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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 54**

**Draft opinion**  
**Spyros Danellis**  
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on current challenges and opportunities for renewable energy on the European  
internal energy market  
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**Amendment 1**  
**Julie Girling**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Underlines the **importance** that renewable energy **should have** in Europe's energy **supply and supports** the promotion of renewables as part of the EU's climate-change strategy;

*Amendment*

1. Underlines the **important role** that renewable energy **plays** in Europe's energy **infrastructure, thus supporting** the promotion of renewables as part of the EU's climate-change strategy;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Pilar Ayuso**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Underlines the importance that renewable energy **should have** in Europe's energy supply and supports the promotion of renewables as part of the EU's climate-change strategy;

*Amendment*

1. Underlines the importance that renewable energy **has** in Europe's energy supply and supports the promotion of renewables as part of the EU's climate-change strategy;

Or. es

**Amendment 3**  
**Britta Reimers**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Underlines the **importance** that renewable energy should have in Europe's energy supply and supports the promotion

*Amendment*

1. Underlines the **economically significant role** that renewable energy should have in Europe's energy supply and supports the

of renewables as part of the EU's climate-change strategy;

promotion of renewables as part of the EU's climate-change strategy;

Or. de

**Amendment 4**  
**Béla Glattfelder**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Stresses that dependence on imported fossil fuels entails ever growing political and environmental risks, that obtaining them is increasingly costly to the Member States and consumers, and that therefore renewable energy produced in Europe should play a larger role in achieving energy security for the European Union;***

Or. hu

**Amendment 5**  
**Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Emphasises the importance of enhancing the security of energy supply at affordable prices in view of the major challenges facing society today; both the security of energy supply and climate change have implications for foreign and security policies;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 6**  
**Béla Glattfelder**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1b. Stresses that the industry requires a predictable policy, and therefore condemns the Commission's unpredictable policy, which is contrary to the principle of justified expectations, in the field of renewable energy, particularly with regard to the regulation of biofuels;***

Or. hu

**Amendment 7**  
**Béla Glattfelder**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1c. Calls on the European Union to assign the Member States new, binding renewable energy targets for the period after 2020;***

Or. hu

**Amendment 8**  
**Béla Glattfelder**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1d. Observes that energy efficiency, energy saving and use of renewable energy sources improve the European***

*Union's international competitiveness;*

Or. hu

**Amendment 9**  
**Béla Glattfelder**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1e. Observes that support for renewable energy promotes the international competitiveness of this industry;*

Or. hu

**Amendment 10**  
**Alyn Smith**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

2. Points to the importance of *gradually* achieving a European energy market for renewables that would allow alternative energy sources to become competitive on a sustainable basis;

2. Points to the importance of *swiftly* achieving a European energy market for renewables that would allow alternative energy sources to become competitive on a sustainable basis;

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Pilar Ayuso**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Points to the importance of gradually **achieving a** European energy market **for renewables that** would **allow alternative energy sources to** become competitive on a sustainable basis;

*Amendment*

2. Points to the importance of gradually **integrating renewables into the** European energy market **so they** would become competitive on a sustainable basis; **aid for renewables should be of limited duration, with provision for adjustments thereto as the various technologies mature;**

Or. es

**Amendment 12**

**Peter Jahr**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Points to the importance of gradually achieving a European energy market for renewables **that would allow** alternative energy sources **to** become competitive on a sustainable basis;

*Amendment*

2. Points to the importance of gradually achieving a European energy market for renewables **in which** alternative energy sources become competitive on a sustainable basis **and economic in the medium term without public subsidies;**

Or. de

**Amendment 13**

**Julie Girling**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. **Points to** the importance of **gradually achieving a** European energy market **for renewables that would allow alternative energy sources to become competitive on a sustainable basis;**

*Amendment*

2. **Emphasises** the importance of **developing strategies in the** European Renewable Energy Market **which promote sustainability and competitiveness;**

**Amendment 14**  
**Britta Reimers**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Points to the importance of gradually **achieving** a European energy market for renewables **that would allow** alternative energy sources **to become competitive on a sustainable basis**;

*Amendment*

2. Points to the importance of gradually **facilitating** a European energy market for renewables **in which** alternative energy sources **can compete**;

**Amendment 15**  
**Riikka Manner, Marian Harkin**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Points to the importance of gradually achieving a European energy market for renewables that would allow alternative energy sources to become competitive on a sustainable basis;

*Amendment*

2. Points to the importance of gradually achieving a European energy market for renewables that would allow alternative energy sources to become competitive on a sustainable basis; **points to the importance of self-sufficiency in energy and to the significant role of European renewable energy sources, including slowly renewable sources, for the rural areas**;

**Amendment 16**  
**Alyn Smith**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Condemns those national and regional governments which have cut their financial support to renewables through the Feed In Tariff and other mechanisms; considers such actions detrimental to achieving the EU renewable and carbon emission reduction targets, more costly in the long run due to the financial impact of climate change, and creating uncertainty for investors in renewables;***

Or. en

**Amendment 17**

**Alyn Smith**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3. Stresses, however, the challenges involved in promoting and achieving sustainable use of renewables in line with climate, renewable energy and biodiversity targets, as well as with site-specific environmental requirements;***

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 18**

**Britta Reimers**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

3. Stresses, however, the ***challenges***

3. Stresses, however, the ***problems***

involved in promoting and achieving sustainable use of renewables in line with climate, **renewable energy and** biodiversity targets, as well as with site-specific environmental requirements;

involved in promoting and achieving sustainable use of renewables in line with climate, **resource efficiency, biodiversity and the EU's Horizon 2020** targets, as well as with site-specific environmental requirements;

Or. de

**Amendment 19**  
**Julie Girling**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3a. Stresses that, given the forecasted increase of the global population between now and 2050 of nearly 2 billion people, competition for land, water and energy will intensify, putting producers under considerable pressure;**

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Pilar Ayuso**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4. Emphasises that energy policy should not promote the production and use of renewable resources to the detriment of environmental sustainability;**

**4. Recalls that energy policy already contains sustainability criteria for biofuels, making them from an environmental point of view preferable to the oil-based fuels they are replacing;**

Or. es

**Amendment 21**  
**Peter Jahr**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Emphasises that energy policy should not promote the production and use of renewable resources to the detriment of environmental sustainability;

*Amendment*

4. Emphasises that energy policy should not promote the production and use of renewable resources to the detriment of environmental sustainability ***and that resource efficiency, in particular, must therefore be one of the aspects taken into account,***

Or. de

**Amendment 22**  
**Riikka Manner, Marit Paulsen, Kent Johansson, Marian Harkin, George Lyon**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Emphasises that energy policy should not promote the production and use of renewable resources to the detriment of environmental sustainability;

*Amendment*

4. Emphasises that energy policy should not promote the production and use of renewable resources to the detriment of environmental sustainability; ***Stresses the importance of resource efficiency in energy consumption and production on a farm level; reminds the potential of livestock farm biogas system development based on biowaste;***

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Britta Reimers**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Emphasises that energy policy should not promote the production and use of renewable resources to the detriment of environmental sustainability;

*Amendment*

4. Emphasises that energy policy should not promote the production and use of renewable resources to the detriment of **social, economic and** environmental sustainability;

Or. de

**Amendment 24**  
**Béla Glattfelder**

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

*Draft opinion*

**5. Calls on the EU to guarantee that the promotion of renewable resources in the production and use of energy will not jeopardise food security or high-quality sustainable food production;**

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. hu

**Amendment 25**  
**Julie Girling**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Calls on the EU to **guarantee that the promotion of renewable resources in the production and use of** energy will not jeopardise food security or high-quality sustainable food production;

*Amendment*

5. Calls on the EU to **promote the use and production of renewable** energy resources **that** will not jeopardise food security or high-quality sustainable food production;

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Alyn Smith**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Calls on the EU to guarantee that the promotion of renewable resources in the production and use of energy will not jeopardise food security *or* high-quality sustainable food production;

*Amendment*

5. Calls on the EU to guarantee that the promotion of renewable resources in the production and use of energy will not jeopardise food security, high-quality sustainable food production, *or create grain monocultures for the production of biofuels/biogas*;

Or. en

**Amendment 27**  
**Britta Reimers**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Calls on the EU to guarantee that the promotion of renewable resources in the production and use of energy will not jeopardise food security *or* high-quality sustainable food production;

*Amendment*

5. Calls on the EU to guarantee that the promotion of renewable resources in the production and use of energy will not jeopardise food security, high-quality sustainable food production *or agricultural competitiveness*;

Or. de

**Amendment 28**  
**Rareş-Lucian Niculescu**

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

*Draft opinion*

*5. Calls on the EU to guarantee that the*

*Amendment*

*5. Draws attention to the need for*

*promotion of renewable resources in the production and use of energy will not jeopardise food security or high-quality sustainable food production;*

*cohesive policies that strike a balance between the promotion of renewable resources and sustainable food production;*

Or. ro

**Amendment 29**  
**Julie Girling**

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

*Draft opinion*

6. Acknowledges *that a great* challenge facing agriculture *is to identify effective mitigation measures that do not have a negative impact on agricultural productivity, or that even* have a positive one;

*Amendment*

6. Acknowledges *the* challenge facing agriculture *in the renewable energy field, and the effort that must be made to ensure that its production does not* have a negative impact on agricultural productivity;

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Britta Reimers**

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

*Draft opinion*

6. Acknowledges that a great challenge facing agriculture is to identify *effective mitigation* measures that do not have a negative impact on agricultural productivity, or that even have a positive one;

*Amendment*

6. Acknowledges that a great challenge facing agriculture is to identify measures *to promote resource efficiency* that do not have a negative impact on agricultural productivity, or that even have a positive one;

Or. de

**Amendment 31**  
**Pilar Ayuso**

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

*Draft opinion*

6. Acknowledges that a great challenge facing agriculture is to identify effective **mitigation** measures that do not have a negative impact on **agricultural productivity**, or that even have a positive one;

*Amendment*

6. Acknowledges that a great challenge facing agriculture is to identify effective **climate change** measures that do not have a negative impact on **food production**, or that even have a positive one;

Or. es

**Amendment 32**  
**Pilar Ayuso**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6a. Points to the importance of research and technological development in order to encourage the production of second generation biofuels; stresses the importance of these biofuels are important in preventing adverse effects on food markets;**

Or. es

**Amendment 33**  
**Alyn Smith**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7. Calls on the EU to ensure that energy**

**deleted**

*measures to develop alternative fuels are not directly or indirectly incompatible with World Trade Organisation (WTO) commitments and do not expose the EU to acts of retaliation;*

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Julie Girling**

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

*Draft opinion*

7. Calls on the EU to ensure that energy measures *to develop* alternative fuels are *not directly or indirectly incompatible* with World Trade Organisation (WTO) commitments *and do not expose the EU to acts of retaliation;*

*Amendment*

7. Calls on the EU to ensure that energy measures *in the development of* alternative fuels are *compatible* with World Trade Organisation (WTO) commitments;

Or. en

**Amendment 35**  
**Britta Reimers**

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

*Draft opinion*

7. Calls on the EU to ensure that energy measures to develop alternative fuels are not directly or indirectly incompatible with World Trade Organisation (WTO) commitments and do not expose the EU to acts of retaliation;

*Amendment*

7. Calls on the EU to ensure that energy measures to develop alternative fuels are not directly or indirectly incompatible with World Trade Organisation (WTO) commitments and do not expose the EU to acts of retaliation *or limit agricultural diversity;*

Or. de

**Amendment 36**  
**Julie Girling**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Notes that a number of elements of the food system are vulnerable to higher energy costs and this could create an adverse effect for producers and consumers;***

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Rareş-Lucian Niculescu**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

8. Stresses that a sound renewable energy strategy should regard ***reduction of waste and*** energy saving as fundamental objectives, in addition to that of making better use of renewable energy resources;

8. Stresses that a sound renewable energy strategy should regard ***the efficient processing of agricultural, urban and household waste, and of forestry residues, as well as*** energy saving, as fundamental objectives, in addition to that of making better use of renewable energy resources;

Or. ro

**Amendment 38**  
**Pilar Ayuso**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

8. Stresses that a sound renewable energy strategy should ***regard reduction*** of waste

8. Stresses that a sound renewable energy strategy should ***go hand in hand with***

*and energy saving as fundamental objectives, in addition to that of making better use of renewable energy resources;*

*appropriate management of agricultural waste to develop second generation biofuels;*

Or. es

**Amendment 39**  
**Rareş-Lucian Niculescu**

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

*Draft opinion*

9. Is aware of the role that innovation provisions under the CAP reform proposals for Rural Development should play in researching and disseminating techniques for sustainable production and uses for renewable energy and waste;

*Amendment*

9. Is aware of the role that innovation provisions under the CAP reform proposals for Rural Development should play ***in the development of new types of crop with high energy potential, and*** in researching and disseminating techniques for sustainable production and uses for renewable energy and waste;

Or. ro

**Amendment 40**  
**Alyn Smith**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***9a. Urges Member States and sub-national governments to take advantage of the provisions in Article 21 of the Rural Development Regulation on basic rural services to invest in community owned and run renewable systems for electricity and heat, with local retention and sharing of profits for re-investment in community infrastructure and services;***

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Rareș-Lucian Niculescu**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***9a. Emphasises the importance of policies in respect of energy crops being predictable and cohesive;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 42**  
**Béla Glattfelder**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***9a. Welcomes the fact that, in connection with the Europe 2020 Strategy, the Commission wishes to allocate at least 25% of rural development funding to combating climate change and thus, inter alia, supporting renewable energy, in the 2014-2020 budget period;***

Or. hu

**Amendment 43**  
**Pilar Ayuso**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

10. Acknowledges the importance of promoting and encouraging the

10. Acknowledges the importance of promoting and encouraging the

development of on-farm sources of alternative energy, *especially on a small scale*, and of disseminating the relevant methods to farmers and consumers alike;

development of on-farm sources of alternative energy, and of disseminating the relevant methods to farmers and consumers alike;

Or. es

**Amendment 44**  
**Riikka Manner, Marian Harkin, Kent Johansson**

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

*Draft opinion*

10. *Acknowledges* the importance of promoting and encouraging the development of on-farm sources of alternative energy, especially on a small scale, and of disseminating the relevant methods to farmers and consumers alike;

*Amendment*

10. *Stresses* the importance of promoting and encouraging the development of on-farm sources of alternative energy *and decentralised production*, especially on a small scale, and of disseminating the relevant methods to farmers, *small rural enterprises* and consumers alike;

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Britta Reimers**

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

*Draft opinion*

10. Acknowledges the importance of *promoting and encouraging* the development of on-farm sources of alternative energy, *especially on a small scale, and of disseminating the relevant methods to farmers and consumers alike*;

*Amendment*

10. Acknowledges the importance of the development of on-farm sources of alternative energy;

Or. de

**Amendment 46**  
**Julie Girling**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Draft opinion*

11. Emphasises the contribution that *cooperation among farmers might make to a successful outcome for the policy for promoting renewable resources.*

*Amendment*

11. Emphasises the *important* contribution that *farmers make in the promotion of a successful renewable energy policy.*

Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Draft opinion*

11. Emphasises the contribution that cooperation among farmers might make to a successful outcome for the policy for promoting renewable resources.

*Amendment*

11. Emphasises the contribution that cooperation among farmers might make to a successful outcome for the policy for promoting renewable resources, *and to the addressing, along with the EU Member States, of issues relating to the protection of critical infrastructure in many Member States within the energy system.*

Or. ro

**Amendment 48**  
**Alyn Smith**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*11a. Calls on the European Investment Bank to create rolling funds through financial intermediaries to provide the necessary start up capital, and technical support, for farm-based and community*

*owned micro-and small-scale renewable electricity and heat generation, the profits of which can be re-invested in additional schemes;*

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Riikka Manner, Kent Johansson, Marian Harkin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*11a. Points out that the 2020 renewable energy targets set in the Renewable Energy Directive for the EU as a whole as well as for Member States have spurred renewable energy use in Europe and European countryside; considers that, to establish policy on a long-term footing and strengthen the security of investment, the EU must, as soon as possible, put forward new targets for the period beyond 2020;*

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Béla Glattfelder**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*11a. Observes that agriculture and rural areas have the potential to provide a significant proportion of renewable energy production, and therefore considers that the new policy on agriculture and rural development should promote the production of renewable*

*energies.*

Or. hu

**Amendment 51**  
**Alyn Smith**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***11b. Calls on Member States and sub national governments with the requisite competence to make the construction of on-farm capacity for generation of renewable sources of heat or electricity, of the farmer's choice, mandatory wherever practically possible; such capacity could include wind turbines, solar panels, anaerobic digesters, wood chip fuel or heat pumps; the renewable generation would either be for on-farm use, or for exporting off-farm to the electricity grid, or both, and therefore would cut farm energy bills and add a valuable additional revenue stream; calls on public authorities to provide the necessary financial and technical support to make this mandate happen;***

Or. en

**Amendment 52**  
**Riikka Manner, Marian Harkin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***11b. Points out that bioenergy is the main renewable energy source in the EU; considers it important that the***

*Commission's plans regarding sustainability criteria for solid biomass should not impede the use of sustainable bioenergy generated in the EU and Member States and that the possible criteria should be based primarily on existing legislation and inventory and monitoring tools; points out that when drawing up sustainability criteria for biomass, it is necessary to cover – in addition to ecological sustainability – other areas of sustainable development such as economic and social sustainability, and the corresponding effects of alternative energy sources also have to be considered;*

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Béla Glattfelder**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*11b. Stresses that the new agricultural policy should provide a stronger incentive for biomass production, as the role of biomass in National Renewable Energy Action Plans drawn up by Member States to attain the binding renewable energy targets for the year 2020 is significant – close to 50%.*

Or. hu

**Amendment 54**  
**Béla Glattfelder**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***11c. Observes that it is necessary to eliminate the obstacles to the more widespread use of renewable energy.***

Or. hu