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COMPROMISE AMENDMENTS

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Draft report
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EU-Switzerland relations
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Amendment 1

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Compromise Amendment replacing Amendment(s): Covers: AM 1 (The Left), 2 (Renew), 5 (EPP second part starting from ‘highlights that...’), 24 (EPP first part up to ‘...including Switzerland’)

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Observes Switzerland’s disassociation from the Erasmus+ programme since 2014, and its unrestricted application of the 1999 agreement on the free movement of persons;

Amendment

1. Observes Switzerland’s disassociation from Erasmus+ since 2014, ***following the referendum on immigration*** and its unrestricted application of the 1999 agreement on the Free Movement of Persons ***and the rejection of the 2014 referendum’s result in a new referendum on immigration in 2020; highlights that the free movement of persons is a precondition for participation in Erasmus+ programme;***

Welcomes that the Erasmus+ call for 2022 allowed associated partners from the European Higher Education Area in the formation of European Universities Alliances, which led to Switzerland’s participation;

Or. en

Amendment 2

Hannes Heide

Compromise Amendment replacing Amendment(s): Covers: AMs 5 (EPP first part up to ‘... Erasmus+ programme;’), 6 (Renew)

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. **Notes** the Swiss Government’s unilateral decision to terminate

Amendment

3. ***Regrets*** the Swiss Government’s unilateral decision to terminate

negotiations on the EU-Swiss institutional framework agreement in 2021;

negotiations on the EU-Swiss institutional framework agreement in 2021, *which affected its participation in the Erasmus+ programme;*

Or. en

Amendment 3

Hannes Heide

Compromise Amendment replacing Amendment(s): Covers: AMs 8 (Greens), 9 (EPP), 11 (Greens first part, up to ‘... go beyond education’)

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Acknowledges the fact that numerous education stakeholders in Europe are calling for Switzerland to be associated to Erasmus+; underlines the educational benefits of such an association for Switzerland and the European Union;

Amendment

4. Acknowledges the fact that numerous education stakeholders in Europe are calling for Switzerland to be associated to Erasmus+; *and that Swiss students’ and youth organisations are demanding their government to engage in constructive negotiations with the EU;* underlines the educational benefits, *but not only,* of such an association for Switzerland and the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Hannes Heide

Compromise Amendment replacing Amendment(s): Covers: AMs 3, 10, and 19 (ECR),

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Acknowledges the youth sector stakeholders' call for Switzerland's association in the volunteering carried out under the European Solidarity Corps, thus supporting young volunteers, youth workers and youth organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 5

Hannes Heide

Compromise Amendment replacing Amendment(s): Covers: AMs 14 (the Left), 15 (ECR)

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Remains convinced that a more stable, future-oriented partnership will benefit both sides and help Switzerland's association to Erasmus+;

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Or. en

Amendment 6

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Compromise Amendment replacing Amendment(s): Covers: AMs 7 (the Left), 11 (Greens second part starting from ‘and that a full...’), 13 (Renew), 24 (EPP second part starting from ‘notes that...’)

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Notes the relegation of Switzerland to the status of non-associated third country in Erasmus+ and Horizon Europe; underlines that access to Horizon Europe and ongoing and future pilot projects in both programmes would be mutually beneficial considering the European research landscape and the need to fill gaps in skills development and the labour markets and skills development, including in cross-border settings;

Or. en

Amendment 7

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Compromise Amendment replacing Amendment(s): Covers: 16 EPP and 17 Renew

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Welcomes the exploratory discussions between the Commission and

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the Swiss chief negotiator held since the end of March 2022; believes that these discussions could provide an acceptable basis for the swift recommendation to start negotiations;

the Swiss chief negotiator held since the end of March 2022; believes that these discussions could provide an acceptable basis for the swift recommendation to start negotiations; *underlines the importance for a framework agreement that covers all the structural issues across the various bilateral agreements.*

Amendment 8 (new)

Hannes Heide

Compromise Amendment replacing Amendment(s): Covers: AMs 20 (EPP) and AM 21 (Renew)

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Believes that the EU should invite all interested neighbouring and like-minded countries, including Switzerland, to associate to the Erasmus+ programme and thus contribute to European education systems and the strengthening of the European Education Area as a whole;

Amendment

7. Believes that all interested neighbouring and likeminded countries, including Switzerland, are welcome ~~the all interested neighbouring and like-minded countries once they fulfil all necessary conditions, including Switzerland, to be~~ associated to the Erasmus+ programme and thus contribute to European education systems and the strengthening of the European Education Area as a whole;

Amendment 9

Hannes Heide

Compromise Amendment replacing Amendment(s): Covers: AMs 12 and 18 (S&D)

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Stresses that eventually, learner mobility between the EU and Switzerland should be inclusive and involve participants from all Member States, regions and social backgrounds, ~~by offering~~ by extending the additional support that is offered to those confronted with social challenges, thus reinforcing Erasmus+ as a truly inclusive European programme ~~that harnesses the different strengths of all~~

~~educational systems to benefit a stronger Europe and its objective of being open to all learners, irrespective of their backgrounds and origins;~~

Amendment 10

Hannes Heide

Compromise Amendment replacing Amendment(s): Covers: AMs 22 (EPP), 23 (Greens)

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Notes that the participation of teachers and young people in EU programmes for education, training, youth and sport enables a strong and sustainable understanding between Switzerland and the EU;

Amendment

8. Notes that the participation of teachers and young people in EU programmes for ***all levels of*** education, training, youth and sport enables a strong and sustainable understanding between Switzerland and the EU; ***highlights the benefits for all participants;***

Or. en

Amendment 11

Hannes Heide

Compromise Amendment replacing Amendment(s): Covers: 25 (Greens) and 26 (S&D)

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Believes that the EU and Switzerland should stand united to pursue, promote and protect European values, including democracy, academic freedom

Amendment

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and the right to education.

institutional autonomy and the right to education; *believes Erasmus+ contributes to bringing societies closer together.*

Or. en

Amendments to be voted

AM 4 (Renew) - Rapporteur indication to support