation; calls for the necessary financial programme to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme that facilitates the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy **targeting key EU industrial sectors such as the bio-economy, energy, ICT, transport and health.**

Or. en

Amendment 40
Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Christian Ehler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for the new industrial policy strategy so that the EU can become the world leader in innovation, **digitisation and** decarbonisation; calls for the necessary financial programme to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme that facilitates the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy;

Amendment

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for the new **sustainable** industrial policy strategy so that the EU can become the world leader in innovation, **digitization, decarbonisation, and sustainable development**; calls for the necessary financial programme to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme that facilitates the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Michal Boni, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Krišjānis Kariņš

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for the new industrial policy strategy so that the EU can become the world leader in innovation, digitisation and decarbonisation; calls for the necessary financial programme to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme that facilitates the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy;

Amendment

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for the new industrial policy strategy so that the EU can become the world leader in innovation, digitisation and decarbonisation; calls for the necessary financial programme to be safeguarded **and extended** through a dedicated **and other existing** investment programme that facilitates the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Claude Turmes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that funding should **be guaranteed for the new** industrial policy strategy **so** that the EU **can** become the world leader in innovation, digitisation **and decarbonisation**; calls for the necessary financial programme to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme **that facilitates the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy**;

Amendment

2. Stresses that **EU** funding should **support the implementation of an** industrial policy strategy that **aims for** the EU **to** become the world leader in **sustainability**, innovation, digitisation, **renewable energy, energy and resource efficiency** ; calls for the necessary financial programme to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme **in those specific areas**;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Dominique Riquet, Lieve Wierinck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for the new industrial policy strategy so that the EU can become the world leader in innovation, digitisation and decarbonisation; calls for the necessary financial programme to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme that facilitates the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy;

Amendment

2. Stresses that *sufficient* funding should be guaranteed for the new industrial policy strategy so that the EU can become the world leader in innovation, digitisation and decarbonisation; calls for the necessary financial programme to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme that facilitates the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy;

Or. fr

Amendment 44
João Ferreira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for the new industrial policy strategy *so that the EU can become the world leader in* innovation, digitisation and decarbonisation; calls for the necessary financial programme to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme that facilitates the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy;

Amendment

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for the new industrial policy strategy *in the field of* innovation, digitisation and decarbonisation; calls for the necessary financial programme to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme that facilitates the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy;

Or. pt

Amendment 45
Edward Czesak, Zdzisław Krasnodębski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for the new industrial policy strategy so that the EU can become the world leader in innovation, digitisation and **decarbonisation**; calls for the necessary financial programme to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme that facilitates the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy;

Amendment

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for the new industrial policy strategy so that the EU can become the world leader in innovation, digitisation and **low-carbon economy**; calls for the necessary financial programme to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme that facilitates the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Barbara Kudrycka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for the new industrial policy strategy so that the EU can become the world leader in innovation, digitisation and decarbonisation; calls for the necessary financial **programme** to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme that facilitates the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy;

Amendment

2. Stresses that funding should be guaranteed for the new industrial policy strategy so that the EU can become the world leader in innovation, digitisation and decarbonisation; calls for the necessary financial **resources** to be safeguarded through a dedicated investment programme that facilitates the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Dominique Riquet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 – point 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. *Highlights the need to coordinate*

industrial competitiveness policies with the EU's environmental policies by optimising the budgetary instruments allocated to them;

Or. fr

Amendment 48
Anneleen Van Bossuyt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Reiterates the need to strengthen Horizon 2020 and to provide it with a larger share of funding from the total budget without raising the overall EU budget in order to respond to societal challenges and secure Europe's global competitiveness and civil industrial leadership in research and innovation; continue to strengthen excellent research base and build a true EU innovation policy that creates future markets by fostering ecosystems for researchers, innovators, industries and governments; promote and invest in innovative ideas with rapid scale-up potential and on ensuring that SMEs have better access to risk capital;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Edouard Martin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Recalls the European Court of

Auditor's assessment of the EU's unfulfilled commitment to spend 20 % of its budget on climate action: according to the Commission itself, the share of funding dedicated to climate action has averaged 17.6 % between 2014 and 2016 and is likely to reach only 18,6% for the overall period 2014-2020. To reach the 20% target by the end of 2020, the auditors estimated that the rate of climate funding would need to be increased to an average of 22 % for 2017 to 2020 inclusive. Insists on the fact that more should be done in the next MFF, both in terms of level of ambition and implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Christian Ehler, Pervenche Berès, Martina Dlabajová, Pascal Arimont, Joachim Zeller, Axel Voss, Marc Joulaud, Silvia Costa, Luigi Morgano, Helga Trüpel, Patrizia Toia, Sabine Verheyen, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Heinz K. Becker, Jerzy Buzek, Krišjānis Kariņš, Eva Kaili, Lieve Wierinck

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Considers that to increase the impact of the next MFF, further links should be established between EU funds such as the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, Structural Funds, the European social fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and Creative Europe.

Or. en

Amendment 51

Anneleen Van Bossuyt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. *Stresses that Horizon 2020 has a great European added value for research and innovation and society as a whole, and believes that the upcoming FP9 should meet the highest ambitions;*

Or. en

Amendment 52

Jens Geier, Carlos Zorrinho, Miroslav Poche, Răzvan Popa, Constanze Krehl, Edouard Martin, Peter Kouroumbashev, Pervenche Berès

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Considers that the next MFF period should make provision for *adequate* EU funding, *including structural and investment funds*, in order to deepen the integration of the EU energy market, *especially* for key energy infrastructure projects such as projects of common interest (PCIs);

3. Considers that the next MFF period should make provision for *sufficient* EU funding in order to deepen the integration of the EU energy market *and to ensure the decarbonisation of the European economy in order to accomplish the goals of the Energy Union and the European climate goals; states that funds should be secured* for key energy infrastructure projects such as projects of common interest (PCIs) *with a special emphasis on the renewable energy; reiterates its position that energy efficiency, emissions saving, renewables and smart and modern infrastructure should be the backbone of the energy union and thus should be prioritised in the next MFF;*

Or. en

Amendment 53

Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Edward Czesak

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Considers that the next MFF period should make provision for adequate EU funding, including structural and investment funds, in order to deepen the integration of the EU energy market, especially for key energy infrastructure projects such as projects of common interest (PCIs);

Amendment

3. Considers that the next MFF period should make provision for adequate EU funding, including structural and investment funds, in order to deepen the integration of the EU energy market, especially for key energy infrastructure projects such as projects of common interest (PCIs); ***Reiterates that the next MFF should include initiatives in support of coal mining regions to reduce the social impact of the energy transition in these regions;***

Or. en

Amendment 54

Pavel Telička

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Considers that the next MFF period should make provision for adequate EU funding, including structural and investment funds, in order to deepen the integration of the EU energy market, especially for key energy infrastructure projects such as projects of common interest (PCIs);

Amendment

3. Considers that the next MFF period should make provision for adequate EU funding, including structural and investment funds, in order to deepen the integration of the EU energy market, especially for key energy infrastructure projects such as projects of common interest (PCIs); ***attention should also be paid to integrating, wherever appropriate, these projects with transport projects;***

Or. en

Amendment 55

Claude Turmes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Considers that the next MFF period should make provision for adequate EU funding, including structural and investment funds, in order to deepen the integration of the EU energy market, especially for key energy infrastructure projects such as projects of common interest (*PCIs*);

Amendment

3. Considers that the next MFF period should make provision for adequate EU funding, including structural and investment funds, in order to deepen the integration of the EU energy market, especially for key energy infrastructure projects such as ***Renewables Projects of Energy Union Interest and electricity projects of common interest (e-PCIs) and avoid carbon lock-in;***

Or. en

Amendment 56
João Ferreira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Considers that the next MFF period should make provision for adequate EU funding, including structural and investment funds, ***in order to deepen the integration of the EU energy market,*** especially for key energy infrastructure projects ***such as projects of common interest (PCIs);***

Amendment

3. Considers that the next MFF period should make provision for adequate EU funding, including structural and investment funds, especially for key energy infrastructure projects;

Or. pt

Amendment 57
Jerzy Buzek, Janusz Lewandowski, Barbara Kudrycka

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Considers that the next MFF period should make provision for adequate EU funding, including structural and investment funds, in order to deepen the integration of the EU energy market, especially for key energy infrastructure projects such as projects of common interest (PCIs);

Amendment

3. Considers that the next MFF period should make provision for adequate EU funding, including structural and investment funds, in order to deepen the integration of the EU energy market ***and support energy transition***, especially for key energy infrastructure projects such as projects of common interest (PCIs);

Or. en

Amendment 58

Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Considers that the next MFF period should make provision for ***adequate*** EU funding, including structural and investment funds, in order to ***deepen the integration of the EU energy market, especially for key energy infrastructure projects such as projects of common interest (PCIs)***;

Amendment

3. Considers that the next MFF period should make provision for ***an increase in*** EU funding, including structural and investment funds, in order to ***reach affordable, secure and clean energy and secure the Union resources in the field of research, development and innovation***;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Christian Ehler, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Barbara Kudrycka, Jerzy Buzek, Eva Kaili, Lieve Wierinck

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 – point a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(a) ***Notes that synergies between funds are crucial to make investments more***

effective; stresses that smart specialisation strategies are an important tool to foster synergies as it sets national and regional priorities for R&I investments; regrets the presence of important barriers to achieve synergies; calls on the Commission to revise the EU State Aid rules and align them with FP rules; emphasises that an “equal treatment” approach in relation to procedures, e.g. concerning the state aid rules, should become the leading principle.

Or. en

Amendment 60

Christian Ehler, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Eva Kaili, Lieve Wierinck

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 – point b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(b) Calls on EU-13 Member States to pool more national resources towards R&I as a means to boost economic growth and reduce the current innovation gap with EU-15 Member States; emphasises that country-recommendations and tools such as the Policy Support Facilities should be further used to improve efficiency of national research systems.

Or. en

Amendment 61

Christian Ehler, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Barbara Kudrycka, Jerzy Buzek, Eva Kaili, Lieve Wierinck

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 – point c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(c) Calls for an increased use of Structural Funds for research and innovation activities, such as investments in capacity building, R&I infrastructures, digital innovation hubs, and for supporting the "Seal of Excellence".

Or. en

Amendment 62
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Considers that resources should be allocated in the next MFF for investment in coal-dependent regions in order to support energy transition and modernisation of power generation and grids, carbon and capture technologies and modernisation of district heating; furthermore, considers that Commission should put further in the next MFF an adaptation instrument to new environmental standards in order to support old power plants and coal mines as part of the future regional economic strategies;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Claude Turmes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission to double

its investment programmes in Research and Innovation on renewables and energy efficiency based technologies that have the potential to address climate change and environmental concerns, ensure security of supply and maintain the EU's competitive advantage

Or. en

Amendment 64
Anneleen Van Bossuyt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls for rationalisation of the EU funding landscape and for stronger synergies to use European structural and investment funds (ESI) for R&I investments; these synergies should be considered when developing guidelines and strategies for ESI funds post 2020.

Or. en

Amendment 65
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Considers that sufficient resources need to be allocated for the good functioning of the Energy Union, making viable the EU network Interconnection, revamping and extending transport and distribution grids, managing energy demand, supply and storage within the EU; emphasises the importance of

connecting Europe with the Caspian Sea area, the Middle East and Central Asia and investing in the East Med Gas Corridor in order to mitigate the dependency on Russian gas; reiterates the need to strengthen multilateral energy cooperation in the Black Sea region;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Highlights the increasing responsibilities entrusted to the Agency for Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and points to the insufficient financial resources at their disposal to properly carry on their mandate; calls for a significant additional budgetary efforts in the next MFF that would enable them fulfil their obligations, especially those arising from the implementation of the EU Regulation for wholesale energy market integrity and transparency (REMIT);

Or. en

Amendment 67

Marian-Jean Marinescu

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3c. Considers that the transformation

of the energy sector in the light of the climate ambitions objectives should rely on the creation of an Energy Transition Fund under the next MFF facilitating the structural changes in energy-intensive industries and carbon intensive electricity production plants and incentivising low-carbon investments and innovative solutions;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Jens Geier, Carlos Zorrinho, Miroslav Poche, Răzvan Popa, Constanze Krehl, Edouard Martin, Pervenche Berès

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the need for an upgraded and more effective Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) which will close the missing links in Europe's energy and digital backbone by supporting the development of high-performance, sustainable and efficiently interconnected trans-European networks in the fields of energy and digital services;

Amendment

4. Stresses the need for an upgraded and more effective Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), *based on updated network development scenarios coherent with the EU's ambitions to increase energy efficiency and application of the energy efficiency first principle*, which will close the missing links in Europe's energy and digital backbone by supporting the development of high-performance, sustainable and efficiently interconnected trans-European networks in the fields of energy, *transport* and digital services; *rejects any attempt to divert funds from CEF to other new initiatives, including the proposal for a new Defence Fund;*

Or. en

Amendment 69

Dominique Riquet, Lieve Wierinck

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the need for an upgraded and more effective Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) which will close the missing links in Europe's energy and digital backbone by supporting the development of high-performance, sustainable **and efficiently interconnected trans-European networks in the fields of energy and digital services**;

Amendment

4. Stresses the need for an upgraded and more effective Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) which will close the missing links in Europe's energy and digital backbone by supporting the development of high-performance, sustainable **trans-European networks; calls for priority to be given, within the European networks, to horizontal projects linking infrastructure, digital, energy and transport projects**;

Or. fr

Amendment 70

Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the need for an upgraded **and** more effective Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) which will close the missing links in Europe's energy and digital backbone by supporting the development of high-performance, sustainable and efficiently interconnected trans-European networks in the fields of energy and digital services;

Amendment

4. Stresses the need for an upgraded, more effective **and environmentally sustainable** Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) which will close the missing links in Europe's energy and digital backbone by supporting the development of high-performance, sustainable and efficiently interconnected trans-European networks in the fields of energy and digital services;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the need for an upgraded and more effective Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) which will close the missing links in Europe's **energy** and digital backbone by supporting the development of high-performance, sustainable and efficiently interconnected trans-European networks in the fields of **energy** and digital services;

Amendment

4. Stresses the need for an upgraded and more effective Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) which will close the missing links in Europe's **electricity market** and digital backbone by supporting the development of high-performance, sustainable and efficiently interconnected trans-European networks in the fields of **electricity** and digital services;

Or. en

Amendment 72

Michal Boni, Krišjānis Kariņš

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the need for an upgraded and more effective Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) which will close the missing links in Europe's energy and digital backbone by supporting the development of high-performance, sustainable and efficiently interconnected trans-European networks in the fields of energy and digital services;

Amendment

4. Stresses the need for an upgraded and more effective Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) which will close the missing links in Europe's energy and digital backbone by supporting the development of high-performance, sustainable and efficiently interconnected trans-European networks in the fields of energy and digital **interoperability** services;

Or. en

Amendment 73

Angelo Ciocca, Christelle Lechevalier, Lorenzo Fontana

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the need for **an upgraded** and more effective Connecting Europe

Amendment

4. Stresses the need for **a targeted** and more effective Connecting Europe Facility

Facility (CEF) which will close the missing links in Europe's energy and digital backbone by supporting the development of high-performance, sustainable and efficiently interconnected trans-European networks in the fields of energy and digital services;

(CEF) which will close the missing links in Europe's energy and digital backbone by supporting the development of high-performance, sustainable and efficiently interconnected trans-European networks in the fields of energy and digital services;

Or. it

Amendment 74
Peter Kouroumbashev

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Encourages the Commission to recognise the benefits of hydrogen mobility, as well as the sectorial coupling between the transport and the electricity sector and to create incentives for new business models in this direction, such as smart charging and vehicle to grid triggers, which would allow the owners of electric vehicles to sell flexibility to the power system; calls on the Commission to ensure financing of innovation aiming at development of hydrogen storage solution, advanced long-term storage solutions for electric vehicles, development of hydrogen charging infrastructure, as well as infrastructure and plug-in solutions, including charging infrastructure for electric vehicles;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Michał Boni, Pilar del Castillo Vera

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. *Considers the re-use of CEF technical building blocks across the public and private sector to be vital for the functioning of the Digital Service Infrastructure. Calls therefore on the Commission together with the Member States to develop a long-term structure dialog with a view to attaining the goals of the Single Digital Market;*

Or. en

Amendment 76

Michal Boni, Pilar del Castillo Vera

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. *Welcomes the 5 ICT priority areas identified by the European Commission as the essential technology building blocks on which equally important areas such as eHealth, smart and efficient energy use, intelligent transport systems and advanced manufacturing will rely;*

Or. en

Amendment 77

Michal Boni, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Krišjānis Kariņš

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. *Support the Commission initiative to reinforce the Investment Plan for Europe within financing instruments (EFSI, CEF) earmarked to finance*

Amendment 78

Jens Geier, Carlos Zorrinho, Miroslav Poche, Răzvan Popa, Constanze Krehl, Edouard Martin, Pervenche Berès

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

5. Reiterates that, in the next MFF, financial instruments cannot replace grants in financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, innovative technologies for conventional energy and R&I projects, as only grants can maximise output on the ground;

Amendment

5. Reiterates that, in the next MFF, financial instruments cannot replace grants in financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, innovative technologies for conventional energy and R&I projects, as only grants can maximise output on the ground *and effectively support vulnerable, low-income households at risk of energy poverty to become energy-efficient and to develop renewable self-generation capability; in this respect recalls that the funding of research and development should be primarily grant-based; furthermore stresses the importance of investments in less mature technologies, in particular as regards renewable energy;*

Amendment 79

Claude Turmes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

5. Reiterates that, in the next MFF,

Amendment

5. Reiterates that, in the next MFF,

financial instruments cannot replace grants in financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, *innovative technologies for conventional energy* and R&I projects, as only grants can maximise output on the ground;

financial instruments cannot replace grants in financing energy efficiency, renewable energy and *generally publicly driven* R&I projects, as only grants can maximise output on the ground *and ensure wider involvement of stakeholders such as academia, research centres, local public authorities, SMEs, civil society organisations and citizens*; *underlines that it is particularly relevant for the energy efficiency sector to continue relying on grants in a context of structurally low oil, coal and gas price*;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Pirkko Ruohonen-Lerner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Reiterates that, in the next MFF, financial instruments cannot replace grants in financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, innovative technologies for conventional energy and R&I projects, as only grants can maximise output on the ground;

Amendment

5. Reiterates that, in the next MFF, financial instruments cannot replace grants in financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, innovative technologies for conventional energy and R&I projects, as only grants can maximise output on the ground; *takes the view that the effectiveness of grants and other funding instruments should be ensured by regular impact assessments that can directly guide the allocation of new funding.*

Or. fi

Amendment 81
Christian Ehler, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Barbara Kudrycka, Françoise Grossetête, Jerzy Buzek, Eva Kaili, Lieve Wierinck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Reiterates that, in the next MFF, financial instruments cannot replace grants in financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, innovative technologies for conventional energy **and R&I projects, as only grants can** maximise output on the ground;

Amendment

5. ***Notes the recent tendency to increase the use of financial instruments to fund research;*** reiterates that, in the next MFF, financial instruments cannot replace grants in financing ***research and innovation***, energy efficiency, renewable energy, ***and*** innovative technologies for conventional energy, ***as*** grants maximise output on the ground ***and are the preferred option of beneficiaries for financial and legal reasons.***

Or. en

Amendment 82

João Ferreira

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Reiterates that, in the next MFF, financial instruments cannot replace grants in financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, innovative technologies for conventional energy and R&I projects, as only grants can maximise output on the ground;

Amendment

5. Reiterates that, in the next MFF, financial instruments cannot replace grants in financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, innovative technologies for conventional energy and R&I projects, ***among other sectors that are considered priorities by the Member States in line with their specific needs***, as only grants can maximise output on the ground;

Or. pt

Amendment 83

Angelo Ciocca, Christelle Lechevalier, Lorenzo Fontana

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Reiterates that, in the next MFF, financial instruments cannot replace grants in financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, innovative technologies for conventional energy and R&I projects, as only grants can maximise output on the ground;

5. Reiterates that, in the next MFF, financial instruments cannot replace grants in financing energy efficiency, renewable energy - *the exploitation technologies for which are not yet mature* - innovative technologies for conventional energy and R&I projects, as only grants can maximise output on the ground;

Or. it

Amendment 84

Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Reiterates that, in the next MFF, financial instruments *cannot* replace grants in financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, innovative technologies *for conventional energy* and R&I projects, as only grants can maximise output on the ground;

Amendment

5. Reiterates that, in the next MFF, financial instruments *should not* replace grants in financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, innovative technologies and R&I projects, as only grants *are suitable for stable funding and* can maximise output on the ground;

Or. en

Amendment 85

Dominique Riquet

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Reiterates that, in the next MFF, financial instruments cannot replace grants in financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, innovative technologies for conventional energy and R&I projects, as only grants can maximise output on the ground;

Amendment

5. Reiterates that, in the next MFF, financial instruments cannot replace grants in financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, innovative technologies for conventional energy and R&I projects, as only grants can *best* maximise output on the ground;

Amendment 86
Claude Turmes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Recalls that grants and loans do not finance the same type of activities and support different types of beneficiaries and projects; stresses the need of continuing with grants for financing fundamental and collaborative research, in particular research performed by the academia; warns against the tendency of transforming grants into loans or equity, in particular when university research budgets are suffering cuts in several Member States; believes that this tendency works towards the losing of the research basis, which in turn significantly reduces the innovation potential of the European Union;*

Or. en

Amendment 87
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Considers that streamlining climate and energy policy and safeguarding financial support for critical infrastructure contributing to decarbonisation post-2020 is essential; stresses that sufficient resources should be dedicated to investment in neutral*

power generation technologies, carbon and capture technologies, energy storage and electric mobility infrastructure;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Peter Kouroumbashev

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to develop national capacity building initiatives for innovation in energy sector business models and financial support schemes;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Marian-Jean Marinescu, Jerzy Buzek

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Considers that the deepening of an integrated EU energy market can be achieved through improved coordination between Member States in order to ensure consistency of the cross-border projects; therefore, necessary funds should be safeguarded for CEF-Energy;

Or. en

Amendment 90
João Ferreira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. *Recalls the importance of completing the digital single market by making full use of spectrum, 5G and internet connectivity, and by making further progress on EU telecom rules;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 91
Michał Boni, Gunnar Hökmark

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Recalls the importance of completing the digital single market by making full use of spectrum, 5G and internet connectivity, and by making further progress on EU telecom rules;

Amendment

6. Recalls the importance of completing the digital single market by making full use of spectrum, 5G and internet connectivity, and by making further progress on EU telecom rules; ***Calls on the Commission to ensure that any funding for fixed and mobile broadband should only be designated for very high capacity networks to contribute to the building of a European Gigabit Society. Stresses that any such funds should focus on a "Digital Spine" which brings fibre backbone and backhaul connectivity to more remote communities, and thereby the highest quality gigabit connections to education and public services, and mobile base stations to support 5G locally;***

Or. en

Amendment 92
Esther de Lange

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Recalls the importance of completing the digital single market by making full use of spectrum, 5G and **internet connectivity, and** by making further progress on EU telecom rules;

Amendment

6. Recalls the importance of completing the digital single market by making full use of spectrum, 5G and by making further progress on EU telecom rules ***that set the right regulatory framework for the improvement of internet connectivity in the Union, which especially needs improvement in rural, mountainous and remote areas.***

Or. en

Amendment 93
Algirdas Saudargas, Barbara Kudrycka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Recalls the importance of completing the digital single market by making full use of spectrum, 5G and internet connectivity, and by making further progress on EU telecom rules;

Amendment

6. Recalls the importance of completing the digital single market by making full use of spectrum, 5G and internet connectivity, and by making further progress on EU telecom rules; ***underlines that removing language barriers is vital for building the digital single market, which is by definition multilingual;***

Or. en

Amendment 94
Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Recalls the importance of **completing the** digital single market **by making** full use of spectrum, 5G and internet connectivity, **and by making** further progress on EU telecom rules;

Amendment

6. Recalls the importance of **a reoriented** digital single market **in order to make sure that a** full use of spectrum, 5G and internet connectivity **and** further progress on EU telecom rules **will lead to job creation, facilitate SMEs accession to finance and strengthen the rights of workers and consumers;**

Or. en

Amendment 95

Pirkko Ruohonen-Lerner

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Recalls the importance of completing the digital single market by making full use of spectrum, 5G and internet connectivity, and by making further progress on EU telecom rules;

Amendment

6. Recalls the importance of completing the digital single market by making full use of spectrum, 5G and internet connectivity, and by making further progress on EU telecom rules, **including harmonisation of pricing and ensuring a flexible service throughout the EU;**

Or. fi

Amendment 96

Zdzisław Krasnodebski, Edward Czesak

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Recalls the importance of completing the digital single market by making full use of spectrum, 5G and internet connectivity, and by making

Amendment

6. Recalls the importance of completing the digital single market by making full use of spectrum, 5G and internet connectivity, **by achieving the free**

further progress on EU telecom rules;

flow of data in the European Union and by making further progress on EU telecom rules;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Dominique Riquet, Lieve Wierinck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Recalls the importance of completing the digital single market by making full use of spectrum, 5G and internet connectivity, and by making further progress on EU telecom rules;

Amendment

6. Recalls the importance of completing the digital single market by making full use of spectrum, 5G and internet connectivity, and by making further progress on *harmonisation of EU telecom rules*;

Or. fr

Amendment 98
Angelo Ciocca, Christelle Lechevalier, Lorenzo Fontana

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Recalls the importance of completing the digital single market by making full use of spectrum, 5G and internet connectivity, and by *making further progress on EU telecom rules*;

Amendment

6. Recalls the importance of completing the digital single market by making full use of spectrum, 5G and internet connectivity, and by *establishing the appropriate infrastructure to ensure that Member States have genuine digital sovereignty*;

Or. it

Amendment 99

Michal Boni

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission to ensure, maintain and develop financing for the 5G Action Plan at the appropriate level within the horizon of the next Multiannual Financial Framework;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Christian Ehler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Further stresses the need to better coordinate EU instruments relating to investment in SMEs, information and communication technology and energy infrastructure, and considers that a combination of grants and innovative financial instruments could facilitate project implementation and stimulate private financing;

7. Further stresses the need to better coordinate EU instruments relating to investment in SMEs, information and communication technology and energy infrastructure, and considers that a combination of grants and innovative financial instruments could facilitate project implementation and stimulate private financing; ***also urges more and improved strategic collaboration across EU programmes under different Headings that can optimise R&I investments;***

Or. en

Amendment 101
João Ferreira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

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Draft opinion

7. Further stresses the need to better coordinate EU instruments relating to investment in SMEs, information and communication technology and energy infrastructure, ***and considers that a combination of grants and innovative financial instruments could facilitate project implementation and stimulate private financing;***

Amendment

7. Further stresses the need to better coordinate EU instruments relating to investment in SMEs, information and communication technology and energy infrastructure;

Or. pt

Amendment 102

Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Further stresses the need to better coordinate EU ***instruments*** relating to investment in SMEs, information and communication technology and energy infrastructure, ***and considers that a combination of grants and innovative financial instruments could facilitate project implementation and stimulate private financing;***

Amendment

7. Further stresses the need to better coordinate EU ***funds*** relating to investment in SMEs, information and communication technology and ***environmentally sustainable*** energy infrastructure;

Or. en

Amendment 103

Marian-Jean Marinescu

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Further stresses the need to better coordinate EU instruments relating to

Amendment

7. Further stresses the need to better coordinate EU instruments relating to

investment in SMEs, information and communication technology and energy infrastructure, and considers that a combination of grants and innovative financial instruments could facilitate project implementation and stimulate private financing;

investment in SMEs, information and communication technology and energy infrastructure, and considers that a combination of grants and innovative financial instruments *including EFSI*, could facilitate project implementation and stimulate private financing;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Dominique Riquet, Lieve Wierinck

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Further stresses the need to better coordinate EU instruments relating to investment in SMEs, information and communication technology and energy infrastructure, and considers that a combination of grants and innovative financial instruments could facilitate project implementation and stimulate private financing;

Amendment

7. Further stresses the need to better coordinate EU instruments relating to investment in SMEs, information and communication technology and energy infrastructure, and considers that a combination of grants and innovative financial instruments could facilitate project implementation and stimulate *and secure* private financing;

Or. fr

Amendment 105

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Further stresses the need to better coordinate EU instruments relating to investment in SMEs, information and communication technology and energy infrastructure, and considers that a

Amendment

7. Further stresses the need to better coordinate EU instruments relating to investment in SMEs *innovation*, information and communication technology and energy infrastructure, and

combination of grants and innovative financial instruments could facilitate project implementation and stimulate private financing;

considers that a combination of grants and innovative financial instruments could facilitate project implementation and stimulate private financing;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Pavel Telička

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Further stresses the need to better coordinate EU instruments relating to investment in SMEs, information and communication technology and energy infrastructure, and considers that a combination of grants and innovative financial instruments could facilitate project implementation and stimulate private financing;

Amendment

7. Further stresses the need to better coordinate EU instruments relating to investment in SMEs, *start-ups*, information and communication technology and energy infrastructure, and considers that a combination of grants and innovative financial instruments could facilitate project implementation and stimulate private financing;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Peter Kouroumbashev

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Reiterates Parliament's call for an increased overall budget of EUR 120 billion for FP9 and urges the Commission to increase by at least 50 % the proportion of clean energy-related financing under FP9 from the corresponding H2020 level, so as to ensure sufficient funding to support effective implementation of the Energy Union; calls in particular to

reinforce the financial resources under FP9 to stimulate breakthrough, market creating-innovation initiatives, notably for SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Anneleen Van Bossuyt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Stresses the importance of striving for better communicating the impact of the new programmes by the European Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 109
Peter Kouroumbashev

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Reiterates the need to improve the quality of investments financed by EFSI and to particularly focus on incentives for better geographical allocation taking into account the current imbalance in the geographical coverage of EFSI and the specific needs of less developed and transitional regions; recognises the need of a cooperation with national promotional investment banks, investment platforms and eligible financial intermediaries through a possible delegation of the use of the EU guarantee to them; calls to substantially reinforce

the role and the capacity of the European Investment Advisory Hub, notably through a local presence and a proactive role in the preparation of projects;

Or. en

Amendment 110

Jens Geier, Carlos Zorrinho, Răzvan Popa, Constanze Krehl, Edouard Martin, Pervenche Berès

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8**

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Reiterates the need to continue with Horizon 2020 and to provide it with at least the same share of funding as at present in order to respond to societal challenges and secure Europe's global competitiveness and industrial leadership in innovation; calls also for a greater focus on implementing innovation through joint undertakings, on supporting investment in key technologies and on ensuring that SMEs have better access to risk capital;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 111

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8**

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Reiterates the need to continue with Horizon 2020 and to *provide it with at least the same* share of funding as at *present in order* to respond to societal

8. Reiterates the need to continue with *focusing* Horizon 2020 *on funding collaborative trans-national research and innovation opportunities across the EU to*

challenges **and** secure Europe's global competitiveness and industrial leadership in innovation; calls **also** for a greater focus on **implementing** innovation **through joint undertakings**, on supporting investment in key technologies and on ensuring that SMEs have better access to risk capital;

and to **substantially increase its** share of funding to respond to societal challenges (**fighting climate change, transition to sustainable and renewable energy, toxic-free circular economy, sustainable food and farming practices, affordable health care and medicines for all**), secure Europe's global **sustainability**, competitiveness, **scientific** and industrial leadership in innovation; calls for a greater focus on **responsible Research and Innovation that contributes to people's health, wellbeing and that benefits all of society, on prioritising public research needs and fair public return on investments**, on supporting investment in key technologies and on ensuring that SMEs have better access to **knowledge, information, skills, investments and** risk capital;

Or. en

Amendment 112

Jerzy Buzek, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Janusz Lewandowski, Barbara Kudrycka

Draft opinion Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Reiterates the need to continue with Horizon 2020 and to provide it with at least the same share of funding as at present in order to respond to societal challenges and secure Europe's global competitiveness and industrial leadership in innovation; calls also for a greater focus on **implementing innovation through joint undertakings**, on supporting investment in key technologies **and** on ensuring that SMEs have better access to risk capital;

Amendment

8. Reiterates the need to continue with Horizon 2020 and to provide it with at least the same share of funding as at present in order to respond to societal challenges and secure Europe's global competitiveness and industrial leadership in innovation; calls also for a greater focus on supporting investment in key technologies, on ensuring that SMEs have better access to risk capital **and on implementing innovation through joint undertakings and other efficient instruments such as the European Institute of Technology (EIT) and its Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs), which need**

adequate resources to further develop their actions in education, support to innovation projects and to start-ups;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Barbara Kudrycka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Reiterates the need to continue with Horizon 2020 and to provide *it with at least the same share of funding as at present in order* to respond to societal challenges *and* secure Europe's global competitiveness and industrial leadership in innovation; calls also for a greater focus on implementing innovation through joint undertakings, *on supporting* investment in key technologies and *on* ensuring that *SMEs* have better access to risk capital;

Amendment

8. Reiterates the need to continue with Horizon 2020 and to provide at least **120 billion euro to its successor to be able** to respond to societal challenges, **to** secure Europe's global competitiveness and industrial leadership in innovation, **to support the European job market and strengthen the whole R&I value chain**; calls also for a greater focus on implementing innovation through *diverse instruments such as* joint undertakings, *EIT and its Knowledge Innovation Communities (KICs)*; **stresses also the need to support** investment in key technologies and ensuring that *entrepreneurs (SMEs in particular)* have better access to risk capital;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Reiterates the need to continue with Horizon 2020 and to provide it with at least

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8. Reiterates the need to continue with **an EU research and innovation**

the same share of funding as at present in order to respond to societal challenges and secure Europe's global competitiveness and industrial leadership in innovation; calls also for a greater focus on **implementing innovation through joint undertakings**, on supporting investment in key technologies and on ensuring that SMEs have better access to risk capital;

framework programme to improve the success of Horizon 2020 and to provide it with at least **120 billion euro** in order to respond to societal challenges, **contribute to sustainable development**, and secure Europe's global competitiveness **and scientific** and industrial leadership in innovation; calls also for a greater focus on **R&I that contributes to people's health and wellbeing and benefits all society**, on supporting investment in key technologies and on ensuring that SMEs have better access to risk capital;

Or. en

Amendment 115 Pirkko Ruohonen-Lerner

Draft opinion Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Reiterates the need **to continue with** Horizon 2020 and to provide it with at least the same share of funding as at present in order to respond to societal challenges and secure Europe's global competitiveness and **industrial leadership in innovation**; calls also for a greater focus on implementing innovation through joint undertakings, on supporting investment in key technologies and on ensuring that SMEs have better access to risk capital;

Amendment

8. Reiterates the need, **in so far as the programmes under** Horizon 2020 **promote technology and knowledge by producing either basic research or useful applied research, to continue its funding** and to provide it with at least the same share of funding as at present in order to respond to societal challenges and secure Europe's global competitiveness and **position in the forefront of industrial technology**; calls also for a greater focus on implementing innovation through joint undertakings, on supporting investment in key technologies and on ensuring that SMEs have better access to risk capital;

Or. fi

Amendment 116

Christian Ehler, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Barbara Kudrycka, Françoise Grossetête, Eva Kaili, Lieve Wierinck

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8**

Draft opinion

8. Reiterates the need to continue with Horizon 2020 and to provide ***it with at least the same share of funding as at present in order*** to respond to societal challenges ***and*** secure Europe's global competitiveness and industrial leadership in innovation; calls also for a greater focus on implementing innovation through joint undertakings, on supporting investment in key technologies and on ensuring that SMEs have better access to risk capital;

Amendment

8. Reiterates the need to continue with Horizon 2020 and to provide at least ***€120 billion to its successor to be able*** to respond to societal challenges, secure Europe's global competitiveness and industrial leadership in innovation ***and address the oversubscription issue***; calls also for a greater focus on implementing innovation through joint undertakings ***and EIT Knowledge Innovation Communities (KICs)***, on supporting investment in key technologies and on ensuring that SMEs have better access to risk capital;

Or. en

Amendment 117

Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8**

Draft opinion

8. Reiterates the need to continue with Horizon 2020 ***and to provide it with at least the same share of funding as at present*** in order to respond to societal challenges and ***secure Europe's global competitiveness and industrial leadership in*** innovation; calls also for a greater focus on implementing innovation through joint undertakings, on supporting investment in key technologies and on ensuring that SMEs have better access to risk capital;

Amendment

8. Reiterates the need to continue with Horizon 2020; ***considers that programmes such as the successor programme to Horizon 2020 should receive twice the funding available under the current framework programme*** in order to respond to societal challenges and ***alleviate the research and innovation funding gap***; calls also for a greater focus on implementing innovation through joint undertakings, on supporting investment in key technologies and on ensuring that SMEs have better access to risk capital;

Amendment 118
Miroslav Poche

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Reiterates the need to continue with Horizon 2020 and to provide it with at least the same share of funding as at present in order to respond to societal challenges and secure Europe's global competitiveness and industrial leadership in innovation; calls also for a greater focus on implementing innovation through joint undertakings, on supporting investment in key technologies and on ensuring that SMEs have better access to risk capital;

Amendment

8. Reiterates the need to continue with Horizon 2020 and to provide it with at least the same share of funding as at present in order to respond to societal challenges and secure Europe's global competitiveness and industrial leadership in **research, development and** innovation; calls also for a greater focus on implementing **research, development and** innovation through joint undertakings, on supporting investment in key technologies and on ensuring that SMEs have better access to risk capital;

Or. cs

Amendment 119
Pavel Telička

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Reiterates the need to continue with Horizon 2020 and to provide it with **at least the same** share of funding **as** at present in order to respond to societal challenges and secure Europe's global competitiveness and industrial leadership in innovation; calls also for a greater focus on implementing innovation through joint undertakings, on supporting investment in key technologies and on ensuring that SMEs have better access to risk capital;

Amendment

8. Reiterates the need to continue with Horizon 2020 and to provide it with **a higher** share of funding **than** at present in order to respond to societal challenges and secure Europe's global competitiveness and industrial leadership in innovation; calls also for a greater focus on implementing innovation through joint undertakings, on supporting investment in key technologies and on ensuring that SMEs have better access to risk capital;

Amendment 120
João Ferreira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Reiterates the need to continue with Horizon 2020 and to provide it with at least the same share of funding as at present in order to respond to societal challenges ***and secure Europe's global competitiveness and industrial leadership in innovation; calls also for a greater focus on implementing innovation through joint undertakings, on supporting investment in key technologies*** and on ensuring that SMEs have better access to risk capital;

Amendment

8. Reiterates the need to continue with Horizon 2020 and to provide it with at least the same share of funding as at present in order to respond to societal challenges; ***calls also for consideration to be given to introducing a cohesion dimension in the programme that will foster the fairer distribution of its resources among the Member States, along with a greater focus on supporting basic research*** and on ensuring that SMEs have better access to risk capital;

Or. pt

Amendment 121
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Calls for simplified FP 9 rules in order to provide better access for applicants, better evaluation of applications based on proposal added value and possible results, better control. A new evaluation system will increase the value of results and will provide a level playing field for the applicants from all Member States.

Or. en

Amendment 122
Peter Kouroumbashev

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Believes that synergies with Horizon 2020 and other funding initiatives should be increased to strengthen the research and innovation capacity building for low performing regions in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 123
Peter Kouroumbashev

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. Believes that the transport sector holds enormous potential and should play a vital role in the transition and encourages the Commission to support existing funding for electric vehicles infrastructure deployment; calls on the Commission to continue support and develop further initiatives such as the Europe-wide electro mobility initiative and the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking;

Or. en

Amendment 124
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. *Calls for rules for facilitating, under the coordination of Commission, synergies between future FP9 and national budgets.*

Or. en

Amendment 125
Edouard Martin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. *Calls for an upgraded EFSI that would **make it possible to bridge the gap between research and the market and would focus on boosting market innovation**;*

9. *Calls for an upgraded EFSI that would **fulfil its role in terms of economic additionality and thus foster projects with acknowledged positive externalities but higher risks than what the private sector is ready to face alone; reminds that this should not entangle negative financial impacts on other programs, but that fresh money should be used to finance the upgrade; furthermore stresses that in order to ensure that the EFSI fulfils its purpose, substantial funds should be allocated for energy efficiency projects; recalls that these investments hold huge potential for the creation of jobs and growth**;*

Or. en

Amendment 126
Jens Geier, Răzvan Popa, Peter Kouroumbashev, Constanze Krehl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls for an upgraded EFSI that would make it possible to bridge the gap between research and the market and would focus on boosting market innovation;

Amendment

9. Calls for an upgraded EFSI that would make it possible to bridge the gap between research and the market and would focus on boosting market innovation, ***while ensuring additionality; reminds that this should not entangle negative financial impacts on other programs, but that fresh money should be used to finance the upgrade; furthermore stresses that in order to ensure that the EFSI fulfils its purpose, substantial funds should be allocated for energy efficiency projects; recalls that these investments hold huge potential for the creation of jobs and growth;***

Or. en

Amendment 127

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls for an upgraded ***EFSI*** that would make it possible to bridge the gap between research and the market and would focus on boosting market innovation;

Amendment

9. Calls for an upgraded ***financing of the EFSI Advisory Hub and Project Portal*** that would make it possible to ***aggregate smaller project and generate projects at the local level, in particular on renewable energy and energy efficiency and smart grids, so as to help*** bridge the gap between research and the market and would focus on boosting market innovation; ***Calls in addition for the substantial strengthening of the application of sustainability criteria to the EFSI investments as well as all EIB investments, in order to ensure additionality as well as impact;***

Amendment 128
Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls for an upgraded EFSI that would make it possible to bridge the gap between research and the market and would focus on boosting market innovation;

Amendment

9. Calls for an upgraded EFSI that would make it possible to bridge the gap between research and the market and would focus on boosting market innovation, ***while ensuring additionality and the respect for all Union's objectives, and ensuring that this is resourced from additional funding, not affecting the budget available for the next EU research and innovation framework programme FP9***

Amendment 129
Angelo Ciocca, Christelle Lechevalier, Lorenzo Fontana

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. ***Calls for an upgraded EFSI that would make it possible to bridge the gap between research and the market and would focus on boosting market innovation;***

Amendment

9. ***Underlines that the EFSI has failed to guarantee growth or tackle unemployment; proposes, therefore, to stop its financing so that Member States can use this money for the benefit of their citizens;***

Amendment 130
Pirkko Ruohonen-Lerner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls for an upgraded EFSI that would *make it possible to bridge the gap between research and the market and would focus on boosting market innovation*;

Amendment

9. Calls for an upgraded EFSI that would *support innovative solutions and the development of technologies without sidelining private innovative projects and their funding, because what Europe needs is increased private risk capital rather than public funding*;

Or. fi

Amendment 131
Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls for *an upgraded EFSI that would make it possible to bridge the gap between research and the market and would focus on boosting market innovation*;

Amendment

9. Calls for *the Commission to facilitate greater synergies and complementarities between the different EU funds and programmes, including cohesion policy, Horizon 2020 and Connecting Europe Facility, while complying with their respective specific rules*;

Or. en

Amendment 132
Christian Ehler, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Barbara Kudrycka, Jerzy Buzek, Krišjānis Kariņš, Eva Kaili, Lieve Wierinck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

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9. Calls for *an upgraded* EFSI that

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Amendment

9. Calls for *a revised* EFSI that would

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would *make it possible to* bridge the gap between research and *the* market *and would focus* on boosting market innovation;

enable to significantly bridge the gap between research and market, *focusing* on boosting market innovation; *considers that funds for future EFSIs should not be taken from other parts of the MFF.*

Or. en

Amendment 133

Christian Ehler, Martina Dlabajová, Pascal Arimont, Joachim Zeller, Axel Voss, Marc Joulaud, Silvia Costa, Luigi Morgano, Helga Trüpel, Patrizia Toia, Sabine Verheyen, Pervenche Berès, Heinz K. Becker, Françoise Grossetête, Krišjānis Kariņš, Eva Kaili, Lieve Wierinck

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Stresses that appropriate recognition and full support of Cultural and Creative Industries (CCIs) would strengthen the impact of the next MFF; recalls the dual nature of the cultural and creative sector: economic (wealth and job creation) and cultural (creating values, meaning and identity); recalls that CCIs are one of Europe's fastest growing sector, generating 509 billion Euros in value added to GDP per year and representing more than 12 million full time jobs ;calls for additional links between the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation and the Creative Europe programme, as this would help to address the increased industrial dependency on design and creativity; reminds that Creative Europe has consistently boasted excellent performance with full implementation at year-end since the start of this MFF; calls on the Commission to comply with Article 167(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and establish the CCIs as a horizontal priority within EU funding schemes and programmes,

particularly in the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, the EaSI and the ESIFs.

Or. en

Amendment 134
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. *Invites the Commission to propose, in the next MFF measures to facilitate , encourage and coordinates with the support of the EU agencies, synergies between the European structural and investment funds (ESIF), CEF and Horizon 2020 for R&D related projects; calls for a more active involvement of Commission in the coordination of R&D projects across different European Funds;*

Or. en

Amendment 135
Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. *Believes strongly, that health- and wellbeing-related funding in FP9 should be higher than under Horizon 2020, and that necessary amounts should be allocated to mechanisms that ensure prioritisation of public research needs and a fair public return on investment.*

Amendment 136
Peter Kouroumbashev

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Commission to carry out an evaluation of the performance of its energy-related financial instruments and funds and to improve the instruments if specific gridlocks, incoherencies or ameliorations are identified;

Or. en

Amendment 137
Christian Ehler, Martina Dlabajová, Pascal Arimont, Joachim Zeller, Axel Voss, Marc Joulaud, Silvia Costa, Luigi Morgano, Helga Trüpel, Sabine Verheyen, Pervenche Berès, Patrizia Toia, Heinz K. Becker, Eva Kaili, Lieve Wierinck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9b. Calls on the Commission to develop , through the MFF, a comprehensive, coherent and long-term industrial policy framework for the cultural and creative industries, with adequate funding to CCIs in order to boost their competitiveness and enable them to fulfil their potential in terms of creating quality jobs and growth for the benefit of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 138

Christian Ehler, Pervenche Berès, Martina Dlabajová, Joachim Zeller, Axel Voss, Marc Joulaud, Silvia Costa, Luigi Morgano, Helga Trüpel, Patrizia Toia, Sabine Verheyen, Pascal Arimont, Heinz K. Becker, Eva Kaili, Lieve Wierinck

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

9c. Calls on the Commission to facilitate funding to the sector, based on the following definition of CCIs: ‘Cultural and Creative Industries are those industries that are based on cultural values, cultural diversity, individual and/or collective creativity, skills and talent with the potential to generate innovation, wealth and jobs through the creation of social and economic value, in particular from intellectual property; they include the following sectors relying on cultural and creative inputs: architecture, archives and libraries, artistic crafts, audio-visual (including film, television, software and video games, and multimedia and recorded music), cultural heritage, design, creativity-driven high-end industries and fashion, festivals, live music, performing arts, books and publishing (newspapers and magazines), radio and visual arts, and advertising’, as adopted in its own resolution on “a coherent EU policy for cultural and creative industry” of 13 December 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 139

Marian-Jean Marinescu, Jerzy Buzek, Evžen Tošenovský

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 10**

Draft opinion

Amendment

10. Emphasises that the next EU budget

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should include sufficient space-related funding to continue and further develop the EU's flagship Galileo, EGNOS and Copernicus space programmes;

should include sufficient space-related funding to continue and further develop the EU's flagship Galileo, EGNOS and Copernicus space programmes *taking into account emerging user needs and EU political priorities, in particular increasing security-related challenges;*

Or. en

Amendment 140
Dominique Riquet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Emphasises that the next EU budget should include sufficient space-related funding to continue and further develop the EU's flagship Galileo, EGNOS and Copernicus space programmes;

Amendment

10. Emphasises that the next EU budget should include sufficient space-related funding to continue and further develop the EU's flagship Galileo, EGNOS and Copernicus space programmes; *takes the view that access to space and launcher programmes should also receive adequate specific financial support;*

Or. fr

Amendment 141
Pirkko Ruohonen-Lerner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Emphasises that the next EU budget should include sufficient space-related funding to continue and further develop the EU's flagship Galileo, EGNOS and Copernicus space programmes;

Amendment

10. Emphasises that the next EU budget should include sufficient space-related funding to continue and further develop the EU's flagship Galileo, EGNOS and Copernicus space programmes; *similarly, it needs to be ensured that space programmes engender positive*

technological developments which then spread to other parts of society;

Or. fi

Amendment 142

Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Emphasises that the next EU budget should include sufficient space-related funding to continue and further develop the EU's flagship Galileo, EGNOS and Copernicus space *programmes*;

Amendment

10. Emphasises that the next EU budget should include sufficient space-related funding to continue and further develop the EU's flagship Galileo, EGNOS and Copernicus space *programmers*; *reminds that all research and innovations shall have an exclusive focus on civil applications*;

Or. en

Amendment 143

Anneleen Van Bossuyt

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Emphasises that the next EU budget should include sufficient space-related funding *to continue and further develop the EU's flagship Galileo, EGNOS and Copernicus space programmes*;

Amendment

10. Emphasises that the next EU budget should include sufficient space-related funding;

Or. en

Amendment 144

Jens Geier, Carlos Zorrinho, Miroslav Poche, Răzvan Popa, Constanze Krehl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Emphasises that the next EU budget should include sufficient space-related funding to continue and further develop the ***EU's flagship*** Galileo, EGNOS and Copernicus space ***programmes***;

Amendment

10. Emphasises that the next EU budget should include sufficient space-related funding to continue and further develop the ***EU space programmes such as*** Galileo, EGNOS and Copernicus ***in order to create EU trademarks in the*** space sector;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Anneleen Van Bossuyt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Emphasises that the next EU budget should ***include sufficient space-related funding to continue and further develop the EU's flagship Galileo, EGNOS and Copernicus space programmes***;

Amendment

10. Emphasises that the next EU budget should ***focus on the most important or urgent societal challenges such as health, climate change, employment, migration, cyber security and safety***;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Christian Ehler, Eva Kaili, Lieve Wierinck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(a) Highlights the importance of the Joint Technology Initiatives as key tools to attract and leverage private investments; reminds that large-scale projects outside the joint undertakings should also be incentivised, for example

in energy-intensive industries; stresses that Europe needs more lighthouse projects to improve its global competitiveness.

Or. en

Amendment 147
Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Notes that health is a significant issue and at the same time a basic factor in determining people's quality of life and well-being, and that it is an area currently facing major challenges that need to be researched and understood; calls on the Commission, therefore, to bolster the budget allocation for R&D in the field of health under the next framework programme;

Or. es

Amendment 148
Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10b. Points out that there are a wide range of factors which determine health, including diet, living environment and lifestyle; calls, therefore for a 'One Health' approach also to be adopted in R&D policy;

Or. es

Amendment 149
Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10c. Highlights the fact that besides improving the health of the European public through the 'One Health' vision and approach to R&D policies, there are specific challenges which require special attention owing to their prevalence and impact, such as cardiovascular disease, which is the main cause of death in Europe, and cancer;

Or. es

Amendment 150
Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10d. Notes that the Commission has adopted an Antimicrobial Resistance Action Plan, and calls for this to be allocated a budget enabling its implementation;

Or. es

Amendment 151
Anneleen Van Bossuyt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

11. Believes strongly that space-related funding in FP 9 should be higher than under Horizon 2020 and that the necessary amounts should be allocated to the future Joint Technology Initiative (JTI) on innovative materials for space equipment; calls for the establishment of an integrated GOVSATCOM ensuring cost-effective secure satellite communication services for European public authorities; recalls its long-standing position that the Space Surveillance and Tracking (SST) support framework should be converted into a Union programme and that its remit should be extended, and considers that the budget allocated to this activity should be increased accordingly;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 152

Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 11**

11. Believes strongly that space-related funding in FP 9 should be higher than under Horizon 2020 and that the necessary amounts should be allocated to the future Joint Technology Initiative (JTI) on innovative materials for space equipment; calls for the establishment of an integrated GOVSATCOM ensuring cost-effective secure satellite communication services for European public authorities; recalls its long-standing position that the Space Surveillance and Tracking (SST) support framework should be converted into a Union programme and that its remit

deleted

should be extended, and considers that the budget allocated to this activity should be increased accordingly;

Or. en

Amendment 153

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. *Believes strongly that space-related funding in FP 9 should be higher than under Horizon 2020 and that the necessary amounts should be allocated to the future Joint Technology Initiative (JTI) on innovative materials for space equipment; calls for the establishment of an integrated GOVSATCOM ensuring cost-effective secure satellite communication services for European public authorities;* recalls its long-standing position that the Space Surveillance and Tracking (SST) support framework should be converted into a Union programme and that its remit should be extended, and considers that the budget allocated to this activity should be increased accordingly;

Amendment

11. Recalls its long-standing position that the Space Surveillance and Tracking (SST) support framework should be converted into a Union programme and that its remit should be extended, and considers that the budget allocated to this activity should be increased accordingly;

Or. en

Amendment 154

Marian-Jean Marinescu

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

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funding in FP 9 should be higher than under Horizon 2020 and that the necessary amounts should be allocated to the future Joint Technology Initiative (JTI) on innovative materials for space equipment **and deorbiting, thus strengthening the competitiveness of the EU space innovation**; calls for the establishment of an integrated GOVSATCOM ensuring cost-effective secure satellite communication services for European public authorities; recalls its long-standing position that the Space Surveillance and Tracking (SST) support framework should be converted into a Union programme and that its remit should be extended, and considers that the budget allocated to this activity should be increased accordingly;

Or. en

Amendment 155

Christian Ehler, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Eva Kaili, Lieve Wierinck

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11 – point a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(a) Stresses the importance of establishing comprehensive support for coal and carbon-intensive regions in transition; emphasises that the Union's coal and carbon-intensive regions with a high share of workers in carbon-dependent sectors need targeted support to effectively contribute to this strategic transformation.

Or. en

Amendment 156

Marian-Jean Marinescu, Evžen Tošenovský

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11a. *Considers that sufficient resources should be allocated to the European Global Navigation Satellite Systems Agency (GSA) in order to support the proper and efficient management of Galileo next generation infrastructure and for supporting the downstream GNSS activities as crucial for the EU's economic competitiveness and technological innovation;*

Or. en

Amendment 157
Jens Geier, Carlos Zorrinho, Constanze Krehl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

Amendment

12. Draws attention to the European Defence Fund and the recent Commission proposal for a European defence industrial development programme which is intended to cover the period 2019-2020; **welcomes the Commission's intention to submit both a more substantial defence industrial development programme and a programme to support defence research as part of the MFF; considers that these programmes should not draw funds away from other programmes in the same heading.**

12. Draws attention to the European Defence Fund and the recent Commission proposal for a European defence industrial development programme which is intended to cover the period 2019-2020; **strongly believes that such programmes, if continued under the next MFF, should not draw funds away from other programmes and should only be funded by fresh money; reiterates Parliament's position that any new political commitments should be financed with new appropriations and not through flexibility instruments or redeployments of appropriations from existing programmes; further reiterates that additional expenses on the Union level in the field of defence research should be compensated by savings on the national**

level;

Or. en

Amendment 158

Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Draft opinion

Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. *Draws attention to* the European Defence Fund and the recent Commission proposal for a European defence industrial development programme which is intended to cover the period 2019-2020; *welcomes the Commission's intention to submit both a more substantial defence industrial development programme and a programme to support defence research as part of the MFF; considers that these programmes should not draw funds away from* other programmes *in the same heading.*

Amendment

12. *Strongly rejects further EU militarisation through* the European Defence Fund and the recent Commission proposal for a European defence industrial development programme which is intended to cover the period 2019-2020 *at the expense of* other programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 159

Pirkko Ruohonen-Lerner

Draft opinion

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similarly, it needs to be ensured that defence programmes engender positive technological developments which then spread to other parts of society;

Or. fi

Amendment 160

Christian Ehler, Barbara Kudrycka, Jerzy Buzek, Eva Kaili, Lieve Wierinck

Draft opinion

Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Draws attention to the European Defence Fund and the recent Commission proposal for a European defence industrial development programme which is intended to cover the period 2019-2020; welcomes the Commission's intention to submit both a more substantial defence industrial development programme and a programme to support defence research as part of the MFF; considers that these programmes should not draw funds away from other programmes in the same heading.

Amendment

12. Draws attention to the European Defence Fund and the recent Commission proposal for a European defence industrial development programme which is intended to cover the period 2019-2020; welcomes the Commission's intention to submit both a more substantial defence industrial development programme and a programme to support defence research as part of the MFF; considers that these programmes should not draw funds away from other programmes in the same heading ***and should not affect budgetary ambitions of civilian research in the next FP.***

Or. en

Amendment 161

Françoise Grossetête

Draft opinion

Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

Amendment

12. Draws attention to the European Defence Fund and the recent Commission proposal for a European defence industrial development programme which is intended to cover the period 2019-2020; welcomes the Commission's intention to submit both a more substantial defence industrial development programme and a programme to support defence research as part of the MFF; considers that these programmes should **not draw funds away** from other programmes in the same heading.

12. Draws attention to the European Defence Fund and the recent Commission proposal for a European defence industrial development programme which is intended to cover the period 2019-2020; welcomes the Commission's intention to submit both a more substantial defence industrial development programme and a programme to support defence research as part of the MFF; considers that, **in the next MFF**, these programmes should **be the subject of a specific budget which does not detract** from other **important** programmes in the same heading.

Or. fr

Amendment 162
Esther de Lange

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Draws attention to the European Defence Fund and the recent Commission proposal for a European defence industrial development programme which is intended to cover the period 2019-2020; welcomes the Commission's intention to submit both a more substantial defence industrial development programme and a programme to support defence research as part of the MFF; considers that these programmes should not draw funds away from other programmes in the same heading.

Amendment

12. Draws attention to the European Defence Fund and the recent Commission proposal for a European defence industrial development programme which is intended to cover the period 2019-2020; welcomes the Commission's intention to submit both a more substantial defence industrial development programme and a programme to support defence research, **to the benefit of all member states, small and large**, as part of the MFF; considers that these programmes should not draw funds away from other programmes in the same heading.

Or. en

Amendment 163
Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. *Draws attention to the* European Defence Fund and the recent Commission proposal for a European defence industrial development programme which *is intended to cover the period 2019-2020; welcomes the Commission's intention to submit both a more substantial defence industrial development programme and a programme to support defence research as part of the MFF; considers that these programmes should not draw funds away from other programmes in the same heading.*

Amendment

12. *Regrets the proposal for* European Defence Fund and the recent Commission proposal for a European defence industrial development programme which *draws away funds from important investment and innovation programmes under Heading 1a such as investments in energy and climate change. Believes that large efficiency gains can be made instead in the defence sector by dramatically improving Member States coordination and through the enforcement of the Defence Procurement Directive.*

Or. en

Amendment 164
João Ferreira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. *Draws attention to the* European Defence Fund and the recent Commission proposal for a European defence industrial development programme which is intended to cover the period 2019-2020; *welcomes the Commission's intention to submit both a more substantial* defence industrial development programme and a programme to support defence research as part of the MFF; *considers that these programmes should not draw funds away from other programmes in the same heading.*

Amendment

12. *Rejects the creation of the* European Defence Fund and the recent Commission proposal for a European defence industrial development programme which is intended to cover the period 2019-2020; *rejects, likewise, the Commission's intention to submit a* defence industrial development programme and a programme to support defence research as part of the MFF; *rules out the use for military purposes of EU resources earmarked for R&D.*

Or. pt

Amendment 165
Anneleen Van Bossuyt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Draws attention to the European Defence Fund and the recent Commission proposal for a European defence industrial development programme which is intended to cover the period 2019-2020; welcomes the Commission's intention to submit both a more substantial defence industrial development programme and a programme to support defence research as part of the MFF; *considers* that these programmes should not draw funds away from other programmes in the same heading.

Amendment

12. Draws attention to the European Defence Fund and the recent Commission proposal for a European defence industrial development programme which is intended to cover the period 2019-2020; welcomes the Commission's intention to submit both a more substantial defence industrial development programme and a programme to support defence research as part of the MFF; *stresses* that these programmes should not draw funds away from other programmes in the same heading.

Or. en

Amendment 166
Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12a. Recalls the importance of enhanced flexibility that allows the mobilisation of additional resources to respond to unforeseen situations; stresses however that intensive recourse to MFF flexibility instruments is not the best way to face complicated crises that are likely to continue; therefore an in-depth reform of the financing system of the Union towards a genuine system of own resources is needed, including new own resources, in order to reduce the share of GNI-based national contributions with a view to

abandon fair return and omit all rebate mechanisms and to make the EU budget more effective, stable, sustainable and predictable, while improving transparency for the citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 167

Barbara Kudrycka, Christian Ehler, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Jerzy Buzek, Algirdas Saudargas

Draft opinion

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12a. Recognises research and innovation gap in Europe which badly affects the EU R&I capacity, European competitiveness, EU economy and job market; calls therefore on the Commission and Member States to adapt existing instruments and financial programmes within MFF, including ESIF, as well as to propose new solutions in order to close this gap and fully use the R&I potential of all EU countries and regions.

Or. en

Amendment 168

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12a. Underlines that even if the ITER project would one day deliver, it would be too late to comply with the Paris

Agreement commitment to maintain climate change well below 2 degrees and to pursue efforts to limit it to 1.5 degrees; therefore calls for the next MFF to redirect nuclear fusion funding towards areas where research on plasma would better contribute to the EU innovation leadership and competitiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 169

Angelo Ciocca, Christelle Lechevalier, Lorenzo Fontana

Draft opinion

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12a. Points out that Union funding, because it is linked to size-based parameters and not macroeconomic fundamentals and because it is designed to address structural, not short-term, problems, cannot offer effective protection against economic shocks, such as those triggered by the financial crisis of 2007-2008;

Or. it

Amendment 170

Jerzy Buzek, Janusz Lewandowski, Barbara Kudrycka

Draft opinion

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12a. Stresses the importance of strengthening and streamlining energy and climate policy, in particular all objectives of the Energy Union, which should be supported by existing and new

instruments, including in the cohesion policy;

Or. en

Amendment 171
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12a. Invites the Commission to evaluate all assessments of different policies especially regarding the results and to use this evaluations in preparing the new MFF;

Or. en

Amendment 172
Jens Geier, Carlos Zorrinho, Miroslav Poche, Răzvan Popa, Constanze Krehl, Edouard Martin, Peter Kouroumbashev, Pervenche Berès

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12a. Calls for sufficient funding for the agencies under ITRE-remit to ensure their capacity to fulfil their tasks adequately;

Or. en

Amendment 173
Jerzy Buzek, Janusz Lewandowski, Barbara Kudrycka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12b. *Emphasises that the Union's coal-dependent regions and countries need targeted support, including adequate funds, to effectively contribute to a strategic transition to low-emission, circular economy; calls for establishing comprehensive instrument for such regions and countries in order to support a just transition, in particular through development and deployment of renewable sources, energy efficiency solutions, energy storage, electro-mobility solutions and infrastructures, modernisation of power generation and grids, advanced power generation technologies, including CCS, CCU and coal gasification, modernisation of district heating, including high-efficiency cogeneration, early adaptation to future environmental standards, restructuring of carbon dependent sectors as well as addressing societal, socio-economic and environmental impacts.*

Or. en

Amendment 174

Claude Turmes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 12 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12b. *Is convinced that the introduction of new EU own resources and revenues to the EU budget is indispensable to bring the next MFF to a level that corresponds to the actual needs and political ambitions of the Union in the ITRE related areas; recalls in this regard the report of the High Level Group on Own Resources*

adopted unanimously by all of its members, including those members appointed by the Council; demands serious consideration of the options proposed in the report such as a EU corporate income tax, an EU electricity tax or taxes from the digital single market; calls for the establishment of a link between the financing of the EU budget and policy areas where EU has triggered significant price reductions (e.g. energy policy, telecom policy) as the most efficient and market-neutral approach .

Or. en

Amendment 175

Angelo Ciocca, Christelle Lechevalier, Lorenzo Fontana

Draft opinion

Paragraph 12 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12b. *Notes that Union funding, although intended as an instrument to offset imbalances between Member States, in practice magnifies those imbalances, in that the provision of funding is based on the twin principles of co-financing and conditionality; points out, accordingly, that Union funding is a particularly underhand means by which the EU exercises control over Member-State spending policies;*

Or. it

Amendment 176

Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Draft opinion

Paragraph 12 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12b. *Points out that while acknowledging the need to consolidate and further increase flexibility within MFF, all funds, financial instruments, financial mechanisms and agencies' finances should be recorded in the union balance sheet, in full compliance with the principle of the unity of the budget and on the grounds of democratic accountability and transparency;*

Or. en

Amendment 177
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12b. *Considers that the future financial framework should provide maximum predictability and flexibility in order to allow the maximum utilisation of the committed MFF and therefore it should guarantee that any surplus resulting from under-implementation of the EU Budget and de-commitments resulting from non-implementation should be made available again in the EU budget;*

Or. en

Amendment 178
Jens Geier, Carlos Zorrinho, Miroslav Poche, Răzvan Popa, Constanze Krehl, Edouard Martin, Peter Kouroumbashev, Pervenche Berès

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12b. *Notes that the next MFF will need to consider the UK's departure from the EU and its implications for the EU budget; expresses the wish that EU programs under ITRE-remit can continue unimpeded.*

Or. en

Amendment 179

Angelo Ciocca, Christelle Lechevalier, Lorenzo Fontana

Draft opinion

Paragraph 12 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12c. *Reiterates its concerns regarding Union funds and their role in supplying concrete answers to citizens' needs and to the growing difficulties they are having to face, such as unemployment, wage deflation, economic recession, deindustrialisation, poverty and security threats; underlines the need to properly evaluate which funds could be better managed at national level in order to fully respect the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;*

Or. it

Amendment 180

Sofia Sakorafa, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft opinion

Paragraph 12 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12c. *Considers it essential, in the context of the new MFF, to ensure that*

rules are redesigned along the principles of performance-based budgeting, result-oriented management and overall simplification, in order to increase EU added value and encourage more beneficiaries to apply for EU funding;

Or. en