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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Susana Solís Pérez
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Cohesion Policy and regional environment strategies in the fight against
climate change
(2020/2074(INI))

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Amendment 1
Rob Rooker

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Recognises the importance of cohesion funds in the fight against *climate change and welcomes policy objective 2 (PO2) of the proposed new Common Provisions Regulation, as set out in Article 4(1)(b) thereof, which aims to establish ‘a greener, low-carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate change mitigation and adaptation and risk prevention and management’*; considers that this *objective* should be achieved without leaving anyone behind;

Amendment

1. Recognises the importance of cohesion funds in the fight against *inequality*; considers that this should be achieved without leaving anyone behind;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Susana Solís Pérez, Martin Hojsik, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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prevention and management’; considers that this objective should be achieved without leaving anyone behind;

prevention and management’; considers that this objective should be achieved without leaving anyone behind; ***highlights the importance of EFSI funds to achieve the objective of 30% of new investments for climate-related expenditure and 10% for biodiversity-related expenditure and in the next MFF and Recovery instruments; encourages the Commission to establish common output and input indicators to ensure that projects deliver the Union's climate objectives;***

Or. en

Amendment 3 **Sara Cerdas**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 1**

Draft opinion

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Amendment

1. Recognises the importance of cohesion funds ***in meeting cohesion policy principles and as an instrument to provide to give a boost to outermost, insular and mountainous regions. Recognises, further, that cohesion funds are key to achieving the goals set out in the European Green Deal, and more specifically*** in the fight against climate change and welcomes policy objective 2 (PO2) of the proposed new Common Provisions Regulation, as set out in Article 4(1)(b) thereof, which aims to establish ‘a greener, low-carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate change mitigation and adaptation and risk prevention and management’; considers that this objective should be achieved without leaving anyone behind;

Amendment 4

Bas Eickhout

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

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Amendment 5

Hermann Tertsch

Draft opinion

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Or. es

Amendment 6 **Nikos Androulakis**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 1**

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Amendment

1. ***Underlines*** the importance of cohesion funds in the fight against climate change and ***the fulfilment of our commitments under the Paris Agreement***; welcomes ***the*** policy objective 2 (PO2) of the proposed new Common Provisions Regulation, as set out in Article 4(1)(b) thereof, which aims to establish ‘a greener, low-carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate change mitigation and adaptation and risk prevention and management’; considers that this objective should be achieved without leaving anyone behind;

Amendment 7
Antoni Comín i Oliveres

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment 8
Idoia Villanueva Ruiz, Petros Kokkalis, Manuel Bompard

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Paragraph 1

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net zero carbon economy and resilient Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate change mitigation and adaptation and risk prevention and management’; **considers** that this objective **should** be achieved without leaving anyone behind;

net zero carbon economy and resilient Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate change mitigation and adaptation and risk prevention and management’; **insists** that this objective **must** be achieved without leaving anyone behind;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Nikos Androulakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Notes the plans announced by the Commission during the State of the Union speech for a target of at least 55% cut in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030; recalls that if the EU wants to meet its international commitments and be climate neutral by 2050, a higher ambition is necessary; highlights that Cohesion Policy is instrumental in achieving this target through its financing instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Idoia Villanueva Ruiz, Petros Kokkalis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Highlights the role that Cohesion Policy can play in, inter alia, advancing towards a more innovative economy that offers sustainable solutions to waste reduction, water management, energy

2. Highlights the role that Cohesion Policy can play in, inter alia, advancing towards **climate neutrality and emissions reduction targets with a just transition, and** a more innovative economy that offers

efficiency and mobility and in transitioning to a **bio-circular** economy;

sustainable solutions to waste reduction, water management, energy efficiency and mobility and in transitioning to a **non-toxic fully-circular** economy; *stresses, therefore, the importance of cohesion projects in the process of transforming the European economy towards a green and digital economy and specifically in terms of improving energy efficiency and disseminating low energy intensity development models;*

Or. en

Amendment 11
Nikos Androulakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Highlights the role that Cohesion Policy can play in, inter alia, advancing towards a more innovative economy that offers sustainable solutions to waste reduction, water management, energy efficiency and mobility and in transitioning to a bio-circular economy;

Amendment

2. Highlights the role that Cohesion Policy can play in, inter alia, advancing towards a more innovative economy that offers sustainable solutions to waste reduction, water management, energy efficiency and mobility and in transitioning to a bio-circular economy; ***believes that no programme which has a negative impact on our efforts to meet the climate targets set under the framework for achieving climate neutrality Regulation (EU) ***/****(European Climate Law) should be financed and supported under the Cohesion Policy;***

Or. en

Amendment 12
Bas Eickhout
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Highlights the role that Cohesion Policy can play in, inter alia, advancing towards a ***more innovative*** economy that offers sustainable solutions to waste reduction, water management, energy efficiency and mobility and ***in transitioning to a*** bio-circular economy;

Amendment

2. Highlights the role that Cohesion Policy can play in, inter alia, advancing towards a ***climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, energy- and resource-efficient and circular*** economy that offers sustainable solutions to waste reduction, water management, energy efficiency and ***the renovation of buildings, the development of renewable energy, and the transition towards zero-emission*** mobility and ***a sustainably-sourced and non-toxic*** bio-circular economy;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Susana Solís Pérez, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Highlights the role that Cohesion Policy can play in, inter alia, advancing towards a more innovative economy that offers sustainable solutions to waste reduction, water management, energy efficiency and mobility and in transitioning to a bio-circular economy;

Amendment

2. Highlights the role that Cohesion Policy can play in, inter alia, advancing towards a more innovative economy that offers sustainable solutions to waste reduction, water management, energy efficiency and ***sustainable*** mobility, ***halting biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation*** and in transitioning to a bio-circular economy, ***promoting projects in accordance with the "do no harm" principle***;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Rob Rooken

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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2. Highlights the role that Cohesion Policy can play in, *inter alia*, advancing towards a more innovative economy ***that offers sustainable solutions to waste reduction, water management, energy efficiency and mobility and in transitioning to a bio-circular economy;***

Amendment

2. Highlights the role that Cohesion Policy can play in advancing towards a more innovative economy;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Michal Wiezik

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Highlights the role that Cohesion Policy can play in, inter alia, advancing towards a more innovative economy that offers sustainable solutions to waste reduction, water management, energy efficiency ***and*** mobility and in transitioning to a ***bio-circular*** economy;

Amendment

2. Highlights the role that Cohesion Policy can play in, inter alia, advancing towards a more innovative economy that offers sustainable solutions to waste reduction ***and resource efficiency***, water management, energy ***savings and*** efficiency, mobility and in transitioning to a ***circular*** economy ***by promotion and application of the cascading use principle;***

Or. en

Amendment 16
Hermann Tertsch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Highlights the role that Cohesion Policy can play in, *inter alia*, advancing towards a more innovative economy that offers sustainable solutions to waste

Amendment

2. Highlights the role that Cohesion Policy can play in ***supporting sectors that are more exposed to climate change such as tourism and farming; supports***

reduction, water management, energy efficiency and mobility and in transitioning to a **bio-circular** economy;

advancing towards a more innovative economy that offers sustainable solutions to waste reduction, water management, energy efficiency and mobility and in transitioning to a **circular** economy;

Or. es

Amendment 17
Sara Cerdas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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Amendment

2. Highlights the role that Cohesion Policy can play in, inter alia, advancing towards a more innovative, **more digital and greener** economy that offers sustainable solutions to waste reduction, water management, energy efficiency and **greener** mobility and in transitioning to a bio-circular economy;

Or. pt

Amendment 18
Antoni Comín i Oliveres

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Highlights the role that Cohesion Policy can play in, inter alia, advancing towards a more innovative economy that offers sustainable solutions to waste **and emissions** reduction, water management, energy efficiency and mobility and in transitioning to a bio-circular economy;

Or. es

Amendment 19

Bas Eickhout

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses that a future-oriented Cohesion Policy should exclude all direct and indirect support to fossil fuels, and ensure that all EU funds, programmes and projects are consistent with a pathway to limit global warming to under 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, applying the criteria set out by the EU Taxonomy where applicable; underlines that all EU funded projects should strictly respect the Energy Efficiency First principle;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Idoia Villanueva Ruiz, Petros Kokkalis, Manuel Bompard

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Underlines the strategic role of renewable, sustainable and decentralised energy in the development of the territory and its enterprises, in particular SMEs; emphasises the renewable energy potential of the peripheral and outermost regions, linked to their geographical and climatic characteristics;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Hermann Tertsch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls for Cohesion Policy to have a greater role in supporting risk prevention efforts to adapt to present and future impacts of climate change through ***ecosystem-based approaches, by developing*** new infrastructure or retro-fitting existing infrastructure ***and developing disaster resilience at regional and local levels;***

Amendment

3. Calls for Cohesion Policy, ***in coordination with other EU policies,*** to have a greater role in supporting risk prevention efforts to adapt to present and future impacts of climate change through ***the development at regional and local level of*** new infrastructure or retro-fitting existing infrastructure;

Or. es

Amendment 22
Nikos Androulakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. ***Calls for*** Cohesion Policy ***to have a greater role*** in supporting risk prevention efforts to adapt to present and future impacts of climate change through ecosystem-based approaches, by developing new infrastructure or retro-fitting existing infrastructure and developing disaster resilience at regional and local levels;

Amendment

3. ***Underlines the importance of*** Cohesion Policy in supporting risk prevention efforts to adapt to present and future impacts of climate change through ecosystem-based approaches, by developing new infrastructure or retro-fitting existing infrastructure and developing disaster resilience at regional and local levels; ***calls for a bigger involvement of National or Regional Civil Protection Authorities in the implementation of the Cohesion Policy;***

Or. en

Amendment 23
Antoni Comín i Oliveres

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls for Cohesion Policy to have a greater role in supporting risk prevention efforts to adapt to present and future impacts of climate change through ecosystem-based approaches, **by** developing new infrastructure or retro-fitting existing infrastructure and **developing** disaster resilience at regional and local levels;

Amendment

3. Calls for Cohesion Policy to have a greater role in supporting risk prevention efforts to adapt to present and future impacts of climate change through ecosystem-based approaches **and nature-based solutions with regard to** developing new infrastructure or retro-fitting existing infrastructure and **the adoption of** disaster resilience **measures** at regional and local levels;

Or. es

Amendment 24
Susana Solís Pérez, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Amendment

3. Calls for Cohesion Policy to have a greater role in supporting risk prevention efforts to adapt to present and future impacts of climate change through ecosystem-based approaches, by developing new infrastructure or retro-fitting existing infrastructure and developing disaster resilience at regional and local levels; **recognises the importance of place-based sectorial initiatives to achieve social and environmental sustainability and resilience in all places through tailor made policy mixes, and encourages the use of instruments, such as community led local development projects (CCLDs) and Integrated Territorial Instruments (ITIs) to promote a multi-level governance of initiatives to fight against climate change; stresses that tailor-made**

allocation of funds for locally and regionally adapted measures would not only have a strong impact on the economy, but would also have a mobilising effect on the community's involvement in participation structures;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Sara Cerdas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls for Cohesion Policy to have a greater role in supporting risk prevention efforts to adapt to present and future impacts of climate change through ecosystem-based approaches, by developing new infrastructure or retro-fitting existing infrastructure and developing disaster resilience at regional and local levels;

Amendment

3. Calls for Cohesion Policy to have a greater role in supporting risk prevention efforts to adapt to present and future impacts of climate change, ***mainly in more remote regions such as the outermost regions, which typically face extra difficulties owing to their geographic location***, through ecosystem-based approaches, by developing new infrastructure or retro-fitting existing infrastructure and developing disaster resilience at regional and local levels; ***highlights the need for national and regional authorities to work in a coordinated manner and cooperate in the setting of priorities and areas for action, in line with the principles of the European Green Deal;***

Or. pt

Amendment 26
Idoia Villanueva Ruiz, Petros Kokkalis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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3. Calls for Cohesion Policy to have a greater role in supporting risk prevention efforts to adapt to present and future impacts of climate change through ecosystem-based approaches, by developing new infrastructure or retrofitting existing infrastructure and developing disaster resilience at regional and local levels; ***calls for the establishment of effective regional and interregional cooperation mechanisms in the field of natural disaster prevention, i.e. a capacity for reaction, management and mutual assistance in the event of disasters;***

Or. en

Amendment 27

Bas Eickhout

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

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3. Calls for Cohesion Policy to have a greater role in supporting risk prevention efforts to adapt to present and future impacts of climate change through ecosystem-based approaches, by developing new infrastructure or retrofitting existing infrastructure and developing disaster resilience at regional and local levels; ***calls for all EU funded projects to be subject to climate adaptation proofing, following binding guidance to be developed by the Commission;***

Or. en

Amendment 28
Michal Wiezik

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls for Cohesion Policy to have a greater role in supporting risk prevention efforts to adapt to present and future impacts of climate change through ecosystem-based approaches, by developing new infrastructure or retrofitting existing infrastructure and developing disaster resilience at regional and local levels;

Amendment

3. Calls for Cohesion Policy to have a greater role in supporting risk prevention efforts to adapt to present and future impacts of climate change through ecosystem-based approaches, by developing new infrastructure or retrofitting existing infrastructure and developing disaster resilience at regional and local levels ***while fully taking into account and contributing to the biodiversity-related targets;***

Or. en

Amendment 29
Michal Wiezik

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Highlights the proposal of the Commission in in the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 for the cities above 20 000 inhabitants to prepare Urban Greening Plans to create biodiverse and accessible urban forests, parks and gardens, urban farms, green roofs, walls and tree-lined streets; reiterates the positive impact of such a measure on urban microclimate and health, in particular of vulnerable groups; encourages this action and calls for the mobilisation of policy, regulatory and financial tools for its implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Bas Eickhout

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Highlights that the next ten years will be instrumental in our fight against the climate and environment emergency; stresses that, as the Union's main investment policy, the Cohesion Policy should be fully aligned with the Union's climate and environment objectives, and ensure in particular that all EU funded projects should abide by the 'do no harm' principle as set out in the EU Taxonomy;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Rob Rooken

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Recalls the importance of national energy and climate plans (NECPs) and territorial Just Transition plans for meeting the EU's climate and energy priorities, fulfilling international commitments under the Paris Agreement, and taking into consideration the social aspects of the transition; highlights the role of local and regional authorities (LRAs) in mitigating and adapting to climate change; calls on the Commission to monitor the progress of national governments and LRAs in addressing climate change;

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Amendment 32
Hermann Tertsch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Recalls the importance of national energy and climate plans (NECPs) and territorial Just Transition plans for meeting the EU's climate and energy priorities, fulfilling international commitments under the Paris Agreement, and taking into consideration the social aspects of the transition; highlights the role of local and regional authorities (LRAs) in mitigating and adapting to climate change; calls on the Commission *to monitor the progress of national governments and LRAs in addressing climate change*;

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4. Recalls the importance of national energy and climate plans (NECPs) and territorial Just Transition plans for meeting the EU's climate and energy priorities, fulfilling international commitments under the Paris Agreement, and taking into consideration the social *and economic* aspects of the transition; highlights the role of local and regional authorities (LRAs) in mitigating and adapting to climate change; calls on the Commission *and Member States to improve coordination and transparency in all energy- and climate-related matters*;

Or. es

Amendment 33
Susana Solís Pérez, Ondřej Knotek, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Recalls the importance of national energy and climate plans (NECPs) and territorial Just Transition plans for meeting the EU's climate and energy priorities, fulfilling international commitments under the Paris Agreement, and taking into consideration the social aspects of the transition; highlights the role of local and regional authorities (LRAs) in mitigating and adapting to climate change; calls on

Amendment

4. Recalls the importance *of involving Local and Regional Authorities in the drafting* of national energy and climate plans (NECPs) and territorial Just Transition plans for meeting the EU's climate and energy priorities, fulfilling international commitments under the Paris Agreement, and taking into consideration the social aspects of the transition; highlights the role of local and regional

the Commission to monitor *the progress of national governments and LRAs* in addressing climate change;

authorities (LRAs) *and private actors, such as SMEs*, in mitigating and adapting to climate change; calls on the Commission to *bolster effective multi-level governance in action planning and implementation, guaranteeing a structured dialogue with LRAs, and to secure the alignment and the complementarity of climate and energy action plans and measures across levels of government, and to monitor their* progress in addressing climate change; *encourages public private partnerships and further blending between ESI funds and other programmes, such as Horizon Europe, to develop innovative solutions to fight climate change and create a more resilient and sustainable European economy; calls on the Commission and Managing Authorities to simplify the procedures associated to the Cohesion Policy to ensure that private actors, and especially SMEs, can access EU funding under the Cohesion Policy;*

Or. en

Amendment 34
Michal Wiezik

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Recalls the importance of national energy and climate plans (NECPs) and territorial Just Transition plans for meeting the EU's climate and energy priorities, fulfilling international commitments under the Paris Agreement, and taking into consideration the social aspects of the transition; highlights the role of local and regional authorities (LRAs) in mitigating and adapting to climate change; calls on the Commission to monitor the progress of national governments and LRAs in

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4. Recalls the importance of national energy and climate plans (NECPs) and territorial Just Transition plans for meeting the EU's climate and energy priorities, fulfilling international commitments under the Paris Agreement, and taking into consideration the social aspects of the transition; highlights the role of local and regional authorities (LRAs) in mitigating and adapting to climate change; calls on the Commission to monitor the progress of national governments and LRAs in addressing climate change, *to provide*

addressing climate change;

technical guidance and help to mobilise funds and capacity building; in this context recalls and welcomes the Commission's ambition to launch the European Climate Pact;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Rob Rooker

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for holistic regional integration strategies to guarantee sustainable development and mitigate the consequences of climate change.

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Or. en

Amendment 36

Susana Solís Pérez, Ondřej Knotek, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for holistic regional integration strategies to guarantee sustainable development and mitigate the consequences of climate change;

Amendment

5. Calls for holistic regional integration strategies to guarantee sustainable development and mitigate the consequences of climate change; *highlights the importance of relying on Smart Specialisation Strategies to develop strong competitive advantages and to establish synergies between the different European regions and Member States through the European Territorial Cooperation Goal to develop European answers to climate change challenges;*

Or. en

Amendment 37

Idoia Villanueva Ruiz, Petros Kokkalis, Manuel Bompard

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for holistic regional integration strategies to guarantee sustainable development **and** mitigate the consequences of climate change;

Amendment

5. Calls for holistic regional integration strategies to guarantee sustainable development, mitigate the consequences of climate change **and fully contribute to the objectives of the Paris Agreement**;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Susana Solís Pérez, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Deems it necessary that ERDF promotes a more sustainable urban mobility through targeted projects such as investing in the design of clean urban mobility, providing local infrastructure (such as cycle lanes), arranging incentives for private use of zero-emission vehicles and leading by example on public procurement (urban buses, taxi licenses), which can lay a strong foundation for the transition towards clean mobility through the deployment of charging infrastructure;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Ondřej Knotek

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Underlines the need to respect the principle of technological neutrality; recalls the importance of nuclear energy as a source for low-carbon electricity and low-carbon hydrogen as well as the role it can play in the transition towards climate neutrality by 2050;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Joëlle Mélin, Catherine Griset, Aurelia Beigneux, Annika Bruna

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Stresses the need to support as much as possible the research, development and maintenance of activities concerning renewable and non-polluting energy; encourages, in this regard, support for nuclear and hydrogen projects;

Or. fr

Amendment 41
Sunčana Glavak

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Recognizes the indispensable role regional authorities have in successful management of environmental and

development policies since global climate change has, in the narrowest sense, regional and local character;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Joëlle Mélin, Catherine Griset, Aurelia Beigneux, Annika Bruna

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Highlights the enormous potential of a circular economy that has been set up in an intelligent manner; calls, in this regard, for support to be given as a priority to projects and businesses working on circular product designs;

Or. fr

Amendment 43

Sunčana Glavak

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Reiterates that Cohesion Policy and regional environmental strategies can address one of the most pressing challenges faced by Europeans as well as make a major contribution to achieving the Union's climate priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Susana Solís Pérez, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Highlights the role of Cohesion Policy to enhance the use of renewables and the availability of clean energy sources, supporting especially the deployment of alternative energy sources, such as clean hydrogen;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Joëlle Mélin, Catherine Griset, Aurelia Beigneux, Annika Bruna

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. Stresses the major role that civil society can play through its capacity for invention and entrepreneurship; calls firmly for part of the ESF to be dedicated to the financing of initiatives in the social and inclusive economy;

Or. fr

Amendment 46
Sunčana Glavak

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. Recognises that the Cohesion Policy directly affects the quality of life of the Union's citizens and helps them face new challenges, such as demographic changes, industrial transition, and climate change;

Amendment 47

Joëlle Mélin, Catherine Griset, Aurelia Beigneux, Annika Bruna

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5d. Notes that changes in society and perceptions of the climate change problem have consequences for the employment market, including the closing down of industrial sectors and the creation of new types of business and forms of work; calls for part of the ESF to be dedicated to the professional training of workers looking to find work in ‘green’ sectors;

Or. fr

Amendment 48

Sunčana Glavak

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5d. Calls for the creation of ambitious environmental, climate, and development policies at regional level that will build on the 2030 Agenda, the European Green Deal, the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, and the 2030 climate & energy framework;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Joëlle Mélin, Catherine Griset, Aurelia Beigneux, Annika Bruna

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5e. *reiterates its request for full transparency in the allocation of funds and their use by recipients; points out that frequent assessments are a pre-requisite to ensuring that funds are used properly;*

Or. fr

Amendment 50
Sunčana Glavak

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5e. *Insists on creating a balanced, sustainable and inclusive development of the Union through Cohesion Policy that takes into consideration the specificities and needs of all Member States, their regions and citizens;*

Or. en

Amendment 51
Sunčana Glavak

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5f. *Emphasizes that regional environmental policies must contain measures to adapt to the damage caused by unavoidable negative consequences of climate change, provisions of which shall be incorporated into all other relevant policy areas;*

Or. en

Amendment 52

Joëlle Mélin, Catherine Griset, Aurelia Beigneux, Annika Bruna

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5f. Calls firmly for innovation incentives to be proportionate and progressive with a view to not penalising VSBs-SMEs and farmers;

Or. fr

Amendment 53

Sunčana Glavak

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5g. Reminds that improving the quality of life of the Union's citizens requires further development of policies that will create better working and living conditions, and contribute to protection of the environment and to the fight against climate change;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Sunčana Glavak

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5h. *Calls for a well-designed sustainable funding of regional environmental strategies and policies through Cohesion Funds that should aim at reducing global warming and its economic costs, which outweigh the costs of climate action in a complex global environment;*

Or. en

**Amendment 55
Sunčana Glavak**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

5i. *Reminds that the Cohesion Policy seeks to reduce territorial inequalities across the Union and to foster the economic development of its least developed regions, hence effective and focused spending of Cohesion Fund is needed in regions where economies are more carbon intensive;*

Or. en

**Amendment 56
Sunčana Glavak**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

5j. *Stresses that it is paramount that Cohesion Policy funds help more carbon intense regions to move faster towards clean energy and zero-carbon*

infrastructure, which is not yet guaranteed despite the positive developments over recent years;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Sunčana Glavak

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 k (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5k. *Calls for introduction of new provisions aiming at climate proofing the next generation of Cohesion Policy funding;*

Or. en

Amendment 58
Sunčana Glavak

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 l (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5l. *Reiterates that creating an approach based on sustainable investment of Cohesion Policy funds and targeted regional environmental policies with the goal of reaching a zero-emission economy is a path to sustainable development and a just transition that creates high-quality employment in the long term;*

Or. en

Amendment 59
Sunčana Glavak

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 m (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5m. *Stresses that the Council decision to contribute with at least 30% of the ERDF to green targets is an important step to the achievement of the Union's climate and environmental objectives, since cohesion policy is one of the largest sources of Union's support for many Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 60
Sunčana Glavak

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 n (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5n. *Points out that the objectives of the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development, considering notably the high importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement;*

Or. en

Amendment 61
Sunčana Glavak

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 o (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5o. *Highlights that the EU is facing serious challenges, especially in the field of economic recovery, and that the role of*

Cohesion Policy in this context will be essential;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Sunčana Glavak

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 p (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5p. Emphasizes that the EU has set its goals for a green and digital transition and it is crucial to achieve the set goals for the well-being of our citizens, having in mind the Cohesion Policy as an instrument of utmost importance in reaching those goals;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Sunčana Glavak

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 q (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5q. Underlines the importance of the green objective of the ERDF and ReactEU in contributing, financially and in terms of priorities, to the achievement of the Union's climate and environmental targets and of the climate neutrality by 2050;

Or. en