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European Semester for economic policy coordination: implementation of 2015 priorities
(2015/2210(INI))

Amendment 1
Inês Cristina Zuber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Notes that the single market *remains fragmented and the great potential for growth, innovation and jobs largely untapped; calls on the Commission and the Member States to honour their commitments and to safeguard the revival of the single market as one of the Union's main priorities;*

Amendment

1. Notes that *the deepening of the single market, often called internal market, emphasized the dismantling of the instruments of sovereign regulation of economies, which had significant negative consequences in terms of economic growth, job creation and therefore in the reduction of socioeconomic disparities among the different Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 2
Dennis de Jong

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Amendment

1. Notes that *there are important differences in the level of implementation of existing single market legislation by Member States; reiterates its call for swift implementation of all relevant EU-legislation and urges the Commission to introduce accelerated infringement procedures, whenever the lack of implementation has a particularly negative impact on growth, innovation and jobs;*

Or. en

Amendment 3
Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Andreas Schwab

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Or. en

Amendment 4
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

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Amendment

1. Notes that the single market remains fragmented and the great potential for economic growth, innovation and ***job creation, is still*** largely untapped; ***considers it essential that this potential is exploited to the maximum through an holistic approach in order to boost smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and competitiveness;*** calls on the Commission and Member States to honour their commitments and to safeguard the revival of the single market as one of the Union's main priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Maria Grapini

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 1**

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Amendment

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Or. en

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Pascal Durand**

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Or. en

**Amendment 7
Dita Charanzová, Antanas Guoga**

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1. Notes that the single market remains

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fragmented and the great potential for growth, innovation and jobs largely untapped; calls on the Commission and the Member States to honour their commitments and to safeguard the revival of the single market as one of the Union's main priorities;

fragmented and ***insufficiently implemented*** ***and*** the great potential for growth, innovation and jobs largely untapped; calls on the Commission and the Member States to honour their commitments and to safeguard the revival of the single market as one of the Union's main priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 8 **Inês Cristina Zuber**

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2. Reiterates its call on the Commission to put forward proposals for classifying the single market as a specific pillar of the European Semester, including dedicated guidelines and country-specific recommendations (CSRs) thereon;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

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2. Reiterates its call on the Commission to put forward proposals for classifying the single market as a specific pillar of the European Semester, including dedicated guidelines and country-specific recommendations (CSRs) thereon;

Amendment

2. Reiterates its call on the Commission to put forward proposals for classifying the single market as a specific pillar of the European Semester; calls on the Commission to integrate the completion of all dimensions of the single market - on goods, services, capital, labour, energy, transport, and in the digital sector - as part of the European Semester and country specific recommendations, even when they might be also covered by other

policy processes;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Andreas Schwab

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2. Reiterates its call on the Commission to put forward proposals for classifying the single market as a specific pillar of the European Semester, including dedicated guidelines and country-specific recommendations (CSRs) thereon;

Amendment

2. Reiterates its call on the Commission to put forward proposals for classifying the single market as a specific pillar of the European Semester, including dedicated guidelines and country-specific recommendations (CSRs) thereon; ***asks the Commission to enhance the linkage between the pillars; recalls that good economic governance and the impact thereof can be effective only if the ones implementing and applying the rules are adequately involved;***

Or. en

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Pascal Durand

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2. Reiterates its call on the Commission to put forward proposals for classifying the single market as a specific pillar of the European Semester, including dedicated guidelines and country-specific recommendations (CSRs) thereon;

Amendment

2. Reiterates its call on the Commission to put forward proposals for classifying the single market as a specific pillar of the European Semester ***in order to cover a clear set of priorities related to the real economy,*** including dedicated guidelines and country-specific recommendations (CSRs) thereon;

Amendment 12
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

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Paragraph 2 a (new)

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Amendment

2 a. Calls for the strengthening of the governance of the internal market through the European Semester by establishing a set of specific indicators measuring its performance, as well as more data; calls for a specific section to be included in the country reports showing barriers and progress in the internal market;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

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Amendment

2a. Stresses that, for the European Semester to have a Single Market dimension, the Annual Growth Survey should encourage Member States to involve their local and regional authorities in setting differentiated contributions to the Europe 2020 targets and in designing and implementing the National Reform Programmes on the basis of the principle of Single Market governance;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Dennis de Jong

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls upon the Commission to explicitly consider in its CSRs their impact on the implementation of the rights listed in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights as well as of the international obligations of the Member States concerned, in particular in respect of the European Social Charter;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Dita Charanzová, Antanas Guoga

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Recalls the Commission's promise to - if necessary - use infringement procedures to ensure full implementation of legislation on the single market of goods, services and in the digital sphere and to ensure structural reforms in product, services and labour markets in Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Inês Cristina Zuber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses that the Single Market has not been representing either convergence, cooperation or solidarity, but rather economic domain, development divergence and asymmetries;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

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Amendment

2b. Requests the Commission to call upon the Member States to introduce in their annual National Reform Programmes a specific and detailed section on the single market where the evolution of its integration is specified at national level and the measures to be adopted the following year; calls on the European Commission to handle the same structure for its CSRs;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Inês Cristina Zuber

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Amendment

3. Stresses the importance and added value of the single market integration reports of previous years, given their contribution to the overall priorities set in the Commission's Annual Growth Survey

deleted

and to the identification of CSRs as part of the European Semester; finds it most deplorable, therefore, that the single market integration report has been omitted for 2015;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

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3. Stresses the importance and added value of the single market integration reports of previous years, given their contribution to the overall priorities set in the Commission's Annual Growth Survey and to the identification of CSRs as part of the European Semester; finds it most deplorable, therefore, that the single market integration report has been omitted for 2015;

Amendment

3. Stresses the importance and added value of the single market integration reports of previous years, given their contribution to the overall priorities set in the Commission's Annual Growth Survey and to the identification of CSRs as part of the European Semester; finds it most deplorable, therefore, that the single market integration report has been omitted for 2015 *and that the Parliament's call has not been taken into account;*

Or. en

Amendment 20
Inês Cristina Zuber

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4. *Welcomes the Commission's new approach to streamlining the European Semester process; lauds, in this context, the Commission's work on defining CSRs relating to the single market, but calls for more determined efforts to guide and coordinate economic policies in order to*

Amendment

4. *Rejects any streamline, by the Commission, regarding the European Semester process, which is an instrument that has been imposing the denominated austerity policies in a wide range of Member States and which has led to devastating social-economic*

ensure consistent and fair implementation of the economic governance framework across the Member States;

consequences; in this context, also rejects the Commission's work on defining CSRs relating to the single market;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Maria Grapini

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4. Welcomes the Commission's new approach to streamlining the European Semester process; *lauds*, in this context, the Commission's work on defining CSRs relating to the single market, but calls for more determined efforts to guide and coordinate economic policies in order to ensure consistent and fair implementation of the economic governance framework across the Member States;

Amendment

4. Welcomes the Commission's new approach to streamlining the European Semester process; *appreciates*, in this context, the Commission's work on defining CSRs relating to the single market, but calls for more determined efforts to guide and coordinate economic policies in order to ensure consistent and fair implementation of the economic governance framework across the Member States *and to measure the effects of economic governance in all Member States*;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

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4. Welcomes the Commission's new approach to streamlining the European Semester process; lauds, in this context, the Commission's work on defining CSRs relating to the single market, but calls for more determined efforts to guide and coordinate economic policies in order to

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4. Welcomes the Commission's new approach to streamlining the European Semester process; lauds, in this context, the Commission's work on defining CSRs relating to the single market, but *is insufficient*; calls for more determined efforts to guide and coordinate economic

ensure consistent and fair implementation of the economic governance framework across the Member States;

policies in order to ensure consistent and fair implementation of the economic governance framework across the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Maria Grapini

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Paragraph 4 a (new)

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Amendment

4a. Is concerned about the persistent macroeconomic imbalances in some Member States, in particular the high levels of public debt and large current account deficits and excessive risk in the banking systems; is also concerned that although this procedure is designed to help Member States it may also reduce investor confidence towards that Member State;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Andreas Schwab

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Supports the emphasis in 2015's CSRs on the importance of removing unjustified restrictions and barriers to entry in the key sectors; requests furthermore the Member States concerned to give those recommendations their utmost consideration and to remove, with urgent priority, these obstacles to the growth of the Single Market;

Amendment 25
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Notes that single market is one of the most important elements of the European project, and recognizes that for the European Semester process to be inclusive, the European Parliament (EP) should take an active role in the process; calls for Member States that have not implemented the CSRs as regards the internal market to explain the reasons at the competent Parliamentary Committee (IMCO); asks that the EP use such explanations as a basis to give input to the Commission in the development of new CSRs in time for publication in May;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses that there needs to be a competitive system for education and professional qualification in the EU to enhance EU competitiveness; notes that harmonization in this area will damage proven structures like the German crafts system; is convinced that the harmonization of training and professional qualification does not meet national or regional needs;

Amendment 27
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Considers that the dialogue with national parliaments and civil society is essential to restore confidence in the European project and therefore calls for greater and earlier collaboration of social partners and national and regional parliaments in the European Semester process;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Regrets that there are many complaints about implementation deficits; asks the Commission for a better monitoring and feedback system for legal implementation; asks the Commission to re-evaluate legal frameworks that have severe implementation deficits;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Inês Cristina Zuber

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5. Urges the Commission to take additional measures to improve access to finance for SMEs **and to ensure an improved business environment, simplify procedures and reduce administrative burdens in the single market; stresses the importance of sound business regulation for the success of the European Fund for Strategic Investments;**

Amendment

5. Urges the Commission to take additional measures to improve access to finance for SMEs, **being against, however, to new sources of funding similar to the ones that led to the 2007/2008's financial crisis;**

Or. en

Amendment 30

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Urges the Commission to take additional measures to improve access to finance for SMEs and to ensure an improved business environment, simplify procedures and reduce administrative burdens in the single market; stresses the importance of sound business regulation for the success of the European Fund for Strategic Investments;

Amendment

5. **Stresses that in most Member States public and private investment is insufficient, creating an investment backlog;** urges the Commission to take additional measures to improve *easy* access to finance for SMEs (*particularly those related to key sectors, including the emerging digital sector*), and to ensure an improved business environment, simplify procedures and reduce administrative burdens in the single market **and support investment;** stresses the importance of sound business regulation for the success of the European Fund for Strategic Investments; **asks the Commission to respect the timetable for the EFSI launch this fall, so that it has the intended effect stimulating the real economy and boosting recovery in the Member States; considers that these investments will serve to strengthen EU competitiveness in key growth sectors such as: services,**

energy, transport and digital single market;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Pascal Durand

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5. Urges the Commission to take additional measures to improve access to finance for SMEs and to ensure an improved business environment, simplify procedures and reduce administrative burdens in the single market; stresses the importance of sound business regulation for the success of the European Fund for Strategic Investments;

Amendment

5. Urges the Commission to take additional measures to improve access to finance for SMEs, and to ensure an improved business environment, simplify procedures and reduce administrative burdens in the single market; stresses the importance of sound business regulation for the success of the European Fund for Strategic Investments; ***recalls the need to focus investments on the priorities set out in the Europe 2020 strategy, i.e. developing an economy based on knowledge and innovation, promoting a more resource-efficient, greener and more competitive economy and fostering a high-employment economy delivering a high level of social and territorial cohesion;***

Or. en

Amendment 32

Dita Charanzová, Antanas Guoga

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business regulation for the success of the European Fund for Strategic Investments;

competitive and highly integrated markets ***with*** sound business regulation for the success of the European Fund for Strategic Investments;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
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Draft opinion

5. Urges the Commission to take additional measures to improve access to finance for SMEs and to ensure an improved business environment, simplify procedures and reduce administrative burdens in the single market; stresses the importance of sound business regulation for the success of the European Fund for Strategic Investments;

Amendment

5. Urges the Commission to take additional measures to improve access to finance ***and public procurement*** for SMEs and to ensure an improved business environment, simplify procedures and reduce administrative burdens in the single market; stresses the importance of sound business regulation for the success of the European Fund for Strategic Investments;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Considers that a greater support to SMEs from the Commission and the Member States is needed in expanding their markets and fostering innovation, promoting their export capacity and stimulating job creation and helping businesses to compete more effectively, particularly in domestic markets, and

improve the overall productivity; calls for the opportunities presented by the COSME 2014-2020 programme to be maximized in order to improve SMEs' access to financing in the domestic and international markets; and calls for other forms of financing to be promoted as an alternative to financing via banks;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

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Amendment

5c. Calls upon the Member States to make use of the fiscal space that will allow them to invest in the potential for future growth of the economy and address the backlog of investment while ensuring adequate public investment at all levels of government;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Daniel Dalton

Draft opinion
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Amendment

6. Stresses that *better and stronger tax coordination, with due respect for national competences, is needed in order to ensure a level playing field and to avoid unfair competition and detrimental distortions* within the single market;

6. Stresses that *each Member State is fully responsible for their tax policy and that it is the responsibility of Member States to ensure that their tax system is competitive* within the single market;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

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Paragraph 6

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Amendment

6. Stresses that better and stronger tax coordination, with due respect for national competences, is needed in order to ensure a level playing field and to avoid unfair competition and detrimental distortions within the single market; ***therefore reiterates its recommendation for renewed efforts in the fight against fraud, tax evasion and tax avoidance;***

Or. en

Amendment 38
Pascal Durand

Draft opinion
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6. Stresses that better and stronger tax coordination, with due respect for national competences, *is* needed in order to ensure a level playing field and to avoid unfair competition and detrimental distortions within the single market;

Amendment

6. Stresses that better and stronger tax coordination ***as well as renewed efforts to combat fraud and tax avoidance***, with due respect for national competences, ***are*** needed in order to ensure a level playing field and to avoid unfair competition and detrimental distortions within the single market;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Inês Cristina Zuber

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7. Emphasises that *the European Semester is a great opportunity to urge Member States to step up their efforts towards the digital single market (DSM); welcomes, in this context, the Commission's communication on the roadmap for completing the DSM; considers it essential to remedy the current fragmentation of national rules on digital services and to build a more innovative and transparent DSM based on sound competition and providing a high level of accessibility and consumer protection;*

Amendment

7. Emphasises that *the Digital Single Market is an instrument to defend the liberalization of the digital market as well as the mercantilization of new digital technologies in order to promote the deregulation of trade regarding goods and commodities and the free movement of capital, which, once again, affects the weaker countries in economic terms; in this context, and as in previous phases of the deepening of the single market process, this will contribute to emphasize the economic domain of the multinational companies and the major European powers;*

Or. en

Amendment 40

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

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7. Emphasises that the European Semester is a great opportunity to urge Member States to step up their efforts towards the digital single market (DSM); welcomes, in this context, the Commission's communication on the roadmap for completing the DSM; considers it essential to remedy the current fragmentation of national rules on digital services and to build a more innovative and transparent DSM based on sound competition and providing a high level of accessibility and consumer protection;

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7. Emphasises that the European Semester is a great opportunity to urge Member States to step up their efforts towards the digital single market (DSM); welcomes, in this context, the Commission's communication on the roadmap for completing the DSM; considers it essential to remedy the current fragmentation of national rules on digital services and to build a more innovative and transparent DSM based on sound competition and providing a high level of accessibility and consumer protection; *calls on the Commission to comply with the planned schedule and launch the 16 initiatives to achieve a true digital single market for*

Europe to contribute to the economic recovery of the European Union, improve internal and external competitiveness of the EU and promote cohesion and social inclusion;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Dita Charanzová, Antanas Guoga

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7. Emphasises that the European Semester is ***a great*** opportunity to ***urge Member States to step up their*** efforts towards the digital single market (DSM); welcomes, in this context, the Commission's communication on the roadmap for completing the DSM; considers it essential to remedy the current fragmentation of national rules on digital services and to build a more innovative and transparent DSM based on sound competition and providing a high level of accessibility and consumer protection;

Amendment

7. Emphasises that the European Semester is ***an evident*** opportunity to ***push for more progress in the*** efforts towards the digital single market (DSM); welcomes, in this context, the Commission's communication on the roadmap for completing the DSM; considers it essential to remedy the current fragmentation of national rules on digital services and to build a more innovative and transparent DSM based on sound competition and providing a high level of accessibility and consumer protection;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Dennis de Jong

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completing the DSM; considers it essential to remedy the current fragmentation of national rules on digital services and to build a more innovative and transparent DSM based on *sound* competition and providing a high level of accessibility and consumer protection;

completing the DSM; considers it essential to remedy the current fragmentation of national rules on digital services and to build a more innovative and transparent DSM based on *fair* competition and providing a high level of accessibility and consumer protection;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

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Amendment

7 a. Considers that the insufficient level of digital skills, uneven coverage and high costs limit the benefits of information and communications technology (ICT); urges the Commission and the Member States to give priority in the CSRs and the NRP to the digital training of individuals and companies, securing access to network infrastructure for all citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

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Amendment

8. Believes that the Member States have to step up their efforts to modernise their public administrations by providing more, and better accessible, digital services for citizens and businesses;

8. Believes that Member States have to step up their efforts to modernise their public administrations, ***making legislative reforms in this area***, by providing more, and better accessible, digital services for citizens and business; ***notes that in some Member States serious management***

weaknesses have as consequence significant delays in the implementation of the EU funding programmes, generating a negative impact on the business environment;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
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8. Believes that the Member States have to step up their efforts to modernise their public administrations by providing more, and better accessible, digital services for citizens and businesses;

Amendment

8. Believes that the Member States have to step up their efforts to modernise their public administrations by providing more, and better accessible, digital services for citizens and businesses; ***supports the implementation of capacities for evaluation and exchange of best practice in digital services;***

Or. en

Amendment 46
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
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8. Believes that the Member States have to step up their efforts to modernise their public administrations by providing more, and better accessible, digital services for citizens and businesses;

Amendment

8. Believes that the Member States have to step up their efforts to modernise their public administrations by providing more, and better accessible, digital services for citizens and businesses ***and with a particular focus on SMEs;***

Or. en

Amendment 47
Dita Charanzová, Antanas Guoga

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8. Believes that the Member States have to step up their efforts to modernise their public administrations by providing more, and better accessible, digital services for citizens and businesses;

Amendment

8. Believes that the Member States have to step up their efforts to modernise their public administrations by providing more, and better accessible, digital services for citizens and businesses, ***and to facilitate cross border cooperation and interoperability of public administrations;***

Or. en

Amendment 48
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

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Amendment

8a. Recognizes that there are several constraints that hinder the proper functioning of markets for products and services; supports the work done by the Commission regarding regulated professions, but believes that policy action to stimulate competition in the services sector, especially in professional services has been very limited; believes that further action should be taken against the restrictions of the regulated professions such as professional qualification requirements, legal form and participation; considers that more ambitious measures should be taken in order to stimulate competition in the services sector, particularly in professional services as a driver of innovation and job creation, which constitute an important instrument for

*promoting economic and social recovery
that many Member States need;*

Or. en

Amendment 49
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)

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Amendment

8b. Notes that most Member States are below the EU 2020 targets for R&D; asks the Commission to comply with the intention of publishing the review of the EU 2020 Strategy at the end of this year at the latest to strengthen the role of the single market and the single digital market as key instruments for the revival of economic growth and quality job creation in the EU; calls on Member States to guide more decisively their economies to innovation and knowledge;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

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Amendment

9. Stresses that the full implementation of EU public procurement and concessions legislation would provide a great opportunity to enhance innovation and access for SMEs and to modernise public administration, by improving the quality, effectiveness and transparency of public spending and investment.

9. Stresses that the full *and fast* implementation of EU public procurement and concessions legislation would provide a great opportunity to enhance innovation and access for SMEs and to modernise public administration, by improving the quality, effectiveness and transparency of public spending and investment.

Amendment 51
Pascal Durand

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9. Stresses that the full implementation of EU public procurement and concessions legislation would provide a great opportunity to enhance innovation and access for SMEs and to modernise public administration, by improving the quality, effectiveness and transparency of public spending and investment.

Amendment

9. Stresses that the full implementation of EU public procurement and concessions legislation would provide a great opportunity to enhance innovation and access for SMEs, ***to promote sustainable development*** and to modernise public administration, by improving the quality, effectiveness and transparency of public spending and investment.

Or. en

Amendment 52
Maria Grapini

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9. Stresses that the full implementation of EU public procurement ***and*** concessions legislation would provide a great opportunity to enhance innovation and access for SMEs and to modernise public administration, by improving the quality, effectiveness and transparency of public spending and investment.

Amendment

9. Stresses that the full implementation of EU public procurement, concessions ***and Public Private Partnerships*** legislation would provide a great opportunity to enhance innovation and access for SMEs and to modernise public administration, by improving the quality, effectiveness and transparency of public spending and investment.

Or. en

Amendment 53
Antanas Guoga

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Believes that the ownership of the CSR by national parliaments needs to be strengthened; encourages the Member States to provide the possibility for the Commission to present the CSRs in the national parliaments; calls, furthermore, on the Member States to implement the CSRs and to rigorously transpose the EU targets into national targets; reiterates, furthermore, its request that the Commission report to the competent committee of Parliament on the measures taken to ensure progress in the implementation of the CSRs and the progress achieved thus far.

Or. en

Amendment 54
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Regrets the implementation of too high standards in public procurement legislation; calls on the Commission to introduce certificates that will enable officials to easily check environmental and social requirements in public procurement; calls on the Commission to accept self-declarations of companies in regards to technical or professional requirements in international procurement; calls on the Commission to limit the examination requirements when awarding contracts to 2 applicants.

Or. en

