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AMENDMENTS

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Theodoros Zagorakis
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Boosting growth and cohesion in EU border regions
(COM(2017)0534 – 2018/2054(INI))

Amendment 1

Marlene Mizzi, Krystyna Lybacka, Silvia Costa, Momchil Nekov, Julie Ward, Luigi Morgano, Liliana Rodrigues, Sylvie Guillaume, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Draft opinion

Paragraph –1 (new)

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-1. Recognises the challenges faced by border regions and stresses that socioeconomic disparities, including cultural and language differences, between different border regions can hinder integration, restrict interaction and scale down opportunities for people and businesses on both sides of the border;

Or. en

Amendment 2

Marlene Mizzi, Krystyna Lybacka, Silvia Costa, Momchil Nekov, Julie Ward, Luigi Morgano, Liliana Rodrigues, Sylvie Guillaume, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Draft opinion

Paragraph –1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1a. Emphasises that the EU has contributed positively to the development of border regions and that future funding programmes should continue in the most effective and efficient manner, focusing on areas of particular high European added value ensuring that solving border difficulties is at the heart of cross-border cooperation programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 3

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

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-1b. Stipulates that cohesion policy should continue to support vulnerable and marginalised people, addressing growing inequalities and building solidarity through investments in education, training and culture, by paying particular attention to cross-border cooperation programmes focused on the existing cultural, territorial and administrative obstacles and future challenges in those regions;

Or. en

**Amendment 4
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Paragraph –1 c (new)**

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-1c. Emphasises that EU borders comprise both land and maritime borders to be taken into account; Hence encourages the Commission to look at the challenges faced by maritime border regions in order to allow for a holistic analysis of the obstacles faced by all border regions, as well as the potential cooperation and growth of all borders regions;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Silvia Costa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 6
Morten Messerschmidt, Rupert Matthews

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Or. en

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Amendment

1. Highlights the importance of cross-border cooperation programmes in funding educational, cultural, sporting and other activities whose European added value brings citizens closer, fosters mutual trust *and understanding and helps to address different prejudice and stereotypes* in border regions; stresses, in this regard, *that measures at EU level in cooperation with Member States, regions and other stakeholders are required to better use the potential of border regions and that* the large number of INTERREG projects devoted to culture, which proves that there is a strong desire among border regions to invest in joint cultural projects; reiterates, therefore, its view that EU financial

support *is crucial* for these initiatives *and* should *therefore* be further strengthened in the next MFF;

Or. en

Amendment 8 **Luigi Morgano**

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Or. it

Amendment 9 **Dominique Bilde**

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border cooperation programmes in funding educational, cultural, sporting and other activities *which cement* mutual trust in border regions; stresses, in this regard, the large number of INTERREG projects devoted to culture, which proves that there is a strong desire among border regions to invest in joint cultural projects, *without losing sight of the distinctive features of each Member State;*

Or. fr

Amendment 10
Theodoros Zagorakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

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Amendment

1a. Points out the complexities of the current framework on cross-border cooperation programmes as well as the structural difficulties and administrative burdens that potential beneficiaries encounter during the preparation of these projects; welcomes, in this regard, the simplification measures put forward for the post-2020 period and considers them as an important step to simplify and improve the implementation and accessibility of cross-border cooperation programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Isabella Adinolfi

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Paragraph 1 a (new)

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Amendment

1a. Recalls the importance of culture and cultural heritage in relation to the economic prosperity of cities and regions and, therefore, calls on the Member States to adopt all the necessary measures to effectively safeguard and promote their tangible and intangible cultural heritage and to use in this regard all the available tools of the cohesion policy;

Or. en

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Paragraph 1 a (new)

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Amendment

1a. Calls for a new information strategy on cross-border and regional cooperation in order to get closer to inhabitants of these regions, to increase their awareness of the opportunities that the EU cross-border programmes bring, and thus to contribute to change attitudes towards more open regional and cross-border mindedness;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Theodoros Zagorakis, Stefano Maullu, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Marc Joulaud, Francis Zammit Dimech

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Paragraph 1 a (new)

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Amendment

1a. Emphasizes the importance of sport for the economic and social development of cross-border regions, as demonstrated by the numerous territorial cooperation projects that used sport as a tool for social and cultural integration;

Or. en

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Paragraph 1 b (new)

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Amendment

1b. Encourages young people to act, participate and be involved in all aspects of regional and cross-border society development; Supports youth cross-border ideas and activities such as creating platforms for exchange of ideas and good practice, raising awareness and exchanging information on cross-border cooperation and spreading information through social and other media to improve youth participation and possibilities in cross-border project;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Theodoros Zagorakis

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Paragraph 1 b (new)

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Amendment

1b. Stresses the lack of information

about EU-funded opportunities on cross-border cooperation programmes in the EU border regions; calls on the Member States to improve the dissemination of information on cross-border issues, e.g. by creating one-stop-shops;

Or. en

Amendment 16

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Paragraph 1 b (new)

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Amendment

1b. Stresses the need of a more substantial economic commitment to the promotion of cross-border sports activities and in particular for the construction of small-scale infrastructures for grass-roots sports;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Isabella Adinolfi

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Paragraph 1 b (new)

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Amendment

1b. Calls on the Commission to consider culture and education as a horizontal priority for the next generation of programmes of the cohesion policy;

Or. en

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Paragraph 1 c (new)

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1c. Strongly supports cross-border projects and programmes in improving youth education, employability, inclusion and participation of young people in society by tackling social problems that young people face in border regions, such as unemployment and radicalisation; Requires more systematic cooperation across border regions to improve employment, education, training, culture, sport and other social policies for young people;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Morten Messerschmidt, Rupert Matthews

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Amendment

2. Underlines the fact that language barriers are still an important obstacle to cross-border cooperation, especially in border areas without a longstanding tradition of cooperation; believes that a more targeted use of ESI funds can support the systematic promotion of multilingualism in education and training in border regions, from early childhood education onwards;

2. Underlines the fact that language barriers are still an important obstacle to cross-border cooperation, especially in border areas without a longstanding tradition of cooperation; ***notes that the language is an important factor enhancing trust and helping to mitigate sociocultural difficulties***; believes that a more targeted use of ESI funds can support the systematic promotion of multilingualism in education and training in border regions, from early childhood education onwards;

Amendment 20
Jill Evans

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2. Underlines the fact that language barriers are still an important obstacle to cross-border cooperation, especially in border areas without a longstanding tradition of cooperation; believes that a more targeted use of ESI funds can support the systematic promotion of multilingualism in education and training in border regions, from early childhood education onwards;

Amendment

2. Underlines the fact that language barriers are still an important obstacle to cross-border cooperation, especially in border areas without a longstanding tradition of cooperation; believes that a more targeted use of ESI funds can support the systematic promotion of multilingualism in education and training in border regions, from early childhood education onwards, ***as well as increased funding for language technologies in border regions, as this can vastly improve communication;***

Amendment 21
Dominique Bilde

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2. Underlines the fact that language barriers are ***still an important obstacle to cross-border cooperation, especially in border areas without a longstanding tradition of cooperation;*** believes that a more targeted use of ESI funds can support the ***systematic*** promotion of multilingualism in education and training in border regions, from early childhood education onwards;

Amendment

2. Underlines the fact that language barriers are ***intrinsically bound up with the existence of nation-states as such;*** believes that a more targeted use of ESI funds can support the promotion of multilingualism in education and training in border regions, ***possibly*** from early childhood education onwards;

Amendment 22

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Amendment

2. Underlines the fact that language barriers are still an important obstacle to cross-border cooperation, especially in border areas without a longstanding tradition of cooperation; believes that a more targeted use of ESI funds can support the systematic promotion, ***also through the organization of sporting and cultural events***, of multilingualism in education and training in border regions, from early childhood education onwards;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Silvia Costa

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Amendment

2. Underlines the fact that language barriers are still an important obstacle to cross-border cooperation, especially in border areas without a longstanding tradition of cooperation; believes that a more targeted use of ESI funds can support the systematic promotion of multilingualism ***and European language diversity*** in education and training in border regions, from early childhood education onwards;

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Paragraph 2 a (new)

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Amendment

2a. Believes that cross-border cooperation between education and training institutions should be reinforced by facilitating cross-border school visits and extracurricular activities for children from a very young age in order to provide children with a unique opportunity, that goes beyond the class room, to have a direct contact and a first-hand experience with the diversity of cultures, languages and history of their neighbours;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Dominique Bilde

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Points out, however, that the Member States remain responsible for their education policies and that, secondly, the promotion of multilingualism depends on how far individual Member States can afford to develop education systems of this kind while ensuring genuinely equal access for their citizens, whatever their social and economic situation;

Amendment 26
Jill Evans

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. *Notes that some border areas share a common language that is not an official EU language; believes that increased levels of funding for teaching and promoting lesser-used cross-border languages would strengthen cooperation, increase mobility across borders and enrich the cultural diversity and heritage of those areas;*

Or. en

Amendment 27
Dominique Bilde

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. *Points out that the promotion of multilingualism in border regions has to contend with several obstacles over and above the difficulty regarding public finances, including the ever more manifest predominance of English, the lingua franca which, as such, is frequently championed as the preferred language to learn; notes that some bilingual countries, for example Belgium, are finding it increasingly difficult to promote and maintain a satisfactory level of bilingualism on their territory, not least because of the competition from English*

within education;

Or. fr

Amendment 28
Dominique Bilde

Draft opinion
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3. ***Calls on*** the Member States ***to*** facilitate cross-border partnerships between education and training institutions in border regions in order to promote the mobility of students, teachers, trainers and administrative staff, as well as doctoral candidates and researchers; underlines that the use of multilingualism within such cross-border partnerships can prepare graduates to enter the employment market on both sides of the border; ***urges*** the Member States ***to*** facilitate and encourage the mutual recognition and better understanding of diplomas and professional qualifications between neighbouring regions;

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3. ***Suggests that*** the Member States facilitate cross-border partnerships between education and training institutions in border regions in order to promote the mobility of students, teachers, trainers and administrative staff, as well as doctoral candidates and researchers, ***with the primary aim of transferring knowledge;*** ***also*** underlines that the use of multilingualism within such cross-border partnerships can prepare graduates to enter the employment market on both sides of the border, ***but that this opportunity must not, however, come to resemble a mass labour recruitment drive prompted by differences in wages and unemployment rates from one Member State to another;*** ***suggests that*** the Member States facilitate and encourage the mutual recognition and better understanding of diplomas and professional qualifications between neighbouring regions ***under a system of equivalence based on objective quality criteria;***

Or. fr

Amendment 29
Francis Zammit Dimech

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3. Calls on the Member States to facilitate cross-border partnerships between education and training institutions in border regions in order to promote the mobility of students, teachers, trainers and administrative staff, as well as doctoral candidates and researchers; underlines that the use of multilingualism within such cross-border partnerships can prepare graduates to enter the employment market on both sides of the border; urges the Member States to facilitate and encourage the mutual recognition and better understanding of diplomas and professional qualifications between neighbouring regions;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to facilitate cross-border partnerships between education and training institutions in border regions in order to promote the mobility of students, teachers, trainers and administrative staff, as well as doctoral candidates and researchers; underlines that the use of multilingualism within such cross-border partnerships can prepare graduates to enter the employment market on both sides of the border; urges the Member States to facilitate and encourage the mutual recognition and better understanding of diplomas and professional qualifications between neighbouring regions; ***Importance must also be given to Regional Minority Languages (RMLs) which are always at risk of endangerment if strong linguistic policies are not put in place. European-level funding should continue toward the preservation and support of regional minority languages;***

Or. en

Amendment 30

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Or. en

Amendment 31 **Silvia Costa**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 3**

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3. Calls on the Member States to facilitate cross-border partnerships ***between*** education and training institutions in border regions in order to promote the mobility of students, teachers, trainers and administrative staff, as well as doctoral candidates and researchers; underlines that the use of multilingualism within such cross-border partnerships can prepare graduates to enter the employment market on both sides of the border; urges the Member States to facilitate and encourage the mutual recognition and better understanding of diplomas and professional qualifications between neighbouring regions;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to facilitate cross-border ***and interregional*** partnerships ***among*** education and training institutions ***and between them and enterprises*** in border regions, in order to promote the mobility of students, teachers, trainers and administrative staff, as well as doctoral candidates and researchers, ***including Vocational Education and Training (VET) systems***; underlines that the use of multilingualism within such cross-border ***and interregional*** partnerships can prepare graduates to enter the employment market on both sides of the border ***or in other regions***; urges the Member States to facilitate and encourage the mutual recognition and better understanding of diplomas and professional qualifications between neighbouring regions;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Theodoros Zagorakis

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Or. en

Amendment 33
Morten Messerschmidt, Rupert Matthews

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Or. en

Amendment 34
Isabella Adinolfi

Draft opinion
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Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 35
Morten Messerschmidt, Rupert Matthews

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Paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 (new)

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Amendment

Calls on the Commission to facilitate cross-border initiatives and different types of exchanges, intercultural and educational activities aimed at better awareness of citizens about legislative and administrative requirements in border regions as well as at improvement of cooperation between local administrations, cultural and educational institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Dominique Bilde

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Deplores the fact that cross-border flows are often one-way traffic, benefiting countries with high wage levels and low unemployment rates; points out that this situation might have a long-term impact on the Member States' socio-economic equilibrium and growth potential, since they could be deprived of their lifeblood; maintains that any European mobility programme aimed at border regions has to be matched by incentives to return;

Or. fr

Amendment 37
Theodoros Zagorakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Urges the Member States to facilitate and encourage the mutual recognition and better understanding of certificates, diplomas, vocational training and professional qualifications between neighbouring regions; encourages therefore the inclusion of specific skills in the curriculum with the objective of increasing the chances for employment across the border;

Or. en

Amendment 38

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Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3a. Encourages pooling of joint public services and efforts in neighbouring border regions to develop a series of targeted interventions to support low skilled or low-qualified adults in border regions and to help them improve their literacy, numeracy and digital skills by acquiring a broader set of competences and higher qualifications;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Dominique Bilde

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 b (new)

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3b. Points out that because of the influx of cross-border workers, some authorities might be called upon to shoulder an additional administrative burden and incur new expenditure arising out of, say, transport infrastructure needs and that, in this particular case, fair and even-handed financing solutions should be worked out between Member States;

Or. fr

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Paragraph 3 b (new)

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3b. Encourages cross-border cooperation and programmes for dual vocational training among different border regions; Is of the opinion that better cross-border cooperation and investment in skills in border regions will help improve the existing skills gap, reduce poverty, unemployment and social exclusion and will help tackle skill shortages and the brain drain in those peripheral areas;

Or. en

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Marlene Mizzi, Krystyna Łybacka, Silvia Costa, Momchil Nekov, Julie Ward, Luigi Morgano, Liliana Rodrigues, Sylvie Guillaume, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

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Paragraph 3 c (new)

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3c. Believes that multiculturalism is particularly relevant for border regions; Strongly encourages cross-border cultural cooperation within and between border regions by enhancing the collaboration between creative people and the cultural actors, such as artists and representatives of cultural organizations, administrations and networks in specific cross-border and trans-European projects;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Silvia Costa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Is of the opinion that a strong cross-border cooperation in the area of cultural and creative industries (CCIs) can help to create socio-economic value, growth and jobs (also via clustering of enterprises), while also building bridges, increasing mutual understanding and forging a European consciousness through joint initiatives on cultural heritage-related projects;

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4. Is of the opinion that a strong cross-border ***and interregional*** cooperation in the area of cultural and creative industries (CCIs) can help to create socio-economic value, growth and jobs (also via clustering of enterprises), while also building bridges, increasing mutual understanding, ***answering common challenges, reinforcing cultural diplomacy*** and forging a European consciousness through joint initiatives on cultural heritage-related projects; ***stresses on the importance of CCIs in the economy and job creation, in promoting and preserving cultural diversity, in strengthening social cohesion, in playing a key role in reindustrializing Europe and triggering innovation spill-overs in many other sectors, from manufacturing to education or social inclusion;***

Or. en

Amendment 43

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Paragraph 4

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4. Is of the opinion that a strong cross-border cooperation in the area of cultural and creative industries (CCIs) can help to create socio-economic value, growth and jobs (also via clustering of enterprises), while also building bridges, increasing mutual understanding and forging a European consciousness through joint initiatives on cultural heritage-related projects;

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4. ***Reiterates that mobility of artists and culture professionals has become invaluable in the promotion of Europe's cultural and social progress and development of regional, national and European cultural heritage;*** Is of the opinion that a strong cross-border cooperation in the area of cultural and creative industries (CCIs) can help to create socio-economic value, growth and jobs (also via clustering of enterprises), while also building bridges, increasing mutual understanding and forging a European consciousness through joint initiatives on cultural heritage-related projects;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Luigi Morgano

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4. Is of the opinion that a strong cross-border cooperation in the area of cultural and creative industries (CCIs) can help to create socio-economic value, growth and jobs (***also via clustering of enterprises***), while also building bridges, increasing mutual understanding and forging a European consciousness through joint initiatives on ***cultural heritage-related projects***;

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4. Is of the opinion that a strong cross-border cooperation in the area of cultural and creative industries (CCIs), ***focusing especially on micro-enterprises and SMEs (also via clustering of enterprises)***, can help to create socio-economic value, growth and jobs, ***in particular for young people***, while also ***preserving and promoting European cultural and linguistic diversity***, building bridges,

increasing mutual understanding and forging a European consciousness through joint initiatives on *projects related to tangible and intangible cultural heritage*;

Or. it

Amendment 45
Isabella Adinolfi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Is of the opinion that a strong cross-border cooperation in the area of cultural and creative industries (CCIs) can help to create socio-economic value, *growth* and jobs (also via clustering of enterprises), while also building bridges, increasing mutual understanding and forging a European *consciousness* through joint initiatives on cultural heritage-related projects;

Amendment

4. Is of the opinion that a strong cross-border cooperation in the area of cultural and creative industries (CCIs) can help to create socio-economic value *as well as foster cultural diversity and innovation, economic prosperity* and jobs (also via clustering of enterprises, *especially SMEs*), while also building bridges *between citizens*, increasing mutual understanding and forging a European *community of citizens united in diversity by the ties of solidarity* through joint initiatives on cultural heritage-related projects;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Morten Messerschmidt, Rupert Matthews

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Is of the opinion that a strong cross-border cooperation in the area of cultural and creative industries (CCIs) can help to create socio-economic value, growth and jobs (also via clustering of enterprises),

Amendment

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while also building bridges, increasing mutual understanding and forging a European consciousness through joint initiatives on cultural heritage-related projects;

while also building bridges, increasing mutual understanding and forging a European consciousness through joint initiatives on cultural heritage-related projects *by means of joint child-care facilities, accessible multilingual education, partnerships with educational institutions, and other relevant stakeholders.*

Or. en

Amendment 47
Jill Evans

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Is of the opinion that a strong cross-border cooperation in the area of cultural and creative industries (CCIs) can help to create socio-economic value, growth and jobs (also via clustering of enterprises), while also building bridges, increasing mutual understanding and forging a European consciousness through joint initiatives on cultural heritage-related projects;

Amendment

4. Is of the opinion that a strong cross-border cooperation in the area of cultural and creative industries (CCIs), *including NGOs and small associations*, can help to create socio-economic value, growth and jobs (also via clustering of enterprises), while also building bridges, increasing mutual understanding and forging a European consciousness through joint initiatives on cultural heritage-related projects;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Julie Ward

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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and creative industries (CCIs) can help to create socio-economic value, growth and jobs (also via clustering of enterprises), while also building bridges, increasing mutual understanding and forging a European consciousness through joint initiatives on cultural heritage-related projects;

and creative industries (CCIs) can help to create socio-economic value, **sustainable** growth and jobs (also via clustering of enterprises), while also building bridges, increasing mutual understanding and forging a European consciousness through joint initiatives on cultural heritage-related projects;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Giorgos Grammatikakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Is of the opinion that a strong cross-border cooperation in the area of cultural and creative industries (CCIs) can help to create socio-economic value, growth and jobs (also via clustering of enterprises), while also building bridges, increasing mutual understanding and forging a European **consciousness** through joint initiatives on cultural heritage-related projects;

Amendment

4. Is of the opinion that a strong cross-border cooperation in the area of cultural and creative industries (CCIs) can help to create socio-economic value, growth and jobs (also via clustering of enterprises), while also building bridges, increasing mutual understanding and forging a European **identity** through joint initiatives on cultural heritage-related projects;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Dominique Bilde

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Is of the opinion that **a strong** cross-border cooperation in the area of cultural and creative industries (CCIs) can help to create socio-economic value,

Amendment

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growth and jobs (also via clustering of enterprises), while also *building bridges*, increasing mutual understanding *and forging a European consciousness through joint initiatives on cultural heritage-related projects*;

jobs (also via clustering of enterprises), while also *fostering intercultural communication and* increasing mutual understanding *through joint initiatives on projects related to the cultural heritages of Member States*;

Or. fr

Amendment 51
Morten Messerschmidt, Rupert Matthews

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Believes that the development of cross-border cultural cooperation makes an essential contribution to the sustainable development of cross-border territories impacting economy, social cohesion and environment; calls on the Commission together with Member States to work out common strategic approach for development and support of Cultural and Creative Industries, bridging CCI with society and economy in order to promote smart, sustainable growth in EU border regions.

Or. en

Amendment 52
Theodoros Zagorakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Highlights the excessive barriers for cultural and creative industries in accessing financing due to their nature

and size (CCIs are predominantly micro-businesses and SMEs), as well as the difficulties arising due to oftentimes poorer economic performance of some border regions; reiterates its view that it is of utmost importance to develop cultural, creative and entrepreneurial skills in order to overcome these structural deficiencies;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Bogdan Brunon Wentz, Theodoros Zagorakis, Stefano Maullu, Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Marc Joulaud, Francis Zammit Dimech

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Underlines that regions have a proved capacity in developing cross-border cooperation in the sector of the cultural and creative industries (CCIs) and notes the positive effects of smart specialisation; asks the Commission and the Member States to maintain and strengthen the policies in this field and to use effectively the funding available under EU programmes and the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIFs);

Or. en

Amendment 54

Marlene Mizzi, Krystyna Łybacka, Silvia Costa, Momchil Nekov, Julie Ward, Luigi Morgano, Liliana Rodrigues, Sylvie Guillaume, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. *Believes that cohesion policy can contribute positively to the creation of new ideas and possibilities of cooperation between museums, orchestras, cross-border radio and TV projects in border regions by addressing the legal and financial difficulties which artists have with their common cross-border projects;*

Or. en

Amendment 55

Marlene Mizzi, Krystyna Łybacka, Silvia Costa, Momchil Nekov, Julie Ward, Luigi Morgano, Liliana Rodrigues, Sylvie Guillaume, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. *Strongly supports cross-border cultural projects and cooperation between European Capitals of Culture and border regions throughout Europe in order to establish a chain of cultural ‘welding points’ and to generate a new dimension of European cultural networks where new practices of cultural diversity are being developed and integrated in the realization of concrete European projects;*

Or. en

Amendment 56

Marlene Mizzi, Krystyna Łybacka, Silvia Costa, Momchil Nekov, Julie Ward, Luigi Morgano, Liliana Rodrigues, Sylvie Guillaume, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. Regrets that cultural and leisure activities often fail to attract people from different border regions in neighbouring countries, despite the fact that people living in those areas share similar interests and are in close proximity to one another; supports the EU regional portals created in several border regions to provide people with access to information about cultural and leisure activities and encourages the promotion of similar portals across all border regions;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Silvia Costa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Strongly believes that border regions, thanks to the existence of long-established contacts *between* cultural institutions across borders, can create favourable conditions for artistic and cultural mobility and can therefore be vital for thematic tourism and help promote Europe as a destination.

Amendment

5. Strongly believes that border regions, thanks to the existence of long-established contacts *among regional and local authorities, CCIs and stakeholders*, across borders, can create favourable conditions for artistic and cultural mobility, *also through cross-border co-productions*, and can therefore be vital for thematic tourism and help promote Europe as a *competitive and sustainable* destination, *increasing Europe's attractiveness internationally*.

Or. en

Amendment 58
Isabella Adinolfi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Strongly believes that border regions, thanks to the existence of long-established contacts between cultural institutions across borders, can create favourable conditions for artistic and cultural mobility and can therefore be vital for thematic tourism and help promote Europe as a destination.

Amendment

5. Strongly believes that border regions, thanks to the existence of long-established contacts between cultural institutions across borders, can create favourable conditions for artistic and cultural mobility and can therefore be vital for thematic tourism and help promote Europe as a ***cultural*** destination; ***calls therefore on Member States to increase their efforts and investments in order to develop a sustainable and long-term cultural tourism policy;***

Or. en

Amendment 59

Marlene Mizzi, Krystyna Łybacka, Silvia Costa, Momchil Nekov, Julie Ward, Luigi Morgano, Liliana Rodrigues, Sylvie Guillaume, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Strongly believes that border regions, thanks to the existence of long-established contacts between cultural institutions across borders, can create favourable conditions for artistic and cultural mobility and can therefore be vital for thematic tourism ***and*** help promote Europe as a destination.

Amendment

5. Strongly believes that border regions, thanks to the existence of long-established contacts between cultural institutions across borders, can create favourable conditions for artistic and cultural mobility and can therefore be vital for thematic tourism, help promote Europe as a destination, ***and to actively revitalise the process of European integration by promoting contacts between Europe's citizens and stimulating a common sense of belonging;***

Or. en

Amendment 60

Morten Messerschmidt, Rupert Matthews

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Strongly believes that border regions, thanks to the existence of long-established contacts between cultural institutions across borders, can create favourable conditions for artistic and cultural mobility and can therefore be vital for thematic tourism **and help promote Europe as a destination.**

Amendment

5. Strongly believes that border regions, thanks to the existence of long-established contacts between cultural institutions across borders, can create favourable conditions for artistic and cultural mobility and can therefore be vital for thematic tourism, ***calls on the Commission to integrate a cultural dimension into the cross-border development initiatives, respecting the balance between historic heritage assets and contemporary creativity;***

Or. en

Amendment 61
Dominique Bilde

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Strongly believes that border regions, thanks to the existence of long-established contacts between cultural institutions across borders, can create favourable conditions for artistic and cultural mobility and can therefore be vital for thematic tourism and help promote Europe as a destination.

Amendment

5. Strongly believes that border regions, thanks to the existence of long-established contacts between cultural institutions across borders, can create favourable conditions for artistic and cultural mobility, ***without infringing the Member States' laws, including their tax provisions,*** and can therefore be vital for thematic tourism and help promote Europe as a ***tourist destination and a place to explore.***

Or. fr

Amendment 62
Julie Ward

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Recalls that education and cultural exchanges across borders promotes intercultural dialogue, mutual understanding, conflict resolution and peace building particularly in post-conflict border regions, highlights in this context the risks posed by Brexit for people-to-people exchanges and mobility of students, learners, artists and cultural operators in the border regions between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland;

Or. en

Amendment 63

Marlene Mizzi, Krystyna Łybacka, Silvia Costa, Momchil Nekov, Julie Ward, Luigi Morgano, Liliana Rodrigues, Sylvie Guillaume, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Encourages various measures aimed at combating all forms of discrimination in border regions and at breaking down barriers for vulnerable people in finding employment and becoming integrated into society; Supports in this regard promotion and development of social enterprises in border regions as a source of job creation, in particular for vulnerable groups of people, such as young unemployed and disabled people;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Francis Zammit Dimech, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Theodoros Zagorakis

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Strongly believes that media and communication have the potential to strengthen EU border regions through the creative sector. Digital platforms have the ability to promote inclusion and protect the cultural diversity of these border regions. Cinema, television, creative documentaries as well as other digital content, are platforms which can be used to support the heritage and unique traits of EU border regions;

Or. en

Amendment 65

Giorgos Grammatikakis

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Strongly encourages Member States and regional authorities to improve the dissemination of information on cross-border cultural and educational activities and issues and to strengthen the exchange of best practices in these areas, through the creation of a designated portal and website;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Theodoros Zagorakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Underlines the need to address specific challenges related to artistic and cultural mobility – social security, taxation (avoiding double taxation of artists and cultural professionals), provision of information on mobility opportunities (mobility grants, residency programmes, etc.)*

Or. en

Amendment 67
Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Theodoros Zagorakis, Stefano Maullu, Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Marc Joulaud, Francis Zammit Dimech

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Underlines that sports tourism is an increasingly important sector of the European economy; therefore calls for the allocation of financial resources to the construction of sports infrastructures with a view to promoting tourism through sport;*

Or. en

Amendment 68
Jill Evans

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Notes that cross-border cooperation, a major EU policy objective,*

has helped to mitigate the adverse effects of internal borders and can lead to improvements in cross-border achievements in education and culture;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Marlene Mizzi, Krystyna Lybacka, Silvia Costa, Momchil Nekov, Julie Ward, Luigi Morgano, Liliana Rodrigues, Sylvie Guillaume, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Supports apprenticeships measures and multi-stakeholder platforms in border regions aimed at improving the quality, supply and image of apprenticeships and promoting border mobility among young apprentices; Is of the opinion that bringing together relevant stakeholders to create cross-border opportunities for apprenticeships, traineeships, internships will improve competition, education, skills and the labour markets in those regions and in particular, encourages creating internships opportunities in regional and local institutions involved in cross-border and international cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 70

Theodoros Zagorakis

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Notes the serious migration

challenges that some border regions face; to that end, encourages the effective use of the funding available for EU cross-border programmes, as well as the exchange of good practices between local and regional authorities in the border areas, in the framework of the integration of refugees under international protection; underlines the need for national governments to support local and regional authorities in addressing these challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Giorgos Grammatikakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. *Calls on Member States and regional authorities to collaborate in the identification and removal of any legal or administrative barriers that inhibit cross-border educational or cultural activities, inter alia through the harmonisation of the relevant regulatory frameworks;*

Or. en