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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 71**

**Draft opinion**  
**Asim Ademov**  
(PE746.984v01-00)

Implementation of territorial development (CPR, Title III, Chapter II) and its application in the European Territorial agenda 2030  
((2023/2048(INI))



**Amendment 1**  
**Daniel Buda**

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

*Draft opinion*

A. whereas rural areas face the urgent challenges of demographic decline and ageing, **especially** affecting EU farming populations, along with rural abandonment, lack of access to infrastructure and services, low incomes and fewer job opportunities;

*Amendment*

A. whereas rural areas face the urgent challenges of demographic decline, **youth out-migration** and ageing affecting EU farming populations, **and especially the smooth functioning of small and medium-sized farms**, along with rural abandonment; **whereas the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the energy crisis and Russia's military aggression against Ukraine have created major difficulties as regards the proper functioning of the entire agri-food chain, which is the main driver of rural development; whereas these challenges are compounded by the** lack of access to infrastructure and services, low incomes and fewer job opportunities;

Or. ro

**Amendment 2**  
**Eugenia Rodríguez Palop**

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

*Draft opinion*

A. whereas rural areas face the urgent challenges of demographic decline and ageing, especially affecting EU farming populations, along with rural abandonment, lack of access to infrastructure and services, low incomes and fewer job opportunities;

*Amendment*

A. whereas **Article 174 TFEU states that the Union must aim at reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions, paying particular attention to** rural areas, **that** face the urgent challenges of demographic decline and ageing, especially affecting EU farming populations, along with rural abandonment, lack of access to infrastructure and services, low incomes and fewer job opportunities;

### Amendment 3

Ulrike Müller, Irène Tolleret, Martin Hlaváček, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Charles Goerens, Jérémy Decerle

#### Draft opinion

##### Recital A

#### *Draft opinion*

A. whereas rural areas face the urgent challenges of demographic decline and ageing, especially affecting EU farming populations, along with rural abandonment, lack of access to infrastructure and services, low incomes and fewer job opportunities;

#### *Amendment*

A. whereas rural areas face the urgent challenges of demographic decline and ageing, especially affecting EU farming populations, along with rural abandonment, lack of ***or poor*** access to ***public and private*** infrastructure and services ***including particularly digital infrastructure, mobility, healthcare and social services, education and training, as well as*** low incomes and fewer job opportunities;

### Amendment 4

Krzysztof Jurgiel

#### Draft opinion

##### Recital A

#### *Draft opinion*

A. whereas rural areas face the urgent challenges of demographic decline and ageing, especially affecting EU farming populations, along with rural abandonment, lack of access to infrastructure and services, low incomes ***and*** fewer job opportunities;

#### *Amendment*

A. whereas rural areas face the urgent challenges of demographic decline and ageing, especially affecting EU farming populations, along with rural abandonment, lack of access to infrastructure and services, low incomes, fewer job opportunities ***and the rising costs of running a farm;***

## **Amendment 5**

**Juozas Olekas, Attila Ara-Kovács, Carmen Avram, Ivo Hristov, Katarína Roth  
Nevéd'alová, Camilla Laureti, Isabel Carvalhais, Daniela Rondinelli**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Recital A**

##### *Draft opinion*

A. whereas rural areas face the urgent challenges of demographic decline and ageing, especially affecting EU farming populations, along with rural abandonment, lack of access to infrastructure and services, low incomes and fewer job opportunities;

##### *Amendment*

A. whereas rural areas face the urgent challenges of demographic decline and ageing, especially affecting EU farming populations, along with rural abandonment, lack of access to infrastructure, **healthcare, education** and services, low incomes and fewer job opportunities;

Or. en

## **Amendment 6**

**Eugenia Rodríguez Palop**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Recital A a (new)**

##### *Draft opinion*

##### *Amendment*

***Aa. whereas women play a crucial role in rural development and in the social fabric of rural areas, maintaining and improving rural livelihoods and strengthening rural communities and must be regarded as drivers of sustainable development; whereas the significant contribution that women make to local and rural development is not sufficiently reflected in their participation in the corresponding decision-making processes, given that women in rural areas are often underrepresented in decision-making bodies;***

Or. en

## **Amendment 7**

**Ulrike Müller, Irène Tolleret, Martin Hlaváček, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Charles Goerens,**

**Jérémy Decerle**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Aa. whereas SME play a particularly important role in rural areas as employers, as facilitators of a diversification of farm income and as sponsors of social and cultural life and thus help to make rural areas more attractive to young people;***

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Krzysztof Jurgiel**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Aa. whereas rising energy prices and inflation throughout Europe are hitting rural areas particularly hard, especially the poorest and most backward areas where it is most difficult to achieve cohesion policy objectives;***

Or. pl

**Amendment 9**  
**Ulrike Müller, Irène Tolleret, Martin Hlaváček, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Charles Goerens**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**B. whereas the digital and green transitions offer opportunities for stronger, connected, resilient, innovative and prosperous rural areas in the long term;**

**B. whereas the digital and green transitions offer opportunities for stronger, connected, resilient, innovative and prosperous rural areas in the long term;**

*whereas an up-to-date digital infrastructure is a precondition for digital and smart farming solutions and hence the success of the green transition, as well as a key enabler for competitive SME in rural areas;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 10**

**Juozas Olekas, Attila Ara-Kovács, Carmen Avram, Ivo Hristov, Katarína Roth Neved'alová, Camilla Laureti, Isabel Carvalhais, Daniela Rondinelli**

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

##### *Draft opinion*

B. whereas the digital and green transitions offer opportunities for stronger, connected, resilient, innovative and prosperous rural areas in the long term;

##### *Amendment*

B. whereas the digital and green transitions offer opportunities for stronger, connected, resilient, innovative and prosperous rural areas in the long term, *however, despite recent improvements in high-speed broadband connectivity, only 59% of households in rural regions have access to broadband, compared to 87% of the households in the EU;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 11**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

##### *Draft opinion*

B. whereas the digital and green transitions offer opportunities for stronger, connected, resilient, innovative and prosperous rural areas in the long term;

##### *Amendment*

B. whereas the digital and green transitions, *if they are implemented fairly and do not leave anyone behind*, offer opportunities for stronger, connected, resilient, innovative and prosperous rural areas in the long term;

**Amendment 12**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Recital C a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Ca.    whereas it appears that in regions and administrative units where LEADER is implemented, a mandatory Local Action Group (LAG) manager helps improving a better performance and absorption of regional funding and development;***

Or. en

**Amendment 13**

**Krzysztof Jurgiel**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital C a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Ca.    whereas rural areas should be attractive places to do business and play a crucial role in ensuring the EU's food security;***

Or. pl

**Amendment 14**

**Juozas Olekas, Attila Ara-Kovács, Carmen Avram, Ivo Hristov, Katarína Roth  
Neved'alová, Camilla Laureti, Isabel Carvalhais, Daniela Rondinelli**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital C a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*



***Ca. whereas the Long-term Vision for the EU's Rural Areas calls to improve rural quality of life, achieve balanced territorial development and stimulate economic growth in rural areas;***

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Krzysztof Jurgiel**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Cb. whereas, although Article 174 TFEU stipulates that particular attention is to be paid to rural areas under the EU's cohesion policy, the current cohesion policy is only partially delivering on that commitment; whereas urban areas are given preferential treatment under the cohesion policy; whereas, furthermore, many investments in rural areas that are not directly linked to agriculture – such as the building of public roads, investment in sewage systems and the establishment of non-agricultural businesses – are largely financed by the EAFRD and not by the Cohesion Fund;***

Or. pl

**Amendment 16**  
**Juozas Olekas, Attila Ara-Kovács, Carmen Avram, Ivo Hristov, Katarína Roth**  
**Neved'alová, Camilla Laureti, Isabel Carvalhais, Daniela Rondinelli**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Cb. whereas the role and importance of rural areas is often under-appreciated, insufficiently rewarded and funded;***

**Amendment 17**

**Juozas Olekas, Attila Ara-Kovács, Carmen Avram, Ivo Hristov, Katarína Roth  
Neved'alová, Camilla Laureti, Isabel Carvalhais, Daniela Rondinelli**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital C c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Cc.    whereas the diversity of EU's rural areas calls for locally designed responses and solutions corresponding to each territory's specific needs and possibilities and strategies should address rural areas according to their individual characteristics and in relation to their environment, using, among other tools, the rural proofing mechanism;***

Or. en

**Amendment 18**

**Juozas Olekas, Attila Ara-Kovács, Carmen Avram, Ivo Hristov, Katarína Roth  
Neved'alová, Camilla Laureti, Isabel Carvalhais, Daniela Rondinelli**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital C d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Cd.    whereas rural communities are exposed to greater damages from climate change, more frequent adverse climate events such as storms, floods and droughts, and the consequences of biodiversity loss, and experience greater costs associated with climate transition;***

Or. en

**Amendment 19**

**Juozas Olekas, Attila Ara-Kovács, Carmen Avram, Ivo Hristov, Katarína Roth**

Neved'álová, Camilla Laureti, Isabel Carvalhais, Daniela Rondinelli

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Ce. whereas sustainable farming and forestry management, that includes environmental, economic and social sustainability, provided decent work and livelihoods, ecological systems and biodiversity and also enhances climate and risk resilience;***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Krzysztof Jurgiel**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

1. Recalls that small and family farms ***are the backbone of EU rural areas, providing*** food security and ecosystem services for European citizens;

1. Recalls that small and family farms ***play a special role in the EU's agricultural system and are essential in ensuring*** food security and ***providing*** ecosystem services for European citizens;

Or. pl

**Amendment 21**  
**Juozas Olekas, Attila Ara-Kovács, Carmen Avram, Ivo Hristov, Katarína Roth**  
**Neved'álová, Camilla Laureti, Isabel Carvalhais, Daniela Rondinelli**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

1. Recalls that small and family farms are the backbone of EU rural areas, providing food security and ecosystem services for European citizens;

1. Recalls that small, ***medium*** and family farms are the backbone of EU rural areas, providing food security and ecosystem services for European citizens;

**Amendment 22**

**Ulrike Müller, Irène Tolleret, Martin Hlaváček, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Charles Goerens**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Recalls that small and family farms are the backbone of EU rural areas, providing food security and ecosystem services for European citizens;

*Amendment*

1. Recalls that small and family farms **and SME** are the backbone of EU rural areas, providing food security and ecosystem services for European citizens;

Or. en

**Amendment 23**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Stresses that a fair and dignified income and quality of life for citizens and their families in the rural areas is essential to ensure social progress and a successful territorial and local development; insists on the need to ensure decent working and living conditions and social protection in particular for young farm workers, and migrant workers in the EU regions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 24**

**Daniel Buda**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Stresses that small and family farms have a positive impact on social cohesion in these areas, providing employment opportunities and helping to maintain local populations;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 25**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1b. recalls that according to Article 174 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which deals with economic, social and territorial cohesion, priority must be given to rural areas; notes, however, that rural areas and their specific needs are not sufficiently valued when allocating Cohesion Fund funds, which significantly contribute to maintaining the vitality of regions; therefore calls on the Commission to consider the possibility of creating a separate fund that would provide exclusive support for projects in rural areas through the Cohesion Fund, with local authorities making the investment decision;***

Or. en

**Amendment 26**

**Eugenia Rodríguez Palop**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Stresses the importance of improving the policy coherence and rural proofing of future EU initiatives to effectively **prevent** rural depopulation and **to facilitate** generational renewal, **broadband** access and job creation in rural areas;

*Amendment*

2. Stresses the importance of improving the policy coherence and rural proofing of future EU **implementing a** rural proofing of future EU **integrated territorial development** initiatives to **assess the coherence and complementarity of EU policies and their potential impact on rural areas, thus** effectively **preventing** rural depopulation and **facilitating** generational renewal, access **to essential services** and job creation in rural areas; **insists that the rural proofing mechanism should be mandatory, also for Member States when assessing the impacts of proposed legislation in rural areas; underlines the importance of involving local and regional authorities in the definition and implementation of rural proofing mechanisms, as well as in their governance at both European and national levels;**

Or. en

**Amendment 27**

**Ulrike Müller, Martin Hlaváček, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Charles Goerens, Jérémy Decerle**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Stresses the importance of improving the policy coherence and rural proofing of future EU initiatives to effectively prevent rural depopulation and to facilitate generational renewal, broadband access and job creation in rural areas;

*Amendment*

2. Stresses the importance of improving the policy coherence and rural proofing of future EU initiatives to effectively prevent rural depopulation and to facilitate generational renewal, broadband access and job creation in rural areas; **Stresses the importance of implementing a rural proofing mechanism for all EU initiatives so as to assess the coherence and complementarity of EU policies and their potential impact on rural areas to ensure that they are fit for purpose; underlines the importance of involving local and regional authorities in**

**Amendment 28**

**Daniel Buda**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Stresses the importance of improving the policy coherence and rural proofing of future EU initiatives to effectively prevent rural depopulation and to facilitate generational renewal, broadband access *and* job creation in rural areas;

*Amendment*

2. Stresses the importance of improving the policy coherence and rural proofing of future EU initiatives to effectively prevent rural depopulation and to facilitate generational renewal, broadband **network** access, job creation in rural areas, ***diversification of the rural economy, revitalisation of rural areas, increasing the attractiveness of rural areas, and ensuring a sustainable future for rural communities;***

**Amendment 29**

**Krzysztof Jurgiel**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Stresses the importance of improving the policy coherence and rural proofing of future EU initiatives to effectively prevent rural depopulation *and* to facilitate generational renewal, ***broadband*** access *and* job creation in rural areas;

*Amendment*

2. Stresses the importance of improving the policy coherence and rural proofing of future EU initiatives to effectively prevent rural depopulation, to facilitate generational renewal, ***to combat transport-related social exclusion and to improve the territorial accessibility of the areas concerned, access to broadband internet and adequate services, especially health and education, as well as*** job creation in rural areas;

**Amendment 30**  
**Eugenia Rodríguez Palop**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a. Welcomes EESC proposal to promote a Europe-wide Charter of rural/urban rights and responsibilities; is also convinced that more cooperation with urban areas is needed to ensure that no area or citizen is "left behind" in the just transition to a climate-neutral, sustainable and prosperous European Union, striving for a rural and urban commitment to a fair approach and showing the added value of rural and urban organisations working together;**

Or. en

**Amendment 31**  
**Bronis Ropé**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a. Welcomes the acceleration of digital transformation in the agricultural sector and rural areas; draws attention to the exclusion of small farms and the outermost regions from these developments, and points to the need to take measures to ensure that the digital transformation also benefits all; notes in particular that there is a need to manage risks of dependency and over-indebtedness for small farmers;**



**Amendment 32**  
**Krzysztof Jurgiel**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a. Emphasises that achieving the objectives of the cohesion policy in rural areas should always involve a compromise between environmental, economic and social objectives, which are vital for the well-being of current and future generations;**

Or. pl

**Amendment 33**  
**Eugenia Rodríguez Palop**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2b. Regrets the insufficient understanding and consideration on integrated territorial development initiatives of the full contribution of women in rural areas, which has led to a deficit in the development of effective policies; stresses that women in rural areas can be agents of change in moving towards the objectives of the TA2030, contributing to a just and green Europe that offers future perspectives and protects common livelihoods and shapes societal transition to sustainable agriculture; is convinced that their empowerment is critical as regards sustainable development for building climate resilience in the rural areas; calls on Member States to include gender**

*mainstreaming when implementing the territorial agenda 2030.*

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Eugenia Rodríguez Palop**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2c. Is worried about the environmental and social impact of large-scale projects for the production, transport and storage of energy developed in the rural areas; stresses the key role of EU legislation concerning environmental regulation; notes with concern that in several cases there have been inadequate, lack or incomplete Environmental Impact Assessments and recalls the need to strengthen public participation rights of local communities; calls in this regard on the Member States to promote an integrated territorial development approach in the design and implementation of energy projects;**

Or. en

**Amendment 35**  
**Daniel Buda**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

3. Reiterates the need for full integration of the long-term vision for the EU's rural areas in the current and future cohesion and common agricultural policy (CAP) programming frameworks to ensure that the rural dimension is properly

3. Reiterates the need for full integration of the long-term vision for the EU's rural areas in the current and future cohesion and common agricultural policy (CAP) programming frameworks, **ensuring this is properly financed without**

addressed at all governance levels;

***prejudice to other CAP budget headings, so as to ensure that the rural dimension is properly addressed at all governance levels; stresses the need to ensure heightened cooperation between local, national and European authorities when developing and implementing agricultural policy, in such a way as to take into account the diversity of Europe's rural areas;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 36**  
**Krzysztof Jurgiel**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Reiterates the need for full integration of the long-term vision for the EU's rural areas in the current and future cohesion and common agricultural policy (CAP) programming frameworks to ensure ***that the rural dimension is properly addressed at all governance levels;***

*Amendment*

3. Reiterates the need for full integration of the long-term vision for the EU's rural areas in the current and future ***multiannual financial frameworks, especially the cohesion and common agricultural policy (CAP) programming frameworks, with a particular focus on the principle of rural-proofing, to ensure complementary and coherent support for rural areas at all levels of territorial development;***

Or. pl

**Amendment 37**  
**Eugenia Rodríguez Palop**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Calls on the inclusion of TA2030 objectives in the legislative instruments and operational programmes of the***

*cohesion policy funds; welcomes the TA2030 pilot actions that have been developed and calls on the Member States and the Commission to continue investing in these actions and coordinating them with initiatives around cohesion policy and rural development;*

Or. en

**Amendment 38**

**Bronis Ropė**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Underlines the necessity to ensure a more balanced development of EU regions by ensuring better distribution of EU funds, including CAP support within and between Member States; emphasizes that it is impossible to achieve sustainable and long-term territorial development if support is allocated to different regions based on historical data;*

Or. en

**Amendment 39**

**Juozas Olekas, Attila Ara-Kovács, Carmen Avram, Ivo Hristov, Katarína Roth  
Nevéd'alová, Camilla Laureti, Isabel Carvalhais, Daniela Rondinelli**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Highlights the role that agriculture plays in achieving the Union objectives of food security, sustainable growth, social inclusion, and combating climate change, while helping to diversify agricultural production, preserve*

*biodiversity and develop local economies;*

Or. en

**Amendment 40**  
**Eugenia Rodríguez Palop**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3b. Highlights that rural areas lack access to quality basic services such as water services, sanitation, road connectivity, healthcare, childcare and quality education and training, and that they are poorly connected, in addition to the insufficient quality and availability of housing; calls for the addition to the TA 2030 of a new pilot action around access to essential services within a 30 minutes threshold travel time, promoting equal access to basic services in rural communities;**

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Eugenia Rodríguez Palop**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3c. Calls on the Commission to provide the TA2030 with direct implementation instruments;**

Or. en

**Amendment 42**  
**Eugenia Rodríguez Palop**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Underlines the potential of the LEADER community-led local development method (CLLD)<sup>1</sup> to engage rural communities in local action groups for the preparation and implementation of targeted local development strategies;

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/enrd/leader-clld/leader-toolkit/leaderclld-explained\\_en.html](https://ec.europa.eu/enrd/leader-clld/leader-toolkit/leaderclld-explained_en.html).

*Amendment*

4. Underlines the potential of the LEADER community-led local development method (CLLD)<sup>1</sup> to engage rural communities in local action groups for the preparation and implementation of targeted local development strategies; ***calls on the Member States to support CLLD, including LEADER, encouraging participation in local action groups and ensuring their effective autonomy in terms of composition and decision-making; considers that further development of development method and CLLD funding tools would contribute to stronger integrated strategies and more sustainable, resilient territorial development; stresses in this regard the need for a meaningful earmarking of assistance for CLLD under all relevant funds at EU level, similar to that in the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD);***

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/enrd/leader-clld/leader-toolkit/leaderclld-explained\\_en.html](https://ec.europa.eu/enrd/leader-clld/leader-toolkit/leaderclld-explained_en.html).

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Ulrike Müller, Martin Hlaváček**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Underlines the potential of the LEADER community-led local development method (CLLD)<sup>1</sup> to engage rural communities in local action groups

for the preparation and implementation of targeted local development strategies;

for the preparation and implementation of targeted local development strategies;  
*stresses nonetheless that the Commission should continuously evaluate the costs and benefits of LEADER to ensure that the risk associated of potential misuse of distributed funds is reduced to a minimum, while ensuring that the programme effectively facilitates local engagement and that administrative requirements must match the size and structure and of local community to ensure that they do not create avoidable obstacles for new initiatives;*

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/enrd/leader-clld/leader-toolkit/leaderclld-explained\\_en.html](https://ec.europa.eu/enrd/leader-clld/leader-toolkit/leaderclld-explained_en.html).

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Or. en

#### **Amendment 44**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a.** *Highlights the central role played by Community Led Local Development initiatives in keeping and restoring living and thriving local rural economies, and the need to keep a sufficient level of funding for LEADER; Calls on the Member states to make full use of LEADER's capacities;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 45**

**Krzysztof Jurgiel**

#### **Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a.** *Takes the view that the establishment of territorial cohesion in rural areas should take account of and respect their diversity and the disparities between them as regards the level of infrastructure development and the links in place between urban and rural areas;*

Or. pl

**Amendment 46**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4b.** *Calls on the Commission to use the results of the 2024 evaluation report for the 2014-2020 programming period as well as results and experiences of the EAFRD LEADER implementation to support programmes for the period 2021-2027<sup>1a</sup>;*

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<sup>1a</sup> *Article 57 of the CPR tasks DG REGIO with conducting an evaluation of the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund by the end of 2024.*

Or. en

**Amendment 47**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 c (new)**



**4c. *Calls on the Commission, when preparing the new programming period, to consider the possibility of providing financing measures in the LEADER program that would encourage the renewal of generations in rural areas;***

Or. en

**Amendment 48**  
**Eugenia Rodríguez Palop**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Points to the importance of facilitating and promoting the use of multi-fund approaches to support the implementation of integrated projects for inclusive and sustainable rural development.

*Amendment*

**5. *Calls on the Commission to improve the close cooperation and integrated use between EU funding instruments such as Cohesion Funds, EAFRD, the CAP and the NextGenerationEU recovery instrument, as well as with national instruments, in order to deliver local development strategies;*** points to the importance of facilitating and promoting the use of multi-fund approaches to support the implementation of integrated projects for inclusive and sustainable rural development; ***urges again the Commission to put forward before the end of the legislature a targeted legislative proposal for enabling the transfer of resources between all shared management funds when supporting rural territorial strategies and enhancing synergies between funds and programmes;***

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Daniel Buda**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Points to the importance of facilitating and promoting the use of multi-fund approaches to support the implementation of integrated projects for inclusive and sustainable rural development.

*Amendment*

5. Points to the importance of facilitating and promoting the use of multi-fund approaches to support the implementation of integrated projects for inclusive and sustainable rural development. ***reiterates the need to place the emphasis on synergy between EU-funded programmes, with a view to increasing the impact and efficiency of using such types of EU support. Also advocates that a coordinated approach be adopted to various sources of funding, such as EU funding, national funding and private investment, in order to maximise the impact and efficiency of rural development investments.***

Or. ro

**Amendment 50**  
**Bronis Ropé**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Points to the importance of facilitating and promoting the use of multi-fund approaches to support the implementation of integrated projects for inclusive and sustainable rural development.

*Amendment*

5. Points to the importance of facilitating and promoting the use of multi-fund approaches to support the implementation of integrated projects for inclusive and sustainable rural development; ***highlights that multi-funding still appear difficult in some countries, especially since in the current period the EAFRD is no longer- included in the CPR and would therefore require specific measures to align the rules of EAFRD and of other Cohesion Policy funds;***

Or. en

**Amendment 51**  
**Eugenia Rodríguez Palop**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a. Calls for a strong rural dimension in all future cohesion policy regulations, which should include dedicated funding to that end; calls on the Commission to promote funding aswell for TA2030 programmes, and to asses the possibility of earmarking a share of the European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Policy funds to rural areas, going beyond the 8 % currently earmarked in the EFRD for the development of programmes under the Urban Agenda;**

Or. en

**Amendment 52**  
**Bronis Ropé**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a. Stresses the important role women are playing in building integrated territorial development; points out the importance of creating an enabling environment for women entrepreneurs in rural areas, including legal and policy aspects, to ensure better access to information, knowledge and skills, as well as to facilitate access to financial resources and thereby create more jobs in rural areas;**

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Krzysztof Jurgiel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a.** *Notes that the instability in the agricultural markets in the EU and across the world caused by Russia's aggression in Ukraine is a particular challenge for the cohesion policy and for European solidarity as it is destabilising the farming sector and increasing the risk of widespread economic stagflation, which will further exacerbate the current wealth disparities between the various countries and regions of the EU;*

Or. pl

**Amendment 54**  
**Ulrike Müller, Irène Tolleret, Martin Hlaváček, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Charles Goerens**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a.** *Calls on the Member States to make effective use of the various funding opportunities also with a view to improving the prospects of SMEs, given their major role in generating employment in rural areas, and calls on the Commission to monitor and assess whether its support reaches rural areas and benefits their communities;*

Or. en

**Amendment 55**  
**Juozas Olekas, Attila Ara-Kovács, Carmen Avram, Ivo Hristov, Katarína Roth**

**Neved'alová, Camilla Laureti, Isabel Carvalhais, Daniela Rondinelli**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a. Emphasises the role of e-services, mobile service solutions, private-public partnerships, social enterprises, cultural and creative industries; accessibility of education and healthcare; as well as cooperatives to help provide necessary services for rural areas and act as a key factor for rural socio-economic development;**

Or. en

**Amendment 56  
Daniel Buda**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a. Draws attention to the need to also factor into the equation the development of other economic sectors, such as agri-tourism and cultural tourism, in rural regions in Europe, in order to revitalise rural areas.**

Or. ro

**Amendment 57  
Eugenia Rodríguez Palop**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5b. Highlights that one of the objectives of the Rural Pact is to amplify**

*rural voices and bring them higher on the political agenda; notes that there is a need for inclusive and participatory processes in rural policy-making regarding the multilevel governance approach, increasing the participation of women, young people, and minority groups in rural decision-making processes; stresses the need for gender-budgeting in the deployment of cohesion policy funding in order to tackle gender inequality, especially in rural areas;*

Or. en

**Amendment 58**  
**Krzysztof Jurgiel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5b.** *Draws attention to the continuing conflict of interest in some rural and suburban areas between the financing of cohesion policy and agricultural policy objectives and calls on the Commission to make an appropriate distinction, in line with the Treaty, between funding for rural areas under the CAP and under the cohesion policy, taking into account the objectives of each of these policies as laid down in Articles 39 and 174 of the Treaty;*

Or. pl

**Amendment 59**  
**Juozas Olekas, Attila Ara-Kovács, Carmen Avram, Ivo Hristov, Katarína Roth**  
**Neved'alová, Camilla Laureti, Isabel Carvalhais, Daniela Rondinelli**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5b.     *Calls for improvement of the level of digital skills and the availability and affordability of adequate digital infrastructure, and the capacities to effectively deploy digital technologies, such as digital service platforms in rural areas;***

Or. en

**Amendment 60**  
**Bronis Ropé**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5b.     *Points out that discrimination and exclusion prevent the pursuit of sustainable territorial development; calls on the Commission and the Member States to take action to develop and implement measures to combat gender inequality;***

Or. en

**Amendment 61**  
**Bronis Ropé**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5c.     *Recalls that in the 2021-2027 Cohesion Policy Framework, gender equality and a gender perspective must be included and promoted throughout all stages of the process to prepare, implement, monitor and evaluate Cohesion programmes; calls on the member states to actively promote these***

*cross-cutting principles in the preparation  
and implementation of the Territorial  
Agenda's pilot projects on the ground;*

Or. en

**Amendment 62**

**Juozas Olekas, Attila Ara-Kovács, Carmen Avram, Ivo Hristov, Katarína Roth  
Neved'alová, Camilla Laureti, Isabel Carvalhais, Daniela Rondinelli**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5c.     *Calls for development of  
partnerships in all economic activities in  
rural areas, between businesses of all  
sectors, local authorities, researchers and  
services based on innovation, knowledge  
sharing and cooperation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 63**

**Krzysztof Jurgiel**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5c.     *Is convinced that the continuing  
lack of internal and external alignment as  
regards direct CAP payments is  
undermining the cohesion policy's long-  
term objectives, especially in the poorest  
and least developed areas;***

Or. pl

**Amendment 64**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group



**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5d.     Reiterates the need to urgently strengthen EU policy regarding mitigation and adaptation to climate change, also in the light of the growing trends of extreme weather events these last years and months in the EU; highlights, in this context, the need to step up ambition and quantity of the present and future pilot projects within the objective “Greener Europe” and its first priority “Healthier environment”;**

Or. en

**Amendment 65**

**Juozas Olekas, Attila Ara-Kovács, Carmen Avram, Ivo Hristov, Katarína Roth Neved’alová, Camilla Laureti, Isabel Carvalhais, Daniela Rondinelli**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5d.     Calls for more effort in enabling rural residents to take active part in policy and decision-making processes, involving a broad range of stakeholders at all levels of governance to develop tailor-made, place-based and integrated policy solutions and investments**

Or. en

**Amendment 66**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 e (new)**

**5e.** *Notes that more and more people choose to live in the cities and work in rural areas; Calls the Commission to design programmes taking into account all territories, including metropolitan, urban and functional areas; Encourage the Commission to design LEADER in such way that it can be used by small cities;*

Or. en

**Amendment 67**

**Juozas Olekas, Attila Ara-Kovács, Carmen Avram, Ivo Hristov, Katarína Roth Neved'alová, Camilla Laureti, Isabel Carvalhais, Daniela Rondinelli**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 e (new)**

**5e.** *Calls for improving affordable public transport services and infrastructure such as railways, roads, charging and refuelling stations to support e-mobility solutions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 68**

**Bronis Ropé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 f (new)**

**5f.** *Notes that an effective sustainable public transport system is one of the necessary conditions for regional economic development, territorial cohesion and the development of regional potential; highlights therefore, that it is*

*necessary to provide the necessary funding for the development and maintenance of transport links, as this could encourage the older generation to stay longer in agriculture and attract young people from regional centers to work in rural areas;*

Or. en

**Amendment 69**

**Juozas Olekas, Attila Ara-Kovács, Carmen Avram, Ivo Hristov, Katarína Roth Neved'alová, Camilla Laureti, Isabel Carvalhais, Daniela Rondinelli**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 f (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5f. Emphasises the essential economic role played by agriculture, forestry and fisheries, calls for further development of short supply chains, quality schemes, producer organisations and cooperatives that contribute to increasing the sustainability of European food production;*

Or. en

**Amendment 70**

**Juozas Olekas, Attila Ara-Kovács, Carmen Avram, Ivo Hristov, Katarína Roth Neved'alová, Camilla Laureti, Isabel Carvalhais, Daniela Rondinelli**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 g (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5g. Emphasises that generational renewal is the key for social, economic and environmental sustainability of rural areas and EU food autonomy and the future of agriculture and thus must remain a high priority in territorial development plans and strategies, stresses*

*the need to account for the needs of small and medium sized farmers, and especially focus at attracting young farmers, preventing land abandonment and facilitating land access and access to credit;*

Or. en

**Amendment 71**

**Juozas Olekas, Attila Ara-Kovács, Carmen Avram, Ivo Hristov, Katarína Roth  
Neved'alová, Camilla Laureti, Isabel Carvalhais, Daniela Rondinelli**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 h (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5h. Stresses the significance of circular and bio-economy principles, as well as their application within the agricultural sector, in contributing to the realization of the objectives set out in the European Green Deal; encourages the enhancement of understanding and the implementation of circular and bio-economy principles within the European agriculture and food system.**

Or. en